

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

Loyola University Chicago offers a minor in Religious Studies in the Department of Theology.

Related Programs

Major

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

Combined

- Theology (BA/MA) (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/accelerated-bachelors-masters-program/ba-ma-theology/>)

Curriculum

A minor in Religious Studies requires 6 courses taken from within the Theology department. In addition to the three required Core-level courses, three electives must be taken at the 300 level. Students must study at least two (2) major world religions and take a range of other courses. Each program is individually tailored to fit the student's plans in consultation with the undergraduate program director.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Christian Traditions</i>		3
THEO 100	Christian Theology ¹	
THEO 185	Christian Ethics	
THEO 232	New Testament	
THEO 265	Sacraments and the Christian Imagination	
THEO 267	Jesus Christ	
THEO 279	Roman Catholicism	
THEO 281	Christianity Through Time	
THEO 317	Christian Thought: Ancient-Medieval	
THEO 318	Christian Thought: Reformation to Modern	
<i>Non-Christian Religious Tradition Course</i>		3
THEO 272	Judaism	
THEO 282	Hinduism	
THEO 295	Islam	
THEO 297	Buddhism	
THEO 299	Religions of Asia	
<i>Religious Comparisons Course</i>		3
THEO 107	Introduction to Religious Studies	
THEO 186	Global Religious Ethics	
THEO 278	Religion & Gender	
<i>Electives</i>		9
Select three THEO 300-Level or Higher Electives		
Total Hours		18

¹ Eligible students may substitute HONR 101 Western Traditions - Antiquity to the Middle Ages/HONR D101 Developments Western Thought I Discussion, THEO 190 Loyola's Mission: Ignatian Traditions, or PHIL 190 Loyola's Mission: The Philosophical Vision for THEO 100 Christian Theology

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		
	Religious Comparisons Course (THEO 107)	3
Hours		3
Spring		
	Non-Christian Traditions Course (200-Level or Higher)	3
Hours		3
Sophomore		
Fall		
	Christian Traditions Course (THEO 200-Level Course)	3
Hours		3
Spring		
	THEO 300-Level Elective Course	3
Hours		3
Junior		
Fall		
	THEO 300-Level Elective Course	3
Hours		3
Spring		
	THEO 300-Level Elective Course	3
Hours		3
Total Hours		18

Transfer-Student Residency Requirement

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

Double-Dipping Policy

This department observes the CAS Double-Dipping Policy (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/#policies-text>) regarding unique credits required for each declared major/minor.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Religious Studies Minor should be able to:

- Explain the history of different ways of understanding the category of religion.
- Describe two or more religions within their particular contexts.
- Describe relationships between a religion and other social contexts.
- Describe approaches to ethics in two or more religions while noting internal diversities.
- Write a research paper using academic sources and methods in Religious Studies.