

## TH: Courses in Theology

### Department of Theology

- TH 101 Theological Foundations** 3 Cr  
An introduction to the study of theology in the Roman Catholic tradition. Core aspects of theological inquiry—the Bible, the Creed, moral theology—enable students and faculty to jointly explore the nature of Christian faith and the embodiment of Christian faith in concrete historical contexts. **This course is a prerequisite for all theology courses.** Each semester.
- TH 201 Church and Worship** 3 Cr  
An analysis of the Church as a community of believers and a social institution; a study of church liturgy and sacraments. Spring semester.
- TH 202 Christian Spirituality** 3 Cr  
An exploration of the Christian spiritual tradition, with a focus on Catholic approaches to spiritual experience and practices. Spring semester.
- TH 205 Moral Theology** 3 Cr  
An introduction to moral decision making and moral action in light of biblical principles and changing contexts. Each semester.
- TH 206 Comparative Religion** 3 Cr  
A study of the origins and beliefs of major world religions in historical contexts. Fall semester.
- TH 207 Introduction to the Old Testament** 3 Cr  
An overview of the origins, themes, and continuing relevance of the books of the Hebrew Scriptures. Fall semester.
- TH 208 Introduction to the New Testament** 3 Cr  
An overview of the origins, themes, and continuing relevance of the books of the Christian Scriptures, with an emphasis on the four Gospels. Spring semester.
- TH 209 Christian Social Teachings** 3 Cr  
An analysis of Christian social thought from biblical times to the present, including a study of the papal encyclicals and American Catholic social ethics. Fall semester, even-numbered years.
- TH 210 Catholicism: An Exploration of Catholic Identity from Vatican I to the Present** 3 Cr  
This course explores, through ecclesial texts and some Catholic fiction and film, distinctive themes and issues that mark Catholic identity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, including sacramentality, tradition, the faith and reason relationship, and Catholic understandings of authority and community. All interested students are welcome. Spring semester.
- TH 211 The Christian Mystery in Film and Fiction** 3 Cr  
An exploration of Christian symbols of revelation as presented in short fiction and contemporary film. This course will build on the theological, scriptural, and moral content taught in TH 101. Spring semester, odd-numbered years.
- TH 212 Christian Spirituality: Women Mystics** 3 Cr  
This course explores the historical contexts, writings, and spiritual legacy of eight women mystics including Perpetua (3<sup>rd</sup> century); Hildegard of Bingen (12<sup>th</sup> century); Mechtild of Magdeburg (13<sup>th</sup> century); Julian of Norwich (14<sup>th</sup> century); Teresa of Avila (16<sup>th</sup> century); Therese of Lisieux (20<sup>th</sup> century). Summer term. Open to all interested students.
- TH 220-229 Ethical Studies** 3 Cr  
Ethical studies courses will explore specific ethical issues that have confronted Christians.
- TH 230-239 Scripture Studies** 3 Cr  
Courses within this category will explore biblical writings and themes.
- TH 255 Theology of the Land** 3 Cr  
A study of the relationship of people and the earth, with a focus on issues of land stewardship as understood in the Bible, in the religious traditions of native peoples, and in the U.S. sociopolitical tradition. Summer session.
- TH 303-304 History of Christian Thought** 6 Cr  
A study of major Christian doctrinal developments in their historical contexts, from the New Testament era to the present. Fall semester, odd-numbered years, spring semester, even-numbered years.
- TH 320-329 Theological Studies** 3 Cr  
This course concerns studies which focus on specific theological issues that have arisen through the ages.
- TH 321 Christology** 3 Cr  
An analysis of interpretations of Jesus Christ's humanity and divinity, from biblical statements to contemporary explorations. Prerequisite: TH 208. Spring semester, even-numbered years.
- TH 327 Sin and Grace in Theology and Literature** 3 Cr  
An exploration of the theological questions of sin and grace as raised in the works of important 20<sup>th</sup> century novelists. Fall semester, even-numbered years.
- TH 330-339 Historical Studies** 3 Cr  
Courses within this category will explore particular historical eras and social settings in the development of theological thought.
- TH 333 Church and State in Latin America** 3 Cr  
A study of the historical development of the religious, political, and economic realities of contemporary Latin America and an analysis of U.S. relationships to those realities in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Fall semester, odd-numbered years.
- TH 355 Spirit, Science, and Nature** 3 Cr  
An exploration of perceptions of the environment in the history of Western ideas, in religious traditions, in ethical thought, and in scientific theory, with a particular focus on the theme of care for nature from both scientific and religious perspectives. Spring semester, odd-numbered years.
- TH 377 Cosmos as Creation** 3 Cr  
An exploratory journey into religious and scientific perspectives on cosmology and evolution and an analysis of the conflicts between and complementarity of religion and science. Prerequisite: TH 101. Fall semester.
- TH 495 Theology Seminar** 3 Cr  
A discussion of selected theological themes or important theologians, with contributions by students and faculty. While required of all theology majors and minors in their junior or senior year, it will also be open to other upper-level students who are non-majors upon the consent of the instructor. Spring semester.

**TH 496 Theology Research Paper or Theology Research Project 3 Cr**

Theology majors must develop and present for the Department of Theology a theology research paper or a theology research project. The paper or project should provide evidence of scholarship in biblical studies, moral theology, church history, doctrine, and in another field of study as appropriate.