

# Theology Major

## DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND THEOLOGY

The Department of Religion and Theology seeks to graduate students who are knowledgeable in the scriptures and develop students who pursue and embrace a vocation of ministry and learning for the common good. The Department provides two majors, Religion and Theology. The Religion major is designed to prepare students for further academic studies in graduate and/or professional schools. The Theology major combines practical experience with professional and academic courses to prepare students for entry into a ministry vocation immediately upon graduation. In addition to the two majors, the department also provides a minor in religion, a minor in theology, and a certificate in theology.

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#### Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Theology major, students will be able to demonstrate the following:

1. Competence in biblical exegesis and hermeneutics. (Content and Critical Thinking)
2. Theological reasoning and practical application of their theology as Christian educators. (Critical Thinking and Communication)
3. Understanding of the history of Christian denominational structures. (Content)
4. Comprehension of the administrative role of ministers in specific congregational structures. (Critical Thinking and Content)
5. Awareness of personal and professional identity in a ministerial capacity. (Critical Thinking)
6. Proficiency in the use of technology as a tool for research and communication. (Communication)

#### Program Outcomes

As a result of successful completion of the Theology Program, graduates will be able to perform the following:

1. Pursue advanced study at a at a seminary or divinity school.
2. Enter careers in ministry as clergy in the church.
3. Enter careers in other areas of service consistent with a degree in Theology.

#### Semester Plan

Included below is a sample semester-by-semester plan of a major in Theology.

#### Degree Type

## Major in Theology

### Required courses for the major in Theology:

The Theology major consists of a minimum of 39 hours. Required courses are:

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 233	Theologies of Liberation	3
THL 231	Foundations of Christian Education	3
THL 237	History of Christianity	3
THL 239	Dynamics Faith Development	3
REL 239	Ethics	3
THL 330	Biblical Theologies	3
THL 331	Homiletics	3
THL 336	Systematic Theology	3
THL 339	The Church and Human Rights	3
THL 433	The Reformation	3
THL 438	Contemporary Theology	3
THL 439	Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development	3
THL 421	Field Practicum I	1.5
THL 422	Field Practicum II	1.5

## Minor in Theology

### Required courses for the minor in Theology

Students earning a minor in Theology will complete a total of twenty-one (21) hours in addition to REL 131 and REL 132. These credits will consist of the fifteen (15) hours of foundational and intermediate coursework plus six (6) hours in upper level courses at the 400 level as advised by a member of the faculty in the Department of Religion and Theology.

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 233	Theologies of Liberation	3
THL 237	History of Christianity	3
REL 239	Ethics	3
THL 330	Biblical Theologies	3
THL 336	Systematic Theology	3
	400-level Religion or Theology	3
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	Total Credits	60

## Major in Theology FRESHMAN YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
REL 131	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
ENG 131	English Composition I	3
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
MAT 131	Algebra	3
STI 111	Orientation	1
BIO 131	Life Science	3

## FRESHMAN YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
REL 132	Introduction to the New Testament	3
ENG 132	English Composition II	3
HPR 121	Lifetime Wellness	2
HUM 130	African American Heritage	3
PHY 131	Physical Science	3
STI 114	Orientation II	1

## SOPHOMORE YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 237	History of Christianity	3
SPE 231	Voice and Diction	3
THL 233	Theologies of Liberation	3
CSC 121	Critical Thinking in Digital Age	2
BUS 210	Financial Literacy	1
PSY 230	Introduction to Psychology	3

## SOPHOMORE YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
REL 239	Ethics	3
SPE 232	Public Speaking	3
THL 231	Foundations of Christian Education	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
THL 239	Dynamics Faith Development	3

## JUNIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
LOG 330	Logic	3
ENG 231	American Literature I	3
THL 330	Biblical Theologies	3
THL 339	The Church and Human Rights	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

## JUNIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 331	Homiletics	3
THL 439	Pastoral Care and Spiritual Development	3
EDU 310	Test Taking Strategies	1
THL 433	The Reformation	3
ENG 333	Writing Argument	3
	General Elective (2 credits)	2

## SENIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 421	Field Practicum I	1.5
PSY 335	Social Psychology	3
HIS 337	African American History I	3
THL 431	Christology /Life and Work of Christ	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

## SENIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
THL 438	Contemporary Theology	3
THL 422	Field Practicum II	1.5
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (2 credits)	2