

THEOLOGY MINOR

Loyola University Chicago offers a minor in Theology.

Related Programs

Major

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

Minor

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

Curriculum

A minor in Theology 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. The three (3) Core-level courses must be selected from at least two (2) of the six areas listed below.

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Core-Level Courses</i>		
Select three core-level courses from at least two of the areas listed below:		9
<i>Doctrine:</i> ¹		
THEO 100	Christian Theology	
THEO 265	Sacraments and the Christian Imagination	
THEO 266	Church & Global Cultures	
THEO 267	Jesus Christ	
<i>Bible, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament</i>		
THEO 231	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	
THEO 302	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	
THEO 303	Pentateuch	
THEO 304	Israel Conquest to Exile	
<i>Bible, New Testament</i>		
THEO 232	New Testament	
THEO 311	The Meaning of Jesus Christ	
THEO 313	Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke	
<i>Christian Thought Course</i>		
THEO 317	Christian Thought: Ancient-Medieval	
THEO 318	Christian Thought: Reformation to Modern	
<i>Non-Christian Religious Tradition Course</i>		
THEO 107	Introduction to Religious Studies	
THEO 272	Judaism	
THEO 282	Hinduism	
THEO 295	Islam	
THEO 297	Buddhism	
THEO 299	Religions of Asia	
THEO 350	Topics in Islam	
THEO 352	Topics in Buddhism	
THEO 353	Religious Traditions	
THEO 356	Topics in Judaism	
THEO 365	Women, Gender and Embodiment in Islam	

THEO 366	Contemporary Islamic Thought and Movements
<i>Ethics Course</i>	
THEO 185	Christian Ethics
THEO 186	Global Religious Ethics
THEO 203	Social Justice and Injustice
THEO 204	Religious Ethics and the Ecological Crisis
THEO 293	Christian Marriage
THEO 340	Foundations of Christian Morality
THEO 342	Perspectives on Life and Death
THEO 343	Contemporary Christian Sexuality
THEO 344	Theology and Ecology

Required Electives

Select three THEO 300-level electives	9
Total Hours	18

¹ Eligible students may substitute HONR 101 Western Traditions - Antiquity to the Middle Ages/HONR D101 Developments Western Thought I Discussion for Doctrine requirement.

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		
Core Level Course (THEO 100)		3
Hours		3
Spring		
Core Level Course (THEO 185)		3
Hours		3
Sophomore		
Fall		
Core Level 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 THEO-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>) regarding unique credits required for each declared major/minor.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Theology Minor should be able to:

- Accurately describe basic sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity, with a particular focus on the Roman Catholic tradition.
- Analyze a biblical text using academic tools.
- Compare at least two different approaches to basic theological concepts.
- Analyze and critically evaluate arguments from at least two different Christian ethicists on a contemporary ethical issue.
- Describe beliefs and practices of one religion other than Christianity.