

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP MINOR

True to its Jesuit Catholic heritage, Loyola adheres to its promise of preparing people to lead extraordinary lives. The Pastoral Leadership minor provides students with academic opportunities through a structured curriculum that supports the university's mission of seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith. Students benefit from supervised leadership and service experiences that equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for contemporary pastoral leadership.

The Pastoral Leadership minor affords a structured curriculum for students from all religious traditions to gain academic capacities commensurate with their leadership experience in Loyola's University Ministry and in other co-curricular and community contexts. Though the program has its foundations in the Christian (Catholic) tradition, it is open to all who are interested in experiencing what pastoral ministry could mean for their future.

In particular, the minor helps students:

- Understand the foundation of Christian theology in areas such as scripture, sacrament, ecclesiology and tradition in forming pastoral leadership.
- Gain skills in the areas of leadership practices, social and cultural analysis, and organizational development as applied to pastoral leadership.
- Demonstrate an understanding of one's faith and its call to leadership.
- Articulate a personal pastoral theology and model of pastoral leadership as it applies to a particular religious mission or identity.

Related Programs

Major

- Theology (BA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/theology/theology-ba/>)

Minor

- Religious Studies Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/theology/religious-studies-minor/>)
- Theology Minor (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/theology/theology-minor/>)

Curriculum

The Pastoral Leadership Minor requires six courses. Students must complete three courses at the 100/200 level, preferably in the areas of Christian doctrine, Biblical Literature, and Christian Ethics, though the final selection is up to the individual student. Three courses at the 300-level are required. THEO 347 Creative Ministry and THEO 348 Supervised Ministry are required.

The pastoral leadership minor is offered by the Department of Theology (LSC) in conjunction with the Institute for Pastoral Studies located downtown (WTC).

Please note that students who complete the minor will also be granted 'advanced standing' towards a MA degree in Pastoral Studies or in Social

Justice at the Institute for Pastoral Studies should they wish to pursue a graduate degree in one of their programs at a later date.

Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
A. Required Core-Level Courses		
<i>Doctrine & History of Christianity</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 100	Christian Theology	
THEO 265	Sacraments and the Christian Imagination	
THEO 266	Church & Global Cultures	
THEO 267	Jesus Christ	
THEO 279	Roman Catholicism	
THEO 281	Christianity Through Time	
<i>Christian Ethics</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 185	Christian Ethics	
THEO 186	Global Religious Ethics	
THEO 203	Social Justice and Injustice	
THEO 204	Religious Ethics and the Ecological Crisis	
<i>Biblical Literature</i>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 231	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	
THEO 232	New Testament	
THEO 302	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	
THEO 303	Pentateuch	
THEO 308	Biblical Hebrew I	
THEO 309	Biblical Hebrew II	
THEO 311	The Meaning of Jesus Christ	
THEO 313	Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke	
B. Required 300-Level Courses		
THEO 300-level elective ¹		3
IPS 570	Introduction to Theology and Ministry	3
THEO 348 / IPS 580	Supervised Ministry	3
Total Hours		18

¹ This course should be tied to student's interests and courses taken at 100-level. Consult Director of Minors for course selection.

Suggested Sequence of Courses

The below sequence of courses is meant to be used as a suggested path for completing coursework. An individual student's completion of requirements depends on course offerings in a given term as well as the start term for the minor. Students should consult the undergraduate program director for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
Doctrine Course (THEO 100)		3
Hours		3

Spring

Christian Ethics Course (THEO 185)	3
Hours	3

Sophomore**Fall**

Biblical Literature Course (THEO 231)	3
Hours	3

Junior**Fall**

IPS 570	Introduction to Theology and Ministry	3
Hours		3

Spring

THEO 300-Level or higher Course	3
Hours	3

Senior**Fall**

THEO 348 or IPS 580	Supervised Ministry or Contextual Education I	1.5-3
Hours		1.5-3
Total Hours		16.5-18

Transfer-Student Residency Requirement

At least 9 credit hours of PASL-MINR requirements must be completed at Loyola.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Pastoral Leadership Minor should be able to:

- the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition;
- the application of scholarly methods to the understanding of scripture;
- key theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Christology, trinity, ecclesiology, sacramental theology, etc.);
- foundational knowledge of at least one other religious tradition outside of Christianity.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how Christian perspectives and sources inform responses to pressing ethical questions.
- Display basic good practices of service and leadership within a supervised pastoral setting.