

THEOLOGY PROGRAM (BA/MA)

The B.A. /M.A. program is designed to provide the best preparation for students who wish to pursue a career in a theological discipline or an ecclesial related career requiring a Master of Arts in Theology. To accomplish this, the program has integrated core theoretical and knowledge areas in theology into a theology major at the undergraduate level.

The program includes joint B.A. /M.A. courses designed to develop both the research skills and the basic theological disciplines necessary for an ecclesial leadership role within the church or a church related entity. At the graduate level the program covers core theoretical and knowledge areas in theology. B.A. /M.A. coursework integration results in a holistic, streamlined program wherein students can meet the basic educational degree requirements for theology in a reduced amount of time.

This program is committed to the development of servant leadership within contemporary Christian communities and institutions. By seeking the learning and formation necessary, men and women are enabled to bridge the theory and practical application needed to serve as leaders within the Christian community. The program in theology seeks the continued development of the individual servant leader, the formation of genuine Christian community, and the understanding of those relationships and structures necessary to enable the lay ecclesial leader to respond effectively to contemporary pastoral needs.

Objectives of the program:

- To demonstrate an understanding of fundamental theological concepts.
- To apply theological concepts in a practical manner that addresses a pluralistic human experience.
- To understand how faith guides practice.
- To establish a professional identity with other colleagues.
- To integrate learning and work within a service or ministerial environment.

Upon successful completion of all undergraduate requirements for the B.A. portion of the B.A./M.A. program, students will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theology. (Refer to the Graduation Requirements in the Academic Policies section of this catalog for specific deadlines.) An official Change of Status Form must be filed with the Director of the Graduate Program in Theology to change the student status from undergraduate to graduate.

B.A./M.A. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

B.A. (130 semester hours) with a Theology concentration
(Students must maintain a minimum 3.3 GPA.)

THEOLOGY CORE (27 SEMESTER HOURS)

THEO 200	H2a Christian Theology to 1500	(3)
THEO 201	H2a Christian Theology: 1500 to the Present.....	(3)
THEO 215	H2a HebrewBiblicalHeritage.....	(3)
THEO 216	H2a ChristianBiblicalHeritage.....	(3)
THEO 302	Liturgy and Sacraments	(3)
THEO 309	Principles of Justice and Peace	(3)

Choice of: THEO 202 or 209.....(3 srm. hrs.)
THEO 202 H2a Jesus: Source of Meaning
THEO 209 H2a Jesus the Liberator

Choice of: THEO 205 or 208.....(3 sem. hrs.)
THEO 205 CL The Church in the Modern World
THEO 208 SL H2a The Community We Call Church

THEO 408 or 409 Seminar

B.A. /M.A. Students are required to take the following three 600 Level classes as part of their undergraduate study:

THEO 679	God: One and Three	(3)
THEO 680	Catholic Moral Life (for BAMA students in place of THEO 203).....	(3)
THEO 681	Ecclesiology.....	(3)

Total semester hours for undergraduate major in B.A. /M.A. Program(36)

Language Recommendation as part of the 130 hours for an undergraduate degree:

- Strongly Recommend 12 semester hours in Spanish for students who are seeking a M.A. in Theology with an emphasis in ecclesial leadership that will require a bi-lingual competency
- Strongly Recommend 12 semester hours in a foreign language for students pursuing post-graduate studies.

*All BAMA students must have completed THEO 100 as a prerequisite Tier 1 Course

M.A. IN THEOLOGY

The Master's level program in theology requires a curriculum of 36 hours. The Core courses consist of 24 credit hours. Electives, Cognate Fields, and the Culminating Assignment are tailored to a student's individual interest and needs.

Core graduate courses required (24 hours)

THEO 676	Leadership and Ministry in a Postmodern Culture	(3)
THEO 679	God: One and Three	(3)
THEO 680	Catholic Moral Life (for BAMA students in place of THEO 203)	(3)
THEO 681	Ecclesiology	(3)
THEO 682	Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures (Except for BA/MA Students)	(3)
THEO 683	Introduction to the New Testament (Except for BA/MA Students)	(3)
THEO 690	Foundations of Spirituality	(3)
THEO 691	Sacramentology	(3)

Theology Electives

THEO 600	Special Topics in Ecclesial Leadership	(2-3)
THEO 610	Special Topics in Moral Theology	(2-3)
THEO 620	Special Topics in Applied/Practical Theology	(2-3)
THEO 630	Special Topics in Scripture	(2-3)
THEO 640	Special Topics in Theology	(2-3)

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (9 hours plus completion of THEO 703)

THEO 684	Ecclesial Leadership and Pastoral Care	(3)
THEO 685	Pastoral Formation of the Ecclesial Leader	(3)
THEO 686	The Ecclesial Leader as a Professional Minister	(3)

Cognate Field Linkage Courses

*(may take 3 or 6 credits depending on number of Theology electives taken)

BSC 526	Group Process	(4)
BSC 560	Introduction to Counseling and Interviewing	(3)
CHD 612	Lifespan Development and Adjustment	(3)
EDF 601	Psychology of Learning	(3)

*(Other cognate field courses are available depending on course work emphasis)

Culminating Assignment (3-9 hours depending on emphasis)

THEO 700	Seminar	(1-3)
THEO 701	Integration Project	(3-6)
THEO 702	Thesis	(3)
THEO 703	Integration of Pastoral Care for Ecclesial Leaders	(3)

Total Semester Hours needed for M.A. in Theology (36)

ADMISSIONS TO THE B.A. /M.A. PROGRAM

FRESHMAN ADMISSIONS

Prospective students must meet two of the following three criteria:

- Have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.5.
- Have a minimum ACT score of 27 or SAT score of 1100.
- Graduate in the top 10% of their high school class.

Prospective students must complete the following:

- Complete an application form.
- Submit a writing sample.
- Participate in an interview with the Theology faculty.

Students who do not meet requirements to enter the B.A. /M.A. program as freshmen may apply through Track 2 or Track 3.

Track 2 is open to students after their freshman year who meet the following criteria:

- Complete 30 semester hours, including transfer credits, with a minimum 3.3 GPA.
- Complete THEO 101 and 102, and 202.
- Submit the B.A. /M.A. application, writing sample, and transcript to the B.A. /M.A. Program Coordinator.
- Participate in an interview with the B.A. /M.A. faculty.

Track 3 is open to students after their sophomore year who meet the following criteria:

- Complete 60 semester hours, including transfer credits, with a minimum 3.3 GPA.
- Complete THEO 101, 102, 202, 205, and THEO 200 and 201.
- Submit the B.A./M.A. application, writing sample, and transcript to the B.A. /M.A. Program Coordinator.
- Participate in an interview with the B.A./M.A. faculty.

Students in the B.A./M.A. program must follow all undergraduate and graduate academic policies and procedures including a change of status for the graduate program.

MINOR REQUIREMENTS

ACCOUNTING (24 SEM. HRS.)

BUS 101-102	Intro to Financial Accounting I & II	(6)
BUS 210	Managerial Accounting	(3)
BUS 211-212	Intermediate Accounting I & II	(6)
BUS 306	Advanced Topics in Financial Accounting	(3)
BUS 423	Federal Taxation I	(3)
BUS 434	Auditing	(3)

Business core courses not required for minor.

ART (18 SEM. HRS.)

ART 101	The History of Art	(3)
ART 102	Visual Order	(3)
ART 103	Drawing	(3)
ART ____	Electives	(9)

BIOLOGY (18 SEM. HRS.)

BIO 101-102	Principles of Biology I & II	(8)
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Plus courses that contribute to a biology major with at least 4 hours at the 300 level or higher.

BUSINESS (19 SEM. HRS.)

(Business/Management for non-business majors)

BUS 101	Intro to Financial Accounting I	(3)
BUS 106	Microcomputer Apps. -Spreadsheet	(1)
BUS 107	Microcomputer Apps. -Slideshow	(1)
BUS 108	Microcomputer Apps. -Database	(1)
BUS 210	Managerial Accounting	(3)
BUS 216	Principles of Marketing	(3)
BUS 221	Business Finance	(3)
BUS 304	Management of Organizations & Behavior	(4)

Business core courses not required for minor.

MANAGEMENT (17 SEM. HRS.)

(for Psychology and Sociology majors)

BUS 106	Microcomputer Apps. -Spreadsheet	(1)
BUS 107	Microcomputer Apps. -Slideshow	(1)
BUS 108	Microcomputer Apps. -Database	(1)
BUS 216	Principles of Marketing	(3)
BUS 304	Management of Organizations & Behavior	(4)
BUS 318	Human Resource Foundations	(3)
BUS 404	Advanced Humsn Resource Management	(4)
ECON 201	Economics I (Micro)	(3)

BUS 307 recommended but not required.