

# EVANGELIZATION & CATECHESIS (EVCA)

**EVCA-COMP Senior Comprehensive Exam**  
(NULL credits) (Both Fall & Spring Semesters)  
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**EVCA-2100 Mission to the Nations**  
(3 credits) (Fall Semester)

This course will offer an in-depth study of the practice of evangelization and catechesis throughout the history of the Church with special concentration on the pedagogy of God, Christ the Divine Pedagogue and the major contributions to catechesis up to the Second Vatican Council.

**EVCA-2150 New Evangelization**  
(3 credits) (Spring Semester)

This course will offer an in-depth study of the practice of evangelization and catechesis in the world today. Particular emphasis will be given to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Church teaching on the topic of evangelization and catechesis following the Council. The New Evangelization itself will be defined in contradistinction to traditional evangelization and studied in depth. The causes of the new situation in Western culture, the re-evangelization of the baptized and the method by which to accomplish this re-evangelization will be examined in particular.

**EVCA-2500 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 1**  
(3 credits) (Fall Semester)

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a Montessori-based method of religious formation for children. It seeks to create and facilitate a hands-on, child-appropriate place of prayer called an atrium. This level one course will provide the participants with a foundation in the theory and practice of the CGS method, while also providing the practical help needed to develop and facilitate an atrium for children ages 3-6 years. Completion of both I and II meet the requirements for certification from the national organization for level I (ages 3-6).

**EVCA-2525 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 2**  
(3 credits) (Spring Semester)

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**EVCA-3100 Youth Ministry & Catechesis I**  
(3 credits) (Fall Semester)

The Church's plan for distinctly Catholic transmission of the faith to youth and adolescents will be unpacked both in theory and praxis. Magisterial catechetical texts and texts from the field will teach students how to educate increasingly complex youth about the faith, while at the same time nurturing a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Professional development as a lay minister will be explored.

**Prerequisite(s):** THEO-1100.

**EVCA-3150 Youth Ministry & Catechesis II**  
(3 credits) (Spring Semester)

Building on Youth Ministry and Catechesis I, this course will continue to teach youth ministry and catechetical theory and will pay particular attention to developing students as strong practitioners in both the art and craft of youth ministry and catechesis, preparing them to serve as an ecclesial professional.

**Prerequisite(s):** EVCA-3100.

**EVCA-3200 Divine Pedagogy: Catechesis in Scripture**  
(3 credits) (Discretion of Department)

This course will provide an overview of Sacred Scripture, with the aim of developing a Catholic Biblical worldview; the course will seek to connect Catholic life and doctrine with its Scriptural foundations. In developing these biblical principles that underlie Catholicism, the student will acquire the ability to utilize Scripture effectively in the work of Catechesis.

**EVCA-3300 Catechetical & Missionary Saints**  
(3 credits) (Discretion of Department)

This course will introduce students to the saints of the past who both successfully initiated evangelical and catechetical endeavors as well as profoundly taught how to do so. Particular emphasis will be given to those saints who greatly influenced the Church's catechetical tradition and who spread the faith to different cultures and geographical regions. American missionaries and figures will be given special notice.

**EVCA-3400 Papacy & the New Evangelization**  
(3 credits) (Discretion of Department)

This course explores the nature and methods of the New Evangelization from the privileged vantage point of papal teaching. Students will read writings from one or more twenty-first century pontiffs, touching on a broad array of issues alive in the Church today. Above all students will focus on how they can apply the principles of papal thought in their ministry, especially in view of addressing challenging issues that are vital to get right in order to effectively communicate the Catholic faith in the world today.

**EVCA-4500 Seminar**  
(3 credits) (Spring Semester)

The purpose of the course is to give an in-depth presentation of evangelical and catechetical questions and/or missionary and catechetical methods through reading and discussion, research and papers. The subject matter of the seminar will vary from semester to semester.

**EVCA-4700 Missionary Practicum**  
(1 credit) (Both Fall & Spring Semesters)

The Missionary Practicum is designed to give students an opportunity to practice the New Evangelization. Each student in the class will engage in one work that seeks to bring about the directives of the Second Vatican Council or the teaching of the Church thereafter regarding ecumenism, evangelization or catechesis. This will consist of a project in the college or local community that is designed by the student and will foster a better understanding of the Faith and a deeper level of commitment to living this faith.

**Prerequisite(s):** Permission of instructor.

**EVCA-4790 Evangelization & Catechesis Internship**  
(1 credit) (Both Fall & Spring Semesters)

The goal of the internship in Youth Ministry is to provide a practical experience in the service of youth in the Church that bridges the academic training and the application of this training in the concrete setting of the local church. The internship will usually occur over the course of several semesters or during the summer.