



# The Bachelor of Arts in Theology & Religious Studies at Villanova University

## 4 Tracks: Specialize Your Program

Majors select among four curricular tracks, allowing you to specialize the program to fit your interests and needs.

1. Theology and Culture
  - Examine the interplay between theology and culture and the practical ways in which they interact in various historical, political, social, and economic contexts.
2. Catholic Studies
  - Investigate distinctive elements of Roman Catholicism, whether historical, theological, sociological, ecclesiological, moral, spiritual, theological, biblical, or liturgical.
3. Global Religious Experience
  - Explore Christian and non-Christian religions in a comparative frame, situating beliefs, practices, and experiences deemed "religious" in a broader global context.
4. Self-Designed Course of Study
  - Design a program individually suited to your personal interests and professional needs, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.



## Degree Requirements

### 1. Minor in TRS (5 courses)

- Only 3 additional courses, on top of Core requirements of THL 1000 and one upper-level TRS course
- An easy way to add value to your CV, demonstrating valued skills in cultural and religious literacy and critical thinking

### 2. Double Major in TRS (8 courses)

- 6 additional courses, 2 of which may be taken outside the TRS department
- Popular combinations include Political Science, English, Nursing, Business, Communications, and Engineering

### 3. Primary Major in TRS (10 courses)

- 8 additional courses, 3 of which may be taken outside the TRS department





## More Courses: Upper-Division Courses for Spring 2025

- The Apocryphal Gospels (Schrader Polczer)
- Empire in Biblical History (Schwartz)
- Understanding Jesus (Murdoch)
- The Problem of Evil (Inati)
- Pastoral Care of the Sick (Brunk)
- Latinx Theology (Varela Rios)
- Intro to Biomedical Ethics (Wilmot)
- Christian Peacemaking (Fleischer)
- Contemporary US Catholics (O'Donnell)
- Black Theology & Black Power (Lucky)
- Stewardship and the Bible (Griffin)
- Solidarity & Peace Building in Central and Eastern Europe (Beyer)
- The Contemplative Tradition (Laird)
- Sports and Spirituality (Hastings)
- The Wisdom of Sufism (Akis)
- Sound, Music, and Spirituality (Grainger)
- Contemplate, Create, Repeat (Mell)
- Spirituality of Friendship (Jackson)
- Spiritual Lives of Children (Lang Hearlson)
- The Contemplative Path (Spitaler)
- Orientalism and Religion (Akis)
- The Body and Religion (Knauss)
- Hispanics in the US Catholic Church (Bolarte)
- Liberation Theology (Purcaro)
- Pope Francis's Vision of the Church (Lydon)
- Thomas Merton as a Spiritual Guide (Hastings)
- So Long Been Dreaming (Washington-Leapheart)
- African Political Theology (Olokunboro)
- Gender, Sexuality, and Islamic Mystics (Makas)
- The Bible as Literature (Anolik)
- Islam: History, Thought, and Culture (Inati)
- Questions in Science and Religion (Caponi)
- Power Dynamics in the New Testament (Cacchione)

*Follow your passion. Invest in your future. Join the Department of Theology & Religious Studies.*



*Open the QR Code below for detailed course descriptions.*



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For more information on course offerings and program requirements, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Brett Grainger, at [brett.grainger@villanova.edu](mailto:brett.grainger@villanova.edu).