

<b>Module Title:</b>	<b>Franciscan History II and the Spiritual Franciscans</b>
<b>Module Code:</b>	<b>448 FHSF</b>
<b>Level:</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Credit Rating:</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>Student Learning Time: 200 hours</b>
<b>Teaching Hours:</b>	<b>40 hours</b>
<b>Academic Responsibility:</b>	<b>Paula Pearce, SFO, MA</b>

### **Module Aims:**

To provide an overview of the major trends and events of the Franciscan movement from the time of Bonaventure to 1517. To give a survey of the history of the Franciscan movement during this period with a focus on the phenomenon the effect of the Spiritual Franciscans both within and outside the order and the Church. To situate the various reforms to 1517 in their historical context.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this module students should have an understanding of:

1. The various questions that have confronted the Franciscan movement in the course of its development to 1517.
2. The causes of tensions within the first order that characterised the period after Bonaventure into the first decades of the fourteenth century.
3. The historical factors that affected and shaped the Franciscan movement and that led to the development and decline of the Spiritual Franciscans.
4. The issues at the heart of the tensions that caused the Spiritual Franciscans to become increasingly radical
5. Key texts relevant to both the popularity and the suppression of this group and the reasons for both sympathy for and persecution of this group.
6. The reforms that were introduced in the Franciscan movement during the period and the varying factors involved in an effective renewal of the Franciscan movement.

### **Indicative Module Content:**

The module will sketch Franciscan history during the period from the time of Bonaventure to 1517. Particular emphasis will be given to relationships between the Franciscan movements and the papacy, to the tensions that eventually resulted in a split within the first order, the reform movements within the order and the influence of Franciscans in the wider Christian community. The module will include the tensions already in the Order of

Friars Minor at the death of Francis and the appeals of the friars to the papacy for clarification about observance of the *Rule* and the *Testament* Francis, on the debates concerning living *sine proprio* and the interpretations given to *usus pauper*. Other factors in the development of this group will be considered: the rise of Joachimism, the influence of individuals, specifically of Peter Olivi and Angelo Clareno and the effect of persecution and exile. Attention will be given to the specific geographical areas in which the Spirituals had the greatest influence. Students will be encouraged to examine the response to the Spiritual movement during the period of its growth, inside and outside the first order and the place of the Spirituals within Franciscan tradition until the present day, in the light of revisions of the history of the order and recent scholarship on the Spiritual Franciscans.

**Learning and Teaching Strategies:**

Students will be taught by class lectures, with a critical and analytic approach to resources. They will be given the opportunity for group work and discussion. Students will be expected to read additional materials as specifically directed or recommended.

**Assessment:**

Students are assessed through two of the following:

- a 2,500 word essay
- contribution to a group presentation
- prepare a display

**Illustrative Bibliography**

Burr, D. (2001)	The Spiritual Franciscans	Pennsylvania State UP
Clareno, A. Burr & Daniel, trans. (2005)	<i>Chronicle or History of the Seven Tribulations of the Order of Brothers Minor</i>	Franciscan Institute
Iriarte, L . (1983)	<i>A History of the Franciscan Order</i>	Franciscan Herald Press
Moorman, J. OFM (1988)	<i>A History of the Franciscan Order from its Origins to the Year 1517</i>	Franciscan Herald Press

Nimmo, D. (1995)	<i>Reform and Division in the Franciscan Order</i>	Istituto Storico dei Cappuccini
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## **Journals**

Accrocca, F. (2002)	<i>Angelo Clareno, Witness to Saint Francis</i>	Greyfriars Review 162
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Accrocca, F. (2003)	<i>Things Emphasized and Things Forgotten: The Opuscula in the Writings of the Spirituals</i>	Greyfriars Review 173
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