



**ST. JOHN'S
UNIVERSITY**

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE OF
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Religious Studies

ABOUT THE B.A. IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Theology is about learning how to explore and question the many beliefs people hold as self-evident. What does it mean to be human? How shall we live? What does it mean to believe in God (or not)? Why are there so many religions?

As a Theology and Religious Studies major, you examine these questions and more within a Christian context and in dialogue with other traditions and disciplines. You learn how to interpret sacred texts and examine religious beliefs as intellectual and lived realities. You can choose to investigate how theologians engage contemporary issues such as environmental ethics or race and religion in the United States, as well as other topics that relate to your academic and professional interests.

We encourage you to broaden the scope of your studies by pursuing a minor or double major. Studying theology will help you develop critical thinking skills that will help you no matter your career path. Theology enables critical conversations with other disciplines such as history, psychology, English, or philosophy.

At St. John's, we welcome students from all religious and nonreligious backgrounds and pride ourselves on a richly diverse student body that generates stimulating and thought-provoking conversation in our classes, colloquia, and public lectures.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES?

A background in Theology and Religious Studies is an important part of a well-rounded liberal arts education. Professionals in fields such as business, education, law, and medicine draw upon religious values as they make decisions that impact globally. Our students leverage their outstanding theological education to establish successful careers in the nonprofit sector, teaching, ministry, law, medicine, or as professional theologians.



A photograph of several students sitting in wooden pews in a church. In the background, a large stained glass window depicts a religious scene. The students are looking towards the front of the church.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Students in our program enjoy the best of both worlds: access to the faculty resources of a large department with the personalized attention found in a small department. Department faculty pursue a wide range of research interests, and are leaders in the field who are known for their scholarship. Our discipline addresses important questions of meaning and value while teaching important transferable skills such as textual analysis, critical thinking, and good writing. We welcome students from any background to discover how a Theology and Religious Studies major can enhance your pursuit of a variety of academic interests and career paths.

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RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In addition to the valuable skills you develop as a Theology and Religious Studies major, you can also acquire real-world internship experience. The department helps you find internship opportunities and University Career Services provides guidance with résumé and cover letter workshops, interview training, and building your network of professional connections.

We encourage you to add an international, experiential dimension to your study of Theology and Religious Studies through St. John's Global Studies opportunities. These programs include Discover the World: Europe, during which you will study in France, Ireland, and Italy in just one semester, as well as semester-length study in Rome, Italy, and Paris, France. For more information, please visit stjohns.edu/global-studies.

FINANCIAL AID

Reflecting our Vincentian Mission, St. John's has a long tradition of bringing a high-quality, private education within the financial reach of all students by providing opportunities for financial assistance through scholarships, loans, grants, and work-study programs. For more information, please visit stjohns.edu/admission-aid/tuition-and-financial-aid.

PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS

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