

MYSTICAL SPIRITUALITY ELECTIVE



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The course will engage the writings, perspectives, and experiences of these mystics in order to discover ways to open ourselves to a more mystical way of experiencing life and God. The course will integrate knowledge about the mystics with opportunities to engage in mystical practices. It will also help you discover ways to follow the mystical path in your own life.

1.2 Continuing Education Units plus certificate credit are available upon request after completion of this course. Registration is \$365 plus some meals. Housing is available for an additional fee. Contact the Office of Continuing Education at 412-924-1345 or ConEd@pts.edu with questions. **Registration is accepted online.**

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