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PHILOSOPHY/THEOLOGY REQUIREMENTS IN THE

Boston College

(Dr. Cutberto Garza)

Generally requires two courses in philosophy and two in theology.

Canisius College

(Dr. Herbert Nelson)

The current Canisius core prescribes a total of six courses (18 credit hours):

- RST 101 Introduction to Religious Studies PLUS TWO additional approved courses in religious studies
- PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy PLUS TWO additional approved courses in philosophy

Our newly approved core that will take effect with the entering class of 2008 prescribes a total of four courses (12 credit hours):

- PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy PLUS ONE additional approved course in the field of philosophy
- RST 101 Introduction to Religious Studies and Theology PLUS ONE additional approved course in the field of religious studies and theology

The new core imposes other thematic requirements in justice, ethics, diversity, and global awareness that some few students might fulfill with additional philosophy or religious studies/theology courses. But probably most such thematic courses will also be approved to satisfy a field requirement as well, and many will probably be chosen from fields other than philosophy or religious studies/theology. So four courses

(12 credit hours) will be the minimum requirement and probably the number that most students will actually take.

College of the Holy Cross

(Dr. Timothy Austin)

Students are required to take one course in Studies in Religion and one course in Philosophical Studies. (HC students take four courses per semester. Thus each of these course represents one of the 32 required for graduation.)

Fairfield University

(Dr. Orin Grossman)

We have five courses in the general world of religious studies and philosophy as follows:

- all students take introduction to Religious Studies and Introduction to Philosophy.
- all students must take a second course (with choices) in each of the two areas.
- all students must take another course in either religious studies, philosophy, or applied ethics. Some of the professional school students satisfy an ethics requirement this way.

Fordham

(Dr. Judith Mills)

Requires two philosophy and two theology courses in its current undergraduate curriculum—three are “core of core” in that all students take the same courses.

- The Philosophy of Human Nature Philosophical Ethics
- Faith and Critical Reason has a service learning component
- And a course on religious texts (from a selection of courses—Jewish Scripture, New Testament, Koran, or other texts.)

Georgetown University

(Dr. James O'Donnell)

Requires two 3-credit semester courses in theology and two in philosophy. The list of qualifying courses in each department is short, and varies slightly by prospective school of major (for Foreign Service, one philosophy course must be political philosophy).

Gonzaga University

(Dr. Stephen Freedman)

All undergraduate students are required to take four philosophy courses (for a total of eleven credits), and three Religious Studies courses (for a total of 9 credits).

John Carroll University

(Dr. David La Guardia)

Requires three courses (9 hours) of philosophy and two courses (6 hours) of religious studies. For philosophy we require PL 101 (Intro to Philosophy) followed by one course in the history of philosophy at the 200 level, followed by one course on specific philosophical problems and topics at the 300 level. For religious studies, RL 101 (Intro), and one other RL course at the 200 or 300 level.

Le Moyne College

(Dr. John Smarrelli)

Religious studies - 6 hours

Philosophy - 9 hours

Seminar in philosophy or religious studies - 3 hours

Loyola College Maryland

(Dr. David Haddad)

Students are required to take a total of 5 courses in theology/philosophy:

- Introduction to Theology and a 200 level theology course.
- Foundations of Philosophy and a 200 level philosophy course
- An ethics course from either philosophy or theology.

Loyola Marymount University

(Dr. Ernest Rose)

Students are required to take 6 credits each of Theological Studies and Philosophy. In each case, one course is at the lower division level and the second course is at the upper division level.

Loyola University Chicago

(Dr. Paul K Moser)

The new core curriculum at Loyola University Chicago requires two courses of every Loyola undergraduate in the area of “philosophical knowledge” and two courses in the area of “theological and religious studies knowledge.” Among these four courses, an ethics course is required of every undergraduate. You may find the official statement of core requirements for all Loyola Chicago undergraduates at: <http://www.luc.edu/core/coreknowledge.shtml>

Marquette University

(Dr. Madeline Wake)

Marquette's core curriculum requires two 3-credit theology and two 3-credit philosophy courses. Some colleges and majors require additional credits.



CORES OF 23 JESUIT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Regis University **(Dr. Allan Service)**

At Regis University core requirements in philosophy are two courses (six hours), one lower division and one upper division. In religious studies, two courses, one specified as Introduction to Religious Studies, which is lower division, and one upper division.

Rockhurst University **(Dr. William Haefele)**

Students are required to take a total of 15 hours of Theology and Philosophy:

- TH 1000 Christianity I: Foundations
- TH 3000 Christianity II: Development
- PL 1100 Reality and Human Existence
- PL 3100 Ethical Theory
- One additional 3 hour course in either theology or philosophy

St. Joseph's University **(Dr. Brice Wachterhauser)**

Requires three philosophy and three theology courses or 18 credits total of every undergraduate:

Philosophy:

- PHL 1011 The Human Person
- PHL 1021 Moral Philosophy
- One Upper Division Philosophy course touching on metaphysical and epistemological issues

Theology:

- THE 1000-1499-Christian Foundations
- THE 1500-1999-Other Ways of Seeing and Knowing (Other faith traditions and other voices within the Christian traditions)
- THE 2000-2999-Synthesis and Specialization

St. Louis University **(Dr. Joseph Weixlmann)**

Each School/College has a different "core." What follows covers ca. 90% of undergraduate students:

Arts & Sciences: 9 phil, 9 theo

Business: 6 phil (intro and ethics), 6 theo (intro and a 200-level course), 3 additional hrs of upper-division phil or theo

Education: 6 phil, 3 theo

Engineering: 6 phil, 3 theo

Health Sciences: 3 phil, 3 theo, 6 additional hours of phil, theo, or phil/theo

Social Work: 6 phil (intro and ethics), 6 theo (intro and 200-level course)

Santa Clara University **(Dr. Diane Jonte-Pace)**

All undergraduates at Santa Clara

University take three courses in religious studies and three in philosophy, one of which is an ethics. In religious studies, the first course, usually taken during the first year, provides a basic orientation to religious studies. The second course, usually taken in the second year, provides some mastery of a coherent body of material. The third course, taken after the student has junior status, models ongoing intellectual engagement with the difficult issues in religion. The three religious studies courses can be taken in any of three areas: scripture and tradition (SCTR); theology, ethics, and spirituality (TESP); and religion and society (RSOC).

In philosophy, all undergraduate students take an ethics course. Students will be able to think and write critically about classic and contemporary moral problems; moral concepts such as right/wrong conduct and good/bad character; and ideals such as justice, happiness, dignity, rights, and equality. They will be prepared with the conceptual resources for making moral decisions in their personal and professional lives. All undergraduate students take at least two courses in western culture. These courses can be taken in several areas including philosophy, history, art history, and literature. The Santa Clara University core curriculum is currently under revision.

Spring Hill College **(Dr. Noreen Carrocci)**

Three courses or nine hours of each for all students, all majors. For philosophy, all students start with PHL 101, Introductory Logic. They then select from 210, Ethics; 220, Philosophy of Human Nature, or 230, Philosophy of Religion. For the third course, any lower or upper division philosophy. For Theology, all students take THL 101, Western Religious Heritage for the first course, and then any 200 or 300 level course for the next 2 courses.

University of Detroit Mercy **(Dr. Barbara Schirmer)**

The current core (we expect to have a new core in place by fall 2008) requires a total of nine hours of theology and philosophy:

- Philosophy (3 hours): PHL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
- Religious Studies (3 hours from the following): Any 100 or 200 level Religious Studies course

- Philosophy or religious studies (3 hours): any PHL or RS course)

University of San Francisco **(Dr. James Wiser)**

Requires 4 semester hours in theology; 4 semester hours in philosophy; and 4 semester hours in ethics - offered either by theology or philosophy and chosen by the student.

University of Scranton **(Dr. Harold Baillie)**

Requires all students to take two designated theology courses (Theo I and II), Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, and one elective in either theology or philosophy. Thus, students must take a minimum of 15 credits in the two areas.

Wheeling Jesuit University **(Dr. Letha Zook)**

At Wheeling we require a total of 15 credits of theology and philosophy:

Philosophy:

- PHI 105: Logic and Knowledge
- PHI 205: Philosophy of the Human Person

Theology:

- RST 106/107 The Religious Quest/Catholicism
- RST 200 or 300 level (but not 305, see below)

One of the following Ethics courses:

- RST 305: Christian Morality Today
- PHI 305: Ethics

[Editor's note. For this listing we have followed the stylistic norms presented by

