

ST BONAVENTURE COLLEGE

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHO-SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

DESCRIPTION

St Bonaventure College (SBC) is principally for the formation of young Catholic religious men who are pursuing philosophical and Franciscan studies in preparation for priesthood and religious life. However, this newly founded program of Psycho-Spirituality and Religious Studies which is an initiative of the Board of Governors of SBC, at their meeting in May 2013, shall be open to any student who has the necessary (academic) qualifications. It is a two year diploma program and is aimed at enhancing the integral growth of the individual students that they become more effective in their respective ministries that require psycho-spiritual foundation. It is essentially an advanced academic, spiritual and pastoral program especially for religious and laity preparing for social and spiritual leadership in religious formation, education and pastoral work.

APPLICATION, ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

This program which leads to the attainment of

an academic grade of a *Diploma in Psycho-Spirituality and Religious Studies* after pursuing studies for two years (or four academic semesters) requires the following from prospective students.

Entrance Requirements

The minimum entrance academic requirement is a full Zambian School Certificate of Education (with 28 aggregate points) or its equivalent for non-Zambian prospective students. This also includes a merit or better in English. A prospective student who does not meet this requirement may be admitted on mature entry basis provided that he/she is above 30 years of age by the time of admission and demonstrates competence for university studies by virtue of previous achievements (work or experience) and provides traceable references or proofs to this effect as may be demanded by the Rector and/or Dean of Studies.

Application and Admission

Applicants are required to duly complete an application form and those who are recommended by Major Superiors shall accompany the application form with a stamped and signed letter of recommendation from their superior. Other accompanying requirements shall be as stated on the application form including five passport size photos, officially authenticated copies of academic certificates, copies of either the applicant's passport front and back pages or NRC for Zambians.

Interview

Those applicants who would ask for maturity entry may be called for an interview or to take a special test to test their ability to undertake higher studies.

COURSES BY CATEGORY

Courses in the Diploma in Psycho-spirituality and Religious studies are categorized into three. The codes of the courses shall be preceded by a capital "D" for Diploma. The three categories shall be as follows:

Psycho-Spirituality Courses (DPS)

- DPS101 Introduction to Psychology
- DPS102 Psychology of Human Development
- DPS103 Psychology of Religion
- DPS104 Basic Counseling Skills
- DPS105 Psychology and Anthropology of Christian Vocation
- DPS106 Theology and Philosophy of Meditative Practice
- DPS107 Theory and Practice of Mindfulness
- DPS108 Eco-spirituality
- DPS109 Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of Old Testament Selected Books I
- DPS201 Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of New Testament Selected Books I
- DPS202 Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of Old Testament Selected Books II
- DPS203 Spiritual-Pastoral Reading of New Testament Selected Books II
- DPS204 Christian Spiritual Direction

Religious Studies Courses (DRS)

DRS101 Philosophy of Religion
DRS102 Gender and Religion
DRS103 Introduction to African Traditional Religions
DRS104 Major Themes in Christian Ethics
DRS105 Faith, Science and Reason
DRS106 Religion, War and Terrorism
DRS107 Introduction to the Old Testament
DRS108 Introduction to the New Testament
DRS109 Introduction to the Sacraments
DRS201 Introduction to World Religions
DRS202 Christianity and Other Religions: Past, Present and Future Relations

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Spirituality and Religious Studies Allied Courses (DSR)

DSR101 Study and Research
DSR102 Introduction to Sociology
DSR103 Cultural Anthropology
DSR104 General Ethics
DSR105 Introduction to Philosophy
DSR106 Contemporary Theories of Justice
SRP01 Research Paper

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