

THEOLOGY

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Department Description: The Theology Department is dedicated to the classical understanding of theology as “faith seeking understanding.” Faculty in this department represent a spectrum of theological interests including Old and New Testament studies, patristic and historical theology, moral theology, liturgical theology, and systematic theology. The theology department also has expertise in several of the world’s religious traditions. The department attracts students with diverse career goals ranging from ministry to medicine.

Web Contact/Information: Additional information about this department may be found at <http://www.creighton.edu/ccas/theology/index.php>. However, for definitive details, students are strongly encouraged to check the University’s website for Bulletin changes at <http://www.creighton.edu/Registrar>.

PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY

Specific Requirements for Admission to the Theology Major: Sophomore standing and “C” average in two or more completed theology courses.

B. A. Major in Theology: 36-42 Credits

Course Requirements

(All of the following:)

THL 100	Christianity in Context	3 credits
THL 250	Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding	3 credits
THL 335	Jesus Christ Yesterday and Today	3 credits
THL 390	History of the Christian Church	3 credits
THL 492	Senior Seminar	3 credits

(Three credits chosen from each of the following five areas:)

Old Testament Scripture

THL 201	Reading the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 202	Creation and Apocalypse	3 credits
THL 203	Biblical Ancestors and Heroes	3 credits

New Testament Scripture

THL 205	Sickness, Disability, and Healing in the Bible	3 credits
THL 207	Reading the New Testament	3 credits
THL 208	New Testament Communities and Their Stories	3 credits
THL 209	The Synoptic Gospels: The Life of Jesus	3 credits
THL 210	Applying the Memory of Jesus: The Comm. of John	3 credits
THL 212	Paul and His Legacy	3 credits

Biblical Studies

THL 501	The Pentateuch	3 credits
THL 502	Old Testament Themes	3 credits
THL 503	The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 504	The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 505	History of Biblical Interpretation	3 credits
THL 507	Gospel of Matthew	3 credits
THL 508	The Gospel of Mark	3 credits
THL 509	The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles	3 credits
THL 511	The Gospel of John	3 credits
THL 514	The Pastoral Epistles	3 credits
THL 516	The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)	3 credits
THL 517	The Parables of Jesus	3 credits
THL 518	Women and the Bible	3 credits
THL 519	Reading the Bible in the Context of the Time	1 credit
THL 520	The Dead Sea Scrolls	3 credits
THL 523	Israelite Religions	3 credits
THL 524	History of Ancient Israel	3 credits
THL 525	Archaeological Fieldwork and Analysis	3 credits
THL 526	Archaeology of Roman Palestine	3 credits
THL 527	Study Tour of Biblical Israel	3 credits
THL 529	Translations of the Bible	3 credits

Doctrinal, Historical or Liturgical Theology

THL 530	Contemporary Catholic Theologians	3 credits
THL 531	Studies in Early Christianity	3 credits
THL 533	Ecclesiology: Contemporary Church Questions	3 credits
THL 534	Introduction to Liberation Theology	3 credits
THL 535	Doctrinal Development: Christology	3 credits
THL 536	The Mystery of God and Suffering of Human Beings	3 credits
THL 537	Doctrinal Development: Sin and Grace	3 credits
THL 538	Seminar in Christian Anthropology	3 credits
THL 539	Seminar in Christian Eschatology	3 credits
THL 540	Ecclesiology: The Documents of Vatican II	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 544	Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year	3 credits
THL 545	Liturgy and Christian Life	3 credits
THL 552	Studies in Medieval Christianity	3 credits
THL 555	Major Christian Theologian	3 credits
THL 556	Christianity and Modern Humanism	3 credits

Christian Life Studies

THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 561	Finding God in Daily Life: Prayer and Discernment	3 credits
THL 563	Contemporary Moral Problems	3 credits
THL 564	Christian Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 565	Catholic Social Teaching	3 credits
THL 566	Catholic Social and Sexual Ethics	3 credits

THL 568	Women in the Christian Tradition	3 credits
THL 572	Ethics and Spirituality	3 credits
THL 573	Religion and Politics	3 credits
THL 574	Faith and Food	3 credits
THL 575	Foundations of Christian Spirituality	3 credits
THL 576	Introduction to Jesuit Spirituality	3 credits
THL 579	Special Methods Teaching Religion Secondary Schools	3 credits
THL 587	Methods of Teaching Religion in Elementary School	3 credits
THL 588	Christian Ethics of War and Peace	3 credits
Additional six THL credits chosen from 300-599.		6 credits

Specialization in Biblical Studies

In addition to the Theology Major requirements students may specialize in Biblical Studies by choosing six credits from the following:

THL 501	The Pentateuch	3 credits
THL 502	Old Testament Themes	3 credits
THL 503	The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 504	The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 505	History of Biblical Interpretation	3 credits
THL 507	Gospel of Matthew	3 credits
THL 508	The Gospel of Mark	3 credits
THL 509	The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles	3 credits
THL 511	The Gospel of John	3 credits
THL 514	The Pastoral Epistles	3 credits
THL 516	The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)	3 credits
THL 517	The Parables of Jesus	3 credits
THL 518	Women and the Bible	3 credits
THL 519	Reading the Bible in the Context of the Time	3 credits
THL 520	The Dead Sea Scrolls	3 credits
THL 523	Israelite Religions	3 credits
THL 524	History of Ancient Israel	3 credits
THL 525	Archaeological Fieldwork and Analysis	3 credits
THL 526	Archaeology of Roman Palestine	3 credits
THL 527	Study Tour of Biblical Israel	3 credits
THL 529	Translations of the Bible	3 credits

Specialization in Doctrinal, Historical or Liturgical Theology

In addition to the Theology Major requirements students may specialize in Doctrinal, Historical or Liturgical Theology by choosing six credits from the following:

THL 530	Contemporary Catholic Theologians	3 credits
THL 531	Studies in Early Christianity	3 credits
THL 533	Ecclesiology: Contemporary Church Questions	3 credits
THL 534	Introduction to Liberation Theology	3 credits
THL 535	Doctrinal Development: Christology	3 credits
THL 536	The Mystery of God and Suffering of Human Beings	3 credits
THL 537	Doctrinal Development: Sin and Grace	3 credits
THL 538	Seminar in Christian Anthropology	3 credits
THL 539	Seminar in Christian Eschatology	3 credits
THL 540	Ecclesiology: The Documents of Vatican II	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 544	Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year	3 credits
THL 545	Liturgy and Christian Life	3 credits
THL 552	Studies in Medieval Christianity	3 credits
THL 555	Major Christian Theologian	3 credits
THL 556	Christianity and Modern Humanism	3 credits

Specialization in Christian Life Studies

In addition to the Theology Major requirements students may specialize in Christian Life Studies by choosing six credits from the following:

THL 416	For the Greater Glory	3 credits
THL 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical and Theological Approaches	3 credits
THL 458	Theology and the Vocation to Health Care	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 556	Christianity and Modern Humanism	3 credits
THL 560	Theology of Ministry	3 credits
THL 561	Finding God in Daily Life: Prayer and Discernment	3 credits
THL 563	Contemporary Moral Problems	3 credits
THL 564	Christian Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 565	Catholic Social Teaching	3 credits
THL 566	Catholic Social and Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 567	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3 credits
THL 568	Women in the Christian Tradition	3 credits
THL 572	Ethics and Spirituality	3 credits
THL 573	Religion and Politics	3 credits
THL 574	Faith and Food	3 credits
THL 575	Foundations of Christian Spirituality	3 credits
THL 576	Introduction to Jesuit Spirituality	3 credits
THL 579	Special Methods Teaching Religion Secondary Schools	3 credits
THL 587	Methods of Teaching Religion in Elementary School	3 credits
THL 588	Christian Ethics of War and Peace	3 credits

APPLIED ETHICS MINOR

Program Description: An interdisciplinary program of studies designed to provide students with an understanding of applied ethics from two perspectives, philosophy and theology. The minor introduces students to the differences and similarities in philosophical and theological approaches to applied ethics, different theories of ethics in these two disciplines, and how to relate the two.

Contact: Julia A. Fleming, Professor of Theology; John W. Carlson, Professor of Philosophy

*Foundational Ethics***(All of the following):**

PHL 250	Philosophical Foundations for Ethical Understanding	3 credits
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*Theological Ethics***(Two of the following):**

THL 534	Introduction to Liberation Theology	3 credits
THL 563	Contemporary Moral Problems	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 564	Catholic Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 565	Catholic Social Teaching	3 credits
THL 566	Catholic Social and Sexual Ethics	3 credits

*Philosophical Ethics***(Two of the following):**

PHL 331	Moral Philosophy	3 credits
PHL 343	Ethics and the Professions	3 credits
PHL 348	Philosophy of Feminism	3 credits
PHL 354	Environmental Ethics	3 credits
PHL 359	History of Ethics	3 credits
PHL 368	Moral Psychology	3 credits
PHL 453	Ethics and Public Policy	3 credits
PHL 455	Health Care, Society and Values	3 credits

(One additional course chosen from the lists above or from the following:)

JPS 588	Christian Ethics of War and Peace	3 credits
SRP 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical & Theological Approaches	3 credits
SRP 458	Theology and the Vocation to Health Care	3 credits
SRP 409	Race and Gender Relations: Moral and Ethical Dilemmas	3 credits
THL 250	Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding	3 credits

BIBLICAL STUDIES MINOR

Program Description: The Biblical Studies minor examines historical, social, and literary contexts of the biblical texts, and their use in theological traditions. Students will explore the Old and New Testaments using the techniques of modern historical criticism.

Contact: Chair, Department of Theology

Old Testament

(One of the following:)

THL 201	Reading the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 202	Creation and Apocalypse	3 credits
THL 203	Biblical Ancestors and Heroes	3 credits

New Testament

(One of the following:)

THL 205	Sickness, Disability, and Healing in the Bible	3 credits
THL 207	Reading the New Testament	3 credits
THL 208	New Testament Communities and Their Stories	3 credits
THL 209	The Synoptic Gospels: The Life of Jesus	3 credits
THL 210	Applying the Memory of Jesus: The Comm. of John	3 credits
THL 212	Paul and His Legacy	3 credits

Biblical Studies

(Six credits from the following:)

THL 501	The Pentateuch	3 credits
THL 502	Old Testament Themes	3 credits
THL 503	The Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 504	The Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 505	History of Biblical Interpretation	3 credits
THL 507	Gospel of Matthew	3 credits
THL 508	The Gospel of Mark	3 credits
THL 509	The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles	3 credits
THL 511	The Gospel of John	3 credits
THL 514	The Pastoral Epistles	3 credits
THL 516	The Book of Revelation (The Apocalypse)	3 credits
THL 517	The Parables of Jesus	3 credits
THL 518	Women and the Bible	3 credits
THL 519	Reading the Bible in the Context of the Time	3 credits
THL 520	The Dead Sea Scrolls	3 credits
THL 523	Israelite Religions	3 credits
THL 524	History of Ancient Israel	3 credits
THL 525	Archaeological Fieldwork and Analysis	3 credits
THL 526	Archaeology of Roman Palestine	3 credits
THL 527	Study Tour of Biblical Israel	3 credits
THL 529	Translations of the Bible	3 credits

(Six additional credits chosen from the Biblical Studies list or from the following:)

Language

GRK 101	Beginning Greek I	3 credits
GRK 102	Beginning Greek II	3 credits
GRK 201	Intermediate Greek	3 credits
HEB 101	Introduction to Classic Hebrew I	3 credits
HEB 102	Introduction to Classical Hebrew II	3 credits
HEB 201	Introduction to Classical Hebrew Poetry	3 credits

History/Archaeology

CNE 315	Religions in the Greco-Roman World	3 credits
CNE 401	Greek History to the Peloponnesian War	3 credits
CNE 402	Hellenistic History	3 credits
CNE 403	Roman Republic	3 credits
CNE 404	Roman Empire	3 credits
CNE 418	Great Empires of the Near East	3 credits
CNE 419	Ancient Egypt: History, Society and Culture	3 credits
THL 350	Archaeology of Syria-Palestine	3 credits

CHRISTIAN LIFE STUDIES MINOR

Program Description: The minor in Christian Life Studies offers students an opportunity to explore the practical ways in which Christians “grow in the image and likeness of God,” as that question has been addressed within the disciplines of Christian ethics and/or Christian spirituality. In Christian Ethics, students investigate the basic principles, values, and practices that ground an authentic moral life. In Christian Spirituality, students study how the tradition has addressed the human response to God in its personal and ecclesial contexts. The intentional breadth and flexibility of this minor give the opportunity to bridge the disciplines of Christian Ethics and Christian Spirituality and encourage students to follow and deepen personal interests.

Contact: Chair, Department of Theology

(All of the following:)

THL 250	Theological Foundations for Ethical Understanding	3 credits
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*Ethics and/or Spirituality***(Fifteen credits from the following:)**

THL 416	For the Greater Glory	3 credits
THL 457	Biomedical Ethics: Philosophical and Theological Approaches	3 credits
THL 458	Theology and the Vocation to Health Care	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 561	Finding God in Daily Life: Prayer and Discernment	3 credits
THL 563	Contemporary Moral Problems	3 credits
THL 564	Christian Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 565	Catholic Social Teaching	3 credits
THL 566	Catholic Social and Sexual Ethics	3 credits
THL 568	Women in The Christian Tradition	3 credits
THL 572	Ethics and Spirituality	3 credits
THL 575	Foundations of Christian Spirituality	3 credits
THL 576	Introduction to Jesuit Spirituality	3 credits
THL 588	Christian Ethics of War and Peace	3 credits

HISTORICAL AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY MINOR

Program Description: The minor in Historical and Systematic Theology offers students an opportunity to explore the development of the Christian theological tradition in its historical complexity. The minor focuses on doctrinal themes such as Trinitarian thought, Christology, and Ecclesiology, but these themes are always treated in the context of their historical development. The minor in Historical and Systematic Theology focuses intensely on the conceptual coherence of the core beliefs about the nature of God, God’s involvement in the world, and the mission of the Church in the world.

Contact: Chair, Department of Theology

*Scripture***(One of the following:)**

THL 201	Reading the Old Testament	3 credits
THL 202	Creation and Apocalypse	3 credits
THL 203	Biblical Ancestors and Heroes	3 credits

THL 205	Sickness, Disability, and Healing in the Bible	3 credits
THL 207	Reading the New Testament	3 credits
THL 208	New Testament Communities and Their Stories	3 credits
THL 209	The Synoptic Gospels: The Life of Jesus	3 credits
THL 210	Applying the Memory of Jesus: The Comm. of John	3 credits
THL 212	Paul and His Legacy	3 credits

Christian Theology

(One of the following:)

THL 324	Scripture & Theology: The Birth of Christian Doctrine	3 credits
THL 325	Catholicism: Creed and Question	3 credits
THL 326	Defending the Christian Faith	3 credits
THL 327	Christianity and the Holocaust	3 credits
THL 330	Jesus Christ and the Salvation of the World	3 credits
THL 331	Jesus Christ: Liberator	3 credits
THL 335	Jesus Christ Yesterday and Today	3 credits
THL 338	Eucharist: Liturgical Theology and Practice	3 credits
THL 339	Theology of the Church and Sacraments	3 credits
THL 341	Ecclesiology in Context: The Church in El Salvador	3 credits
THL 344	Theology of Christian Marriage	3 credits
THL 390	History of the Christian Church	3 credits

Historical-Doctrinal Theology

(Three of the following:)

THL 530	Contemporary Catholic Theologians	3 credits
THL 531	Studies in Early Christianity	3 credits
THL 533	Ecclesiology: Contemporary Church Questions	3 credits
THL 534	Introduction to Liberation Theology	3 credits
THL 535	Doctrinal Development: Christology	3 credits
THL 536	The Mystery of God and Suffering of Human Beings	3 credits
THL 537	Doctrinal Development: Sin and Grace	3 credits
THL 538	Seminar in Christian Anthropology	3 credits
THL 539	Seminar in Christian Eschatology	3 credits
THL 540	Ecclesiology: The Documents of Vatican II	3 credits
THL 541	God is Green	3 credits
THL 544	Christian Celebration: The Liturgical Year	3 credits
THL 545	Liturgy and Christian Life	3 credits
THL 552	Studies in Medieval Christianity	3 credits
THL 555	Major Christian Theologian	3 credits
THL 556	Christianity and Modern Humanism	3 credits

One additional course from the 300- and 500-level courses listed above. 3 credits

Teacher Certification

Students who think they may teach Religious Education in secondary schools must consult with the Education Department, with the Theology Department, and with the appropriate agency in the state in which they intend to teach.

B.A./M.A. Theology/Religious Education Teaching Certification (Five-Years)

The departments of Theology and Education offer a national accelerated five-year Bachelor's and Master's degree program with teaching certification in religious education. Students concentrate on a theological curriculum that prepares them to teach religion. The Education component offers full Nebraska state certification for those remaining in the state as well as Methods for Teaching Religion for those teaching elsewhere. Significant tuition scholarships are available for participants in this program. For more information, contact the Theology Department or Education Department.

Certificate Programs in University College

This department offers four certificate programs to students in University College: *Liturgy, Ministry, Spirituality, and Theology*. See the descriptions for these certificates on page 298 in the University College section of the Bulletin.