

# THEOLOGY / BACHELOR OF ARTS

**Total Credit Hours:** 120  
**Major Credit Hours:** 38-41

The Theology major provides the student with a broad view of the most important facets of the study of religion, from Theological, Pastoral, and Religious Studies perspectives. At the same time, the major provides the opportunity to pursue courses of personal interest to the student. A research project is completed under the guidance of a mentor. Foundation and advanced courses in Theology examine both historical and contemporary points of view. Topics may include: Scripture, the development of the Christian perspective, the meaning of Church, the function of sacraments, liturgical practice, history and practice of non-Christian religions, interreligious and interfaith interactions, or other timely topics.

Theology Majors in the Pastoral Ministry concentration should take THEO 10600 Introduction to Christian Theology, the preferred foundation course. Theology Majors in the Religious Studies concentration should take THEO 10000 Search for Faith.

## Requirements Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Courses</b>		
THEO 10000	Search for Faith	3
or THEO 10600 Introduction to Christian Theology		
THEO 21400	Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
THEO 21700	Writing in Theology	1
THEO 31600	A History of Christian Thought	3
THEO 31700	Research in Theology	1
<b>Concentration</b>		
Select one of the following:		27-30
Theological Studies (p. 1)		
Pastoral Ministry (p. 1)		
Religious Studies (p. 1)		
<b>Advanced Writing Requirement</b>		
The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied by successful completion of:		
THEO 31700	Research in Theology	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>38-41</b>

Majors are required to maintain a 2.3 GPA in their Theology courses.

## Theological Studies Concentration

**Concentration:** THLG

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses in Scripture Studies</b>		
THEO 22300	Hebrew Bible	3
THEO 22500	New Testament and Early Christian Literature	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		

In consultation with their advisor, students will select 12 credit hours of Theology Special Topics courses with one course in each of the four following domains - Ecclesiology, Christology, Religion and Culture, and Scripture - as designated by the specific course description.

THEO 42000-Level	Special Topics <sup>2</sup>	12
<b>Additional Courses for Theological Studies</b>		
THEO 41500	Theology and Religious Studies Seminar <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Students will complete 6 credits in Theology coursework at the 20000-, 30000-, or 40000-level. ( <a href="https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/">https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/</a> )		6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Capstone course should be taken in the final year of study after the completion of most other Theology requirements.

<sup>2</sup> THEO 42000 will be repeated 4 times, for a total of 12 credit hours.

## Pastoral Ministry Concentration

**Concentration:** PSTR

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses in Scripture Studies</b>		
THEO 22300	Hebrew Bible	3
THEO 22500	New Testament and Early Christian Literature	3
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		
In consultation with their advisor, students will select 12 credit hours of Theology Special Topics courses with one course in each of the four following designations - Ecclesiology, Spirituality, Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue, and Social Justice - as designated by the specific course description.		
THEO 42000-Level	Special Topics in Theology <sup>2</sup>	12
<b>Additional Courses for Pastoral Ministry</b>		
THEO 30200	Theology of Pastoral Ministry	3
THEO 40200	Pastoral Ministry Practicum <sup>1</sup>	3-6
<b>Electives</b>		
Students will complete 3 credits in Theology coursework at the 20000-, 30000-, or 40000-level. ( <a href="https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/">https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/</a> )		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27-30</b>

<sup>1</sup> The Capstone course, THEO 40200 Pastoral Ministry Practicum, should be taken in the final year of study after the completion of most other Theology requirements.

<sup>2</sup> THEO 42000 will be repeated 4 times, for a total of 12 credit hours.

## Religious Studies Concentration

**Concentration:** RLST

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses in Scripture Studies</b>		
Select one of the following:		3
THEO 22300	Hebrew Bible	
THEO 22500	New Testament and Early Christian Literature	

THEO 26200	The Qur'an and the Bible	
<b>Concentration Courses</b>		
THEO 24000	Methods in Religious Studies	3
THEO 29800	World Religions	3
THEO 42000-Level	Special Topics in Theology <sup>1</sup>	6
<b>Additional Courses for Religious Studies</b>		
THEO 41500	Theology and Religious Studies Seminar <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Electives</b>		
Students will complete 9 additional credits in Theology coursework at the 20000-, 30000-, or 40000-level. ( <a href="https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/">https://catalog.lewisu.edu/undergraduate/courses/theo/</a> )		9
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>27</b>

<sup>1</sup> In consultation with their advisor, students will select 6 credit hours of THEO Special Topics courses, which ought to include courses from at least two of the following five domains— Religion and Culture, Scripture, History, Spirituality, or Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue— as designated by the specific course description. THEO 42000 will be repeated (at least) 2 times, for a total of (at least) 6 credit hours.

<sup>2</sup> The Capstone course should be taken in the final year of study after the completion of most other Theology requirements.