

Module Title:	Clare of Assisi
Module Code:	425 FCAS
Level:	4
Credit Rating:	20
Duration:	Student Learning Time: 200 hours
Teaching Hours:	40 hours
Academic Responsibility:	Frances Teresa Downing OSC

Module Aims:

To chart the inner dynamic of the journey of Clare of Assisi and to inform students about historical circumstances and environment of Clare which shaped her Franciscan living. To provide a method for reading and interpreting texts in contemporary scholarship on Clare of Assisi.

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this module, students will be able to:

1. Grasp the essential elements of Clare of Assisi's spirituality and theology
2. Read and analyse the writings of Clare of Assisi
3. Discern better what is, and what is not, authentic to the spirit of Clare of Assisi
4. Answer questions about the meaning of Clare of Assisi and her past and present significance
5. Form independent opinions on the life and thought of Clare of Assisi and demonstrate an ability to use evidence appropriately to support conclusions
6. Communicate the contents of the module in a well balanced manner to others, especially members of the Franciscan Orders, parish/church members in the student's home parish

Indicative Module Content:

This module provides an informed understanding of the significance of Clare of Assisi in early Franciscan History as well as information and insight into her personal story and the expression of the Poor Clares, commonly given the name 'contemplative wing' of the Franciscan Movement. The module addresses the challenges to traditional assumptions found in contemporary studies of Clare and offers a basis from which to assess many of the new insights which are emerging.

Learning and Teaching Strategies:

Students will be taught by lectures/discussions/private study/audio visual presentations/visit to Poor Clare convent.

Assessment:

- Write a 2,500 word essay on topics provided **and** choose one of the following for an equivalent of 2,500 words:
- Make a class presentation
- OR: Present a review of an article/experience
- OR: Prepare a comic-style journal
- OR: Present a report in power point presentation
- OR: Prepare a display

Illustrative Bibliography

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Armstrong, R J (1982)	<i>Francis and Clare The Complete Works</i>	New York
Bartoli, M. (1995)	<i>Clare of Assisi</i>	Oxford University Press
Carney, M. (1993)	<i>The First Franciscan Woman</i>	Franciscan Press
Mueller, J. (2006)	<i>The Privilege of Poverty</i>	Franciscan Press