

BA Theology and Religious Studies (Fall 2021 & Later)

Minimum 120 credits required for Bachelor's degree **Required Curriculum for Degree in Major**

Foundational Core (30-32 Credits) **Grade**

FYWS 125 ¹	First Year Seminar	
CTL 125	Critical Thinking	
MA _____	College-level Math course	
Choose 1 course from each area *		
² Science		
Literature		
History		
Fine Arts/Communications		
Philosophy		
Theology/Relig		
Social Science		

Human Journey Seminars: Great Books in CIT (6 Credits)

CIT 201	Human Journey CIT I	
CIT 202	Human Journey CIT II	

Liberal Arts Explorations (9 Credits Total)

(see list on Registrar's website - checksheets)		
Humanistic Inquiry (3 credits)		
Social and Global Awareness (3 credits)		
Scientific Literacy (3credits)		

* See list of courses. Courses must be in the same theme.

¹(Requires Grade C or higher)

²Science/Natural Science courses includes

approved Math and Computer Science courses. Students are required to take at least one course in Biology, Chemistry, or Physics in the Foundational or Thematic Liberal Arts Core.

CS and MA courses may be used as a Science/Natural Science in either the Foundational Core or as a theme requirement in the TLA Core but not in both categories.

Note: MA 006 and ESL courses **will not** count towards the 120 credit graduation requirement.

Approved Study Abroad courses may be used to satisfy requirements for the foundational core or a Thematic Liberal Arts Theme.

A maximum of 8 Applied Music credits may be applied towards graduation.

33 Credits **Grade**

TRS 101-105	One course in Biblical Studies	
TRS 120-134, 144, 207-214	One course in Theology and Spirituality	
TRS 140-143, 251-258	One course in Ethics	
TRS 160-176, 237-249	One course in World Religions and Comparative Studies	
TRS	Theo. & Relg. Studies Elective	
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TRS 399	Major Capstone	

Required Supporting Courses **Grade**

General Electives (number of credits vary) **Grade**

Checksheet Key

T	Coures transferred and Requirement Satisfied
W	Requirement waived
TW	Course transferred and Requirement Waived

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Throughout human history, religion has played an enormous role in the shaping human actions and perceptions, as well as social institutions and values. The academic study of religion involves a sympathetic yet critical examination of the human attempt to answer the questions, "Who are we and why are we here?" It also allows us to understand better the complex world in which we live. The study of Theology and Religious Studies at Sacred Heart University therefore uses the methods of several disciplines that facilitate understanding of self, society, and ultimate reality.

The Theology and Religious Studies program explores the vital theological traditions of Catholicism. It helps students gain a deeper understanding of the human quest for transcendence and it provides models for the appropriation of faith into modern life. The program further explores the rich traditions of the world's religions. It helps students understand the role of religion in the development of the world's cultures, and to appreciate and analyze its complex role in the contemporary world.

Graduating majors enter all fields of work, since understanding of religious and cultural diversity is increasingly valuable. Some careers to which the major is particularly tailored are religious education, higher education, campus ministry, medical ethics, public policy, and philanthropic and nonprofit work.

YEAR 1	SEMESTER 1	YEAR 1	SEMESTER 2
FYWS125 or CTL125	First Year Seminar or Critical Thinking	FYWS 125 or CTL 125	First Year Seminar or Critical Thinking
MA XXX	College Level Math Course	TRS	TRS course in Biblical Studies
	Foundational Core		Foundational Core
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YEAR 2	SEMESTER 3	YEAR 2	SEMESTER 4
CIT XXX	Human Journey Seminar I	CIT XXX	Human Journey Seminar II
TRS	TRS course in Theology & Spirituality	TRS	TRS course in Ethics
	Foundational Core		Liberal Arts Explorations 2
	Liberal Arts Explorations 1		Free elective, Minor, or 2nd Major course
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YEAR 3	SEMESTER 5	YEAR 3	SEMESTER 6
TRS	TRS course in World Religions/Comparative Studies		Liberal Arts Explorations 3
TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective	TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective
	Free elective, Minor, or 2nd Major course	TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective
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YEAR 4	SEMESTER 7	YEAR 4	SEMESTER 8
TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective	TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective
TRS 399	Major Capstone	TRS	Theology and Religious Studies Elective
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Note: Foundational Core should be completed by the end of sophomore year.

effective Fall 2021