



Theology PROGRAM

What is theology?

St. Anselm in the 11th century explained it simply: “Theology is faith seeking understanding.” Professors at Notre Dame College are people of faith trying to help students look more deeply at their own beliefs, their own spiritual lives, and their place as people of character in the world.

No matter what religious or non-religious background they have, young adults seek truth and meaning, trust in a power that intends the good, and a deep center of value and love. Theology classes assist them in finding these ultimate goods, or at least help them in the search.

WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH THEOLOGY?

You can do anything you want! Employers are looking for people not only with skills and a strong work ethic but also with

- Reliable character
- Respect for co-workers of differing religious backgrounds
- Ability to ask thoughtful questions
- Courage to think independently
- Generosity that goes beyond the immediate tasks to benefit others and the whole company
- Intelligence to see how one’s job and company fit into the global community
- Positive presence of people who use their gifts and talents beyond the thought of a salary

Beyond the workplace, theology

- Helps you in crises such as betrayal, illness, loss or death
- Teaches a method of questioning religious assumptions to come closer to truth
- Guides you to see that life means more than financial success,
- Offers principles for good romantic relationships and solid friendships,
- Helps analyze the characters of political candidates as well as professional contacts,
- Helps examine the issues of our times: genetic engineering, human trafficking, environmental health, racial justice, social media morality, and more.

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Theology Program at Notre Dame helps all students, no matter what their position in relation to religion.

- Catholics can examine the meaning behind their beliefs, practices and moral rules.
- Christians can learn to find wisdom in the Bible without interpreting everything literally.
- People of all faiths can explore how many ways there are to pray, and ponder just what happens when one prays.
- Students with no religious background can understand why 85% of the world's population identifies with some religion, and find their own spiritual path and life's meaning.

NOTRE DAME'S THEOLOGY PROGRAM HAS THREE LEVELS.

Level 1:

- TH 450 Social Justice: Issues and Action, for juniors and seniors, aims to awaken students to injustices in our city, nation and world, and to open paths to work for justice.
- One course of student's choice. Many students take TH 150 Living the Ultimate Questions. Topics include God, faith, world religions, morality for the contemporary world and Bible.
- Other courses: Science and Faith, Does God Exist?, Arts Approach to the Bible, Men and Women in Love and Conflict in the Bible, Mindful Approach to World Religions, Applied Moral theology. Coming soon: Spirituality: GPS for your Soul, God and Romance, and Jesus at the Movies.

Level 2:

- Minor in Theology requires 18 credits (6 courses)
- One in Bible, one in doctrine and TH 450 plus 3 others

Level 3:

- Major in Theology requires 36 credits (12 courses)
- Required topics are doctrine, Bible, morality, spirituality, church, world religions and an internship