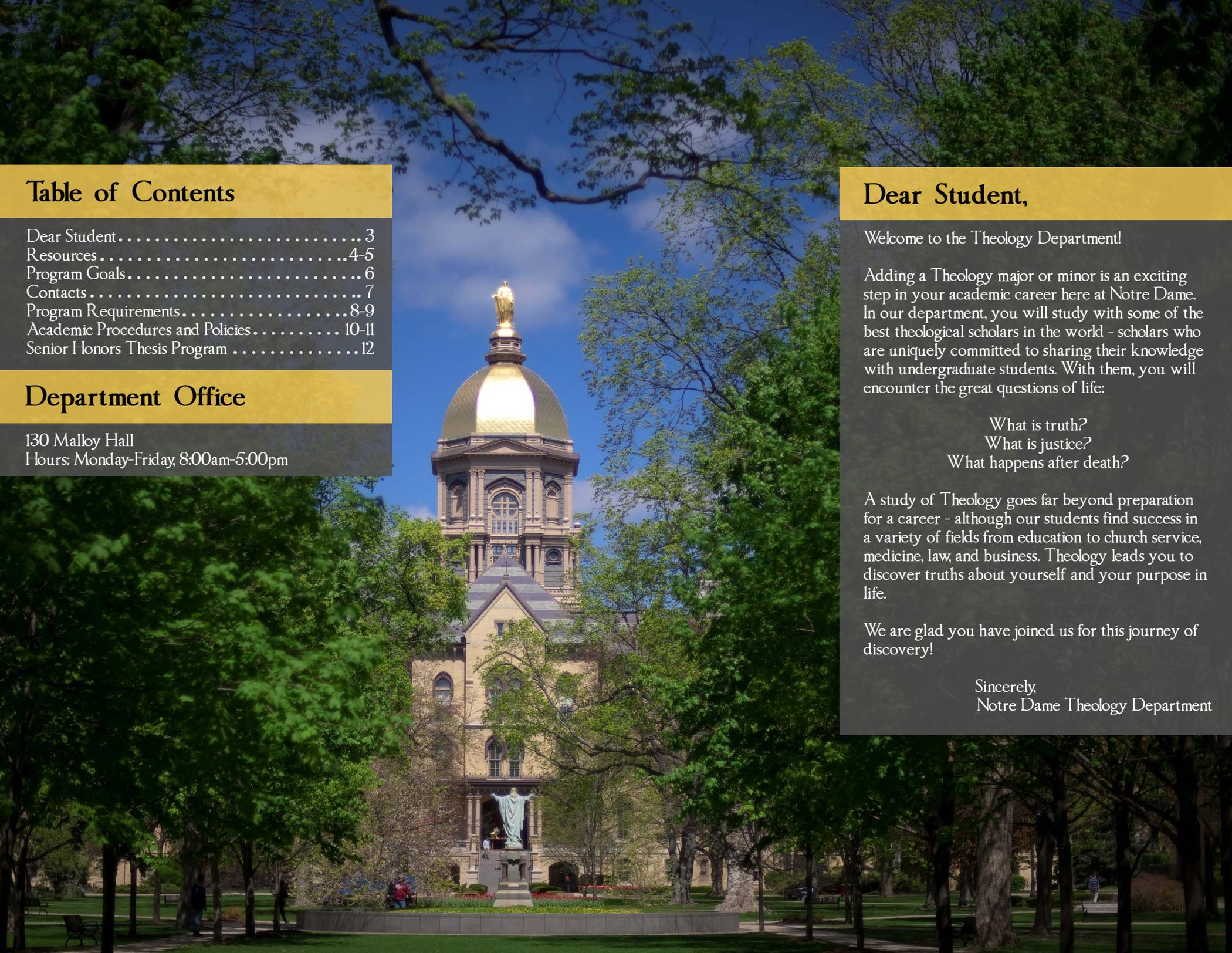


University of Notre Dame Department of Theology

# Welcome Packet

130 Malloy Hall



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## Department Office

130 Malloy Hall  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:00pm

## Dear Student,

Welcome to the Theology Department!

Adding a Theology major or minor is an exciting step in your academic career here at Notre Dame. In our department, you will study with some of the best theological scholars in the world - scholars who are uniquely committed to sharing their knowledge with undergraduate students. With them, you will encounter the great questions of life:

What is truth?  
What is justice?  
What happens after death?

A study of Theology goes far beyond preparation for a career - although our students find success in a variety of fields from education to church service, medicine, law, and business. Theology leads you to discover truths about yourself and your purpose in life.

We are glad you have joined us for this journey of discovery!

Sincerely,  
Notre Dame Theology Department

## Resources

In this packet, we will introduce you to the information you need to know to succeed in your Theology program - and have a great time, too! Here are some important resources that will help you throughout your time with us.

## Majors Advisory Council

The MAC is a group of current students in the program who have volunteered to serve as ambassadors between the student body and our faculty. They keep the department updated on the student perspective and help us continually review and improve our academic and administrative services. MAC members are also great resources for students: they are available to answer questions about favorite classes, study tips and tricks, and which faculty members bring snacks to class! MAC member profiles and contact information are listed on the department website.

## Special Events

The Theology department prides itself on hosting some of the best events on campus. As a major or minor, you'll always find something interesting to add to your social calendar. To keep updated on events in the department, make sure to check your email regularly, follow us on Facebook, and check the Events tab on the Theology website. Our department regularly hosts lectures and conferences (open to undergraduates), film screenings, social events, and service projects. Throughout the year, we also host informational sessions to introduce prospective students to our program. We ask current students to help us with these efforts, so please consider volunteering!

## Department Facebook

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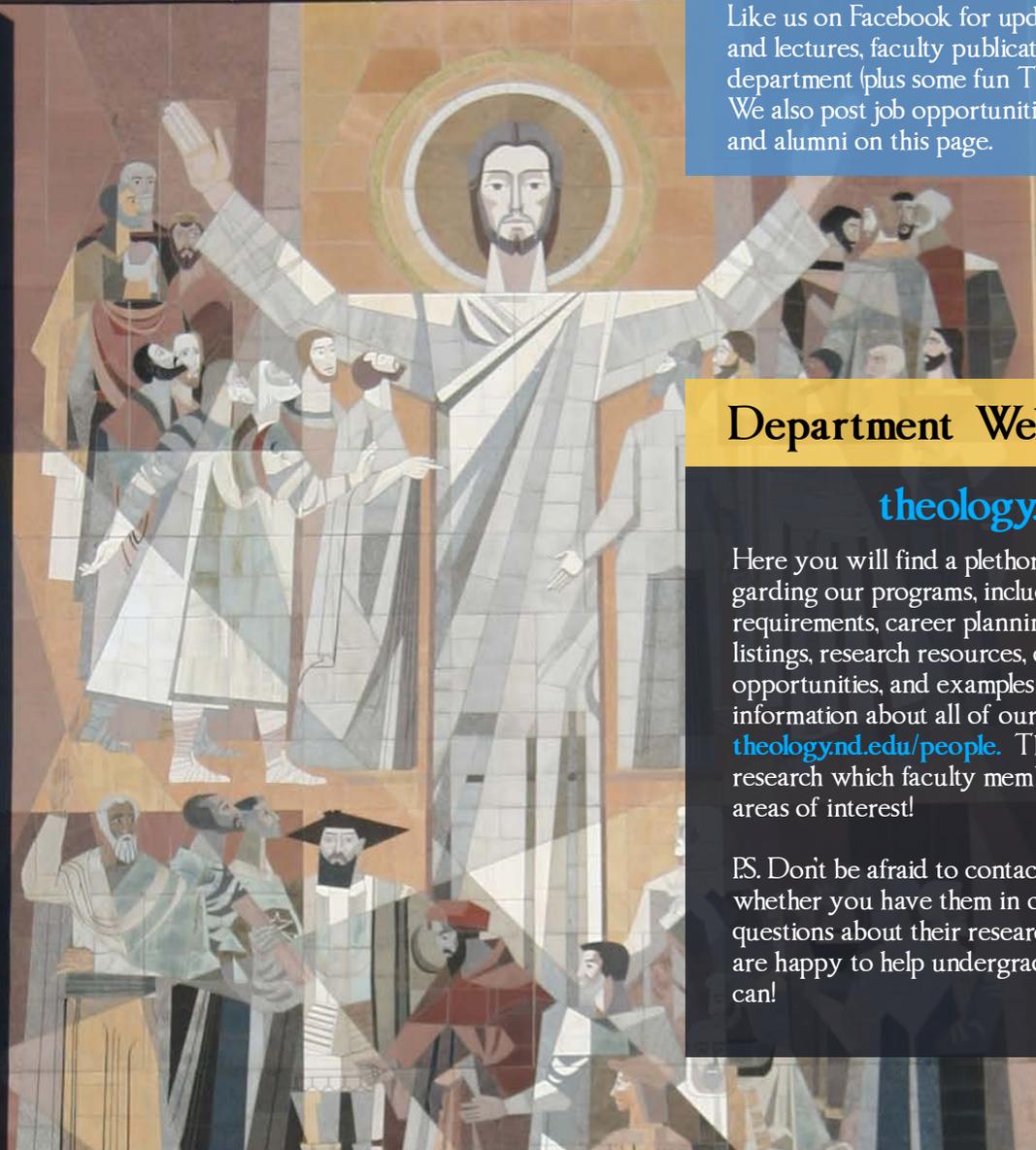
Like us on Facebook for updates on special events and lectures, faculty publications, and news from the department (plus some fun Theology-related extras)! We also post job opportunities for current students and alumni on this page.

## Department Website

[theology.nd.edu](http://theology.nd.edu)

Here you will find a plethora of information regarding our programs, including major and minor requirements, career planning information, course listings, research resources, campus resources and opportunities, and examples of student work. For information about all of our faculty members, visit [theology.nd.edu/people](http://theology.nd.edu/people). This is a great way to research which faculty members specialize in your areas of interest!

PS. Don't be afraid to contact any faculty member, whether you have them in class or not, with questions about their research. Our faculty members are happy to help undergraduates whenever they can!



## Program Goals

We have designed our theology program with certain goals that we hope, when met, will leave you better prepared to enter the world and pursue your own objectives. Listed below are a series of cognitive, behavioral, and affective goals we have for each and every student in our program.

**Over the course of the theology program, students will:**

### Knowledge (Cognitive)

1. Have an understanding of what theology is as a tradition of the Church and as a discipline in the liberal arts
2. Demonstrate understanding of fundamental theological themes and vocabulary based in Sacred Scripture and in Christian traditions
3. Exhibit familiarity with one or more of the theological methodologies appropriate to the sub-disciplines represented in the department.

### Dispositions/Values (Affective)

1. Recognize the significance of theological study for their life of faith
2. Give evidence of openness to ecumenical and interreligious dialogue with multiple traditions

### Skills (Behavioral)

1. Employ critical theological thinking skills (e.g., analysis, synthesis, evaluation)
2. Become precise, articulate, and coherent theological writers within multiple genres
3. Develop effective and engaging oral communication about theological topics
4. Become better equipped for their future work.

## Theology Club

The Theology Club is a social group for any student interested in theological discussion. They meet regularly for meals and special events. To find out more, email Reba Luffy at [rluffy@nd.edu](mailto:rluffy@nd.edu) or Matt Gambetta at [mgambett@nd.edu](mailto:mgambett@nd.edu)

## Undergraduate Coordinator

Allison Collins  
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Allison is available every day to answer your questions about the major or minor. She can process course approvals, update your GPS, and help you with eForms. She can also address most of your academic questions and concerns. For the sake of organization, we ask that you visit or email Allison first with questions about your major or minor. If she can't help, she will know who can!

## Assistant D.U.S.

Prof. Anthony Pagliarini  
Email: [apaglia1@nd.edu](mailto:apaglia1@nd.edu)

Prof. Pagliarini's role as Assistant Director of Undergraduate Studies means that he is available to answer all your questions regarding Theology courses. As an alumnus of both the Theology Major and our Theology Ph.D. program, he is a great resource for discussing your academic path.

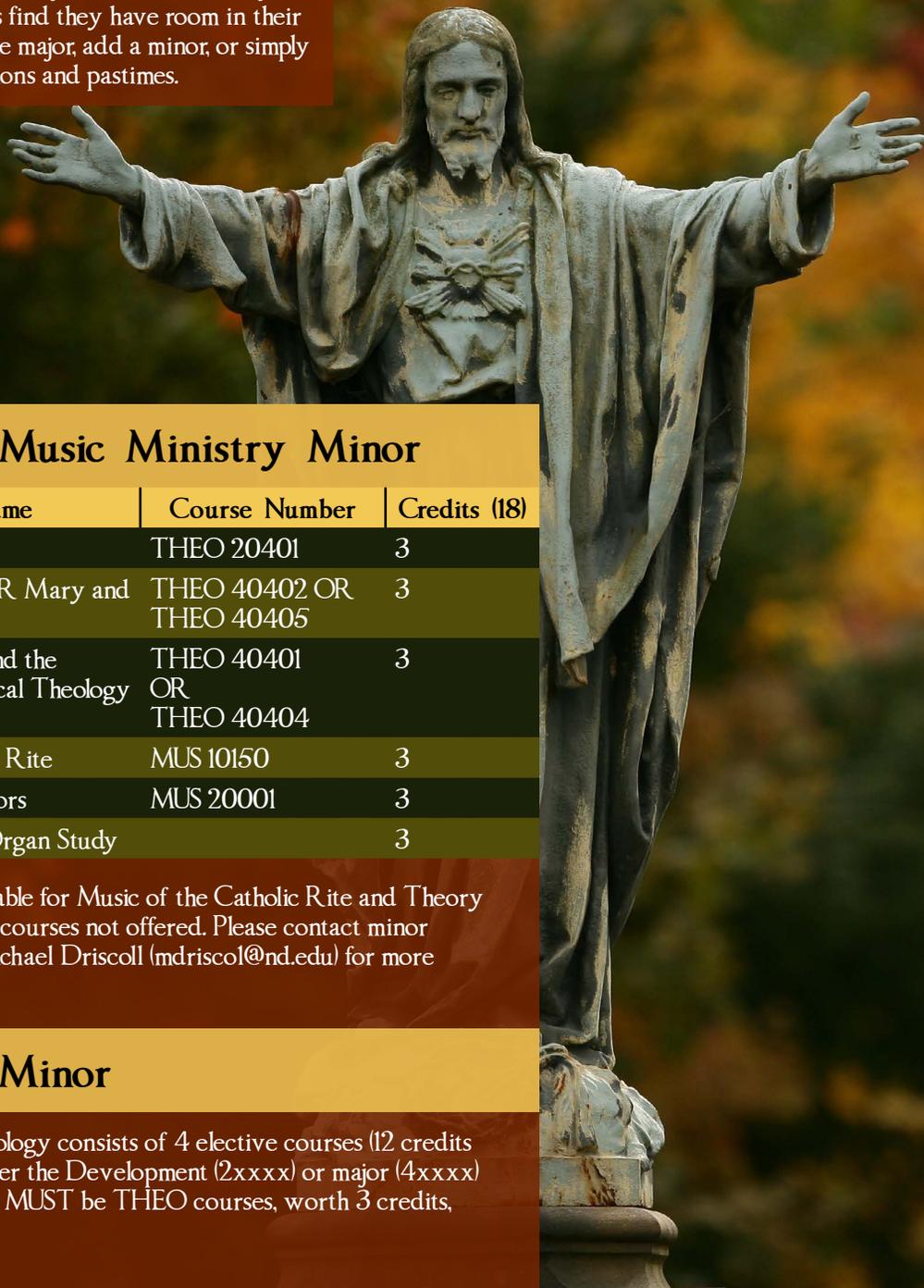
## D.U.S.

Prof. Ann Astell  
333 Malloy  
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The Director of Undergraduate Studies (DUS) oversees the entire Undergraduate program, from curriculum to metrics and academic policies. Prof. Astell guides the direction of all of our undergraduate programs and is also the final arbiter of all tricky academic cases!

## Program Requirements

Our theology programs are a mix of required courses that will shape your theological groundings and elective courses that give you the freedom to pursue your interests! Many Theology students find they have room in their schedules to double major, add a minor, or simply pursue other passions and pastimes.



## Liturgical Music Ministry Minor

Course Name	Course Number	Credits (18)
Church and Worship	THEO 20401	3
Feasts and Seasons OR Mary and the Saints	THEO 40402 OR THEO 40405	3
Christian Initiation and the Eucharist OR Liturgical Theology of the Roman Mass	THEO 40401 OR THEO 40404	3
Music of the Catholic Rite	MUS 10150	3
Theory for Non-Majors	MUS 20001	3
Ensemble, Piano, or Organ Study		3

Alternatives available for Music of the Catholic Rite and Theory for Non-Majors if courses not offered. Please contact minor coordinator Fr. Michael Driscoll (mdriscol@nd.edu) for more information.

## Theology Minor

The minor in Theology consists of 4 elective courses (12 credits total) taken at either the Development (2xxxx) or major (4xxxx) levels. All courses MUST be THEO courses, worth 3 credits, and graded A-F

## Standard/Supplemental Majors

Course Name	Course Number	Semester Offered	Credits (34)
Christian Traditions I	THEO 40201	Fall	3
Christian Traditions II	THEO 40202	Spring	3
Intro to Old Testament	THEO 40101	Fall	3
Intro to New Testament	THEO 40102	Spring	3
Proseminar	THEO 43001	Spring	1

### Supplemental Major Exceptions:

Only 1 Scripture course (Intro to Old OR New Testament)

Only 3 electives instead of 5

25 credit hours total instead of 34

### Electives (Standard Major):

1 may be at the Development (2xxxx) level, 2 may be ancient languages (Greek, Hebrew, or Latin) taken at Notre Dame, and the rest must be 4xxxx-level Theology courses. Elective courses MUST be THEO courses, worth 3 credits, and graded A-F

## Joint Theology/Philosophy Majors

Course Name	Course Number	Semester Offered	Credits (48)
History of Philosophy I	PHIL 30301	Fall or Spring	3
History of Philosophy II	PHIL 30302	Fall or Spring	3
Logic	PHIL 30313	Fall or Spring	3
Christian Traditions I	THEO 40201	Fall	3
Christian Traditions II	THEO 40202	Spring	3
Intro to Old OR New Testament	THEO 40101 OR 40102	Fall or Spring	3
Classical Language (Latin or Greek)	Must be taken at Notre Dame	Fall or Spring	6
PH/TH Joint Seminar	THEO 43203	Spring	3
PHTH Thesis	THEO 48002	Spring	3

### Electives:

6 electives are required. This must be split between theology and philosophy. Up to 6 credits can be taken in additional language study and up to six for one or two additional joint seminars. Elective courses MUST be worth 3 credits and graded A-F

## Academic Policies and Procedures

As Theology students, we want you to have the best possible experience in our department. There are a variety of rules and regulations that will help ensure that you leave our program with an education of which you are proud. Please review the following policies and procedures so that you are informed to make the best decisions about your academic experience.

### Advising

Weekly advising office hours are offered by our Assistant D.U.S. Prof. Pagliarini. Office hours are open to current and prospective Theology students with any academic or administrative questions. No appointment is necessary. Check our website for current open advising hours. Advising is **REQUIRED** prior to the class registration period (see Registration section below).

### AP Credit

Students cannot use AP credit toward the major or minor. All courses must be taken while enrolled at the University (see options for Study Abroad and Transfer Credit below).

### Auditing

Undergrads are not permitted to audit classes unless the D.U.S. approves.

### Directed Readings

Directed readings are one-on-one classes where a student and a faculty member explore a topic of common interest. Students must organize directed readings with a Theology faculty member who volunteers to instruct the course. The student and the instructor must agree upon a Directed Readings Contract (available in 130 Malloy), which the D.U.S. must approve. Students may take no more than 2 directed readings for major credit.

### Double Counting

Each College has their own rule on double counting (counting one class for multiple requirements). A&L majors are able to double count a University/College requirement with a requirement in their secondary major or minor, but not their primary majors. They may also double count between secondary majors and minors. Students can only double count once. Non-A&L students should check with their Dean before confirming a double-count. The Theology Undergraduate Coordinator can process a double-count for you.

### Registration

Prior to the opening of registration all majors and minors must attend a 10-minute advising session with the D.U.S., Assistant D.U.S., or other faculty advisors. A scheduling email will be sent out roughly 3 weeks prior to registration. Students can select a time to meet with an advisor to discuss courses for the next semester. Advising days are organized by academic program and year (e.g., first day of advising for senior majors, last day for minors). Student PINs will be available only through advising appointments. Students seeking seats in any major (4xxxx) level Theology course require departmental approval. During advising, students request seats in these classes, which will be held for them until their registration time. The Theology Undergraduate Coordinator is available to answer questions about registration and course approvals. Waitlists will be maintained for courses with more interested students than available seats.

### Study Abroad & Transfer Credits

Many of our Theology students choose to study abroad - which we wholeheartedly support! Many Notre Dame programs offered preapproved Development (2xxxx) level courses. Minors may take these for minor credit. Majors may take these classes without departmental approval for major credit as long as they have not already taken 2 Development courses. Courses that have not been preapproved must be reviewed by the department. Students should submit a course description and/or syllabus to the Undergraduate Coordinator for review. Students wishing to transfer credit for other institutions should also submit a course description and/or syllabus to departmental review.



## Senior Honors Thesis Program

The senior honors thesis program is an opportunity for students to delve more deeply into theological research and writing on a topic of their choosing. We particularly invite students interested in pursuing graduate studies in Theology to pursue this program. Accepted students will work with a faculty thesis advisor through their senior year to complete their thesis.

All junior full theology majors with a GPA of 3.66 or higher within the major may apply. Applications will be requested in the spring semester of the junior year.

To apply, students must submit:

- a brief, 2-3 page prospectus identifying a potential topic for the thesis project, the importance of this topic, and potential sources. You should address the feasibility of the topic, your background in the area, and why you wish to participate in the program.
- names of 2-3 faculty members who could serve as references for your performance in theology courses
- a current C.V. or resume including a list of relevant courses taken, the names of the faculty who taught these courses, and grades received
- names of 2-3 faculty you would like to have serve as your thesis advisor

Senior participants enroll in a 2-credit Honors Research course (Fall); a 1-credit Honors Colloquium (Fall); and a 3-credit Honors Thesis Writing course (Spring).

The completed thesis should consist of 40-55 pages. Those who successfully complete the thesis and receive a grade of A- or higher will receive departmental Honors officially recognized on their transcript.

