

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

Theological Studies (Graduate Certificate)

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies at BHU is intended for individuals looking to develop their understanding of theological concepts, improve their academic research skills, and prepare for advanced studies or professional positions in religious leadership, education, or other related fields. This 18-credit hour program offers an ample curriculum combining core theological subjects with concentrated electives, offering a robust foundation in traditional and contemporary theological thought.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of critical theological doctrines and concepts central to Christian thought and practice.
2. Critically explore and interpret religious texts using proper hermeneutical methods and theological frameworks.
3. Apply theological research and writing skills to create academic work that adheres to scholarly standards in religious studies.
4. Evaluate historical and contemporary theological movements and their influence on modern Christian beliefs and practices.
5. Engage in thoughtful reflection and discourse on theological issues, fostering critical thinking and informed perspectives on religious matters.

Career and Other Education Opportunities:

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies may pursue various paths, including:

- **Advanced Degrees:** Preparation for a Master's or Doctoral program in theology, divinity, or religious studies.
- **Religious Leadership:** Positions in pastoral care, chaplaincy, or church administration.
- **Education:** Teaching positions in religious education or community-based programs.
- **Non-Profit Sector:** Leadership positions in faith-based organizations and community service programs.

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Requirement	Hours
Core	9
Electives	9
Total	18

Code	Title	Hours
Core Required		
ATH 613	Theological Research & Writing (Core)	3
TH 503	Systematic Theology I	3
TH 607	Hermeneutics	3
Electives		
Select 9 hours from the following Bi, Th or Ath prefix courses:		
BI 603	Isaiah	3
BI 606	Romans	3
ATH 601	Introduction to Pastoral Care ATH	3
ATH 614	Spiritual Formation ATH 614	3
ATH 622	Ministry Response to Crises and	3
SP 609	Expository Preaching	3
TH 606	Women in Theology	3