THEOLOGY

KEY POINTS ABOUT THE MAJOR

- At ODU, Theology is taught from within the context of the Roman Catholic tradition.
- Includes the subject areas of Scripture, the Trinity, Church, Spirituality, Sacraments and Social Justice.
- Many courses include discussion of the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas and other significant writers in the Catholic Tradition.

Theology holds a unique place among the academic discipline of the University. It is at the core of that which is distinctly Dominican, namely, "to contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation."



Sample Four-Year Plan

The sample course plan below is a <u>sample</u> plan for your major. It does not and should not replace meeting with your Academic Advisor to map out the best course plan that suits your individual academic needs and placement upon initial registration. Classes listed may not necessarily be offered during a particular term.

First Year (Freshman)

Fall Semester ENG 101 Thinking and Writing Across the Curriculum 3		Spring Semester	
		ENG 102 Scholarly Adventures: Researched Writing	3
Math Requirement (MTH 121 or higher)	3	Social and Behavioral Science Requirement	3
Foreign Language I	3	Foreign Language II	3
Freshman Core Seminar (179)	3	THL 225 Introduction to Christian Theology	3
THL 106 Old Testament		Elective	3
or THL 107 New Testament	3		

Second Year (Sophomore)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
THL 303 The Gospels	3	THL 234 Jesus: Revelation of God	3
Natural Science Requirement	3	Social and Behavioral Science Requirement*	3
Philosophy Requirement	3	THL Elective	3
Sophomore Core Seminar (279)	3	Elective**	6
Elective**	3		

Third Year (Junior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
THL 335 Christian Morality	3	THL Elective (300 level and above)	6
Arts and Ideas Requirement	3	Elective**	3
Electives**	3	Philosophy Requirement	3
Junior Core Seminar (379)	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
THL Elective (300 level and above)	3		

Fourth Year (Senior)

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
THL 320 Grace and Freedom	3	Arts and Ideas Requirement	3
THL Elective	3	Electives**	12
Electives**	9		

^{*}Diversity requirement can be fulfilled with this course.

For More Information

Full descriptions for all ODU courses are available on the ODU website. The core curriculum and four-year course blueprint are based on the 2012-2013 edition of the ODU Course Catalog.

For more information, contact your Admission Counselor or Academic Advisor at admissions@ohiodominican.edu or at 614.251.4500.

^{**}Electives may be focused toward the completion of a minor. Most minors consist of 15 to 21 credits.

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COURSES WITHIN THE MAJOR

- Introduction to Christian Thought
- The Gospels
- Jesus: Revelation of God
- Christian Morality
- Social Justice
- The Sacraments
- The Church
- Grace and Freedom

The context for the study of theology at Ohio Dominican is the Roman Catholic tradition. Our catholicity is interpreted in a manner that stresses the ecumenical responsibility of those engaged in Christian theological reflection. Members of all faith communities are welcome.



Program Overview

Theology is an attempt to come to an intellectually honest understanding of one's faith relationship with God. Theology holds a unique place among the academic disciplines at Ohio Dominican University as it is at the core of that which is distinctly Dominican, namely "to contemplate truth and to share with others the fruits of this contemplation."

Rooted within the context of the Roman Catholic tradition, the study of theology at ODU includes the subjects of Scripture, the Trinity, Church, Spirituality, Sacraments, History of Christianity and Social Justice.

Why ODU?

The Theology program at ODU gives flesh to the University's conviction that "truth can be found...in a special way in religious faith and theological reflection on faith."

For eight centuries, Dominicans have sought to assist men and women in their pursuit of justice and freedom by proclaiming truth. Since truth is singular and foundational as well as plural and dynamic, Ohio Dominican strives to maintain a balanced approach.

By careful attention to the sources of the Catholic tradition, our students develop skills for responsible reflection on the faith of their worship community.

Our students study Theology with the Dominican commitment to search for Truth wherever it may be found, especially in contemplation about the human relationship with God. This contemplation includes the study of Philosophy and History, two subject areas included in the core curriculum.

Career Possibilities

In addition to an abundance of personal enrichment, graduates leave with an increased readiness to pursue a number of professional ministerial or educational opportunities—pastoral ministry positions, religious education, campus ministry, further academic studies or seminary studies.

Some students choose to continue their studies in graduate schools, including pursuing Ohio Dominican's Master of Arts in Theology degree.

On-Campus Opportunities

In addition to a very active Campus Ministry organization, students are encouraged to get involved in study abroad opportunities, sustainability council and community outreach projects.

Students are also encouraged to participate in the Center for Dominican Studies events, which include such things as nationally renowned guest speakers, book discussions, music concerts, lectures series and the annual Thomas Aquinas Convocation.

For More Information About the Theology Program

Contact Dr. Leo Madden, Associate Professor of Theology, at maddenl@ohiodominican.edu to learn more about the Theology Program. For questions about the other programs, please contact your Academic Advisor or Admission Counselor at 614.251.4500 or at admissions@ohiodominican.edu.