

Who are our graduates?

- Graduate students:
 - pursuing degrees in theology, with some receiving top scholarships in places like Union Theological Seminary, the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
 - pursuing a PhD in biology at the University of Notre Dame, MA in nursing at SU, law at SU
 - Nurses and lawyers
- High school teachers
- Peace and Human Rights Activists
- Promoters of interfaith dialogue in the Middle East
- Ordained ministers
- Social Service Workers
- Youth ministers, music ministers, religious educators, pastoral assistants



Full-time Faculty

Karen Barta, PhD
(Marquette University, 1979)
William Buckley, PhD
(University of Chicago, 1994)
Gary Chamberlain, PhD
(Graduate Theological Union, 1973)
Stephen Chan, PhD
(University of Chicago, 1998)
Peter Ely, SJ, PhD
(Fordham University, 1974)
Patrick Kelly, SJ, PhD
(Claremont Graduate University, 2005)
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, PhD
(Union Theological Seminary, 2001)
Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos, PhD
(University of Notre Dame, 2006)
Jeanette Rodriguez, PhD
(Graduate Theological Union, 1990)
Judith Sanderson, PhD
(University of Notre Dame, 1985)
Sharon Suh, PhD
(Harvard University, 2000)
Donna Teevan, PhD
(University of St. Michael's College,
Toronto School of Theology, 1994)

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Theology and Religious Studies College of Arts and Sciences



Bachelor of Arts

Theology and Religious Studies

Theology and Religious Studies
with Departmental Honors

Minor

Theology and Religious Studies

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Undergraduate Programs

Program

Every course offered in the College of Arts and Sciences seeks to deepen an understanding of what it means to be human. But only religion is defined as "the disclosure of something more"-- to quote William James. These mysteries continue to unfold within each person and within the expanding universe.

From this unfinished nature of human history--as a story without an ending--come religious narratives and sacred texts. They serve to remind us that there is always more to know and more to love. At Seattle University all theology courses are grounded in this understanding as they critically examine Christian narratives and texts in light of modern questions and contemporary issues. Religious Studies courses extend this exploration beyond Christianity into the sacred texts and rituals of world religions.

Theology and religious studies courses provide critical intellectual tools and methods for exploring how these religious stories disclose meaning and value beyond what human knowledge can confirm empirically. The theology program provides its graduates with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage the crucial realities of our day through the lens of culturally attuned theological critique and construction. The vision that students gain from the program prepares them for a variety of paths to embody the mission of Seattle University of educating and empowering leaders for a just, humane, ecologically sustainable world. world.

Degrees and Specialization

Degree Offered:

Bachelor of Arts

Majors Offered:

Theology and Religious Studies
Theology and Religious Studies
with Departmental Honors

Minor Offered:

Theology and Religious Studies

Requirements for THRS Major

Sixty credits in theology and religious studies, including:

Introductory & Intermediate Courses in:

World Religions (1 course, 5 cr)
Hebrew Bible (1 course, 5 cr)
New Testament (1 course, 5 cr)
Systematic theology (2 courses, 10 cr)
Ethics (1 course, 5 cr)

Advance Courses:

THRS 407: Interpreting the Hebrew Bible OR
THRS 414: Interpreting the Synoptics

THRS 401: Theology of Religions (5)
THRS 419: Early Christian Theology (5)
THRS 420: Medieval and Reformation
Theology (5)
THRS 428: Modern and Contemporary
Theology (5)
THRS Elective (approved by adviser)

Additional Requirement for THRS Departmental Honors*

- 3.5 GPA overall and 3.5 GPA in majors
- Approval of the TRS Honors Director
- 10 additional credits including:
 - 5 cr Directed Research
 - 5 cr Thesis Writing

Requirements for THRS Minor

Thirty credits in theology and religious studies, including:

Three courses in one of the following specializations:

- Biblical Studies
- Systematic Theology
- Historical Theology
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions

One course each of three areas outside of specialization:

- Biblical Studies
- Systematic Theology
- Historical Theology
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions
- Spirituality

*The distinction of completing a departmental honors program is noted on student transcripts.