

THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES, B.A.

Theology and Religious Studies represents an ideal liberal arts major that is attractive to graduate schools and employers alike because of the insights that students gain into the most profound questions of human existence and the skills that they acquire in critical analysis and problem solving. Although shaped by the Catholic Benedictine tradition, the TRS major engages and reflects on that heritage in dialogue with other religious traditions. To meet the needs of a diverse student body, the program offers a broad curriculum that includes courses in theology, biblical studies, ethics/moral theology, religion and culture, spirituality, and world religions.

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Upon completion of the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Theology and Religious Studies at The College of St. Scholastica, the graduate will be able to:

1. Articulate basic knowledge in the content areas of the program (theology, biblical studies, etc).
2. Select relevant sources and/or sacred texts effectively.
3. Read, discuss and write critically about biblical, religious and/or theological topics.
4. Analyze the role of religion and/or the Catholic intellectual tradition in shaping meaning.

Requirements

Students must achieve the following program requirements for all courses listed under Program Requirements and Program Required Courses for the Theology and Religious Studies major.

Program Requirements

Major Credits: 40

Major Residency Credits: 16

Minimum GPA: 2.7

Minimum Grade: C

Program Required Courses

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
Select four credits in Theology from the following:		4
TRS 1101	Introduction to Christian Theology	
TRS 1102	Sin, Suffering and Salvation	
TRS 1110	Introduction to Catholicism	
TRS 1420	Introduction to Spirituality	
Select four credits in Biblical Studies of the following:		4
TRS 1103	Introduction to the Bible	
TRS 1104	Introduction to the Hebrew Scriptures	
TRS 1105	Introduction to the New Testament	
Select four credits in Religions of the World of the following:		4
TRS/WGS 2243	Women and Religion	
TRS 2601	Religions of the World	

Area Courses		
Select four credits of the following Theology courses:		4
TRS 3240	Sacraments and Liturgy	
TRS 3350	The Person and Mission of Jesus	
or appropriate:		
TRS 2777	Topics in Religion	
TRS 3777	Topics in Religion	
TRS 4777	Catholic Studies Seminar	
Select four credits of the following Biblical Studies courses:		4
TRS 3110	Gospel of John	
TRS 3120	Paul's Letters	
TRS 3130	Prophets	
Select four credits of the following Moral Theology courses:		4
TRS 2101	Do I Have to be Good?: Religious Ethics	
TRS 3310	Religious Perspectives on Living, Dying and Grieving	
TRS 3311	Religious Perspectives on Healthcare Ethics	
TRS 3320	Religion and Politics of Compassion	
or appropriate:		
TRS 2777	Topics in Religion	
TRS 3777	Topics in Religion	
TRS 4777	Catholic Studies Seminar	
Select four credits of the following World Religions courses: ¹		4
TRS 3777	Topics in Religion	
TRS 4777	Catholic Studies Seminar	
TRS 4555	Internship	4
Upper division courses		
Twelve additional credits in the 3000-4000 course level selected with advisement.		12
Ministry focus		
TRS Majors interested in ministry should also take:		
TRS 2110	Introduction to Ministry	
Total Credits		44

¹ Currently listed as topics courses

Degree Requirements

To graduate from The College of St. Scholastica, baccalaureate students must meet the following minimum degree requirements.

Total Credits: 128

Upper Division Credits: 42

Residency Requirement: 32

Minimum GPA: 2.0