

# THEOLOGY (BA)

## Curriculum

At least five (5) of the 12 courses required for the major must be at the 300-level or higher.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Doctrine Course</b> <sup>1</sup>		
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	
<b>Bible, Hebrew Bible/Old Testament Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 231	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	
or THEO 232 New Testament		
THEO 302	Wisdom Literature and Psalms	
THEO 303	Pentateuch	
THEO 304	Israel Conquest to Exile	
<b>Bible, New Testament Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 232	New Testament	
THEO 311	The Meaning of Jesus Christ	
THEO 313	Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke	
<b>Christian Thought Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 317	Christian Thought: Ancient-Medieval	
THEO 318	Christian Thought: Reformation to Modern	
<b>Non-Christian Religious Tradition Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 107	Introduction to Religious Studies	
THEO 169	Taoism	
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	
<b>Ethics Course</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
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	

THEO 340	Foundations of Christian Morality	
THEO 342	Perspectives on Life and Death	
THEO 343	Contemporary Christian Sexuality	
THEO 344	Theology and Ecology	
<b>Theology Capstone</b>		
THEO 373	Theology Capstone <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select five elective courses <sup>3</sup>		15
Any THEO 200-level or higher course		
CATH 296	All Things Ignatian: Living and Learning in the Jesuit Trad	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> With prior approval from the undergraduate program director, students may replace THEO 373 Theology Capstone with THEO 353 Religious Traditions.

<sup>3</sup> With prior approval from the undergraduate program director, up to two elective courses may be taken outside the Department of Theology. Courses used for other Theology major requirements cannot be used as electives.

THEO 280 Theology & Interdisciplinary Study may be taken to fulfill a major requirement, depending on the course topic. Please consult your department for more information.

## 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
<b>Freshman</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
	Doctrine Course (THEO 100)	3
	Ethics Course (THEO 185)	3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Non-Christian Traditions Course		3
THEO 231	Hebrew Bible/Old Testament	3
or THEO 232 or New Testament		
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>6</b>
<b>Sophomore</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
THEO 232	New Testament (whichever one not taken)	3
or THEO 231 or Hebrew Bible/Old Testament		
THEO 200-Level or higher Course		3
		<b>Hours</b>
		<b>6</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
THEO 200-Level or higher Course		3

THEO 300-Level or higher Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Junior</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
THEO 300-Level or higher Course <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
THEO 300-Level or higher Course <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Senior</b>	
<b>Fall</b>	
THEO 300-Level or higher Course	3
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Spring</b>	
THEO 373	Theology Capstone
<b>Hours</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>36</b>

- Demonstrate knowledge of the sources and historical development of beliefs and practices of Christianity with particular attention to the Roman Catholic tradition.
- Apply scholarly methods to the understanding of scripture.
- Demonstrate familiarity with key theological concepts and doctrines of the Christian faith (e.g., Christology, trinity, ecclesiology, sacramental theology, etc.) as enunciated by at least two theologians.
- Demonstrate 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.

<sup>1</sup> Students may take THEO 317 Christian Thought: Ancient-Medieval or THEO 318 Christian Thought: Reformation to Modern in this term.

## Transfer-Student Residency Requirement

At least 18 credit hours of THEO-BA 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.

## College of Arts and Sciences Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to take two Writing Intensive courses (6 credit hours) as well as complete a foreign language requirement at 102-level or higher (3 credit hours) or a language competency test. More information can be found here (<https://www.luc.edu/cas/college-requirements/>).

## Additional Undergraduate Graduation Requirements

All Undergraduate students are required to complete the University Core, at least one Engaged Learning course, and UNIV 101. SCPS students are not required to take UNIV 101. Nursing students in the Accelerated BSN program are not required to take core or UNIV 101. You can find more information in the University Requirements (<https://catalog.luc.edu/undergraduate/university-requirements/>) area.

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## Learning Outcomes

Students completing the **Theology Major** should be able to: