

THEOLOGY (BA)

Program Mission

The mission of the Theology Program is to teach Catholic theology “in a manner faithful to scripture, Tradition, and the Church’s Magisterium” and thereby to provide “an awareness of the Gospel principles that will enrich the meaning of human life and give it a new dignity” (*Ex corde ecclesiae*, 20). Faithful to the Christian message as it has come to us through the church, the Theology Program introduces students to Catholic theology as an exercise in “faith seeking understanding.” Mindful of its ethical obligations to the Church and the world, the program also seeks to foster ecumenical awareness and concern for Catholic Social Teaching and to prepare student majors for teaching, parish work, youth ministry, and graduate studies.

Program Outcomes

1. Students will achieve a knowledge base of theology.
2. Students will learn to apply theology.
3. Students will gain skills competency in theology.
4. Students will learn and apply the Church’s doctrine of dialogue with non-Catholics as practice for more effective engagement with today’s multicultural world.

Program Requirements

36 credit hours with the following distribution:

Code	Title	Hours
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
THEO-2000	Christian Moral Life	3
THEO-4500	Theology Seminar	3
Select one of the following Old Testament Studies courses:		3
THEO-2100	Old Testament I: Pentateuch	
THEO-3100	Old Testament II: Wisdom Literature	
THEO-3110	Old Testament III: Prophets (Prophets)	
Select one of the following New Testament Studies courses:		3
THEO-2150	New Testament I: Synoptic Gospels	
THEO-3150	New Testament Lit II: Pauline Literature	
THEO-3160	Gospel of John	
Select one of the following Historical Studies courses:		3
THEO-3420	Hist of Catholic Church I: Apost-16th C	
THEO-3430	History Catholic Church II: Reform-Today	
Select one of the following Ecumenical Studies courses:		3
THEO-3820	Christianity & World Religions	
THEO-3840	Protestant Tradition	
Select one of the following Christian Life Studies courses:		3
THEO-3200	Sacraments & Liturgy	
THEO-3220	Christian Marriage	
THEO-3260	Catholic Social Teaching	
THEO-3240	Benedictine Spirituality	
THEO-3280	Spiritual Theology	
Select one of the following Doctrinal Studies courses:		3
THEO-3680	Faith & Reason II ¹	
THEO-3620	Theology of the Church	
THEO-3640	Christ & the Trinity	

THEO-3660	Mary, Mother of God	
Nine hours of electives ²		9
THEO-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Total Hours		36

¹ Note: Prerequisite: PHIL-3670 Faith & Reason I

² Note: any Theology course may count as an elective except THEO-2010 Biblical Hebrew I; up to one Evangelization and Catechesis course may also count (but not more than one Evangelization and Catechesis course).

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Historical Foundation		3
Foreign Language		4
EXSC Fitness Course		1
EXSC-1115	Wellness for Life	1
Hours		16
Second Semester		
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Foreign Language		4
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
Historical Foundation		3
Theology – Old Testament		3
Hours		16
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
Person and Community Foundation		3
Theology – New Testament		3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Natural World Foundation		4
Elective		3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
Aesthetic Foundation		3
Theology – Doctrinal		3
THEO-2000	Christian Moral Life	3
Electives		8
Hours		17
Junior Year		
First Semester		
Theology – Historical		3
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation		3
Natural World Foundation		3-4
Electives		6
Hours		15-16

Second Semester

Theology – Christian Life	3
Theology elective	3
Mathematical Reasoning Foundation	3
Electives	8
Hours	17

Senior Year

First Semester

Theology electives	6
Philosophical Inquiry Foundation	3
Electives	7
Hours	16

Second Semester

Theology elective	3	
THEO-4500	Theology Seminar	3
Electives	10	
THEO-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
Hours	16	
Total Hours	129-130	