

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

4 Tracks: Specialize Your Program

Majors select among four curricular tracks, designing a program that fits your personal interests and professional needs.

1. **Theology and Culture**
 - Examines the interplay between theology and culture in various historical, political, social, and economic contexts.
2. **Catholic Studies**
 - Investigates distinctive elements of Roman Catholicism, including historical, theological, sociological, ecclesiological, moral, spiritual, theological, biblical, and liturgical.
3. **Global Religious Experience**
 - Explores 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 and professional needs, in consultation with the Director of Undergraduate Studies.



Degree Requirements

1. Minor in TRS (5 courses)

- Requires only 3 additional courses, on top of Core requirements (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





Upper-Division Courses for Spring 2026

- Empire in Biblical History (Schwartz)
- The Problem of Evil (Inati)
- Pastoral Care of the Sick (Brunk)
- Understanding Jesus (Murdoch)
- Legacy of Pope Francis (Joseph)
- Ethics of Life and Death (Kennedy)
- Introduction to Biomedical Ethics (Wilmot)
- Christian Peacebuilding (Fleischer)
- Stewardship and the Bible (Griffin)
- The Contemplative Tradition (Laird)
- The Mystical Turn (Wratee)
- Women, Faith, and Friendship (Jackson)
- Sports and Spirituality (Hastings)
- Thomas Merton (Hastings)
- Hispanics in the Catholic Church (Bolarte)
- Power Dynamics in New Testament (Caccione)
- Angels and Demons (Caponi)
- Black Theology and Black Power (T. Lucky)
- Liberation Theology (Purcaro)
- Theology at the Boundaries (Ambrosino)
- Religious Traditions of the Middle East (Akis)
- The Wisdom of Sufism (Akis)
- African Political Theology (Olokunboro)
- Mahayana Buddhism (Wong)
- Russian Religious Cultures (Loya)
- Animals and Religion (Knauss)
- The Bible and Literature (Anolik)
- Islam: History, Thought, and Culture (Inati)
- Religion, Technology & Human Person (Delio)
- Solidarity and Peacebuilding (Beyer)
- Spiritual but Not Religious (Grainger)
- Modern Hinduisms (San Chirico)

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Open the QR Code below for detailed course descriptions.



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For information on course offerings and program requirements, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dr. Brett Grainger, at brett.grainger@villanova.edu.