ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDIES MINOR

The Orthodox Christian Studies minor is an interdisciplinary minor focusing on the faith, history, and cultural significance of the Orthodox Christian tradition.

No matter your major, critical study of the Orthodox Christian tradition offers insights and context for understanding some of the world’s most significant issues:

- You’ll find a rich trove of artistic, cultural, historical, literary, philosophical, and religious resources for exploring the human condition past and present.
- Orthodox Christian studies acts as a cultural bridge, connecting religious traditions from throughout Asia Minor, the Balkans, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Russia.
- You’ll gain a greater familiarity with the range of modern Orthodox cultures—from Moscow to Baghdad—that is essential for success in today’s global environment.

Students are required to take Byzantine Christianity and can choose from elective courses* across several disciplines, including art and music history, classics, history, modern languages and literature, philosophy, and theology. Courses could include:

- Byzantine and Western Art
- Understanding Historical Change: Medieval
- Russian Short Fiction
- Byzantium and the West
- Hospitality and Cosmopolitanism
- The Crusades

*Courses that meet general college requirements or other major/minor requirements may be applied toward the completion of the Orthodox Studies minor. For example, THEO 3316 Byzantine Christianity, currently fulfills the sophomore theology core requirement.

Fordham University is the only university in the United States that offers a minor in Orthodox Christian Studies, supported by the Orthodox Christian Studies Center. The center’s mission is to foster intellectual inquiry by supporting scholarship and teaching in a way that is relevant to the human condition past and present.

The Orthodox Christian Studies minor is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center. Students in Fordham’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies may minor in Orthodox Christian studies only if they receive the approval of their college.

Requirements

The minor consists of the following six courses:

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<th>Course</th>
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<td>THEO 3316</td>
<td>Byzantine Christianity</td>
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<td>One course with the attribute OCAH: Art History</td>
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<td>Select three additional electives</td>
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1 The required course, in general, is offered by the theology department every year.

2 No more than two electives can be from any one discipline. A list of elective courses, courses with the OCST attribute, can be found on our course listing page.

Art History courses

Courses in this group have the OCAH attribute.

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<td>Gods, Monsters, Heroes, and Mortals: Narrative in Greek Art</td>
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<td>ARHI 2315</td>
<td>Roman Art</td>
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<td>ARHI 2341</td>
<td>Medieval Desire and Devotion</td>
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<td>ARHI 2360</td>
<td>Illuminated Manuscripts</td>
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<td>Art and Architecture of Rome</td>
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<td>MLAL 3076</td>
<td>Great Russian Minds: Mikhail Bakhtin</td>
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<td>THEO 4420</td>
<td>Early Christian Art in Context</td>
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History/Social Science courses

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<td>Revolutionary and Soviet Russia</td>
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<td>Stalinism: Making the Soviet State</td>
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<td>The Islamic World and the Crusades, 1099-Ca.1700</td>
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<td>THEO 3332</td>
<td>Christians, Muslims, Jews in the Medieval Period</td>
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Students are encouraged to apply courses that meet general college requirements or other major/minor requirements towards the completion of this minor. For example, the core course Byzantine Christianity (THEO 3316) currently fulfills the sophomore theology core requirement.

Should faculty sabbaticals or other developments create a situation that limits the availability of courses, the directors of the program would have the authority to amend the guidelines regarding the distribution of electives.

Availability

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advising dean and/or department, and their schedules are sufficiently flexible to permit them to take day courses at the Rose Hill or Lincoln Center campuses.