

RELIGIOUS STUDIES MINOR

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 Director of Minors.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Foundations		
<i>Core-Level Courses</i>		
Select three core-level courses from the following:		9
<i>Doctrine:</i>		
THEO 100	Christian Theology ¹	
THEO 265	Sacraments and the Christian Imagination	
THEO 266	Church & Global Cultures	
THEO 267	Jesus Christ	
<i>Christian Life and Practice:</i>		
THEO 185	Christian Ethics	
THEO 186	Global Religious Ethics	
THEO 192	Topics in Moral Problems	
THEO 203	Social Justice and Injustice	
THEO 204	Religious Ethics and the Ecological Crisis	
THEO 293	Christian Marriage	
<i>Biblical Literature:</i>		
THEO 231	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	
THEO 232	New Testament	
<i>Religious Traditions and Practices:</i>		
THEO 107	Introduction to Religious Studies	
THEO 272	Judaism	
THEO 278	Religion & Gender	
THEO 279	Roman Catholicism	
THEO 281	Christianity Through Time	
THEO 282	Hinduism	
THEO 295	Islam	
THEO 297	Buddhism	
THEO 299	Religions of Asia	
Required Electives		
Select three 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, 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 a major or graduate study. Students should consult their advisor for assistance with course selection.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
Core Level Course (THEO 107)		3
Hours		3
Spring		
Core Level Course (THEO 186)		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 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/#policiestext>) regarding unique credits required for each declared major/minor.

Learning Outcomes

Students completing the Religious Studies Minor should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge in at least two of the following areas:
 - 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 sacred texts within at least two non-Christian traditions;
 - key theological concepts and doctrines of at least two non-Christian religions, individually understood and in a comparative setting.
- Demonstrate an understanding of basic methodology that distinguishes the field of religious studies from the field of theology.
- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of religious approaches to ethics and ethical issues.