



young women to understand the message “You are made in the image of God.” Students learn to embrace this message and live it. This course examines psychology and models of spirituality, scripture and tradition, the urban experience, sexuality, career aspirations and vocation.

A focus will be placed on themes such as living with each other, living with God, living in our world, living a satisfying life, women in scripture, the absence of God, and keeping religion on the right path. The student will also have opportunities to work with Scripture to plan and participate in prayer services of diverse forms and purposes. Throughout this course, the student can expect to be challenged to identify herself in Scripture and apply Scripture to her life.

## **SENIOR THEOLOGY ELECTIVES**

Senior students must take two semester courses of Theology to fulfill their senior Theology requirement. One semester must include 043 Women’s Spirituality/Scripture.

### **041 CHRISTIAN RELATIONSHIPS AND LIFESTYLES                      Semester                      ½ Credit                      12**

This course focuses on the student’s lifelong process of understanding her personal identity and her role in society. It explores topics which are facets of every student’s personal experience: self-identity, character, interpersonal relationships, responsibility, goals and values, decision-making, and problem solving. This course explores, from a Catholic perspective, the larger issues of life, suffering, and death. This course also explores the theme that all life is developmental and relational by studying the history, meaning and design of single life, friendships, consecrated-religious life, clerical life (ordained ministry), and marriage. Students gain an awareness of the value of God’s unique call to each Christian to grow in holiness and how that occurs in these lifestyles.

### **049 THEOLOGY IV-PEER MINISTRY                                              Semester                      ½ Credit                      12**

**Note: Admission to this course requires application and approval and a letter of recommendation from a Service Site or a letter of recommendation from a Maria High School Staff member. Registration is limited to 16 students.**

This course is structured to help Maria students develop their abilities to minister to their own classmates, to the Maria community, and to the larger world community. Students will be challenged to identify their ministry as a gift from God that is rooted in the idea of service to others. Through the texts and hands-on examples, students will be planning and implementing the events in the Maria High School community that involve ministering to their peers. They will work with the Campus Minister to create and coordinate Eucharistic liturgies, prayer services, retreats, prayer opportunities, and volunteer/service experiences. Students will also be required to keep a journal and to reflect through prayer and meditation.