Theological Studies

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The discipline of theology is one of the core requirements that support the development of the whole human person in the undergraduate liberal education offered by the College of Arts and Sciences. Building on the University Mission Statement, the 100 Theological Foundations course moves with the theme of discovery of biblical and creedal foundations of the Judaeo-Christian tradition. The 200 level courses provide insight by study of a specific theological area or theme. The 300 level courses apply theological insight to specific social, cultural, and other academic contexts.

Requirements for B.A. Theology Major

After completion of the first core requirement, THEO 100 Theological Foundations, an additional 30 hours (10 courses) of theological study are required. Students are required to take one course in each of the sub-disciplines listed below, plus two electives, and three seminars. Courses are designed to build up a set of skills from one level to the next. Accordingly, students must take a 200-level before taking a 300-level, and a 300-level before taking a 400-level.

Sub-disciplines and Electives:
Jewish Scriptures (3):
THEO 210 Old Testament

THEO 219 Studies in Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible

Christians Scriptures (3):
THEO 220 New Testament
THEO 221 Jesus and History
THEO 229 Studies in Christian Scriptures

Theology & History (3):
THEO 232 Early Church
THEO 233 Medieval Christianity
THEO 234 The Church and the World: Since 1500
THEO 235 American Christianity
THEO 249 Studies in Theology and History

Faith & Reason (3):
THEO 250 God in Human Experience
THEO 251 Jesus and Salvation
THEO 252 Christian Beliefs
THEO 253 The Church: Yesterday and Today
THEO 254 The Christian Sacraments
THEO 259 Studies in Faith and Reason

Christianity Morality & Society (3):
THEO 260 Christian Morality
THEO 269 Studies in Christian Morality

Non-Christian Religious Traditions (3):
THEO 270 Religious Traditions of Asia*
THEO 273 Islam: Religion and Culture*
THEO 274 Judaism
World Religions THEO 279 Studies in Non-Christian Religious Traditions

Electives (6) (Any area at the 300/400 level)

Required Seminars
THEO 354 Research Seminar: Sources and Methods in Theology (3)
THEO 491 Senior Seminar (3)
THEO 338 Proseminar: Issues in Theology (0)

The general distribution of 30 hours requires:
1. One course on the 200 level (core requirement),
2. Minimally three courses on the 300 level
3. Minimally two courses on the 400 level

The three seminars are intended to foster community and advanced theological reflection for majors. The first is the "Research Seminar: Sources and Methods in Theology" (THEO 354). Taken before or during the junior year of studies, this seminar provides students a comprehensive introduction to thinking, writing, and speaking theologically.
The second is the "Senior Seminar" (THEO 490). Taken during the final semester of the senior year, this seminar provides students the opportunity to develop an integrative research project in collaboration with other graduating seniors. The seminar culminates in public presentations.

The third is the "Proseminar: Issues in Theology" (THEO 338). This "0" credit seminar meets twice a semester and must be taken each semester that the student is enrolled. It provides an opportunity for students to explore career opportunities, while keeping them apprised of new and developing issues in theological studies today.

Requirements for Theology Minor

After completion of the core course, THEO 100 - Theological Foundations, an additional 15 hours of theological study are required and distributed according to the following table:

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Note: A single course cannot be used to fill more than one requirement.

Theological Studies: Course Listing

100-level: Introductory Course
THEO 100 Theological Foundations

200-level: Theological Specialties
Prerequisite: 100 level course

Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible
THEO 210 Old Testament
THEO 219 Studies in Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible

Christian Scriptures
THEO 220 New Testament
THEO 221 Jesus and History
THEO 229 Studies in Christian Scriptures

Theology and History
THEO 232 Early Church
THEO 233 Medieval Christianity
THEO 234 The Church and the World: Since 1500
THEO 235 American Christianity
THEO 249 Studies in Theology and History

Faith and Reason
THEO 250 God in Human Experience
THEO 251 Jesus and Salvation
THEO 252 Christian Beliefs
THEO 253 The Church: Yesterday and Today
THEO 254 Christian Sacraments
THEO 259 Studies in Faith and Reason

Christian Morality
THEO 260 Christian Morality
THEO 269 Studies in Christian Morality

Non-Christian Religious Traditions
THEO 270 Religious Traditions of Asia*
THEO 273 Islam: Religion and Culture*
THEO 274 Judaism
THEO 279 Studies in Non-Christian Religious Traditions*
THEO 293 Special Topics (1-3)
THEO 297 Interdisciplinary Course (3)
THEO 298 Independent Study (1-3)**

300-level: Theological Issues
Prerequisite: 100 and 200 level courses

Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible
THEO 310 Old Testament: Prophets
THEO 311 Old Testament: Psalms
THEO 319 Old Testament Themes and Issues

Christian Scriptures
THEO 320 Life and Letters of St. Paul the Apostle
THEO 321 The Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke
THEO 322 The Gospel and Epistles of John
THEO 324 New Testament Ethics
THEO 329 Studies in Christian Scripture

Theology and History
THEO 330 Teachers in Early Christianity
THEO 331 Teachers in Medieval Christianity
THEO 332 Mary and her Sisters
THEO 333 The Reformations of the 16th C.
THEO 334 Christians in Middle East*
THEO 335 African American Religious Traditions*
THEO 336 Christianity in Africa and Asia*
THEO 337 Hispanic Theology*
THEO 338 Pro Seminar: Issues in Theology (0)
THEO 349 Studies in Theology and History

Faith and Reason
THEO 350 Love and the Human Condition
THEO 351 Marriage and Christian Vocation
THEO 352 Theology of Death and Suffering
THEO 353 Christian Feminism
THEO 354 Seminar: Sources and Methods in Theology (Majors Only)
THEO 355 Ignatian Humanism
THEO 356 Religion and Science
THEO 357 Theology of Gustavo Gutierrez (Cultural Diversity)
THEO 358 Modernity: Crisis of Belief
### 300-level: Theological Studies

Prerequisite: 100-200-300 level course

#### Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible

- **THEO 410** Biblical Interpretation
- **THEO 411** Biblical Apocalyptic Literature
- **THEO 412** The Bible & Literature
- **THEO 413** Prophets
- **THEO 414** Psalms
- **THEO 419** Studies in Jewish Scriptures in the Christian Bible

#### Christian Scriptures

- **THEO 420** The Synoptic Gospels: Advanced Topics
- **THEO 421** Early Christian Apocalypses
- **THEO 429** Studies in Christian Scripture

#### Theology and History

- **THEO 431** Survey: Early Church
- **THEO 432** Survey: Medieval Church
- **THEO 433** Survey: Modern Church
- **THEO 434** Survey: American Church
- **THEO 435** Medieval Women Mystics
- **THEO 436** Catholicism Today
- **THEO 437** Women in the Early Church
- **THEO 449** Studies in Theology and History

#### Faith and Reason

- **THEO 450** Theology of God
- **THEO 451** Theology & Cultural Anthropology
- **THEO 452** Theology of the Church
- **THEO 453** Theology of Nature
- **THEO 454** Christology
- **THEO 455** Women, Evangelization & World Christianity
- **THEO 456** Theology of the Human Person
- **THEO 459** Studies in Faith and Reason

#### Christian Morality

- **THEO 460** Bioethical Controversies
- **THEO 461** Spirituality & Political Commitment
- **THEO 463** Ethics and Liturgy
- **THEO 464** American Spirituality/Landscape
- **THEO 465** War, Peace and Christianity
- **THEO 467** Social Ethics: Faith in the Public Square
- **THEO 468** La Teologia del Martirio en Latinamerica
- **THEO 469** Studies in Morality and Society

#### Non-Christian Religious Traditions

- **THEO 470** Interreligious Dialogue
- **THEO 479** Studies in Non-Christian Religious Traditions

#### Theology and Religion

- **THEO 480** Christian Iconography
- **THEO 488** Nicaragua: Theology and Culture
- **THEO 489** Studies in Theology and Religion

#### Theology Majors Only

- **THEO 491** Senior Seminar (Theology Majors Only)
- **THEO 493** Special Topics (1-3)
- **THEO 495** Senior Residency
- **THEO 497** Interdisciplinary Course (3)
- **THEO 498** Advanced Independent Study (1-3)
- **THEO 499** Interdepartmental Listings

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* Cultural Diversity Course

**For Theology Majors only. Permission of Instructor and Chairperson required.