2020 Master of Theology Degree (Th.M.) Program
Associate Director, Kirk P. Gaddy, Ed.D.

The IBCS Master of Theology Program (Th.M.) is the only graduate theology program in the western hemisphere taught from a Black Catholic perspective. Established in 1980, its curriculum features interdisciplinary courses that incorporate Black approaches, critiques, and contributions to systematic and pastoral theologies, youth and pastoral ministry, aesthetics, philosophy, and education. Set in the context of IBCS academics, prayer, worship and community-life, the Degree program forms students for theologically and culturally competent service as ordained, religious or lay ecclesial ministers in the Black community and Church at-large. The Degree program also attracts transient graduate students and ministers seeking to expand, enhance and enrich their understandings of culture and faith by exploring Black Catholic traditions and their particular meanings for Black Life in the U.S. and Pan African world.

2020 Degree Course Offerings
JUNE 26 - JULY 17, 2020

Morning
(All class times are CST)

IBTH 5010 Black Approaches to Theology. Stresses the nature, methods and sources of Black Theology; the reasons justifying its existence and its relationship to other theologies within the Roman Catholic Tradition. Required for all new students. (3 units) Modeste Malu Nyimi, Ph.D. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

IBTH 5430 Black Spirituality. Engages students in a critical examination of the roots, development and characteristics of the spirituality of Black peoples in the United States as well as a participative experience of Black spirituality as found in the religious expression of the community. (3 units) C. Vanessa White, D. Min. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)

IBTH 5050 Catechetics. Exposes students to contemporary catechetical theories, principles and practices relevant to faith formation in a diverse Church. Particular attention is given to the development of effective catechetical ministry with African-American adults, youth, and children in domestic, parish and school environments. (3 units) Fr. J. Derran Combs, Ph.D. (M-F, 8:45-11:45AM)
Afternoon  
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IBTH 5600 Moral Questions in the Black Community. Establishes a dialogue between African American and Roman Catholic approaches to ethical issues, focusing on matters of particular concern to African Americans. (3 units) Craig A. Ford, Jr., Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

IBTH 5625 Catholic Education in the Black Community. Looks at learning styles among Black children and provides methodologies for a culturally inclusive curriculum. (3 units) Kirk Gaddy, Ed.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

IBTH 5997 Integrative Colloquium. Assists students to enter more deeply into a way of thinking, reflecting, conversing, and writing about questions and issues that emerge from their ministry and ministerial research. (3 units) Albertina Walker-Hughey, Ph.D. (M-F, 1:45-4:45PM)

Th.M. Program Application: https://gradapply.xula.edu/apply.