A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

A seminar course on the more contemporary and controversial doctrinal, moral, and liturgical issues facing the Catholic Church today, including historical Jesus studies, issues in sexual ethics, liturgical adaptation, and many other questions confronting Church life and mission today.

This particular course familiarizes the students with feminist theologies and facilitates feminist theological reflection through an introduction to key concepts, methods and women’s perspectives on Scripture, Tradition and contemporary experiences in the Church, in society and in relation to the earth.

B. LEARNING OUTCOMES

This course is geared towards enabling to students to:

1. Recognize biases within, as well as explain and differentiate, key concepts pertaining to sex, gender and feminism
2. Identify some key feminist theologians and derive from their works a general description of feminist theologies
3. Analyze, critique and re-construct images of women in Scripture and Church Tradition
4. Appraise the situation and roles of women in the Church, in society and in relation to the earth/planet
5. Advocate gender equality and construct their own feminist theological vision