THEO 111 Theological Explorations (4)
This course offers an introduction to the discipline of Christian theology, giving special attention to some of its primary sources, especially Sacred Scripture, and to the ultimate questions and major themes on which theology focuses. All sections of this course share as common learning goals that students demonstrate 1) a capacity to think critically and historically about some primary sources, doctrines, and themes that shape Christian theology, 2) an ability to explain differing viewpoints on at least one contemporary theological issue, and 3) an ability to apply at least one aspect of the Benedictine tradition to at least one of the topics addressed in the course. Nevertheless, each section of the course provides its own distinctive way into the world of theology.

THEO 210 History of the Development of the Christian Church (4)
As an introduction to the history of Christianity and the Christian church from the New Testament era to the present, this course traces key Christian figures, events, trends, and projects against the larger socio-cultural backdrop of world history. Intended primarily for majors and minors. Ordinarily offered once a year in spring and taken during the first or second year. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 220 Philosophy for Theology (4)
The method, content and status of theological reasoning have always been influenced by the wider intellectual world in which it operates. This course will examine the nature of that influence by surveying major thinkers and developments in the history of Western thought that have played a formative role in Christian theology. Intended primarily for majors and minors. Ordinarily offered once a year in fall and taken during the first or second year. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 221 Thinking Theologically (4)
Offering an overview of topics within systematic theology, such as God, Trinity, Christ, grace, salvation, the Church, and sacraments, this course fosters skills of theological thinking, speaking, and writing, and provides a foundation for more specialized courses. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A. THEO 210 and 220 recommended. Intended primarily for majors and minors. Ordinarily offered once a year in fall and taken during the sophomore or junior year.

THEO 265 Readings in Theology (0-1)
In this course, students and various members of the theology faculty will read and discuss current and classic writings in the discipline. Topics will vary. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 271 Individual Learning Project (1-4)
Supervised reading or research at the lower-division level. Consult department chair for applicability towards major requirements. Not available to first-year students.

THEO 300 Engaging Scripture (4)
The goal of the course is to deepen students' familiarity with foundational biblical texts and with different ways these texts have been interpreted through the centuries. Content will ordinarily include at least one major section from the Old Testament (Pentateuch or Prophets) and the New Testament (Gospels or Pauline Letters). Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A. THEO 210 and 220 recommended. Intended for majors and minors. Ordinarily offered once a year in fall and taken during the sophomore or junior year.

THEO 301 Old Testament Theology (4)
A survey of writings sacred to both Jewish and Christian traditions, this course examines the three parts of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament (Law, Prophets and Writings). The various types of literature found in the Old Testament (narrative, law, prophetic oracle, poetry, etc.) are analyzed according to traditional and contemporary techniques of biblical interpretation. Special attention is paid to theological themes (God, creation, redemption, etc.). Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 302 New Testament Theology (4)
This course provides a historical and theological overview of the major New Testament writings. While studying select portions of the Gospels, the Pauline letters, and other writings, this course analyzes various types of literature found in the New Testament (apocalyptic, homiletic, liturgical, etc.). Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 303 The Beginnings of Israel: Pentateuch (4)
This course focuses on the Israelites' encounter with God at the time of their liberation from slavery in Egypt, and on their reflection upon God's special relationship with them and their ancestors from the time of creation until their entry into the Promised Land. Emphasis is placed upon Genesis, Exodus and Deuteronomy. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.
THEO 304 The Prophets of Israel (4)
Through a study of select prophetic writings from the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, this course focuses on the prophets sent by God to challenge the Israelite people to be faithful to the covenant with God and to promote justice in the society of their time. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 305 Jesus and the Gospels (4)
This course explores the origins of the Gospels and the meaning of the teachings and deeds of Jesus as presented in the writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 306 Paul and His Letters (4)
This course presents a survey of Paul’s life and thought as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles and other writings, and it pursues a historical and theological study of the genuine letters of Paul as he confronts challenges during the development of early Christian communities. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 307 Bible, Church and Gender (4)
Focusing on the importance of Bible and Church for society, ideas about femininity and masculinity, roles of women in the Christian tradition, the use of the Bible as a norm for modern sexual ethics and family values, and views on marriage and sexuality, this course explores the engagement between the Christian biblical tradition and modern perspectives arising from the study of gender. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 308 Theology in the Light of Science (4)
This course will comprise an investigation of the historical and evolving relationship between theology and the natural sciences. This will involve some study of a) the rise of science in the western world, b) the reception and resistance it has encountered within Christianity, c) recent theologies that have taken account of major scientific advances, and d) some major issues that require and bring together contributions from both theology and the natural sciences. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 309 Topics in Scripture (4)
Course title(s) and description(s) appear in the official class schedule published each semester.

THEO 309B Sexuality & Renunciation in Early Christianity (4)
This course will investigate the theological and social construction of sexual expression and gender roles among various Christian groups from the first to the fifth century of the Common Era. We will focus on the reading and interpretation of primary texts, biblical and early Christian, with a twofold objective in view. First, to gain a better understanding of how theological and cultural considerations informed the early Christians’ understanding of sexuality and gender; second, to explore the implications such understanding has for exploring contemporary attitudes toward sexuality and gender. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 309C Reading Biblical Women (4)
This course offers an exploration of the Bible as sacred text, cultural document and literary masterpiece, with special attention to the women of scripture. In addition to close readings of texts such as Genesis, Exodus, The Song of Songs, the Gospels and Revelation, class members will become acquainted with a range of techniques of biblical and literary analysis, from historical and textual criticism to mysticism and feminist theory. In the final unit of the course, students will explore, as interpreters and creators, artistic responses to scripture (the study or creation of translation, stainedglass, theatre, poetry, mystical writings, prose fiction, etc., based on the biblical text). Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 310 Forms of Christian Community (4)
This course provides an overview of Church history with a special emphasis on Christian communities from the earliest monastic communities and parishes to contemporary Catholic Worker houses. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 311 Christian Lives: Biography and Autobiography in the History of Christianity (4)
This course provides an overview of Church history with special emphasis on the shape of individual lives from the early martyrs and monks to twentieth-century leaders. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 312 Christianity in Relation to Judaism (4)
This course explores the emergence of Christianity within and from Judaism, traditional anti-Jewish formulations of Christian faith, contemporary Christian affirmations of Judaism's validity, and the implications of these new affirmations for Christian self-understanding and for Christian-Jewish relations. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A
THEO 314 Global Christianity (4)
This course examines the development of Christianity in specific contexts around the globe. Special emphasis is given to Africa, Asia, and Latin America, continents that are now home to more than half of the world’s Christians. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 317 Religion in Latin America (4)
The changing nature of religious cultures in Latin America from the pre-Columbian period to the present day. Includes the study of indigenous religious practices, the European “spiritual conquest” of the New World, the creation of syncretic forms of Catholicism, 19th century conflicts between religion and secularism, the spread of Protestantism in the 20th century, and the advent and course of liberation theology in Latin America. Within a historical context, examines the role of religion in shaping sense of self, forms of community, and human interaction with the physical world. Usually offered every third semester. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 319 Topics in Church History/Historical Theology (4)
Course title(s) and description(s) appear in the official class schedule published each semester.

THEO 319A American Catholic History & Thought (4)
This course is a historical-theological survey of American Catholicism from pre-colonial times to the present, with attention to the origins, personalities, struggles, and possibilities of the American Catholic Experience. The analytical thrust of the course focuses on the Catholic community’s ability to engage the great religious/theological questions of the last three centuries, as well as its potential to address the critical issues of a new century and a new millennium. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 319B Irish Christian Tradition Abroad (4)
This survey course examines the development of Christianity in Ireland from its first emergence in the late 4th century to the current crises being faced by all Christian denominations in Ireland, but particularly by the Roman Catholic Church. By focusing on certain key moments in Irish Christian history (the coming of Christianity; the Irish monastic tradition; the Church in the Middle Ages; the Reformation and Plantation periods; the great awakening of the 19th century and Church and State in Modern Ireland), participants will be led to a greater understanding and appreciation of the Christian tradition that has helped shape so much of the Irish experience, in Ireland and abroad. A notable feature of the course is the numerous field trips to various Christian and monastic sites of contemporary and historical interest. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 319D Religious History in Austria Germany Abroad (4)

THEO 319E Age of Reformation (4)
This course undertakes a study of the Protestant and Catholic Reformations in the 16th and 17th centuries with a particular emphasis on social history, including the causes and characteristics of religious change and its effects on European society and culture. Topics include the reception and implementation of the Protestant Reformation, Catholic responses to this challenge, radical religious movements, the role of women in religious reform, changes in family relations, and popular religion. Alternate years. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 319F God, Human Beings and Salvation (4)
At the heart of Christian faith lies the conviction that sinful human beings are redeemed and saved through Jesus Christ who introduces them into a new and grace-filled relationship with God. While such a belief is universal to all Christians, the specific way in which redemption and salvation is understood has assumed varied expressions throughout the history of Christian thought. This course will explore Christian attempts to understand human salvation with particular focus on the notion of “justification” – the movement of a person from a state of sin into a state of grace. Central to this exploration will be the study of how God and human beings both play meaningful roles in the process of justification and the movement toward eternal life. As they relate to this central theme, the course will also explore topics including Christ’s role as savior, faith, grace, merit, sin, free will, and predestination. Surveying justification from a historical perspective, the course will offer students the opportunity to compare and evaluate diverse viewpoints using skills and vocabulary acquired during the semester. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 323 The Reality of God (4)
This course explores the meaning of the existence, nature, attributes, revelation, and presence of God according to the Jewish and Christian traditions, giving special emphasis to the grounds for believing in God and Trinitarian doctrine. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 325 The Meaning of Christ (4)
This course examines understandings of the person and work of Jesus Christ as expressed by biblical writers, church councils and creeds, and writers throughout Christian history. The course may also consider expressions of Christ in liturgical prayers,
hymnody, and art. Attention will be given to diverse understandings of Christ in contemporary contexts. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 326 The Catholic Church Today (4)
Focusing on Vatican Council II as a pivotal event in the Roman Catholic Church, this course examines models for understanding the Church today, its leadership structures, its tasks in society, and its ecumenical and inter-faith endeavors. Each semester, special attention is paid to current issues facing the Church. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 327 Christian Approaches to Other Religions (4)
This course examines a variety of Christian theological positions on other religions. Perspectives from the Bible, Church councils, doctrinal statements, and works of theologians are studied. Concurrently, attention is given to other religions and their relationships to Christianity. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 328 Hispanic Theology in the United States (4)
This course explores how U.S. Hispanic experiences (of religion, culture, gender, etc.) mediate theological approaches to the Bible and Christian doctrines. It offers a survey of the origins and presence of U.S. Hispanic communities and examines central biblical and theological themes in the writings of contemporary U.S. Hispanic theologians. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329 Topics in Systematic Theology (4)
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THEO 329A Feminist Theology (4)
This course analyzes feminist biblical interpretation, feminist readings of Christian history, and the work of feminist and womanist scholars in systematic theology and theological ethics. Attention is given throughout to the ways in which embodiment and social location, especially in terms of race, class, sexuality, and ethnicity, shape theological work. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329B Medieval Philosophy (4)
Philosophy in the West did not take a long nap after the ancient era. This course in medieval philosophy will investigate the period which began with Augustine and reached its culmination in 13th- and 14th-century Scholasticism, especially with Thomas Aquinas. It will investigate at least three major philosophers or schools of philosophy of that era. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329C Aquinas, Salvation, and Sacraments (4)
This course will focus on God's plan of salvation as expressed in Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae. Students will read and analyze texts from Part I and III and discuss Thomas' pedagogy, theological method, definitions, and arguments. Participants will consider the historical and cultural context of these texts and discuss their ongoing impact. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329D Theologies of Liberation (4)
Liberation theology is the name for a well-known and, to some, notorious form of religious action and reflection that emerged in Latin America some forty years ago. Today, it has now grown into a family of related though different theologies, which have similar methods, and which all start for the experience of oppression. Although Latin American theology of liberation is perhaps the most influential expression of this relation in the twentieth century, other forms of religious reflection owe a debt to liberation theology, even as they add to the profundity of its insights. This course will begin with Latin American liberation theology and then turn to the work of black, feminist, womanist, U.S. Latino/a, gay/lesbian and ecological theologies to broaden our understanding of the relationship between the Gospels and the imperative to structural change in our society. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329E Theologies of Gender (4)
This course considers how Christian theologies-biblical, ancient, and modern - have contributed to the cultural construction of gender. Conversely, the course studies the ways in which cultural ideas of gender, and gendered ideas about sexuality, have shaped understandings of God, Christ, church, and theological anthropology. In analyzing scriptural, historical, and contemporary sources, including ecclesial documents, the course draws upon scholarship at the intersections of Christian theology and feminist theory, masculinity studies, queer theory, and sexuality studies. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329F Philosophy of Religion (4)
While philosophy sometimes seems opposed to religious faith, their relation has often been friendly, as “faith seeking understanding.” Philosophical reflection on religious belief critically examines the claims of faith as well as attempts to discred
or dismiss the claims of faith. This course will explore this tradition through one or more lenses: philosophical reflection on: a) the validity of religious experience, b) the reasonableness of belief in God, c) the problem of evil or reconciling the experience of evil and suffering with religious belief, or d) other historical or emerging themes in the philosophy of religion. The course will consider also the perspective of theology in responding to philosophical reflection. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 329G Big Questions of Christian Theology (4)
This course is designed to help students explore the categories and content of the Christian theological tradition through a close examination of historical and contemporary theological writings. It does this by looking at the significant issues and debates that have shaped and continue to shape Christian beliefs and communities. More than a theological survey, this course looks at the “big questions” in Christian theology about the divine, human existence, and the natural world, as well as the ways in which contemporary theologians have sought to rearticulate these questions for our increasingly global and diverse world using the categories of race, gender, class, and so on. Topics covered in this course include: the existence of God, God and poverty, the humanity and divinity of Jesus, Christ and the world religions, the problem of evil and suffering, and Christian hope in the “last things.” Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 330 Christian Spirituality (4)
This course provides a study of the Christian tradition of spirituality as reflected by some classic and contemporary Christian writers, with particular focus on the influence of beliefs (about Trinity, Christ, grace, etc.) and elements of spiritual formation (such as prayer, reading, solitude, and social responsibility) on Christian living today. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 331 Benedictine Spirituality (4)
This course explores the origins and essentials of Benedictine spirituality, giving special attention to how this spirituality is expressed in the lives of the monastics at Saint Benedict’s Monastery and Saint John’s Abbey. It encourages students to envision for themselves and others how the lessons of Benedictine spirituality can influence their lives whatever their vocation might be. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 333 Suffering and Christian Healing (4)
This course considers human suffering and the Christian ministry of healing from historical, literary, psychological, scientific, and theological perspectives. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 334 Spirituality of the College Male: Male Spirituality and Sexuality (4)
This course will use the experience of the college male as the point of departure for a consideration of the interplay between male sexuality, masculine identity and spirituality, and the ways in which these might be better integrated. This course will examine concepts found in long-established and contemporary studies of spirituality, male sexuality, and masculinity. Of special interest will be the ways in which male sexuality, masculine identity and spirituality affect men's relationships with God, self and the other. Underlying this course is the assumption that the development of a personal spirituality will help one to be more attentive to the voice of God, more aware of one's own existence, and better able to form communities founded on respect for individual persons. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 339 Topics in Spirituality (2-4)
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THEO 339A Discernment & Christian Decision Making (4)
This course introduces participants to the teachings on discernment found within the Christian tradition. The topic of discernment will be considered both as a way of life and as a specific process for vocational decision-making. Participants will apply discernment principles in differing contexts through course assignments and class activities such as discussion of case studies and reflection on personal experiences. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 339B Spiritual Companioning (4)
This course will introduce participants to the ministry of spiritual companionship. They will explore the growing need for "soul friends" in contemporary life and consider the various contexts for cultivating spiritual community: one-to-one, small groups, marriage, family life, place of worship, and the workplace. Participants will apply companioning skills to their own lives through course assignments and class activities such as role-plays, discussion of case studies, and reflection on personal experiences. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 339C Spirituality & the College Male: Male Spirituality & Sexuality (4)
This course will use the experience of the college male and the construction of masculinity as the point of departure for a consideration of the interplay between male sexuality, masculine identity and spirituality, and the ways in which these might be better integrated. This course will examine concepts found in long-established and contemporary studies of spirituality, male sexuality, and masculinity. Of special interest will be the ways in which male sexuality, masculine identity and spirituality affect
men’s relationships with God, self and the other. Underlying this course is the assumption that the development of a personal spirituality will help one to be more attentive to the voice of God, more aware of the meaning of one’s own existence, and better able to form communities founded on respect for individual persons. A mentoring component of this course will require students to meet with an outside mentor approved by the instructor. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 339D Theology, Spirituality, and the Arts (4)
This course introduces students to the relationships between theology, spirituality, and the arts, with a primary focus on the visual arts. The course will explore how the making of art and experiencing art can inform both theology and spirituality. We will look at what is central in a theological reflection on the arts beginning with the contributions of theologians who have reflected on art, beauty, and aesthetics. We will also examine the significance of artistic style in the presentation of religious subject matter and meaning, and the importance of formal analysis of a work of art in the process of theological interpretation. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 339E Art and Religion in Spain and the Americas (4)
This course explores the transmigration of Christian art and iconography from Spain, including its Jewish and Muslim influences and its convergence with indigenous cultures and African expressions in the Americas. The course will consider the ways religious art and iconography reflects, transmits, changes and maintains theological, socio-political, cultural, and aesthetic meanings over space and time. Designed with an art historical focus with attention to theological issues, interdisciplinary methods will be used to assess religious imagery, devotional objects, and sacred spaces that continue to hold significance for Latin American and Latino/a populations today.

THEO 340 God and the Moral Life (4)
This course explores how God, our image of God, and our speech about God makes a difference in the way Christians live. It develops views of the moral life within a Christian theological vision of goodness, sin, redemption, vocation, and human community. Within this vision, various ethical issues will be examined with the aim of living into right relationships. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 342 Theology of Sexuality and Marriage (4)
Given the inescapable complexities surrounding human sexuality, gender, and embodiment, how might we live and relate to one another in ways that are increasingly fulfilling, and in ways that deepen our relationships with ourselves, others, and God? This course will introduce students to the methodology of Christian ethics, i.e., the process of drawing upon sources of knowledge (scripture, tradition, reason, and contemporary experience) to formulate responses to contemporary issues regarding sexuality and relationships. Specifically, we will be exploring the concept of justice as it relates to sex, contemporary hookup culture, love, and relationships. In the end, students will be equipped to construct and articulate a compelling theological sexual ethic for college students. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 343 Theology and the Environment (4)
This course explores what major religious traditions about humanity’s relationship to the rest of creation. Among the religious traditions surveyed in this course are Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Certain aspects of Native American spirituality are also considered. Particular attention is given to different Christian perspectives on the human relationship to creation. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 344 Religious Perspectives on Economic Life (4)
Moral theology asks what religious faith means for living a good life—for each person and for society as a whole. This course examines various visions of economic life held by religious people in the West, focusing on the Christian understanding of economic life. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 345 Theologies of Violence and Nonviolence (4)
This course examines theological perspectives on violence and nonviolence ranging from absolute pacifism to just war theory to the celebration of “redemptive violence.” Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 346 Diversity and Christian Community (4)
This course explores diversity as a dynamic component of Christian communities and studies the contextual nature of Christian theology. The course also analyzes the ways in which racism and classism are experienced, perpetuated, and sometimes dismantled in Christian communities. In addition to theological texts, including those based on scripture and contemporary Catholic social teaching, the course relies upon service-learning in local organizations. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 348 Religion, Society and Politics (4)
Recent developments in the United States and other parts of the world have led observers to look closely at religious groups, beliefs and activities concerning the state, society and sociopolitical issues like cultural diversity and war and peace. In this course we will examine the Judeo-Christian tradition and address such questions as: What is the relationship between religion
and ethnicity and religion and nationalism? What is religious fundamentalism? How do various groups view their relationship with the state and the broader society? What kinds of social and political goals do religious groups have and how do they try and achieve them? We will try to answer these and other questions through the study of historical and sociological case studies and selected religious texts reflecting the range of belief and practice in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 349  Topics in Moral Theology/Christian Ethics (4)
Course title(s) and description(s) appear in the official class schedule published each semester.

THEO 349A  Family, Church, and Society (4)
Drawing on historical, sociological, and religious sources, this course introduces students to a range of perspectives concerning the intersection of family, church and society, focusing on issues such as cohabitation, marriage, divorce, homosexuality, and gender roles. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 349C  Biomedical Ethics: Theology, Biomedical & Health Care (4)
This course will examine the role of faith in addressing a variety of moral issues raised by the advancement of medical science and technology and by ongoing research to cure diseases. The course will survey issues such as stem cell research, reproductive technologies, health care reform, the patient-physician relationship, euthanasia, beginning and end of life questions and HIV/AIDS. Each issue will be explored from the perspectives of theology, medicine, and other pertinent disciplines, such as psychology. Theological themes will be looked at to see what theology and faith offer in addressing the variety of moral issues. These themes include theological anthropology (how we understand the human person), views on God, sin, grace, the communal nature of morality, the Resurrection (as a framework to discuss what it means to die a good death), as well as Catholic social teaching and the Christian obligation to care for the poor and vulnerable. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 349D  Justice, Peace & Reconciliation (4)
From the Book of Exodus to the Hebrew prophets and the New Testament, one finds the utopian vision of a just, peaceful and reconciled world, summarized in the biblical term “shalom.” Through the study of biblical texts and contemporary writings, we will explore the Judeo-Christian tradition’s vision of justice, peace and reconciliation. Through the analysis of case studies we will explore how individuals, organizations and communities in the tradition are working to bring about shalom in various parts of the world through such means as nonviolent action, the defense of human rights, methods to conflict resolution and transformation, and efforts for peacebuilding and reconciliation. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 349E  Economic Thought & Religious Values (4)
An examination of how economic life has been viewed from the perspective of religion, particularly Western Christianity: from roots in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, through the early church, middle ages and the Protestant Reformation, up to contemporary debates about free markets, Marxism, feminism and the social teaching of the Roman Catholic Church today. Prerequisite: ECON 111 & THEO 111 or HONR 240A.

THEO 349F  Liberation Ethics Abroad (4)

THEO 349G  Moral Vision of John Paul II (4)
This course introduces students to the moral vision of Pope John Paul II (1920-2004), with a particular focus on the distinctions and connections between the human person (anthropology), the human family (sexuality), and human creativity (work). From his early years as a boy in small-town Poland to his ascent through the church hierarchy, the course begins with a brief historical overview of the man many have referred to as the “man of the century.” Students then will have the opportunity to critically and charitably engage all or parts of the following primary source documents: Redemptor Hominis, Famil-iaris Consortio, Laborem Exercens, and Centesimus Annus. Secondary source material will be drawn from contemporary Catholic and Protestant theologians both commenting on and engaging specific themes/issues regarding the human person, family, sexuality, and work. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 350  Christian Worship (4)
This course offers an overview of the origin, development, and cultural aspects of Christian worship, giving special attention to the Church’s celebration of the mystery of Christ in word and sacrament, and to the meaning and rhythm of Sundays, feasts and seasons. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 351  Initiation and Eucharist (4)
This course focuses on the Christian rites of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion) and the Eucharist as primary sacraments in the Church, exploring their Chrustological and anthropological foundations, historical evolution, contemporary forms, and pastoral effectiveness. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A
THEO 359  Topics in Liturgical Studies  (4)
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THEO 360  History of Judaism  (4)
This course presents a survey of the history of the Jewish people and an analysis of the development of Judaism from biblical to modern times. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 361  Studies in Jewish Thought  (4)
This course explores Jewish thought from biblical times to the present, unified around three principal themes: God, Torah, and the people Israel. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 362  Contemporary Jewish Theology  (4)
This course explores the theological perspectives of leading contemporary Jewish thinkers, particularly on topics central to traditional Judaism and it compares those views with classical Jewish teachings. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 363  Religions of the World  (4)
This course focuses on major religions of the world cross-culturally in terms of categories such as sacred text, sacred time, sacred space, myth, ritual, symbol, ethics, and politics. The relationships among the religions and topics pertaining to inter-religious dialogue are examined. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 364  Ethics & World Religions  (4)
Analysis of the changing cultural meaning and experience of religion in America. Considers why American religious experience has been so diverse, how religiosity has shaped our society, and how in turn society's values and structure have shaped religion. Primary focus on the 19th and 20th centuries. Yearly. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 365  Islam  (4)
This course explores the history of Islam and its interpretations, as well as doctrines and practices among Muslims in various parts of the world. It examines the Quran and Hadith, and topics related to women and gender, Islamic law, and Islam and politics, and it examines the relationship between Islam and the Judeo-Christian tradition. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 369  Topics in Jewish Studies and World Religions  (4)
Course title(s) and description(s) appear in the official class schedule published each semester.

THEO 369A  Jewish Encounters with Jesus and Christianity  (4)
An exploration of the theological and historical encounters between Judaism and Christianity, from the emergence of both Christianity and Judaism out of biblical religion, the disagreements and distancing of one faith from the other over the centuries, but culminating, in the late 20th century, in efforts at rapprochement and mutual acceptance. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 369B  Modern Islam Political Movement  (4)
After providing an introduction to the beliefs, practices, and history of Islam, this course will analyze some of the relationships between Islam and politics in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries among Islamist (or “fundamentalist Islamic groups”) in the Middle East, South Asia, and other parts of the world. Specifically, the course will examine the histories, ideologies, and structures of groups. This course will examine the religious, theological, and political, foundations of these groups while analyzing their work in education, literacy, social service to people in many sectors of societies (including the underprivileged), religious and political instruction, and community-building. The course will also explore the various perspectives of members of these groups and movements toward peace and violence as well as their religiously- and politically-based reasons for attacking various targets. Finally, the course will compare and contrast those Islamist trends with those represented by some liberal Muslims. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 369C  Islam and Gender  (4)
This course will focus on the various ways in which relations between Muslim women and men have been appropriated, interpreted, and concretized in a variety of real-life situations throughout the early, medieval, and modern periods in Islam with a regional focus on Islam and gender in the Middle East, North Africa, South Asia, Europe, and/or North America. This course will use gender as a primary lens of analysis for examining course content by examining the, at times static and at other times dynamic, roles of women and men in societies where Muslims are in the majority and others where they are the minority in order to gain an understanding of the relationship between appropriations of gender with respect to Islam and its corresponding cultural contexts. The course will also give serious consideration to scholarly literature on Islam and its relationship to lesbians, gays, bigendered (i.e., bisexual), and transgendered (i.e., transexual) persons. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A
THEO 371 Individual Learning Project (1-4)
Supervised reading or research at the upper-division level. Permission of department chair and completion and/or concurrent registration of 12 credits within the department required. Consult department chair for applicability towards major requirements. Not available to first-year students.

THEO 380 Pastoral Ministry (4)
This course is an introduction to the theology and spirituality of pastoral ministry, which explores pastoral leadership and the structural components of parish life and ministry. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 381 Youth Ministry (4)
This course focuses on the theology and practice of parish youth ministry with special emphasis on specific methodologies for youth ministry. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 382 Family Ministry (1)
This one credit course explores the theology of Christian marriage and family life, focusing on pastoral approaches to marriage preparation and to families. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 383 Retreat Work (1)
This one credit course focuses on the theology and practice of retreat ministry, in which students design a retreat. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 384 Social Concerns (1)
This course focuses on Catholic social teaching and its implications for pastoral ministry. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 385 Ministry to the Sick and Dying (1)
This one credit course examines pastoral ministry to the sick and dying, with a special emphasis on the grieving process. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 389 Topics in Pastoral Theology and Ministry (1-4)
Course title(s) and description(s) appear in the official class schedule published each semester.

THEO 390 Moral Theology (4)
This course introduces students to basic ethical concepts (such as human action, human agency, natural law, freedom, conscience, and the Christian moral life) and to the application of Christian moral reasoning to contemporary ethical issues. It offers theology majors a common grounding in Catholic moral theology. Ordinarily offered once a year in fall and taken in senior year after the completion of most requirements for the major. Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A. Recommended: THEO 220, 221, 300.

THEO 391 History of the Eastern Church Abroad (2)
Focus on the organic growth of Christianity in the framework of classical civilization. Emphasis is on the development of Christian doctrine through Christian symbolism and art. Emphasis on the periods of Augustus through Severus; Constantine the Great; Christological Controversies and Councils of the Church; and Iconoclastic Period of the 8th/9th centuries. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 392 History of the Western Church Abroad (2)
Investigation of the life of the early Roman Church as revealed through liturgical texts and architectural evidence. Christian writings from the first five centuries will illustrate developments in the ordering of the community, liturgy, spirituality, and doctrine as a rereading of the evidence from Scripture and Church life. (Prerequisite: THEO 111 or HONR 240A. This course, combined with THEO 391 in Greece will fulfill a TU requirement of the Common Curriculum.)

THEO 396 Theological Conversation (4)
This course provides an integrative exercise in theological thought based on a conversation between two theological sub-disciplines (e.g. scriptures and ethics) guiding the development of a capstone research paper. Prerequisite THEO 111 or HONR 240A

THEO 397 Internship (10-16)
This is a supervised practicum for students majoring in theology, serving as a capstone experience for those specializing in education or in pastoral ministry.
THEO 398  Honors Senior Essay, Research or Creative Project (1-4)
This is required for graduation with "Distinction in Theology." Prerequisite: HONR 396 and approval of the department chair and director of the Honors Thesis program. For further information see HONR 398.