THEOLOGY

The discipline of theology explores the big questions: What does it mean to be human? How shall we live? What does it mean to believe in (or reject) the existence of God? Why are there so many religions? Christian theology tackles these questions by engaging a variety of disciplines, including history, philosophy, and literary studies. It works critically and appreciatively to discover, interpret, and understand the evolving beliefs and practices of Christianity. In light of Fordham’s Jesuit heritage and Catholic identity, the department focuses on the rich diversity within the Catholic tradition. Coursework emphasizes the mutual influence of faith and culture historically and in the present. New York City provides a valuable resource, especially for engaging in dialogue with other faith traditions of the world. Located in the poorest U.S. congressional district (Fordham’s Bronx campus) and bordering census tracts of both the highest and lowest income levels in Manhattan (at Lincoln Center), our locations in New York City invite faculty and students to repeatedly make the connections between the world’s religious and moral teachings and the realities of social injustice.

Majoring in theology provides an excellent liberal arts education. Theology majors learn the crucial skills of thinking critically and analytically, writing persuasively, communicating effectively, and working with others cooperatively. They learn how to interpret classic and contemporary texts, to understand ritual, to analyze and evaluate moral norms, and to explore patterns of authority in the tradition and in the cultures it inhabits. Electives allow students to shape the major in light of their own interests.

The department offers a variety of activities each semester, including guest speakers, a movie series, musical events, study trips, informal gatherings with faculty, retreats, and museum visits. All theology majors and minors are invited to attend regular seminars at which faculty and graduate students present their current work.

The department also has a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies and theology.

Early Admission to the Master’s Program

The accelerated M.A. program in theology allows theology majors presently enrolled in Fordham College at Rose Hill and Fordham College at Lincoln Center to attain both a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in theology in five years. Graduate courses begin in the student’s senior year, providing her or him with advanced training and enriching the undergraduate experience. An additional year of study permits the student to complete all of the theology department’s requirements for the degree of Master of Arts. For further information, contact an associate chair.

Program Activities

The department offers a variety of activities each semester, including guest speakers, a movie series, musical events, study trips, informal gatherings with faculty, retreats, and museum visits. All theology majors and minors are invited to attend the monthly faculty seminar at which faculty present their current work.

For more information

Visit the Theology department web page

Contribution to the Core

The study of theology at Fordham provides an intellectually sophisticated engagement with the Christian tradition. All freshmen in Fordham College and the Gabelli School of Business take THEO 1000 FAITH AND CRITICAL REASON, which introduces students to the academic study of religion as well as the intellectual foundations of theological questions past and present. All sophomores and juniors take one core theology course numbered THEO 3000-3799 with the attribute “Sacred Texts and Traditions,” which introduces students to the historical-critical study of the scriptures or the classical texts of one or more religious traditions. The theology department offers courses that fulfill American Pluralism, Global Studies, Eloquencia Perfecta 3, Interdisciplinary Capstone, and Values Seminar (Eloquencia Perfecta 4) requirements.

Programs

- Theology Minor
- Theology Religious Studies Major
- Theology Religious Studies Second Major

Courses

Our Courses

THEO 1000. FAITH AND CRITICAL REASON. (3 Credits)

An introductory theology course designed to acquaint students with the analytical study of religion and religious experience, and to give them some critical categories of evaluating the history of theological discourse. The academic study of some of the forms, concepts, experience, and theological formulations found in Christianity and various other traditions will be introduced. Attributes: FRPT, REST, THFR.

THEO 1006. SIN AND SALVATION IN MEDIEVAL THEOLOGY. (3 Credits)

This Manresa seminar will provide a survey of Christian understandings of sin and salvation in the medieval West, c. 400-1500. Theologians whose writings on these topics will be considered include Augustine, Anselm, Peter Lombard, Thomas-Aquinas, Bonaventure, John Duns Scotus and Martin Luther. Attribute: MANR.

THEO 1007. SINNERS, SAINTS, AND STORIES. (3 Credits)

This course will explore both the ways that biblical narratives have informed the traditional self-understanding of the western world and the ways in which that self-understanding has been complicated in the modern era. Of particular interest for this course is 1) the different biblical presentations of what it means to be a “sinner” or a “saint,” 2) the further reflection on these narratives and topics found in post-biblical literature, and 3) the competing narratives that may be found in the modern world. Attributes: FRPT, MANR, THFR.

THEO 1010. RESTLESS HEART: QUEST. (3 Credits)

Many writers throughout history, have described their personal quest for the transcendent. Writers—both classical and popular, devout believers and atheists—some reverent, some vulgar—describe this quest as a matter of first losing and then finding oneself. This seminar will explore the search of several of these writers though their autobiographies. Attributes: FRPT, MANR, THFR.
THEO 1050. SYRIAC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE I. (3 Credits)
This course is part of a two-semester introduction to Syriac, a dialect belonging to the Aramaic language branch. The first semester will introduce the scripts, cover grammatical foundations, and expose students from early on to the reading of texts. The second semester will be mostly spent reading Syriac literature, but some time will be devoted to select special topics in Syriac grammar. It is possible to take the first semester only.
Attributes: MVST, OCST, REST.

THEO 1051. SYRIAC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE II. (3 Credits)
This course is part of a two-semester introduction to Syriac, a dialect belonging to the Aramaic language branch. The first semester will introduce the scripts, cover grammatical foundations, and expose students from early on to the reading of texts. The second semester will be mostly spent reading Syriac literature, but some time will be devoted to select special topics in Syriac grammar. It is possible to take the first semester only.

THEO 1800. INTERNSHIP. (1 Credit)

THEO 1999. TUTORIAL. (1 Credit)
Independent research and readings with supervision from a faculty member.
Attribute: GLBL.

THEO 2800. INTERNSHIP-THEOLOGY. (2 Credits)
THEO 2999. TUTORIAL. (1-2 Credits)
Independent research and reading with supervision from a faculty member.
Prerequisite: THEO 1000.

THEO 3100. INTRODUCTION TO OLD TESTAMENT. (3 Credits)
History, literature and religion of ancient Israel.
Attributes: MEST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008.

THEO 3102. BOOK OF GENESIS. (4 Credits)
This fascinating and influential book of the Bible will be studied for its historical origins, literary forms, and theological ideas. In addition, the course will address the impact of the stories in Genesis on the development of western culture. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: MVST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3105. THE TORAH. (3 Credits)
Study of different types of literature found in the first five books of the Hebrew Bible and of the methods for its interpretation. This course will focus on the process by which this material moved from oral tradition to written literature to sacred scripture in Israel.
Attributes: JWST, MEST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3120. THE PROPHETS. (3 Credits)
A study of prophecy in the Bible from its origin in the religious practices of the ancient Near East to the final literary shape of biblical books. Moses, Elijah, Amos, Hosea, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Ezekiel are among the figures to be studied.
Attributes: MEST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3200. INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT. (3 Credits)
Christianity began as a Jewish movement. Jesus' followers worshiped the God of Israel and ordered their lives according to the Torah and other sacred texts. As Christians separated themselves from the synagogue, they began composing texts proclaiming the Gospel. This course will engage questions about the origin, development and authority of the Christian canon while reading parts of the New Testament in the historical context of first-century Hellenistic Judaism and the religious context of the canon.
Attributes: AMCS, CLAS, MVST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3207. THE FIRST THREE GOSPELS. (3 Credits)
Introduction to the gospels of Mark, Matthew and Luke. The formation of the gospels, the distinguishing characteristics of each, and the life and teachings of the historical Jesus.
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3212. GOSPEL OF JOHN. (3 Credits)
Literary and theological analysis of the fourth gospel; special attention to the theme of personal revelation in Jesus Christ, the motif of misunderstanding and the thematic unity of the gospel as a whole.
Attributes: AMCS, CLAS, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3250. JESUS IN HISTORY AND FAITH. (3 Credits)
A study of the early Christian understanding of Jesus’ life and ministry as this understanding is expressed in the Gospels, and of the so-called problem of the "historical Jesus" which issues from a critical reading of these texts. This course will cover several divergent readings of Gospel texts by contemporary scholars.
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3201. CHRISTIAN TEXTS IN CONTEXT. (3 Credits)

Updated: 01-02-2018
THEO 3314. ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO. (3 Credits)
A study of the life and thought of St. Augustine (354-431). Particular attention is given to his early philosophical writings, the Confessions, and his teaching on sin and grace. Students read Augustine's works in translation and write several short papers.
Attributes: CLAS, MVST, OCST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or HPRH 1001 THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3316. BYZANTINE CHRISTIANITY. (3 Credits)
Historical and critical study of classic authors and texts in the Orthodox tradition including: Basil of Caesarea, John Chrysostom, John Climacus, John of Damascus, and Gregory Palamas.
Attributes: MVST, OCST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3320. AUGUSTINE, AQUINAS, AND LUTHER. (3 Credits)
This course provides a historical introduction to the life and thought of three of the most significant and influential theologians in the history of Christianity. The course will be divided into three units, one per theologian, and the general rubrics within each unit will be "Faith and Reason" and "Nature and Grace."
Attributes: MVST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3330. MEDIEVAL THEOLOGY TEXTS. (3 Credits)
Historical and critical study of classic theological texts of Augustine, Pseudo Dionysius, Anselm, Bonaventure and Thomas Aquinas. Doctrine of God, the human person and Christ; relation of theology and philosophy.
Attributes: MVST, OCST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3332. CHRISTIANS, MUSLIMS, JEWS IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD. (3 Credits)
This Sacred Texts and Traditions course explores theological writings from Christians, Muslims, and Jews in the Middle Ages. We will explore moments of both inter-religious conflict and peaceful co-existence, and we will interrogate what this complex, distant history can teach us about possibilities of mutual understanding among members of Christian, Islamic, and Jewish faiths today.
Attributes: JWST, MVST, OCST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3340. CHRISTIAN MYSTICAL TEXTS. (3 Credits)
This course will introduce students to classic texts from the Christian mystical tradition with a primary focus on their close interpretation and analysis. Broader topics may include the nature of religious experience, explorations of the category of "mysticism" itself, gender and mysticism, and the interpretive issues at stake in comparing mystical texts across time and culture. Depending on instructor, course may focus on mystical texts from one particular period in the history of Christianity, or it may range from the patristic, medieval, modern, and/or contemporary periods. This course counts as core course in the Sacred Texts and Traditions serious.
Attributes: MVST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3345. THE BOOK OF REVELATION. (3 Credits)
The course includes a close reading of the final book in the Christian New Testament with special attention to contemporary biblical scholarship as well as various interpretations offered in times of crisis throughout Christian history.
Attributes: MVST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3360. REFORMATION TEXTS. (3 Credits)
This course will examine major Protestant and Catholic texts from the sixteenth century with attention to their religious, social and theological context and their importance for their respective ecclesial communities.
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3361. PROTESTANT TEXTS. (3 Credits)
An exploration of major Protestant texts from the Reformation to the present, focusing on themes that have been especially prominent in Protestant Christian thought, e.g. sources of revelation, justification, ecclesiology, the role of images/material objects in worship, Christianity's relationship to culture, etc. Students will be introduced to major Protestant figures and movements within Protestant theology through careful reading of significant theological texts. The course will focus especially on texts from the 18-20th centuries, concluding with an exploration of theological diversity within contemporary Protestantism.
Attributes: REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3371. THE AMERICAN TRANSCENDENTALISTS: SPIRITUALITY WITHOUT RELIGION. (3 Credits)
This course explores the spirituality and religious thoughts of the transcendentalists in the context of the 19th century liberal Protestant Christianity in the U.S. We will examine the influences of the transcendentalist movement (including Kant, German Romanticism, Indian Vedic traditions, and Swedenborg), read closely the most important works of it major figures (including Emerson, Thoreau, Alcott, and Fuller), and consider its influence on ecological spirituality, social progressivism, and post-religious spirituality in contemporary U.S. culture.
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3375. AMERICAN RELIGIOUS TEXTS. (3 Credits)
A critical and contextual reading of classical texts in American Religions History, focusing on diverse traditions and the crucial importance of religious perspectives to American culture, society, and self understanding.
Attributes: AMCS, AMST, PLUR, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3379. CHURCH IN CONTROVERSY. (3 Credits)
A study of the Catholic Church's written responses to some of the major controversies and secular ideologies in the modern world. Some of these include the rationalism of the Enlightenment, 19th-century liberalism and nationalism, the varieties of socialism and various forms of 20th century totalitarianism.
Attributes: AMCS, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.
THEO 3542. CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING. (3 Credits)
This course is an introduction to modern Catholic social teaching. Major papal and conciliar documents will be read and critically examined from various Christian and non-Christian perspectives. Their relation to contemporary social issues will be explored.
Attributes: PJST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3546. THE BIBLE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. (3 Credits)
A study of social justice in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures that involves historical, literary, theological, and ethical interpretations. Students will explore key biblical texts that address themes such as poverty, war, justice, power, and marginalization in historical context, within a history of interpretation, and in light of contemporary practice and theory.
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3610. CHRIST IN WORLD CULTURES. (3 Credits)
At the center of the Christian tradition stands the person of Jesus Christ. Yet, from a global perspective, Christianity takes many forms in its many contexts. This course examines the ways in which the Christian faith interacts with diverse world cultures and asks the central question, how do cultural differences shape contemporary interpretations of Jesus as the Christ?
Attributes: AMCS, GLBL, INST, LALS, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3620. GREAT CHRISTIAN HYMNS. (3 Credits)
This course will examine the poetry of Christian hymnody, beginning with the New Testament to the present, in order to unpack the rich and divergent theology expressed through its language and symbol, metaphor and doxology.
Attributes: AMCS, MVST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3655. The Journey of Faith: Autobiography as Sacred Text. (3 Credits)
Spiritual autobiography carries the lifeblood of religious experience. Through the reading of selected autobiographies, this course provides an inter-religious study of the personal quest for the transcendent.
Attributes: REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3700. SCRIPTURES OF THE WORLD. (3 Credits)
An introduction to the inspired writings that have molded the religious life of humankind.
Attributes: MEST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3711. SACRED TEXTS OF THE MIDEAST. (3 Credits)
First, an introduction to selected sacred literature of Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, and Israel, with attention to the social and historical contexts of the writings. Then, a similar consideration of selected readings from the New Testament of Christianity and the Mishnah and Talmud of Judaism. Finally, a study of the Qur’an, the rise of Islam, and some early Muslim writings.
Attributes: GLBL, INST, JWST, MEST, MVST, OCST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3713. CLASSIC JEWISH TEXTS. (3 Credits)
An exploration of Jewish beliefs through close readings of the Bible and post-Biblical Jewish texts (Mishnah, Talmud, midrash, liturgy). The course will focus on Jewish methods of biblical interpretation, legal discussion, and the relationships between texts, practice and theology in Jewish tradition.
Attributes: GLBL, JWST, MEST, REST, STXT, WGSS.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3715. CLASSIC ISLAMIC TEXTS. (3 Credits)
This course explores the sacred texts of Islam including the Qur’an, and Hadith, medieval philosophical, liturgical and legal texts.
Attributes: GLBL, INST, MEST, MVST, REST, STXT, WGSS.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3720. HINDU LITERATURE AND ETHICS. (3 Credits)
This course involves a study of the four aims of life (purushartha) in Hinduism: kama (enjoyment), artha (material gain), dharma (sacred law), and moksha (liberation). Readings, drawn from a variety of classical and modern Hindu texts, will be viewed in their historical contexts as developments in the evolution of Hinduism.
Attributes: GLBL, INST, REST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3724. CLASSIC BUDDHIST TEXTS. (3 Credits)
This course is an in-depth study of the Buddhist textual tradition starting with the early sectarian canon in South Asia and progressing through Chinese Buddhism to Japan, with a strong emphasis on Zen Buddhism. We will explore these religious texts in terms of their historical, cultural and artist contexts.
Attributes: GLBL, INST, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3725. BUDDHISM IN AMERICA: A MULTIMEDIA INVESTIGATION. (3 Credits)
This course traces the history of Buddhism in the United States from the nineteenth century to the present. It asks whether Buddhism in America is a single object of study, and whether we should understand it as a "religion." It further explores different techniques and media at our disposal for considering the primary concerns of American Buddhists (using films, podcasts, etc.).
Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.
THEO 3728. BUDDHIST MEDITATION. (3 Credits)

THEO 3731. JAPANESE RELIGIONS: TEXTS AND ARTS. (3 Credits)
This course is an in-depth study of Japanese religions and literary compositions of enduring influence, including examples of Japanese poetry, drama, koans, and manga. The course will focus on those relevant ritual, cosmological, and stereological aspects of Japanese religion that manifest themselves in these cultural landmarks.

Attributes: GLBL, STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3785. SPIRITUAL EXERCISES AND CULTURE. (3 Credits)
This course will be a comparative study of spiritual exercises across religions and cultures. Beginning with the exercises of Ignatius of Loyola, we proceed to the reception of his exercises in diverse global Christian contexts, feminist theology, and modern psychology. We then study lesser-known Christian spiritual exercises and their relation to Ignatius. Working backward, the course then turns to the ancient Mediterranean exercises that gave birth to Christian exercises. We conclude by studying spiritual exercises in religions andspiritualities beyond Christianity.

Questions about comparative theological method will surface throughout.

Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1009.

THEO 3790. VISION AND FAITH. (3 Credits)
Vision and Faith will compare how the visual arts and faith both have the potential to open us out beyond ourselves. How are the two experiences alike, how are they different, and how can (should?) the enhance each other? The course will be structured around readings and visits to gallery and museum exhibitions.

Attribute: STXT.
Prerequisites: THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1000 or HPRH 1401 or HPLC 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010.

THEO 3822. THE BIBLE IN WESTERN CULTURE. (4 Credits)
Study of selected biblical narratives that have troubled readers and affected culture through the ages. Topic include theories of reading, effects of history on biblical interpretation, art as exegesis, the hidden influences of past readings. Texts include the stories of Adam and Eve, the sacrifice of Isaac, David and Bathsheeba, Jonah, Jeremiah. Interpretations are studied in historical sequence to provide students with a model for investigating a biblical text of their own choosing. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: MEST, REST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.

THEO 3826. WOMEN IN THE BIBLE. (4 Credits)
In this course, we will employ various traditional exegetical and recent feminist tools to examine figures from both the New and Old Testaments including Eve, Sarah, Hagar, Ruth, Elizabeth and the Samaritan women as well as figures from the extra-Biblical Apocrypha. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attribute: JWST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.
THEO 3834. CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND PRACTICE III. (4 Credits)
Christian Thought and Practice III surveys the variety of Christian thought and practice from the Reformation to the present. The course aims to encourage a critical examination of such theological themes as God, Christ, grace, church, sacraments, and ethics. Topics will be situated within the broader historical study of social, economic, political, and cultural forces. Students will engage a wide range of Christian texts, art, rituals, and other artifacts including classical theology, sermons, and literature. Engagement with traditional Christianity by everyday Christian men and women, reflected in such genres as memoirs, ethnography and historical writing will be studied, as well as influential philosophical critiques of Christianity. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3836. CAPPADOCIAN THEOLOGY. (4 Credits)
This course examines in detail the thought of the fourth-century Cappadocian Fathers (Basil the Great, Gregory Nazianzen, and Gregory of Nyssa). Themes include their development of the Orthodox doctrine of the Trinity and Christ as well as their attitudes toward Biblical exegesis, hagiography, and asceticism. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: OCST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3837. GOD AS TRINITY. (4 Credits)
This course will explore the reasons why Christians conceptualize God as Trinity. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3840. THEISMS AND ATHEISMS. (4 Credits)
Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3843. RELIGIOUS FAITH AND DOUBT IN WESTERN THOUGHT. (4 Credits)
Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3844. ESCHATOLOGY. (4 Credits)
An introduction to Christian eschatology with a biblical, historical, and contemporary component. Surveys biblical, apocalyptic, and New Testament teachings and developments in patristic, medieval, reformation, and modern Christianity. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3850. 20TH CENTURY THEOLOGIANS. (4 Credits)
This course traces major shifts in the 20th century theology as it has engaged pressing issues of the modern world such as atheism/ secularism; suffering; hermeneutics of history; ecumenism; gender equality; race and ethnicity; religious pluralism; and evolution. The course will study the method and ideas of a major theologian such as Karl Rahner, Gustavo Gutierrez, or Rosemary Radford Ruether on each selected issue, and then read others who have critiqued and enriched understandings in this area. Students will be encouraged to see how the meaning of God-Humanity-Christ-Church-World gets rethought and their relations reconfigured in light of each approach. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3852. LGBTQ ARTS AND SPIRITUALITY. (4 Credits)
A broad examination of LGBTQ affiliations and identities considered through history and across religious traditions. The course juxtaposes the vision of mystics with artistic vision, identifying common spiritual elements in both. The course will culminate in an examination of the contemporary arts of NYC as an example of LGBTQ spirituality. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: REST, WGSS.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3854. IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY. (4 Credits)
As a Jesuit university, Fordham's vision and spirit is grounded in the life and lineage of St. Ignatius Loyola, the sixteenth century founder of the Society of Jesus. Focusing upon a contemporary appropriation of classic texts, this course offers a historical-critical, hermeneutical, and theological engagement with selected texts by Ignatius, including his Spiritual Exercises, Constitutions, Autobiography, Spiritual Journal, and letters. Additionally, we will examine various methods of Ignatian contemplation, meditation, discernment of spirits, and discernment of God's will in our lives. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.
THEO 3855. ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS. (4 Credits)
Since the early twentieth century, enduring moral and theological questions of human relationality and responsibility—previously only applied to individuals and human communities—have expanded to include the environment. In this class we will chart the genesis of environmental ethics from a historical point of view; identify and analyze significant claims and developments in environmental philosophy, ethics, and theology, especially vis-a-vis insights from ecology; and assess the importance of notions of value and justice in the first decades of the 21st century. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3856. INTRODUCTION TO BIOETHICS. (4 Credits)
This course introduces students to contemporary bioethics topics through (a) an overview of different meta-ethical approaches to understanding moral status and personhood, b) discussion and readings on how these approaches can be applied to unraveling the complex threads of contemporary bioethics arguments related to the treatment/care/use of individuals, animals and the environment: and (c) introduction to the legal and social contexts in which bioethics public policies are framed. In addition to engaging a substantial amount of theological and philosophical literature, students will also be exposed to multidisciplinary perspectives (in the form of both texts and guest speakers) from disciplines such as biology, psychology, sociology, feminism, and ecology. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: BIOE, PJST, REST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3857. THEOLOGIES OF SEXUALITY AND GENDER (Service Learning). (4 Credits)
This course examines Christian theologies of sexuality and gender, exploring both the historical roots and the contemporary implications of different ways of thinking theologically about what it means to be a sexed, gendered, and sexualized human being. A required service learning component will provide an opportunity for students to interrogate the complex structures (ecclesial/theological, political, economic and otherwise) that shape the experiences and possibilities of sexual minorities in an urban metropolis in the 21st century. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3858. GENDER AND ASCETICISM. (4 Credits)
‘Gender & Asceticism’ treats issues of sexuality and bodily discipline between gender and sex, images of male and female, monasticism, fasting, and voluntary poverty. Most examples will be taken from the literature and practices of Late Antiquity (pre-Middle Ages). Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: OCST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3860. CONTEMPORARY CONVERSATIONS IN THEOLOGY. (4 Credits)
Conceived as a “capstone” course for the theology major/minor, this course examines recent methodological developments in the disciplines of theology and religious studies with particular emphasis on their intersection with contemporary critical theory. Particular topics to be engaged may include hermeneutics, historiography, secularism, the human subject, gender/sexuality, and the problem of political and/or moral action. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3861. WORKS OF MERCY/WORK FOR JUSTICE. (4 Credits)
This course examines the debates about the difficulties people have in making a living and about the practices of charity(works of mercy) and the justice advocacy of individuals, religious communities and voluntary associations. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: PJST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3865. ETHICS OF RELATIONSHIPS. (4 Credits)
The course examines how culture affects the relationships that constitute what it means to be human. Topics include human dignity and dating, the virtues of friendship, intimacy, and spirituality, God and gender, justice/ charity and financial responsibility, sexual ethics, marriage and family. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3870. RELIGION AS HUMAN EXPERIENCE. (4 Credits)
Religion as Human experience aims to foster a broad knowledge of religion as a dimension of human experience. Through a consideration of various types of religions experience in a variety of different cultural contexts, this course will also introduce students to a selection of thinkers who try to define, comprehend, or critique religion. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, PJST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.

THEO 3871. RELIGION AND FILM. (4 Credits)
The study of faith and doubt portrayed in cinema. Students will view and analyze films that present struggles of the human spirit, the secular portrayal of the Christ-figure, the role of the secular “messiah” or hero in Western society, the conflict between religious and secular authority, and the dilemmas of moral choice. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 3873. JESUS AND WORLD RELIGIONS. (3 Credits)
An exploration of the identity and mission of Jesus Christ in comparison with founding figures of other religions.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3874. RELIGION IN AMERICA. (4 Credits)
Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3876. MUSLIMS IN AMERICA. (4 Credits)
This course will examine the history and experience of Muslims in the United States from the time of the slave trade to the present day. Through a close analysis of both primary and secondary materials, students will explore the rich diversity of US Muslim communities and their multi-faceted contributions to the global ummah and the formation of an “American Islam”. Particular emphasis will be given to the impact of 9/11 and the “war on terror” on the representations, challenges, and the experience of Muslims in America. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: MEST, PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3877. RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN SELF. (4 Credits)
A course in historical theology that examines the role of religion in the formation of American social and political culture. The course will utilize various interpretive approaches to uncover how the ‘American self’ is both the most religious and the most secular in the industrialized West. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: MEST, PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3878. CHINESE RELIGIONS. (4 Credits)
Chinese Religions introduces students to “The Three Teachings” (san jiao): Confucianism ancestors, divination, and bodily health. The course models multiple strategies for understanding Chinese approach to bodily practice. Major themes include human responsibility to the family, human dependent Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: GLBL, INST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.

THEO 3882. COMPARATIVE MYSTICISM. (3 Credits)
"This course frames questions about the possibilities of isolating religious practices as points of cross-cultural and inter-religious comparison through a thorough exploration of Greek, Syriac, and Russian Orthodox traditions of prayer in comparison with Islamic, Buddhist, Hindu, and Western Christian spiritual practices. In the course of this comparative study, we will consider the possibilities and challenges of cross cultural comparative study of religion, and in particular we will interrogate the critical imperative to distinguish “practice” from “dogma” as a basis for comparative studies."
Attributes: GLBL, OCST, REST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPRH 1401.

THEO 3883. MEDICINE AND HEALING IN ISLAM. (4 Credits)
This course explores Muslim perceptions of health, disease, medicine and healing across time and space, and in conversation with the religious traditions of Islam. Through a focused set of topics and a variety of methodological approaches, students will investigate more broadly epistemologies of health, healing and disease, practical application of knowledge and wisdom, and cultural histories of the body. Specific topics will include medicine and the cosmos; health and the environment; astrology, magic and ritual; sex, childbirth and pediatrics; cosmetic surgeries and reproductive technologies; and perceptions of suffering and pain, disability, mental illness, and old age, as they are addressed in both medieval and modern contexts. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: GLBL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.

THEO 3954. APOCALYPTIC THEMES IN FILM. (3 Credits)
This course is a college level introduction to the use of apocalyptic terms, themes and rhetoric in contemporary films. Apocalyptic in religious writings is “crisis” literature. This assumption will be explained prior to surveying usage of apocalyptic in religious and secular films. Apocalyptic may have no religious implications. Students will develop a template of types of apocalyptic terms and usage as well as review film maker’s intentions.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 3960. RELIGION AND RACE IN AMERICA. (4 Credits)
This course explores the ways religion and race function in the American landscape as sources of both belonging and discrimination, in historical and contemporary perspectives. Special attention will be paid to theological discourses and religious communities as sites of both racism and race-justice. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMST, PJST, PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 3961. RELIGION, SEX, AND CULTURE IN AMERICA SINCE 1700. (4 Credits)
This course explores the complex and shifting engagement among religion, sex, and culture in North America from the eighteenth century to the present. It treats a variety of religious traditions and explores how faith communities defined sexuality and gender relations in theological and spiritual terms and, in turn, helped to shape approaches to sex and sexual morality in the broader American culture. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007.
THEO 3970. CATHOLICS IN AMERICA. (4 Credits)
History and culture of Spanish and French Catholicism in the colonial and post-colonial periods of the United States. Detailed study of English-speaking Catholicism from its beginnings to its present position. Relationships between Catholicism and American culture. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 3993. WARTIME RELIGION IN U.S. HISTORY. (4 Credits)
This course explores American religion during the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the War in Vietnam, and the War in Iraq. The anxieties and passions of wartime open up dialogue on the "justice" of particular conflicts, but they also prompt reflection on more basic questions of human meaning, suffering, loss, and death, and the sources and boundaries of selfhood. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 3995. RELIGION AND THE AMERICAN SELF. (4 Credits)
A course in historical theology that examines the role of religion in the formation of American social and political culture. The course will utilize various interpretive approaches to uncover how the ‘American self’ is both the most religious and the most secular in the industrialized West. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: PLUR.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 3999. TUTORIAL. (3 Credits)
In this student-initiated program, the student may earn one additional credit by connecting a service experience to a course with the approval of the professor and the service-learning director.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4001. ART AND CHRISTIAN VALUES. (4 Credits)
Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: SRVL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4005. WOMEN AND THEOLOGY. (4 Credits)
An examination of feminist/womanist approaches to the mystery of God. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, EP4, PJWT, SRVL, VAL, WSS.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4008. RELIGION AND ECOLOGY. (4 Credits)
A course to study the earth as a matter of ethical and religious concern. Starting with biblical texts and classical doctrines, students will analyze the resources of the Jewish/Christian traditions that value the natural world. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, CORE, ENST, REST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4009. MEDIEVAL JERUSALEM. (4 Credits)
What has made Jerusalem so beloved to - and the object of continual strife for - Jews, Christians, and Muslims? This course will explore the ancient and medieval history of Jerusalem, from its Jebusite inhabitants before the time of King David through Suleiman’s construction of the modern city walls in the 1540s. Students will learn to analyze a variety of literature, through which we will explore the themes of sacred space, conquest, destruction and lament, pilgrimage and religious polemic. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: ICC, MEST, OCST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4010. DEATH AND DYING. (4 Credits)
An attempt to confront the reality of death, its practical consequences and its religious significance through D SEXUALITY (4.00 credits). A theology course that fulfills the senior values requirement in the college core. The course explores the theological interpretations of human sexuality. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: BIOC, SRVL, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4011. THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MORAL CHOICES. (4 Credits)
This course will examine the principles of Christian living that emerge in the testimonies of Jesus and Paul as recorded in the New Testament and explore the ways in which they might apply these principles critically and responsibly in moral discernment of some of today's most debated and troublesome alternatives. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: SRVL, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4012. MORAL CHOICE OF THE FIRST CHRISTIANS. (3 Credits)
An exploration of how the first Christians made choices in all areas of life, including birth, sex, death, business, legal matters and politics. The course seeks to elicit a "grammar" of early Christian morals.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008.
THEO 4013. RELIGION AND AMERICAN POLITICS. (4 Credits)
This interdisciplinary seminar explores the nexus of religion and American public life. After treating topics related to electoral politics (e.g., candidate religion, voter religion, "value voters," religious rhetoric), students will then engage a series of "hot topics" that encompass (and often combine) both religious and political discourse. The goal is to provide students with two alternative, yet complementary methods of analyzing the intersection of religion and American politics—one from a political science perspective and one from a theological perspective. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, AMST, ICC, IRST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4020. FAITH THAT IMAGINES JUSTICE. (4 Credits)
Throughout the semester, we will explore a variety of reasons why "the arts" serve an increasingly important function in our contemporary culture where our ability to imagine and create "the good life" has become increasingly difficult given religious and cultural pluralism, isolated individualism, capitalist consumerism, and fragmenting tribalism. We will also examine the validity of the claim that religion/faith needs the arts and the arts needs religion/faith if either is to be authentic, relevant, vibrant, and socially efficacious. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: SRVL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4025. FUTURE OF MARRIAGE 21ST CENTURY. (4 Credits)
An ethical examination of Christian marriage. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, AMST, EP4, REST, VAL, WGSS.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009.

THEO 4027. THE ETHICS OF LIFE. (4 Credits)
Jewish, Christian, and Muslim traditions have yielded complex religious responses to ethical, human dilemmas involving life/death issues. This course examines some of those responses in relation to sexuality, love and family, punishment, health and disease, death, and the environment through the lenses of Jewish, Christian and Muslim authors, texts, and traditions. Students will investigate how such responses are crafted in a liberal, pluralistic society, and assess their own reactions to religious difference and challenges to their own fundamental values. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: BIOE, EP4, MEST, REST, SRVL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4030. MORAL ASPECTS OF MEDICINE. (4 Credits)
The course examines the role of faith in the moral issues raised by advancements in medical science. The course will survey issues such as reproductive technologies, the patient-physician relationship, euthanasia and physician suicide, health care reform, AIDS and the human genome project. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: BIOE, EP4, REST, SRVL, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4036. HUMAN NATURE AFTER DARWIN (Interdisciplinary Capstone Core). (4 Credits)
This course enters contemporary theological, political and scientific debates about how to conceptualize human nature after Darwin. We read Epicures, Lucretius, Augustine, Aquinas, Darwin and contemporary theologians, political theorists and scientists. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: ICC.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4037. NATURE IN HISTORICAL AND ETHICAL PERSPECTIVE. (4 Credits)
In anthropological, theological, and ethical discourse, nature has often been appealed to as that which is, by definition, outside of culture and history. However, nature’s meanings—especially in social-relational significations that it carries—have varied over time, according to a range of contexts and “controlling images.” This Interdisciplinary Capstone Course will analyze historical and contemporary methodologies and significations of the term “nature,” in ways that facilitate critical scrutiny of how this potent term is deployed in contemporary political, scientific, environmental, and religious discourse. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: ICC.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4040. HOME, AWAY, AND IN-BETWEEN. (4 Credits)
This course draws on historical theology and literature to explore diverse human engagements with displacement. Reading focus on specific contexts and modes of displacement as they have upset and remade truth for those involved. Key examples include diaspora, quest, alienation, conversion, migration, and relocation. We will encounter characters and real-life actors whose experiences of these conditions—whether literal or metaphorical, whether cultivated or imposed—put them in highly charged space between feeling “at home” and “away.” In addition to studying the responses of literary characters and religious actors, we will explore the ways the disciplines of literature and theology themselves invite practitioners into experiences of disorientation and reorientation. We will also consider the relationship between literature and theology as ways of knowing about displacement and its meanings. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.
THEO 4052. AN ETHICS OF MODERN SELFHOOD: THE PURSUIT OF AUTHENTICITY. (4 Credits)
The modern and postmodern self or identify, examined as a series of personal and moral conflicts and dilemmas. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: ICC, SOCI.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4105. RELIGION, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY. (4 Credits)
This course considers the intersections of religion, gender, and sexuality. In many parts of the world, including the United States, and in many religious traditions, cultural and religious identity and continuity hinge on gendered practices and closely controlled sexual regimes. The goal of this course is to understand how religious institutions, communities, doctrines, practices and traditions shape gendered ideologies and practices, debates about sexuality and gendered division of labor, and the lives of men and women who participate in these religious communities. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attribute: ICC.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009.

THEO 4411. RELIGION, THEOLOGY, AND NEW MEDIA. (4 Credits)
An interdisciplinary capstone course, this course examines the historical and theoretical significance of the intersection between communication, technologies and religious communities. Drawing on the disciplinary methods and assumptions of both communication and media studies and theology, the course will ask students to critically and theoretically explore the significance of religion as a cultural phenomenon as well as to take seriously the theological significance of media practices as articulated by religious subjects. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AMCS, AMST, ICC.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4450. LITURGICAL THEOLOGY. (4 Credits)
This course will study the Roman Catholic liturgy, its history and theology. We come to understand a culture in part by examining its rituals. Through the lens of the liturgy-its scripture, symbols and sacraments- we get a closer look at the story of the church. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4455. EUCHARIST, JUSTICE, AND LIFE. (4 Credits)
This course explores the intrinsic relationship between celebrating the liturgy, especially the Eucharist, and living lives of justice, peace, and social responsibility. Such topics as world poverty, hunger, immigration, violence, global warming, and the care of the planet will be examined. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: EP4, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4520. ANIMALS, ANGELS, AND ALIENS: BEYOND THE HUMAN IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT. (3 Credits)
Contemporary theologians focus almost exclusively on the human. Indeed, some prominent theologian’s explicitly claim that all theology can be understood as anthropology. But in this course we will use both new trends and ancient sources to push beyond the human into other areas of concern. The Christian (and Jewish) traditions have very interesting things to say, for instance, about non-human entities like animals, angels and even aliens. In addition to looking carefully at these sources, we will think about their implications for contemporary moral and political issues surrounding food production and consumption, lab experiments, ecological protection, and even cyborg technology and transhumanism.

Attribute: ENST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4570. ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ETHICS. (4 Credits)
This course will explore the two-thousand year tradition or Orthodox Christian Ethics. Students will be asked to resolve modern moral dilemmas by reading ancient Orthodox texts and their modern commentators. As such, the purpose of the course is twofold: 1) to develop an understanding of Christian ethics within an Orthodox theological perspective; 2) to develop the ability to make ethical judgments and to reflect critically on those judgments on established Orthodox theological principles. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: EP4, OCST, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4600. RELIGION AND PUBLIC LIFE. (4 Credits)
The course explores the role of religion in public life, focusing primarily on American democracy and its separation of church and state. The course will focus on religion’s voice in public debate over issues such as health, poverty, and biomedical and economic issues, whether specifically religious arguments and language should have place in public discourse, and the role of discourse in a pluralistic society. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: AMCS, AMST, EP4, MEST, VAL.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.
THEO 4610. MALCOLM, MARTIN, BALDWIN, AND THE CHURCH. (4 Credits)
This course will engage the social thought and religious faith of these persons, especially the way that their thought and action challenges each U.S. society - especially their critiques of American understandings of justice; the relevance of religious faith to the struggle for racial justice; and the response of the Catholic Church to these men, the movement they represented, and the enduring reality.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009.

THEO 4620. OSCAR ROMERO: FAITH AND POLITICS IN EL SALVADOR. (4 Credits)
This course will investigate the life and ministry of Oscar Romero of El Salvador. Coming to office in a period of socio-political and religious upheaval, Romero functions as a lens through which students can explore important themes including: the nature and impact of liberation theology, the effects of US Cold War foreign policy, power in the Catholic Church and numerous issues involving the relationship between religion and politics. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: PJST.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009.

THEO 4630. G.O. DEEPER. INTERDISCIPLINARY INQUIRIES. (4 Credits)
This Interdisciplinary Capstone Course is designed to build on (1) what these students have learned by offering them an opportunity to consider their immersion experience in light of critical inquiries in sociology, anthropology, & critical social theory; associated with (2) conflict studies, cultural studies, & postcolonial theory, & (3) in theology. The course is designed above all to cultivate skills to describe, analyze, and evaluate critical issues in local practices pertaining to personal life, family life, social and political life, housing, work, and indigenous cultures, including faith cultures of practice and belief. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: PJST.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009.

THEO 4840. JESUS AND SALVATION. (4 Credits)
This course explores Christian belief in Jesus Christ (Christology) with an emphasis on how this belief is intertwined with the understanding of salvation (soteriology). Reflecting on the biblical accounts of salvation in Jesus, along with examining the development of classic christological doctrine, students will inquire how this tradition relates to critical issues raised today. How is Christian belief in Jesus and salvation relevant to questions of identity, religious pluralism, global inequality, and environmental crises? Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1010 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1007.

THEO 4847. THEOLOGIES OF LIBERATION. (4 Credits)
This course will explore the challenge of living Christian values in a globalized, individualized, and consumerist world of structural inequalities with the threat of ecological devastation. The study of the values of Jesus, Catholic social teaching and various Christian theologies of liberation will help students to understand the movement of poor and indigenous people, the ways in which these texts understand how to characterize the various forms of evils in the world, and how humans can and should work to remedy these evils. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: EP4, PJST, SRVL, VAL.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4849. GOD AND EVILS. (4 Credits)
This course analyzes biblical, theological, and literary texts and evaluates the ways in which these texts understand how to characterize the various forms of evils in the world, account for God’s allowing these evils in creation, and how humans can and should work to remedy these evils. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4850. THEOLOGY AND HUMAN SUFFERING: A COMPARATIVE APPROACH. (4 Credits)
Questions about the nature and meaning of human suffering occupy a central place in every religion, past and present. This course looks comparatively at traditions of theological reflection and religious practice in order to ask: what do they say about pain and suffering? It is an inevitable part of embodied existence? An opportunity for spiritual maturation? A matter of mental perspective? What happens when religion itself becomes the source of pain and sorrow? This course explores these questions comparatively, focused on texts and practices with the Buddhist and Christian traditions. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.

Attributes: SRVL.

Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.
THEO 4853. SPIRITUALITY AND POLITICS. (4 Credits)
This course will examine three twentieth-century Roman Catholic movements that espoused both a novel approach to spirituality/mysticism and embodied a distinctive politics on three different continents: the French Catholic revival, the Catholic Worker movement in the U.S and liberation theology in Latin America. The twentieth century witnessed a remarkable engagement of Catholics with the meaning of their faith and its role in social and political issues of their times, particularly around issues of war and poverty. From each of these three sites of renewal, the students will ask questions such as: How did these new movements come about? How are their views articulated in various texts and embodied in personal and communal practices? What is the legacy of these twentieth-century movements’ spirituality and politics for us today? As an interdisciplinary seminar, students will rely on the methodological approaches in the disciplines of history and systematic theology to pursue these questions. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, ICC, PJST, REST.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4870. ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING. (4 Credits)
This course explores the economic thought that has served as the basis of the Church’s teaching on issues like capitalism, socialism, poverty, wages, unions, the environment, and economic responsibility from Leo XIII’s encyclical Rerum Novarum to the present and current economic research that may guide future Church teaching. This will be done through lectures, readings from primarily 19th and 20th-century economic works, and discussion of how these works’ ideas are evident in papal encyclicals and other Church documents. The course will include case studies of how Catholic social teaching has influenced national social and economic policies in Europe and the U.S. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attributes: AMCS, ICC, REST.
Prerequisites: ECON 1100 or ECON 1200 or ECON 1150 or ECON 1250 or THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010 or HPLC 1401.

THEO 4950. CHRISTIANITY AND GENDER/SEXUAL DIVERSITY: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES. (4 Credits)
Employing perspectives from history, theological ethics, and LGBT studies, this course will investigate what it means to take queer perspectives on Christianity sexuality, and discipleship. Readings will include biblical, historical, and contemporary materials that seek to illuminate the ways in which Christians and Christian communities have responded to sexual and gender diversity. Four-credit courses that meet for 150 minutes per week require three additional hours of class preparation per week on the part of the student in lieu of an additional hour of formal instruction.
Attribute: ICC.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001 or HPLC 1401 or THEO 1006 or THEO 1007 or THEO 1008 or THEO 1009 or THEO 1010.

THEO 4999. TUTORIAL. (1-4 Credits)
Independent research and reading with supervision from a faculty member.
Prerequisites: THEO 1000 or HPRH 1001.

Courses in Other Areas
The following courses offered outside the department have the THEO attribute and count toward the Theology major and minor:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Credits</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>AFAM 3115</td>
<td>MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. AND MALCOLM X</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AFAM 3120</td>
<td>BLACK RELIGION AND BLACK POLITICS</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ECON 4870</td>
<td>ECONOMIC FOUNDATIONS OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCI 4052</td>
<td>AN ETHICS OF MODERN SELFHOOD: THE PURSUIT OF AUTHENTICITY</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>