



Philosophy & Theology Division

Theology

The quest to find meaning in the study of God and the relationship between God and the universe is the foundation of theology. Studying theology can also engage a person to develop his or her own faith perspective.

Mount Mary's Theology Department offers students opportunities to understand and find meaning in the Judeo-Christian tradition, while being open to both Christian and non-Christian viewpoints. Both a major and a minor in theology are available, as well as a Religious Education major/minor.

A Theology degree helps prepare students to pursue interests in church ministries, graduate school or in personal enrichment. Theology can easily be coupled as a double major.

The Religious Education major/minor is a specialized theology concentration. In conjunction with Mount Mary's Teacher Education program, it provides preparation to teach in grades 6-12.

Why Study Theology at Mount Mary College?

As a student of theology, you'll:

- gain a strong foundation in the liberal arts
- learn from qualified professors (no teaching assistants)
- engage in a biblical, historical and systematic study of the Judeo-Christian tradition
- explore diverse religious traditions and theological viewpoints
- develop your own spirituality

Career Opportunities

Mount Mary's Theology major is designed for those interested in:

- parish leadership or ministry
- religious education
- enhancing another major area of study or career interest
- personal enrichment
- attending graduate school

Mount Mary College theology graduates have successfully gone on to such careers as:

- Pastoral minister
- Director of religious education
- Middle or high school religion/theology teacher
- Youth minister
- Human services careers



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Did you know?

Mount Mary College hosts "Mary on the Mount." This is an annual theology event dedicated to understanding and honoring a historical woman or women of faith, and offered to the entire campus community.

The Theology Department is also involved in other educational activities, such as contributing courses for the College's peacebuilding certificate, and offering presentations and panel discussions on theological topics for the public.

Sample courses

The Theology program offers a wide variety of courses to expand student knowledge and understanding of theological principles. Here is a sampling of theology courses:

- Search for Meaning
- Sacred Writings of Israel
- Christian Classics
- The Person and Mission of Jesus
- The Wisdom Literature
- Biblical Perspectives on Justice
- Women and Theology
- Faith and Community
- Theological Ethics in Healthcare
- God and the New Physics (interdisciplinary with the physics area)

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Internships/Student Teaching

Theology majors are encouraged to complete an internship to enrich their experience outside the academic setting. Religious education students complete student teaching.

These real-world experiences provide opportunities for students to apply what they have learned in the classroom and to develop a clearer understanding of theological principles.

Internship placement locations have included:

- Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church
- TYME OUT Youth Retreat Center
- North Shore Congregational Church
- Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex
- Mount Mary College Campus Ministry
- Pius XI High School
- Fox River Congregational Church
- St. Theresa Catholic Church

Use the World as Your Classroom

Through Mount Mary's International Studies Office, theology students have opportunities to study abroad. Mount Mary's theology courses have been offered in China, Italy, Peru and Guatemala, and count toward the requirements for the major.

For example, a three-week Italy program often features a course on Early Christianity in Rome, integrating lectures with visits to archaeological sites, museums and historically significant churches, along with an opportunity to spend time in service to those in need.

Top-notch Faculty

Well-trained educators with years of professional experience teach all theology classes at Mount Mary College. No teaching assistants (TAs) are used.

Although full-time professors within the Catholic tradition teach the majority of the college's theology courses, contributions of students from diverse religious backgrounds enrich the conversation.

Faculty members include:

- Dr. Jennifer Laske, Ph.D., Marquette University
- Dr. Donald Rappé, Ph.D., Marquette University
- Dr. Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, Ph.D., Marquette University



More on the Web

Please visit www.mtmary.edu/dept_theology.htm for additional information about the Theology program at Mount Mary College

About Mount Mary College

Discover what the more than 1,900 current Mount Mary graduate and undergraduate students already know. Mount Mary offers an engaging and transformational education. Here students explore and expand their hopes and dreams. We invite you to be one of them.

Mount Mary's residential campus is home to a diverse student body. Be a part of our gorgeous suburban campus, just 20 minutes from downtown Milwaukee.

For over 90 years Mount Mary College has been educating women in the Catholic tradition – we are committed to your success. Nearly 100% of our full-time undergraduate students receive a scholarship. Mount Mary is dedicated to making a college education affordable for you.

See how Mount Mary's strong academics, small class sizes, safe and vibrant campus, and student organizations and leadership opportunities will help you achieve your personal and career goals. Contact the Admission Office at 800-321-6265 or mmc-admiss@mtmary.edu.

