

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (THEO)

THEO 1000 - Theological Foundations

Credit(s): 0 or 3 Credits

Prerequisite to all further courses. This course begins the disciplined reflection on religion in the university. Along with providing the basic vocabulary, method of theology, and key theological concepts, it equips the student with the historical, textual, and comparative methods and skills that are foundational for further study on the university level.

Offered every semester.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 1005 - Theological Foundations

Credit(s): 3 Credits

Prerequisite to all further courses. This course begins the disciplined reflection on religion in the university. Along with providing the basic vocabulary, method of theology, and key theological concepts, it equips the student with the historical, textual, and comparative methods and skills that are foundational for further study on the university level.

Offered every semester.

Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

THEO 1980 - Independent Study

Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)

THEO 2110 - Old Testament

Credit(s): 3 Credits

Literary and historical study of the Hebrew Bible, its cultural background, main themes, the problems modern thought poses for it, and its permanent significance.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Middle East Studies, Theology BS Requirement (A&S), Theology Old Testament

THEO 2210 - New Testament

Credit(s): 3 Credits

Books of the New Testament; their formation as literary material, message and meaning for the modern world, and transmission via the community.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Middle East Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S), Theology New Testament

THEO 2310 - History of Christianity: The First 2000 Years

Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course will study how in 2000 years the messianic beliefs of a small group of Jews transformed into a worldwide religion. How have Christian beliefs, practices, and institutions changed over time? We will consider major developments in theology, spirituality, modes of authority, and social structures. **Prerequisite(s):** THEO-1000.

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Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2320 - Seeking God and Building Faith in the Middle Ages

Credit(s): 3 Credits

An interdisciplinary investigation of the beliefs and religious practices of medieval Christians in the age of cathedrals. This course engages some of the most important theologians of the Christian tradition (Augustine, Anselm, Bonaventure, Thomas Aquinas) and encourages reflection on how the content of Christian faith was expressed through communal and personal acts of faith such as building cathedrals, producing manuscripts of religious texts, singing chants, participating in liturgical processions, going on pilgrimage, performing penance, and venerating relics and saints.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Medieval (Minor) - Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2330 - Christian Church Since 1500

Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course will examine the history of the Christian Church since 1500. Beginning with an overview of Protestant Europe, it will examine the missionary ventures of the 16th and 17th centuries, the establishment of churches in the New World, and the struggles between rationalism and faith during the Enlightenment and later. Attention will also be given to the story of the Jews in Christian Europe. The course will conclude with an examination of various renewal movements and their implications for the contemporary church. (Offered in Spring)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2333 - Race and Religion in America: The Search for Identity

Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course considers counter-cultural Black religious movements of resistance during the Great Migration, whose origins are directly linked to their attempt to jettison racial categories that were constructed as cultural productions aimed at undermining the dignity of Black people. To this end we will survey Black religions such as the Nation of Islam, Black Spiritual Movements, Hebrew-Israelite organizations, and the Black Coptic Church, toward the goal of understanding how they respond religiously and theologically to the problem of race, imaginatively and pragmatically. **Prerequisite:** THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2350 - American Christianity

Credit(s): 3 Credits

The history of American Christianity from colonial times to present, Spanish, French English beginnings; Puritanism, the Great Awakenings; Unitarianism, Congregationalism, Methodism; the immigrant churches, Roman Catholic history; Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Fundamentalism; Black churches, contemporary movements.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

THEO 2355 - American Christianity

Credit(s): 3 Credits

The history of American Christianity from colonial times to present, Spanish, French English beginnings; Puritanism, the Great Awakenings; Unitarianism, Congregationalism, Methodism; the immigrant churches, Roman Catholic history; Liberalism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Fundamentalism; Black churches, contemporary movements.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Prof. Studies Students Only

THEO 2410 - Making Christianity Credible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course aims at providing a comprehensive understanding of Christian faith by investigating the historical development and interrelation of its main tenets. Attention will be given to how Christian beliefs arise from, and themselves give distinct shape to, Christian practices in the Church and the world.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2415 - The Church: Yesterday & Today**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Explores how humans have understood the notion of God with emphasis on the Christian traditions, the God of Jesus of Nazareth.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2425 - God in Human Experience**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Explores how humans have understood the notion of God with emphasis on the Christian traditions, the God of Jesus of Nazareth.

THEO 2430 - Jesus and Salvation**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The aim of this course is to provide an integrative understanding of Jesus Christ as he has been proclaimed throughout Christian History up to the present time and his role in salvation.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2500 - Religion and Politics in American History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This class provides historical depth and critical nuance to today's soundbites and clickbait, exploring the role of religion in American public life since the founding of the republic. The semester is structured around four main themes-Constitution, Citizenship, Culture, and Conscience-that provide narrative continuity and interpretive depth to key issues that have surfaced over the course of the nation's history and that continue to shape American public life in the present. The class equips students with tools for identifying, analyzing, and interpreting the cultural, political, and religious history of American public life as students and citizens.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2510 - Christian Ethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An exploration of Christian character (virtues), principles of decision making, conscience formation, authoritative sources (scripture, tradition, magisterium, etc.) with analysis of issues such as war, capital punishment, physician-assisted suicide, abortion, etc.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2515 - Social Justice**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course is designed to engage students in the reality of social injustice while introducing them to the variety of ways in which the Christian tradition responds to this reality. Students will study selections from scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, Christian theologians, and the lives of Christian saints and martyrs. This course fulfills the Cultural Diversity in the U.S. Core requirement by addressing issues of racism, classism, and sexism, and by engaging the works of African American, feminist, womanist, and Latino/a theologians. Students should leave the course with a better understanding of Christian perspectives on social justice that can be applied to their own faith or spirituality, political choices, and way of life.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, International Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S), Urban Poverty - General, Urban Poverty - Social Justice, Women's & Gender Studies

THEO 2520 - Comparative Religious Ethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An exploration of several moral issues and the ethical beliefs/practices that are brought to bear on them among various religious traditions around the world. Attention will be devoted to narratives of significant persons who contributed to human dignity, rights, and liberation, especially with regard to 'the other.' Prerequisite(s): THEO-1000.

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Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2525 - Theological Bioethics: Medicine and Morality**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Principles of moral theology and their application to the health care provider and consumer. Specific issues include life-prolonging measures, neonatal care, genetics, experimentation, allocation of resources, and spiritual care of the sick and dying.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S), Urban Poverty - Applied, Urban Poverty - Health Care, Urban Poverty - Social Justice

THEO 2530 - Social Injustice/Social Gospel**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The primary goal of this course is to animate SLU's mission to form leaders who desire to transform society in the spirit of the Gospels. It will pursue this goal as a reciprocal learning class (i.e., at least 30 hours of service learning in the community) that examines social injustice in Saint Louis according to the Gospel call of personal conversion and social transformation. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Service Learning, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S), Urban Poverty - Social Justice

THEO 2535 - Sports, Spirituality and Social Justice**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The primary goal of this course is to explore how Sport, Spirituality and Social Justice intersect and mutually inform each other. It will pursue this goal as a reciprocal learning class, i.e., service learning in the community that requires at least 30 hours of community engagement, as the class examines social injustice in theory and in Saint Louis according to the Gospel call of personal conversion and social transformation.

Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2610 - The Christian Sacraments**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The Sacraments, the Church as ultimate manifestation of Covenant of the People of God, development of sacraments in apostolic community and patristic age, modern sacramental theology.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2700 - Arch City Religion: Religious Life and Practice in St. Louis
Credit(s): 3 Credits

This course places the religious life of St. Louis at the center of the city's history, civic landscape, and public cultures. While anchored in the local context, the course engages a wide range of global religious traditions and diasporic communities in the city as well as analytical frameworks of religion in/of the city drawn from case studies throughout the United States. In addition to the instructional content of this course, students also develop skills as researchers and storytellers through audio and visual projects that draw from archival, historical, ethnographic, and digital research.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2710 - Religions of the World**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course is an introduction to the history, belief-systems, practices, and divisions of the world's major religions. It focuses especially on Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, Jainism, Confucianism, Taoism, Shintoism, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, the Baha'i Faith, and Native American spirituality. The only prerequisite is Theology 100: Theological Foundations.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, Global Citizenship (A&S), International Studies, International Studies-Arts, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2715 - Jerusalem: Three Faiths, One City**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

DESCRIPTION: This course (under this name only) satisfies the criteria for the College of Arts and Sciences Cultural Diversity component of the Core. A survey analysis of the three Abrahamic faiths and their interrelationships focusing on the significance of Jerusalem for each of them historically and today.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Foreign Service Elective, International Studies, Middle East Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2717 - Muslims, Christians, and Jews in Medieval Spain**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course will cover the history and achievements of what was once a multi-religious, multi-cultural civilization and explore the lessons we can learn from a time when Muslims, Christians and Jews lived and worked together, especially in the areas of theology, commerce, culture and art.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2720 - Islam: Religion & Culture**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An overview of fundamental beliefs and values of the religious tradition called Islam, using primary textual and visual sources from a range of cultural contexts, with special attention to how the story of Islam offers insight into the interplay of religion and culture: wherever Islam has taken root, it has become inculturated even as it has Islamized its new host culture.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Cultural Diversity in the EU, Catholic Studies-Theology, Foreign Service Elective, Global Citizenship (A&S), Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2725 - The Qur'an and the Bible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course explores the different ways in which Biblical stories and motifs are reworked in the Qur'an as a means to investigate the latter's scriptural and historical background, make its theology more accessible to non-Muslim students, implement interfaith dialogue, and reflect on the role of religion in today's world. (Offered in Fall)

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2730 - Stranger Things: Peoples and Places through Religious Travelers' Eyes**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Introductory survey of religious travel literature & ethnography from antiquity to the early modern era. Compares Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and other traditions. Emphasizes critical and dynamic appreciation of the wide range of ways that authors have portrayed unfamiliar people and places throughout history. Reflects on the religious attitudes which are both the cause and result of such portraits.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2815 - Psychology and the Soul**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course considers the intersection between psychology and theological conceptions of the "soul" and "self." This course provides the student the critical means by which to think about the relationship between psychology and religious beliefs and experiences. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2820 - Religion and Science**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines the history and recent development of three disciplines—cosmology, physics, and biology—to show how religion and science have related to one another in the past and relate to one another in contemporary research and reflection. A final part of the course considers some issues that involve multiple scientific disciplines (e.g., extraterrestrial intelligence, environmentalism, etc.). Credit not given for both THEO 2820 and BIOL 2560.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2825 - Religion and Science**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines the history and recent development of three disciplines--cosmology, physics, and biology--to show how religion and science have related to one another in the past and relate to one another in contemporary research and reflection. A final part of the course considers some issues that involve multiple scientific disciplines (e.g., extraterrestrial intelligence, environmentalism, etc.).

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2840 - Christianity and Literature**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course explores works of literature as privileged sites for theological reflection on religious mysteries – the mystery of God and the mystery of the human person. Engaging the religious imagination of important literary thinkers, this course examines such dynamics as sin and grace, faith and doubt, forgiveness and reconciliation, solitude and community. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2900 - Love and the Human Condition**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A theological exploration of human existence as constituted by love, desire, sin and the yearning for salvation. Through examination of classic texts/themes from the Christian tradition, this course will focus on the complex relationship between human and divine love. Specific topics to be covered include: affectivity, knowledge, freedom, built, friendship, self-sacrifice, and human sexuality.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2905 - Death and Suffering**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Judeo-Christian response to the mystery of suffering, the meaning of death, healing as a religious experience. Reference to the bible, contemporary Christian theology, and social studies.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2930 - Special Topics**Credit(s): 2 or 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 2980 - Independent Study**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology BS Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3110 - Pentateuch**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines the first five books of the bible, analyzing key figures such as Abraham and Moses, as well as major theological themes such as covenant, the nature of God, the purpose of biblical law, and the Ten Commandments. Prerequisites are THEO-1000 and any 2000-level theology course.

Prerequisite(s): (1 Course from THEO 2001-2999 or THEO 1000)

Attributes: Middle East Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3115 - Old Testament: Prophets**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Middle East Studies, Service Learning, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology Old Testament

THEO 3120 - Old Testament: Psalms**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

To survey the literary, historical, social and political background of the Psalms; their literary forms, main themes, structure, theology and relevance to modern times.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology Old Testament

THEO 3125 - God and the Bible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Students will examine biblical texts from both testaments, focusing on fundamental attributes of God such as God's presence, relationality in the form of covenant, wrath yet loving compassion, and other divine traits.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3130 - Ancient Israel and the Near East**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An examination of the history and religion of ancient Israel within its Near Eastern context. This examination will allow students to identify similarities and differences between texts from the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and other texts from the ancient Near East. (Offered in Fall)

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; 1 Course from THEO 2000-2999

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3210 - One Jesus, Four Portraits: The Gospels**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Offers a comparative study of the Synoptic Gospels.

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Theology New Testament

THEO 3215 - Christianity and Judaism: Parting of the Ways**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Christianity is deeply indebted to Judaism. The Christian Old Testament is the Jewish scriptures. The New Testament was written by Jewish believers in Jesus. When did Christianity become something distinct from Judaism? This course will explore this question by examining both New Testament writings and early Christian and Jewish writings. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3220 - Archaeology and the Bible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An examination of the historical and cultural context of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible through the archaeological evidence found in the Southern Levant. Special attention is given to evidence related to worship and religious beliefs. (Offered in Fall)

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; 1 Course from THEO 2000-2999

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3310 - Rise of Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The history of early Christianity from Jesus Christ to the Council of Chalcedon in 451 A.D. The variety of early Christianity, geographical expansion, Gnosticism, emergence in the Roman world, Christian art, Trinitarian and Christological controversies.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3320 - Modern Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course will examine the history of Western Christianity since the Reformation, focusing on the themes related to development of doctrine. Interactions of the church with intellectual and cultural challenges will be taken up. Future directions of Catholic Christianity rooted in the foundation of the Second Vatican Council will be considered.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3325 - The Reformations of the 16th Century**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This is a study of the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Reformation in the 16th century.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3330 - Coming to the Americas: Religious Encounters in the Colonial Age**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines religious encounters between Europeans and the Indigenous and enslaved peoples of the Americas. Students in this course will become familiar with the general outline of colonial history, engage closely with primary texts, and think critically about key historiographical issues. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3335 - Christians In Middle East**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Building the knowledge gained in at least one prior theology course, this offering studies global Christianity with a focus on Christian churches in the Middle East. The course studies the intersection of theological, historical, ethnic, cultural, linguistic, and political factors that shape expressions of the Christian faith in Greece, Turkey, the Caucasus, Syria, Iraq, Iran, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, and Saudi-Arabian Peninsula to Egypt and Ethiopia. It also studies how middle-eastern Christian identities affect immigrant Christian communities in the diaspora in the West.

Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, International Studies, Middle East Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3345 - The Life and Theology of Augustine of Hippo**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines the life and theology of St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430). We will focus on Augustine's central writings, including "Confessions", "The Trinity" and his writings on grace. Prerequisites: THEO 1000 and one THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Medieval (Major) - Theology, Medieval (Minor) - Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3350 - Justice and Peace: The Legal Imagination in Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An exploration of Christianity's relationship to law in three primary ways. First, its theology of law in a New Testament era of grace upholding justice and mercy and directed toward peace or reconciliation. Second, its understanding and usage of legal norms and regulations in the church's administration, sacraments, and discipline of its members (canon law) as an earthly institution. Third, the impact of Christian canonistic jurisprudence on the western legal tradition. Special attention is given to legal norms concerning marriage, penance, and procedure (due process, rights of defendants). Analytical and writing skills developed; incorporates digital humanities component. Offered in spring. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3365 - Teachers in Early Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Examines selective writings and thought of theologians in the early centuries of Christianity.

Attributes: Classical Humanities, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3370 - Teachers in Medieval Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Overview of medieval theologians and spiritual writers with specific attention to the origin and development of the diverse schools of thought in the middle ages.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Italian Culture, Medieval (Major) - History, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3375 - Women in the Bible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course looks at a series of important female figures from the scriptural roots of Christianity, especially the multiple Marys of the New Testament. We will read the primary canonical and apocryphal texts describing these women and examine their depiction in art, literature and music throughout history.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3410 - Christianity and Atheism: A History of Disbelief**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course investigates the crisis in traditional belief that accompanied Europe's transition to modernity. It examines various critiques from both the Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment Europe. It also looks at different Christian responses to these critiques. The course aims to deepen students understanding of Western society and its understanding religion.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3415 - Christ and Color: Liberation Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course analyzes and evaluates the theology of Gustavo Gutiérrez. The goal is to gain an appreciation for the unique contributions of Liberation Theology to the historical development of Western theology through a directed reading of important primary texts in the areas of Christology, Soteriology, and Ecclesiology. Prerequisite(s): THEO-1000.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Foreign Service Elective, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Urban Poverty - Immigration, Urban Poverty - Social Justice

THEO 3420 - Women and God: Feminist Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course is designed to offer a broad understanding of the issues and implications of contemporary feminist thought relative to religious traditions, especially the Christian tradition. It will critique theology and anthropology as well as offer constructive visioning of the new ways of living in relationship. The course is oriented toward personal and social transformation.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3425 - The Invisible Institution: African American Religion and the Rise of Black Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines subversive-theological and liberative hermeneutical responses that emerge from the question of Black existence and identity in American life from clandestine theological claims of rebellious slaves to the rise of liberation movements in the American 60's, through more current events in Ferguson, Charleston, and Charlottesville. We will examine the ways in which identity, meaning, and agency have been theologically shaped in the tradition of Black Religion and Black theology, and how these claims borrow from or are compatible with classical Christian Theology, especially within the context of Ignatian Spirituality. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

THEO 3510 - Faith and Politics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The course is designed to help students sort through the complex relationship between faith and politics. It examines different approaches to bringing faith into the public sphere and treats controversial issues such as abortion, immigration, and gay marriage.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3515 - Poverty, Wealth & Justice**Credit(s): 1 or 3 Credits**

This course examines how people in the U.S. view poverty and wealth. It also considers various and sometimes differing Christian perspectives on poverty and wealth, focusing especially on the Catholic social tradition and its teachings on economic justice, the meaning of work, and the relationship between justice and charity.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; ENGL 2005

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Prof. Studies Students Only, Theology BA Requirement (A&S), Urban Poverty - General, Urban Poverty - Social Justice

THEO 3525 - Green Discipleship: Theology & Ecology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course explores what the Christian theological tradition teaches about how humankind ought to be relationship with the rest of creation. Focus will be on, but not limited to, Christianity and on key theological themes and perspectives while also seeking to discern possible promising foundations for responding to ecological concerns.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, International Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3533 - Liberation and Freedom: An Introduction to Black and Womanist Theologies**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Black and Womanist Theologies, in the North American context, are reflections on the relationship of God to Black people, and Black persons relationship to God, especially in the light of existential absurdity. This course examines theological responses to issues such as race, class, gender, and sexuality, within the North American context that present a theological challenge to the Image of God in Black persons. We will seek to locate the distinct theological character of Black and Womanist theologies through the lens of liberation. Offered in spring. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3535 - Sex, Gender and Christian Ethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course is designed to introduce students to contemporary Christian thinking on sex, gender, and sexuality. The goal is to present a wide range of positions within the Christian tradition, so that students can discuss and debate the available alternatives.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 0 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3540 - Incarceration and Incarnation: Prisons and Christian Ethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines incarceration in the U.S. in light of the incarnation, theological anthropology, and Christian ethics. One aim will be to understand various themes related to incarceration: the school to prison pipeline, race, legislation, policing, prisons and labor, justice, punishment, and reintegration. Another aim will be to consider how belief in an incarnate God, who died a criminal death, shapes Christian views of and responses to incarceration in the U.S. today. We will draw on those who have written theology behind bars (Thoreau, Bonhoeffer, M.L.K., Jr., etc.). Local concerns will be our focus throughout.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3560 - A Post Human Future? The Ethics of Technology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Technological advances are surely changing the way we understand human nature. This course will provide the forum for asking if this is a change for the better. Course goals include identifying and understanding key issues in the development and use of technology. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3610 - Early Christian Worship**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course covers the patterns of worship in the Christian Churches of the first five centuries CE. Drawing upon a range of methods, we will consider literary and material culture as they pertain to the rites of initiation, eucharistic, daily prayer and other aspects of liturgy in early Christian communities. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3615 - Christian Iconography**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Examines the theological themes found in early and contemporary Christian art.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3710 - Arts of Hinduism and Buddhism**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Study of the art and architecture of the Hindu and Buddhist traditions, beginning in India and tracing the "footsteps of the Buddha" through Central Asia into East Asia (China, Korea, and Japan), and across mainland and insular Southeast Asia. Focus on learning to "read" non-textual sources and understand religious "enculturation".

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Foreign Service Elective, Medieval Renaissance, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3715 - Saints and Friends of God: Religious Genius in Islam and Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Explores the phenomenon and roles of religious exemplars in Islamic and Christian traditions – called Friends of God and Saints – using the concept of "Religious Genius" as a way of bridging cultural and theological gaps. Students will read samples of primary sources of "hagiography" with illustrations via music and visual arts. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3720 - Intuition, Spontaneity, and Flow: Daoism in Comparative Context**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

In this introductory course we will examine themes commonly perceived as central to Daoism, including spontaneity and play, transcendence from mundane life, oneness with Nature, and "feminine" qualities of nurturing and compassion. We will examine how these themes appear in a number of Daoist texts and practices. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: International Studies, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3725 - Sufism, Islam's Mystical Tradition**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A religious studies approach to learning about Islam through the devotional-mystical-literary tradition known as Sufism. After a brief overview of fundamentals of the Islamic tradition, we will survey the global history of Sufism by major periods/regions, focusing on its main concepts, literary, artistic, and institutional developments.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3730 - Jewish Life: Bible to Middle Ages**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course studies peoplehood during the Biblical period, the response to the rise of Christianity, the destruction of the Second Temple and the use of Rabbinic law and lore. Also included are an understanding of the holiday cycle, the life-cycle, and synagogue worship.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 0 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Classical Humanities, International Studies, Middle East Studies, Service Learning, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3735 - Jewish Life: Middle Ages to Modern Times**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course surveys the Golden Age of Spain, Jewish Mysticism, the Enlightenment, philosophers from Maimonides to Martin Buber, 19th-century Nationalism, Zionism, the Holocaust and the rise of Modern Israel. Students will examine how these phenomena influenced modern Judaism, including Torah, God, Israel and ritual observance.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 0 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3740 - Religions of Asia**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course surveys Confucianism, Daoism, and Buddhism, introducing students to the classics as well as the works of the Zhuangzi, the Mengzi, and the Lotus Sutra. Key themes include birth and life stories, sacred space, cultivation of the self, and death.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 0 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3745 - Jesus and the Qur'an**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines afresh the ways in which Jesus is described in the Qur'an as a means to investigate the sectarian background of formative Islam, make its theology more accessible to non-Muslim students, and implement interfaith dialogue. (Offered in Spring)

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; 1 Course from THEO 2000-2999

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3750 - Creativity and Constraint: The Legal Imagination in Judaism**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Professional lawyers and jurists today often conceive of the law as an instrument of social policy. In Judaism, however, this view of law amounts to looking through the wrong end of a telescope. More than a tool for achieving practical goals, law is the very bedrock of Jewish self and society. Law, a direct link to God, is also a unique vessel for creativity across millennia of Jewish history. Our course trains students in key methods for analyzing this bond between law and Jewish life.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3900 - Seeking God: A History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Studies in the major spiritual trends and key figures within the Catholic, Eastern, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Service Learning, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3905 - Marriage & Christian Vocation**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A study of contemporary Christian theology and ethical reflections on marriage, covering sexual, gender, parenthood, divorce and family issues.

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3910 - Internship**Credit(s): 1-6 Credits (Repeatable for credit)****THEO 3930 - Special Topics****Credit(s): 2 or 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 3980 - Independent Study**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

Prerequisite(s): (THEO 2000 or 1 Course from THEO 2001-2999)

Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Theology.

Attributes: Theology BA Requirement (A&S)

THEO 4190 - Seminar in Old Testament/Hebrew Bible**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course will cover a topic of interest relevant to the study of the Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. Prerequisite: One THEO 2000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4210 - How to Interpret Scripture: Methods and Perspectives**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An examination and survey of biblical hermeneutics, including Old and New Testaments, rabbinic Judaism, the early church, and the history of hermeneutical theory up to the present time.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4215 - The Bible and Literature**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Study of selected books and passages from Old and New Testaments, as well as selected contemporary books, plays and philosophical essays. Comparison of nature and destiny of the human person and the world. Application of these themes to contemporary life.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4290 - Seminar in New Testament**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The Seminar in New Testament offers in-depth exploration of a selected New Testament topic. The course will examine an important theme, body of literature, or method related to New Testament research, with the goal of enhancing student capacities for research and for oral and written expression. Prerequisite: One THEO 3000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

Attributes: Theology New Testament

THEO 4410 - Theological Outsiders: Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, and**Dostoevsky****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course will focus upon the critique of philosophy and religion developed in the writings and thought of three important theological "outsiders": the Danish philosopher Soren Kierkegaard, the Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoevsky, and the German philologist and philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. Prerequisite: One THEO 3000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4415 - Theological and Philosophical Thought of Martin Luther**King, Jr.****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course seeks to move beyond the most rudimentary knowledge of MLK via and an interrogation of the theological and philosophical thinking that undergirded his social commitments toward a just and equitable society. Commencing from the starting point of "American Prophet," this course aims to place King within the prophetic tradition, that is, an orientation toward justice, and determine to what extent King is influenced by the prophetic tradition. We will seek to uncover the theological and philosophical assumptions that ground King's vision of freedom, justice, race matters, and the Kingdom of God. Offered in spring. Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000

THEO 4490 - Seminar in Constructive Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

General number for new courses in faith and reason.

Prerequisite(s): 0 Course from THEO 300-399

THEO 4510 - War and Peace in the Christian Tradition**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines Christian perspectives, from the early church to the present, on the ethics of war and peace. It explores developments in church teachings about pacifism and nonviolence, just war, crusades, total war, outlawing of war, the responsibility to protect vulnerable populations, and responding to the threat of terrorism.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

Attributes: Catholic Studies-Theology, Foreign Service Elective

THEO 4525 - Freedom of Conscience**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course will explore conscience in theology, psychology, law, and science and examine formation of conscience, freedom of conscience, following one's conscience, and conscientious objection. Course goals include learning the history of conscience and developing the ability to articulate and integrate varying conceptions of conscience. Prerequisite: One THEO 3000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4590 - Seminar in Christian Ethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

An advanced course in Christian ethics. Topics depend on instructor (i.e. War and Peace, Good and Evil, Bioethics, Conscience).

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4710 - Islam and the Christian Theologian: Comparing Theological Themes**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Comparative study of historical, creedal, institutional, and ethical/spiritual dimensions in Islamic and Christian theological traditions. Assists students to integrate their study of religion/theology with the broader network of the humanities, while providing a framework within which to become familiar with parallel theological themes in the varied religious traditions of Islam. Prerequisites: One THEO 3000 level course. A world religions course is recommended.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

Attributes: International Studies, Middle East Studies

THEO 4790 - Seminar in World Religions**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

This course offers a detailed introduction to and exploration of a particular world religion. Prerequisite: One THEO 3000 level course.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4810 - Latin American Politics, Theology, & Culture**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

This course is designed to deepen students' understanding of the connection between faith and justice. The summer is an intensive immersion experience during which students live with families, get involved in community praxis sites, and visit churches, theologians, and other groups working for social change in Latin America. In the fall semester students will undertake in-depth spiritual and theological reflection of their experiences abroad grounded in a liberation methodology in which students are both student and teacher. These sessions are designed to help students process the immersion experience in Latin America through deep personal reflection and spiritual searching.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

Attributes: Foreign Service Elective, Philosophy & Letters, Urban Poverty - Immigration

THEO 4910 - Theology Internship**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Students put into practice the skills they learn in the theology program while also serving needy populations in the St. Louis area and Midwestern region. Students work with the department's Director for Undergraduate Studies on the academic component of their internship, culminating in a major project.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 3000

THEO 4930 - Special Topics**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

A special topics course in Theological Studies.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; 0 Course from THEO 2000-3999

THEO 4960 - Capstone Seminar I**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The purpose of this course is to provide undergraduate majors with the resources and skills necessary to engage in rigorous theological reflection, research, and writing in preparation for participation in the Senior Seminar THEO-4965 .

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

Restrictions:

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Theological Studies.

THEO 4965 - Capstone Seminar II**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Reading and analysis of classic works in the historical development of the theology in the church and the university, and in modern and contemporary understandings of theology in relation to both, with aim of illuminating the communal and public dimensions of theological inquiry. Required of all majors.

Prerequisite(s): THEO 1000; (1 Course from THEO 2000-2999 or 1 Course from THEO 200-299); (1 Course from THEO 3000-3999 or 1 Course from THEO 300-399)

THEO 4980 - Independent Study**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 4998 - Advanced Independent Study****Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 5000 - Introduction to the Old Testament****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This graduate-level course introduces students to the literature, history, interpretation, and major theological themes of the Hebrew Bible. Offered in fall.

THEO 5020 - Pentateuch**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Exegesis of the text of selected portions of the Pentateuchal literature; development of the textual tradition; textual and form criticism. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5040 - Prophets**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Exegesis of the text of the prophetic writings; prophetic form and theology, pre- and post-exilic prophetic theology; messianic theology. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5060 - The Psalms**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Types, literary composition and outline, liturgical and theological context. Individual psalms studied as representative of each category. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5090 - Special Topics: Old Testament**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 5100 - Introduction to the New Testament****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This graduate-level course introduces students to the literature, history, interpretation, and major theological themes of the New Testament. Offered in spring.

THEO 5110 - The Synoptics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

In-depth study of Matthew, Mark, Luke. Theological problems involved; form and redaction criticism; role of the kerygma and the Christian community in formation of the Synoptics; theology, especially Christology. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5120 - Luke & Acts**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Considers Luke's main theological theme and how it relates to the other themes. Certain passages will be studied in detail. Review of secondary literature. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5130 - Studies in Christian Scripture**Credit(s): 3 Credits****THEO 5140 - Johannine Literature****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Original setting established through structural, thematic, and pericope analysis; how Christian faith and life today are enriched by this literature. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5150 - Biblical Interpretation Study**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course seeks to introduce students to the field of biblical hermeneutics: the theory of understanding and interpreting biblical texts. The course will survey the history of hermeneutical theory, emphasizing its richness, diversity, and the sources and norms that serve as its basis. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5190 - Special Topics: New Testament**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

Offered occasionally.

THEO 5200 - Intro to Historical Method**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Principles of historical criticism, methods in research and writing. Church historiography, and theological issues of faith and history. Offered every Fall semester.

THEO 5210 - Survey of Early Christian History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, movements and theological themes in the development of early Christianity from the close of the New Testament to Gregory the Great. Offered annually.

THEO 5220 - Survey of Medieval Christian History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, movements and theological themes in the historical period from late antiquity up to the 15th century. Offered annually.

THEO 5230 - Survey of Modern European Christian History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, movements and theological themes in the development of Protestant, Orthodox and Catholic Christianity from the time of the Reformation through the Council of Trent to the present, but with European emphasis. Offered annually.

THEO 5240 - Survey of American Christian History**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, issues and movements in the development of North American Christianity from the arrival of Columbus to the present. Offered annually.

THEO 5250 - Survey of History of Religions**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, movements, and theological themes of the primary religions of South Asia, East Asia, the Middle East, as well as the Abrahamic traditions. Offered annually.

THEO 5260 - Comparative Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A study of how theological change has taken place historically in the context of inter-religious relations, and of the implications of serious interchange between and among religious traditions for the future of Christian theology. Offered annually.

THEO 5270 - Christian Tradition I**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course is designed to introduce beginning graduate students to the major figures, theological themes and texts from the first post-biblical generation of Christian thinkers to the Protestant Reformation, c. 100-1500. Offered in fall.

Attributes: Medieval (Major) - History**THEO 5280 - Christian Tradition II****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course offers a broad survey of figures, movements and theological themes in the development of global Christianity from the Renaissance and Reformation to the present. Students will examine the development of major Christian Traditions (Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox) through close study of primary texts and secondary materials. Readings will address themes distinct to the Modern era of Christianity: missionary expansion; church/state relations; questions of slavery, racism, and human trafficking; the changing role of women in the church; the theological foundations of Christian social thought; the rise of secularism and scientific rationalism; and the relationship of Christianity to other religions. Offered in spring.

THEO 5360 - Intro to Theological Method**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Principles of various theological methods, issues pertinent to defining theology as a field of inquiry, history of different approaches to theology and theological questions. Offered every spring semester.

THEO 5390 - Special Topic: Historical Theo**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**Attributes:** Middle East Studies**THEO 5400 - Resources and Methods in Theology****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Methods and presuppositions in doing theology; emphasis on exploring transcendence in human experience, grace, revelation, faith. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5420 - God**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Existence and nature of God in the Bible, in Christian tradition and contemporary theology. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5440 - Christology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Meaning of Jesus Christ in the Bible, in Christian tradition, and contemporary theology. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5450 - Theology of the Human Person**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course explores the meaning of being human from a theological perspective. It examines themes of en nature and grace, sin, free will, human knowledge.

THEO 5460 - Mariology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Mary in salvation history and her relationships with fundamental themes of Christian faith. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5470 - Church**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Foundation, structure, marks, mission, and offices of the Church; historical development; ecumenical questions. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5500 - Sacraments**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Sacraments in Christian history and theology in general. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5520 - Christian Today**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Review of Catholic and Protestant theologians on the family. Issues addressed include: gender, parenting, divorce/remarriage, sexuality, social justice, and public policy. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5540 - Christian Anthropology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Meaning of sin, grace, and justification in Christian tradition. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5590 - Catholicism Today**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Offered occasionally.

THEO 5600 - Moral Systems**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Major contemporary systems and approaches to Moral Theology. Discussion of certain practical problems, e.g. right to life, civil rights, truthfulness, etc. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5610 - Morals & the New Testament**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

An analysis of the teaching of the new Testament on attitudes toward God and other people. Emphasis on the place of faith, hope, love in the moral life. The Beatitudes and other moral exhortations of Christ in the light of the morality of the early Church. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5620 - Forming of Christian Conscience**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Sin and guilt as both problem and mystery in relation to Christian conscience, freedom, virtue, sanctity, and sanity. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5630 - Social Morality**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The Scriptural basis for the social teachings of the Church, the development of this Scripture basis in the Fathers of the Church and in the theologians of later periods, social problems of the modern world in the last two centuries. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5640 - Sexual Morality**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Nature and principles of Christian sexual morality; special contemporary questions. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5650 - Bioethics**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

The basic theological stances and conflicts related to the fields of medicine and the new biology; specific areas and problems analyzed, e.g., abortion, euthanasia, genetic engineering, etc. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5660 - Death, Suffering, & Afterlife**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Judeo-Christian response to the mystery of suffering, the meaning of death, healing as a religious experience. Reference to the bible, contemporary Christian theology, history, and social studies. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5680 - History of Moral Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A survey of sources, methodologies, and issues in Roman Catholic moral theology from the apostolic church to the present day. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5690 - Special Topics: Moral or Pastoral Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Offered occasionally.

THEO 5700 - Theo Method: Spirituality**Credit(s): 3 Credits****THEO 5710 - Seminar in World Religions****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course offers an in-depth study of four classics of early Chinese thought: The Analects, the Mengzi, the Zhuangzi, and the Xunzi. The course assumes familiarity with the primary texts, and we will engage in philosophical, comparative, and to some extent, historical studies. We will ask questions about the authenticity of the texts, place the works within their intellectual historical context, and examine philosophical questions regarding human nature, ethics, politics, ritual, and metaphysics. The course is responsive to student interests and the syllabus will be adapted accordingly through the semester.

THEO 5730 - Spirituality & Psychology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Implications of psychological and developmental theories, especially those that are humanistic and existential, for an integrated spirituality. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5780 - Spirituality & Art**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Imagination and symbol in spirituality; and survey of various ways in which faith has been artistically expressed, in relation to sacred text, sacred, space, sacred time and the individual believer. Offered occasionally.

THEO 5790 - Special Topics: Spirituality**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

Offered occasionally.

THEO 5800 - Theo & Catechetical Ministry**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

History and theology of religious education and the role of the catechist in Christian tradition; the theological understanding of religious education and the principal authoritative documents of recent times. Offered every other year.

THEO 5810 - Ignatian Spirituality & Pedagogy**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course examines the educational enterprise developed out of the religious experience of Ignatius Loyola (founder of the Society of Jesus), focusing on the enterprise's spiritual dimension, and considering the practical issues arising from the education of the first Jesuits as it relates to today's secondary education and beyond. Offered every spring.

THEO 5820 - Administration of Religious Education Programs**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Strategies for developing and maintaining religious education programs in school and parish; recruitment, supervision, evaluation, in-service of teachers; goal-setting, organization, evaluation of programs; communication skills and collaboration; budgeting and record keeping; leadership styles and conflict management. Offered every other year.

THEO 5830 - Elements of Religious Education Curriculum**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Essential elements of religious education curriculum; introducing children and adults to sacraments; focus on first sacraments and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA); liturgy and prayer in catechesis. Offered every other year.

THEO 5890 - Special Topics: Religious Education**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Offered occasionally.

THEO 5900 - Teaching Theology**Credit(s): 0 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

This seminar, required of all graduate students who are teaching undergraduate courses, will meet several times a semester. It is designed to initiate graduate students into the art of teaching undergraduate theology. It will focus on the pedagogy of how to help undergraduate students think, read, speak, write and research theologically.

THEO 5910 - Internship in Religious Education**Credit(s): 3 Credits (Repeatable for credit)**

The basic strategies for developing and maintaining religious education programs in Catholic school and parish settings will be explored through a combination of : (1) Work with a director of Religious Education (DRE) or coordinator of religious Education (CRE); (2) Group discussion with a Master religious educator focusing on readings from professionals in the field.

THEO 5911 - Internship Preparation**Credit(s): 0 Credits**

This course provides necessary tools and guidance for graduate students on the Religious Education concentration who will be participating in a cooperative internship the following semester by directing students as they complete archdiocesan requirements for access to schools or parishes. (Offered every Spring)

THEO 5920 - Essay Guidance**Credit(s): 0-6 Credits****THEO 5930 - Special Topics****Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 5970 - Research Topics****Credit(s): 1-3 Credits****THEO 5980 - Graduate Reading Course****Credit(s): 1-3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 5990 - Thesis Research****Credit(s): 0-6 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 6000 - Theories and Methods****Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course offers graduate students an introduction to major theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of religion and theology. Students will engage with key thinkers from Kant to Foucault to Barth and others in order to understand the development of the allied fields of religious studies and theology and their own place in this intellectual history. Designed to foster a scholarly self-consciousness and encourage students' investment in the most pressing debates and conversations in the field, this course aims to shape students as critical rhetors prepared to do advanced research that is at once sophisticated and significant. Offered in spring.

THEO 6010 - Methods in Historical Theology**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

Historical Theology is an interdisciplinary project, which employs the intellectual tools and skills of historical research to examine what Anselm of Canterbury called "faith seeking understanding." Yet history and theology – as academic disciplines – are not monolithic in structure or univocal in expression. This seminar will introduce students to issues and questions that have dominated historiographical debates over the last five centuries and explore how these have been influenced by, and have influenced, theological discourse. Knowledge of historiography, its theory and practice, is an invaluable aid to scholars studying theological discourse in its past context and current application. Offered every fall.

THEO 6020 - Christianity in Antiquity Survey**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course focuses on the history and primary theological sources pertaining to Christianity from its origins through the rise of Islam. Special attention is given to foundational Christian theologians and major historical developments in the early church, as well as to research methods and the appropriate use of scholarly tools necessary for advanced research in this field.

THEO 6030 - Survey of Medieval Christianity**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

A broad study of the figures, movements and theological themes in the historical period from late antiquity up to the 15th century. Offered every spring.

THEO 6040 - Christian Theology Introduction**Credit(s): 3 Credits**

This course provides a broad introduction to major theological themes and figures in Christianity in the modern period, c.1500 to the present. Offered in fall.

THEO 6110 - Christianity in Antiquity Seminar**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

The content of this course varies according to the interests of the instructor and those of the students. In all cases, however, the course will treat a subject of relevance to the advanced study of Christianity from its origins through the rise of Islam. Offered fall and spring.

THEO 6120 - Medieval Seminar**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

In-depth study of particular authors, schools or texts in the Medieval religious world in connection with the ongoing research of the instructors. Offered every semester.

THEO 6140 - Christian Theology Seminar**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

The content of this course varies according to the interests of the instructor and those of the students. In all cases, however, the course will treat a subject of relevance to the advanced study of Christian theology in the modern period, c.1500 to the present. Offered fall and spring.

THEO 6210 - Dissertation Prospectus**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

All PhD students must register for Dissertation Prospectus after having taken their comprehensive exams and prior to registration for THEO-6990, dissertation research.

THEO 6300 - Late Ancient Syriac: Theological Texts**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

This course focuses on the reading and critical analysis of late ancient Syriac texts (c. 300-700 CE) in their original language with a view to preparing students for doctoral-level research. The chosen texts will include mostly Christian theological literature and will expose students to a variety of Syriac authors, genres and styles. Prerequisite: Students are expected to have acquired introductory skills in ancient Syriac prior to enrollment in this course. Students demonstrate the acquisition of introductory skills upon admission to the doctoral program or by having successfully completed an introductory course in ancient Syriac after admission.

THEO 6310 - Late Ancient Greek: Theological Texts**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

This course focuses on the reading and critical analysis of late ancient Greek texts in their original language with a view to preparing students for doctoral-level research. The texts that are examined are designed to expose students to a variety of authors, genres and styles of Greek used by early Christian writers. Prerequisite: Students are expected to have acquired introductory skills in ancient Greek prior to enrollment in this course. Students demonstrate the acquisition of introductory skills upon admission to the doctoral program or by having successfully completed GK 2010 or the equivalent.

THEO 6320 - Late Ancient Latin: Theological Texts**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

This course focuses on the reading and critical analysis of late ancient Latin theological texts from the time of Tertullian through Gregory the Great (d. 604). The course emphasizes primarily Christian theological literature and provides a review of Latin grammar and exposure to a variety of ecclesial authors and genres. The course aims to prepare students to use Latin texts in doctoral-level research in the discipline of theology. Students are expected to have acquired introductory skills in ancient Latin prior to enrollment in this course. Prerequisites: Students demonstrate the acquisition of introductory skills upon admission to the doctoral program or by having successfully completed LATN 2010 or the equivalent.

THEO 6930 - Special Topics**Credit(s): 3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)

Offered occasionally.

THEO 6970 - Research Topics**Credit(s): 1-3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 6980 - Graduate Reading Course****Credit(s): 1-3 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)**THEO 6990 - Dissertation Research****Credit(s): 0-9 Credits** (Repeatable for credit)