



Department of Theology FAQs

1. What are the requirements for a major in Theology?

The new major in Theology requires eight courses in Theology: THEO 100: Foundations; THEO 221: Bible: Old Testament; THEO 221: Bible: New Testament; any three theology electives; THEO 227: Contexts: God; and THEO 300: Signature Work in Theology. See our [website](#) for more details.

2. What minors does the Theology Department offer?

The Theology Department offers seven minors, each requiring only four courses: 1) the general minor in Theology; 2) a minor in biblical studies; 3) a minor in theology and the common good; 4) a minor in Catholic health care ethics; 5) a minor in interfaith leadership; 6) a minor in comparative theology, and 7) a minor in Faith & Praxis. Each requires the foundations course plus three additional courses. See our [website](#) for more details.

3. What certificates does the Theology Department offer?

The Theology Department offers two undergraduate certificates. Students may fulfill the “enhanced curriculum” in their liberal arts core by enrolling either of these certificate programs. The Lay Ministry Certificate is a six-course certificate that is intended for students wishing to work in lay ministry programs in churches and parishes, such as directors of youth ministry or adult education. The Certificate in Faith & Praxis is a three-course, interdisciplinary certificate that enables students to study Christian theology in the context of activism for social justice.

4. What activities does the Theology Department sponsor?

The Theology Department sponsors a number of events each year, including four Theology Night Live! discussions each semester; the Theology Club; and the New Frontiers series of lectures featuring theologians discussing their current work. We enjoy a “Study Day Brunch” with our majors and minors each semester; and we host a Theology Showcase each Spring that features student research. The Department is also home to a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society in theology and religious studies. Students should also check out the study abroad courses we offer in our department. We frequently offer courses in Italy, Germany, Poland, Guatemala, and South Africa.

5. What does the first course in Theology entail?

The first course in Theology does not require previous knowledge about theology. We introduce five major themes in Christian thought: revelation, God, Jesus, the compatibility of faith and reason, and the common good. Faculty are offering sections based on their expertise, so look for subtitles that are of interest to you: If you are interested in interreligious work, enroll in “Abrahamic Traditions”; if you are interested in the Bible, take “Bible Then and Now.” If you are interested in environmentalism, take “Care for Creation.” If you are interested in issues about faith and science, take “Chaos, Order, and God,” or “Faith and Reason.” If you are a pre-med student, we encourage you to take the foundations course designed for “Pre-Health Majors”; if you are interested in literature and memoirs, take “Stories of Faith.” And if you are interested in feminism or womanist theology or the role of women in the Church, we suggest “Women and Theology”. We also offer sections devoted to the “Common Good”.

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