

MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

THEOLOGY

SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

Through the critical study of the quest for God, theology seeks to explore and understand the transcendent dimension of life, including its implications for meaning in the range of human relationships, history and experience. Studying theology also can motivate a person to develop and critically reflect upon her own specific faith perspective.

Mount Mary University's theology department offers opportunities to understand and find meaning in the Judeo-Christian tradition, while being open to both Christian and non-Christian viewpoints. A major, minor and post-baccalaureate certificate in theology are each available, as are a major and a minor in religious education.

A theology degree helps prepare students to pursue interests in various ministries, graduate school, teaching, human services and personal enrichment. A theology major can easily be coupled with another major, such as social work or art therapy.

The religious education major/minor is a second, more specialized theology concentration. In conjunction with Mount Mary's teacher education program, it provides preparation to teach in grades 6-12.

Internships and Student Teaching

Theology majors are encouraged to complete an internship to enrich their experience outside the academic setting. Religious education students complete student teaching.

These real-world experiences provide opportunities for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom and develop a clearer understanding of theological principles.

Use the World as Your Classroom

Mount Mary theology students have opportunities to study abroad. Every other year, the Theology Program offers a course in Rome. Its overseas courses count toward the requirements for the major. For example, a three-week Rome Program features a course on early Christianity in Rome, integrating lectures with visits to archaeological sites, museums and historically significant churches, along with an opportunity to spend time in service to those in need.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Mount Mary's theology major is designed for students interested in:

- Attending graduate school
- Enhancing another major area of study or career interest
- Parish leadership or ministry
- Personal enrichment
- Religious education

Mount Mary theology graduates successfully have gone on to careers such as:

- Director of religious education
- Human services careers
- Pastoral minister
- Middle or high school religion/theology teacher
- Theology professor
- Youth minister

MAJOR	CORE	ELECTIVES
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FRESHMAN YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
FYS 100 First Year Seminar	3	College Level Math	4
Oral Communications	3	ENG 120 College Research Writing	3
World Languages	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
ENG 110 Introduction to College Writing	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Math	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	4
TOTAL	15 credits	TOTAL	17 credits
SOPHOMORE YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Core/Minor/Second Major	4	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Theology	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Biblical Theology Group	4	Historical Theology Group	4
TOTAL	14 credits	TOTAL	13 credits
JUNIOR YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Historical Theology Group	4	Core/Minor/Second Major	4
Systematic Theology Group	4	Biblical Theology Group	4
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Systematic Theology Group	3
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
		Core/Minor/Second Major	2
TOTAL	14 credits	TOTAL	16 credits
SENIOR YEAR			
FALL Courses		SPRING Courses	
Biblical, Historical, or Systematic Group	3	Biblical, Historical, or Systematic Group	4
Biblical, Historical, or Systematic Group	4	THY 398 or 498 Synthesis Seminar	2
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	3
Core/Minor/Second Major	3	Core/Minor/Second Major	2
TOTAL	16 credits	TOTAL	14 credits

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This example four-year plan is intended to outline the number and types of courses a student might take in order to fulfill the degree, major, core and elective requirements to graduate. Students meet with their academic advisor each semester to review progress toward fulfilling their degree requirements.



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