

THEOLOGY (B.A./M.A.)

The B.A./M.A. program is designed to provide high-achieving students an accelerated path to theological literacy and professional competency in service to the Church—especially in fields such as Pastoral Ministry, Religious Education and Parish Administration—or as preparation for doctoral-level research. B.A./M.A. coursework integration results in a streamlined educational program wherein students can earn their M.A. in approximately 6 years.

In addition to meeting separate admission requirements for the B.A./M.A. program (beyond general admission to the university), students must maintain a 3.3 GPA in their undergraduate coursework, and follow all undergraduate and graduate academic policies and procedures to remain in good standing in the program. With the permission of their advisor, B.A./M.A. students take three graduate courses during the last three semesters of their undergraduate degree program: THEO 679, THEO 680 and THEO 681. Upon completion of the undergraduate requirements for the B.A. portion of the program, students will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts. An official Change of Status form must be filed with the Division of Philosophy and Theology to change the student status from undergraduate to graduate. Upon completion of all graduation requirements, students will be awarded the Master of Arts.

Student Learning Outcomes

- Students will gain knowledge of Scripture and Tradition – Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of Sacred Scripture, Catholic Tradition, and Magisterial Teaching.
- Students will gain knowledge of Hermeneutics – Graduates will demonstrate knowledge of how the Catholic Church systematically organizes, contextualizes, and transmits the Christian Faith.
- Students will gain skill in Theological Thinking – Graduates will demonstrate ability to think critically about the Christian Faith, including its application to moral questions.
- Students will gain skill in Theological Communication – Graduates will demonstrate ability to communicate effectively in ecumenical and inter-religious contexts.
- Students will learn appreciation for Spiritual Growth – Graduates will demonstrate understanding of the relationship of theological knowledge and skills with their own spiritual growth.
- Students will learn appreciation for Servant-Leadership – Graduates will demonstrate understanding of the relationship of theological knowledge and skills with their service to others.

B.A. in Theology (36 sem. hrs.)

(Students must maintain a minimum 3.3 GPA.)

Code	Title	Hours
THEO 200	H2a:TH3:CIT:ChristiaTheoTo1500	3
THEO 201	H2a:TH3:CIT:ChrisTheo/1500-Pre	3
THEO 215	H2a:TH1:CIT:OldTestamentScript	3
THEO 216	H2a:TH3:CIT:NewTestamentScript	3
THEO 302	H3:TH3:CIT: Liturgy/Sacraments	3
THEO 309	H2a:TH1:CIT:SL:PrinJustic/Peac	3
THEO 406	Theology Internship	6
Theology Internship options (see course description)		
Choose 1 of the following:		
THEO 408	Seminar: Topics in Theology	3

or THEO 409		
THEO 579	Christology and the Trinity	3
THEO 580	Catholic Moral Life	3
THEO 581	Ecclesiology	3
Total Hours		36

M.A. in Theology (36 sem. hrs.) [= 27 Credit Hours + 9 Credit Hours from THEO 579, 580, 581]

(Students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA)

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
THEO 670	Catholic Tradition	3
THEO 682	Old Testament Scriptures	3
THEO 683	New Testament Scriptures	3
THEO 690	Spiritual Formation	3
THEO 691	Liturgy and Sacraments	3
Terminal Track		
Pastoral Ministry Concentration (select three of the following courses)		9
THEO 676	Lay Ecclesial Leadership	
THEO 684	CPE: Eccl Leader/Pastoral Care	
BSC 560	DV:Intro Counsel/Counsel Prof	
CHD 612	Lifepsan Development	
CHD 626	Group Process	
Religious Education Concentration (select three of the following courses)		9
THEO 631	Cetechesis	
THEO 676	Lay Ecclesial Leadership	
EDF 601	Psychology of Learning	
EDT 600		
NURS 632	Teach Strateg in Nursing Educ	
Parish Administration Concentration (select three of the following courses)		9
THEO 651	Parish Administration	
THEO 676	Lay Ecclesial Leadership	
MBA 683	Not-For-Profit Accounting	
MBA 744	Services Marketing	
THEO 651	Parish Administration	
THEO 701	Integration Project (Culminating assignment for students pursuing a terminal degree = concentration)	3
Non-Terminal Track		
Elective Courses		6
THEO 600	Spec Topics in Ecclesial Lead	
THEO 610	Spec Topics in Moral Theology	
THEO 620	Spec Topics in App Pract Theo	
THEO 630	Special Topics in Scripture	
THEO 640	Special Topics in Theology	
THEO 702	Integration Thesis (for students pursuing a non-terminal degree)	6

Graduate course descriptions are listed in the Graduate Catalog.

Admission to the B.A./M.A. program follows three possible tracks:

Track 1 is Freshman Admission

Prospective students must meet two of the following three criteria:

- Have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.5.
- Have a minimum ACT score of 27 or SAT score of 1200.
- Graduate in the top 10% of their high school class.

Prospective students must complete the following protocol:

- Complete an application form and submit with writing sample to Chair, Humanities Division.
- Participate in an interview with the Undergraduate Program Coordinator and Graduate Program Director.

Students who do not meet requirements to enter the B.A./M.A. program as freshmen may apply through Track 2 or Track 3.

Track 2 is open to students after their freshman year who meet the following criteria:

- Complete 30 semester hours, including transfer credits, with a minimum 3.3 GPA.
- Complete THEO 106.
- Complete an application form and submit with writing sample to Chair, Humanities Division.
- Participate in an interview with the Undergraduate Program Coordinator and Graduate Program Director.

Track 3 is open to students after their sophomore year who meet the following criteria:

- Complete 60 semester hours, including transfer credits, with a minimum 3.3 GPA.
- Complete THEO 200, 201, 215, 216, and 302 **OR** 309
- Complete an application form and submit with writing sample to Chair, Humanities Division.
- Participate in an interview with the Undergraduate Program Coordinator and Graduate Program Director.

Students in the B.A./M.A. program must follow all undergraduate and graduate academic policies and procedures including a change of status for the graduate program.