

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

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Learning Goals and Outcomes

Goal 1: Students will study at least two religious traditions beyond an introductory level, including their histories, beliefs, practices and contemporary expressions.

Outcome 1: Students will be able to identify the foundations, historical development, and ethical ramifications of at least one religious tradition other than the Roman Catholic tradition, using sources and methods appropriate to the discipline of Religious Studies.

Goal 2: Students will understand the implications of religious belief for moral decision making and ethical action in the world.

Outcome 2: Students will be able to articulate key ethical implications that arise from the study of theology and religion.

Goal 3: Students will appreciate the diversity of method, content, and history that exists within the contemporary academic disciplines of Theology and Religious Studies.

Outcome 3: Students will be able to articulate the nature and language of academic theological inquiry.

Requirements

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Some students might like to focus their Theology and Religious Studies minor on topics they find of particular interest. This, too, is quite easy to do. The following are only some of the potential combination of courses. Feel free to design your own focus.

Focus in Asian Religions

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15

REL 150	First Year Seminar
REL 261	Hinduism
REL 312	Spirit Disc in Compar Perspect
REL 351	Introduction to Buddhism
REL 352	East Asian Buddhism
REL 357	Food Practices & Chinese Relig
REL 356	Death & Afterlife Chinese Rel
REL 358	Yoga: Ancient & Mod Paths To Freedom

Focus in Biblical Studies

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
REL 150	First Year Seminar	
REL 212	Israelite Religion	
REL 321	Religion & Law in the Anc World	
REL 322	Myth and History in the Bible	
THE/REL 323	The Psalms	
THE 324	NT & Chr Atts to Jews/Judaism	
THE/REL 325	Synoptic Gospels	
THE/REL 326	Letters of Paul	
REL 332	Past/Present in ISR and PLS (STR)	

Focus in Ethics

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
THE 261	Christian Social Ethics	
THE 358	Faith, Justice & Jesuit Miss	
THE 361	Catholic Social Teaching	
THE 366	Christian Medical Ethics	
THE 368	Just Hlth Care in Dev Nations	
THE 371	Christianity and Media	
THE 372	Technology Ethics	
THE 373	Economic Ethics	
THE 374	War and Peace	
REL 311	Comparative Religious Ethics	

Focus in Systematic Theology

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
THE 150	First Year Seminar	
THE 335	Gendr & Christian Spirituality	
THE 340	Atheism and the Case for God	
THE 341	Jesus through the Centuries	
THE 342	Does God Exist?	
THE 343	Theology of Word and Sacrament	
THE 344	Theology of the Church	
THE 345	Evil as a Theological Problem	
THE 346	Salvation as Story & Belief	
THE 347	Death and Rebirth	

THE 348	Theology and Science
THE 350	The Beauty of God
THE 351	Ignatian Spirit in Jesuit Trad
THE 352	Recent Trends in Roman Cathol
THE 353	American Catholicism
THE 354	Beauty&ConsciousnessInTheArts
THE 355	American Religious Thought
THE 356	Liberation & Pol Theologies
THE 357	Feminist Theologies
THE 381	One True Religion?

Focus in Historical Theology

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THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
THE 150	First Year Seminar	
THE 324	NT&Chr Atts to Jews/Judaism	
THE 331	Early Christn Thought	
THE 333	Knowl & Love of God: Mid Ages	
THE 334	Revolt, Reform, Reunion?	
THE 335	Gendr & Christian Spirituality	
THE 341	Jesus through the Centuries	

Focus in History and Material Culture

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
REL 271	African & Caribbean Religions	
REL 327	Religion & Race in Phila	
REL 328	Global Christianities	
REL 332	Past/Present in ISR and PLS (STR)	
REL 356	Death & Afterlife Chinese Rel	
REL 357	Food Practices & Chinese Relig	

Focus in Islamic, Jewish, and Christian Relations

Code	Title	Hours
THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following: ¹		15
REL 231	Judaism	
REL 241	Islam	
REL 338	Jew&Chr Responses to Holocaust	
REL 341	The Quran and Its Interpreters	
REL 342	Women in Muslim Tradition	
THE 380	Interreligious Dialogue	
THE 384	Jews/Chr. Theologies Compared	
THE 387	Jews&Chr. Entwined Histories	
THE 388	Jews&Chr. Bible Interpretation	
THE 389	Abrahamic Peoples I	
THE 390	The Abrahamic Peoples II	

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Students should take at least one each in Judaism and Islam and at least one interreligious dialogue course which deals with the relations of Christianity with at least one of the other traditions.

Focus in Jewish-Christian Relations

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THE 154	Catholic Theological Tradition	3
Select five of the following:		15
REL 231	Judaism	
REL 331	Topics in Ancient Judaism	
REL 338	Jew&Chr Responses to Holocaust	
THE 380	Interreligious Dialogue	
THE 384	Jews/Chr. Theologies Compared	
THE 387	Jews&Chr. Entwined Histories	
THE 388	Jews&Chr. Bible Interpretation	