

THEOLOGY RELIGIOUS STUDIES MAJOR

The theology religious studies major introduces students to the study of religious textual traditions, the historical and cultural study of religions, foundations of Christian systematic theology and theological and social ethics, and training in theoretical and methodological approaches to the study of religion and theology.

Requirements

All Fordham undergraduates are required to take Faith and Critical Reason (THEO 1000) as well as one Sacred Texts and Traditions course (courses with the STXT attribute code). Although they are part of the Core Curriculum, they also provide a fundamental introduction to the coursework required of the major.

Course	Title	Credits
THEO 1000	Faith and Critical Reason ¹	3
Textual Traditions: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament or New Testament Course		3 or 4
Textual Traditions other than Christianity Course		3 or 4
History, Culture, and Society (3000 or 4000-level) Course		3 or 4
THEO 4300-level: History, Culture, and Society Advanced Seminar		4
THEO 4400	Foundations of Contemporary Theology	4
THEO 4500	Religion in NYC: Theory & Practice	4
Three general Theology electives ²		9 to 12

One course counting towards the major must focus on a historical period before 1500 (ancient/medieval). Textual Traditions courses do not fulfill this requirement.

¹ Additionally:

- Theology courses taken in the Manresa Scholars Program (THEO 1006 Sin and Salvation in Medieval Theology, THEO 1007 Sinners, Saints, and Stories, THEO 1008 Mystics Monks and Mindfulness: Contemplation-In-Action Today, and THEO 1010 Restless Heart: Quest) may fulfill this requirement.
- The following Theology courses taken in the Fordham College at Rose Hill or Fordham College at Lincoln Center Honors programs may fulfill this requirement: HPRH 1102 Foundational Texts: Theology/Classics, HPRH 3001 Religion in the Modern World, and HPLC 1401 Honors: Theology.

² A Theology elective is any course with the THEO attribute or any THEO course 3000:4999, as well as THEO 1050 Syriac Language and Literature I, THEO 1051 Syriac Language and Literature II, or THEO 1060 Elementary Coptic I.

Textual Traditions: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament or New Testament Courses

Courses in this group have the STCJ attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
THEO 3100	Introduction to Old Testament / Tanakh	3
THEO 3102	Book of Genesis	3
THEO 3105	The Torah	3

THEO 3120	The Prophets	3
THEO 3200	Introduction to New Testament	3
THEO 3207	The First Three Gospels	3
THEO 3212	Gospel of John	3
THEO 3345	The Book of Revelation	3
THEO 3826	Women in the Bible	4

Textual Traditions other Than Christianity Courses

Courses in this group have the STSN attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
THEO 3711	Sacred Texts of the Middle East	3
THEO 3713	Classic Jewish Texts	3
THEO 3715	Classic Islamic Texts	3
THEO 3720	Hindu Literature and Ethics	3
THEO 3724	Classic Buddhist Texts	3
THEO 3725	Buddhism in America: A Multimedia Investigation	3
THEO 3728	Buddhist Meditation	3
THEO 3731	Japanese Religions: Texts and Arts	3
THEO 3733	Chinese Religions	3
THEO 3876	Muslims in America	4
THEO 3883	Medicine and Healing in Islam	4
THEO 3884	Sufism: Islam's Mystical Tradition	3
THEO 3885	Women, Gender, and Islam	3

History, Culture, and Society Courses

Courses in this group have the THHC attribute. Students must take at least one THEO subject course with the THHC attribute numbered 4300-4399.

Course	Title	Credits
AFAM 4148	Race, Religion, and Politics: Catholic and Civil Rights	4
AFAM 4192	Race and Religion in the Transatlantic World	4
AMCS 4950	Christianity and Gender/Sexual Diversity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	4
CLAS 4051	Ancient Greece: Classical Study Tour	4
MEST 3620	Islam in America	4
THEO 3310	Early Christian Writings	3
THEO 3314	St. Augustine of Hippo	3
THEO 3316	Byzantine Christianity	3
THEO 3317	Women of the Christian East	3
THEO 3320	Augustine, Aquinas, and Luther	3
THEO 3330	Medieval Theology Texts	3
THEO 3332	Christians, Muslims, Jews in the Medieval Period	3
THEO 3340	Christian Mystical Texts	3
THEO 3350	Apocalyptic Literature: Ancient & Modern	3
THEO 3360	Reformation Texts	3
THEO 3361	Protestant Texts	3
THEO 3371	The American Transcendentalists: Spirituality Without Religion	3
THEO 3375	American Religious Texts and Traditions	3

THEO 3376	Spirituals, the Blues, and African-American Christianity	3	THEO 4110	Muslim, Jewish, and Christian Feminist Theologies: Discourses of Difference	4
THEO 3380	US Latinx Spiritualities	3	THEO 4301	Jews & Christians in Antiquity	4
THEO 3383	Latin American Liberation Theologies	3	THEO 4351	Modern Christian Thought & Practice	4
THEO 3390	Church in Controversy	3	THEO 4355	Histories and Cultures of American Evangelicalism	4
THEO 3542	Catholic Social Teaching	3	THEO 4371	Islam in Modern Egypt	4
THEO 3546	The Bible and Social Justice	3	THEO 4420	Early Christian Art in Context	4
THEO 3610	Christ in World Cultures	3	THEO 4430	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Early Christianity	4
THEO 3611	Scripture and the Struggle for Racial Justice	3	THEO 4520	Animals, Angels, and Aliens: Beyond the Human in Christian Thought	3
THEO 3620	Great Christian Hymns	3	THEO 4545	Bath Cultures and Bathing Rituals From Antiquity to Brooklyn	4
THEO 3655	The Journey of Faith: Autobiography as Sacred Text	3	THEO 4610	Malcolm, Martin, Baldwin, and the Church	4
THEO 3670	Theology and Contemporary Science	4	THEO 4620	Oscar Romero: Faith and Politics in El Salvador	4
THEO 3711	Sacred Texts of the Middle East	3	THEO 4950	Christianity and Gender/Sexual Diversity: Interdisciplinary Perspectives	4
THEO 3713	Classic Jewish Texts	3			
THEO 3715	Classic Islamic Texts	3			
THEO 3720	Hindu Literature and Ethics	3			
THEO 3724	Classic Buddhist Texts	3			
THEO 3725	Buddhism in America: A Multimedia Investigation	3			
THEO 3728	Buddhist Meditation	3			
THEO 3731	Japanese Religions: Texts and Arts	3			
THEO 3733	Chinese Religions	3			
THEO 3785	Spiritual Exercises and Culture	3			
THEO 3822	The Bible in Cultural Conflict	4			
THEO 3827	Bible and Human Sexuality	4			
THEO 3832	Christian Thought and Practice I	4			
THEO 3833	Christian Thought and Practice II	4			
THEO 3839	Theologies of America	4			
THEO 3852	LGBTQ Arts and Spirituality	4			
THEO 3854	Ignatian Spirituality	3			
THEO 3874	Religion in America	4			
THEO 3876	Muslims in America	4			
THEO 3882	Comparative Mysticism	3			
THEO 3883	Medicine and Healing in Islam	4			
THEO 3884	Sufism: Islam's Mystical Tradition	3			
THEO 3885	Women, Gender, and Islam	3			
THEO 3960	Religion and Race in America	4			
THEO 3961	Religion, Sex, and Culture in America Since 1700	4			
THEO 3970	Catholics in America	4			
THEO 3993	Wartime Religion in U.S. History	4			
THEO 4008	Religion and Ecology	4			
THEO 4009	Medieval Jerusalem	4			
THEO 4010	Death and Dying	4			
THEO 4027	The Ethics of Life	4			
THEO 4028	Religion & Bioethics	4			
THEO 4036	Human Nature After Darwin	4			
THEO 4037	Nature in Historical and Ethical Perspective	4			
THEO 4040	Home, Away, and In-Between	4			
THEO 4050	On Time and Its Value	4			
THEO 4105	Religion, Gender, and Sexuality	4			

Ancient/Medieval Historical Period Courses

Courses in this group have the THAM attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
CLAS 4051	Ancient Greece: Classical Study Tour	4
THEO 3250	Jesus in History and Faith	3
THEO 3310	Early Christian Writings	3
THEO 3314	St. Augustine of Hippo	3
THEO 3316	Byzantine Christianity	3
THEO 3317	Women of the Christian East	3
THEO 3320	Augustine, Aquinas, and Luther	3
THEO 3330	Medieval Theology Texts	3
THEO 3332	Christians, Muslims, Jews in the Medieval Period	3
THEO 3340	Christian Mystical Texts	3
THEO 3350	Apocalyptic Literature: Ancient & Modern	3
THEO 3546	The Bible and Social Justice	3
THEO 3827	Bible and Human Sexuality	4
THEO 3849	Eschatology	4
THEO 3882	Comparative Mysticism	3
THEO 4009	Medieval Jerusalem	4
THEO 4011	The New Testament and Moral Choices	4
THEO 4037	Nature in Historical and Ethical Perspective	4
THEO 4050	On Time and Its Value	4
THEO 4301	Jews & Christians in Antiquity	4
THEO 4420	Early Christian Art in Context	4
THEO 4430	Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Early Christianity	4
THEO 4545	Bath Cultures and Bathing Rituals From Antiquity to Brooklyn	4

Courses in Other Areas

The following courses offered outside the department have the THEO attribute.

Course	Title	Credits
AFAM 3115	Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X	4
AFAM 3120	Black Religion and Black Politics	4
AFAM 4148	Race, Religion, and Politics: Catholic and Civil Rights	4
AFAM 4192	Race and Religion in the Transatlantic World	4
ANTH 3110	Ancient Cultures of the Bible	4
CEED 3856	Introduction to Bioethics	4
CLAS 4051	Ancient Greece: Classical Study Tour	4
COMC 4348	Religion, Theology, and New Media	4
ECON 4870	Economic Foundations of Catholic Social Teaching	4
ENGL 3002	Queer Iconoclasts: Sexuality, Religion, Race	4
GREK 1501	Intermediate Greek I	3
HIST 5952	Research Seminar: African American Urban History	4
HPLC 2811	Honors Sacred Texts	3
MEST 3620	Islam in America	4
MLAL 3085	The Russian Icon in Literature, Theology, Avant Garde Art, Film, Music, Museums and Politics	4
MVST 4010	Medieval Franciscans and the Dream of a Just Economy	4
PHIL 3425	Philosophy and the Jesuit Tradition	4
PHIL 3664	Contemporary Thomism	4
SOCI 4052	An Ethics of Modern Selfhood: The Pursuit of Authenticity	4

Availability

The major in theology religious studies is available at Fordham College at Rose Hill, Fordham College at Lincoln Center, and Fordham's School of Professional and Continuing Studies at Lincoln Center and Rose Hill.

Fordham College at Rose Hill students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Fordham College at Lincoln Center students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the Core Curriculum.

Professional and Continuing Studies students: The requirements above are in addition to those of the PCS Core Curriculum and any additional electives that may be required to earn a minimum of 124 credits.