

THEOLOGY

PHD IN THEOLOGY • MA IN THEOLOGY • MA/MA DUAL DEGREE

At Loyola University Chicago, theology is the disciplined study of the Christian faith. It serves the Church through its fidelity to the Christian tradition and the world by affirming all that harmonizes with the Gospel and by challenging all that does not.

The Department of Theology offers two post-baccalaureate degrees: an MA or a PhD.

PHD DEGREE PROGRAM

The doctoral program in theology at Loyola is ideal for you if you envision a career primarily in teaching and scholarly research at an advanced level.

Students may choose from two specializations:

INTEGRATIVE STUDIES IN ETHICS AND THEOLOGY

The Integrative Studies in Ethics and Theology specialization rethinks the riches of the Christian theological tradition to meet the intellectual, societal, and ethical challenges of the 21st century. In their studies and research, students give particular attention to the ways in which Christian theology and ethics interrelate and mutually inform one another.

NEW TESTAMENT AND EARLY CHRISTIANITY

The New Testament and Early Christianity specialization concentrates on the Christian Church in the period of its emergence: approximately 200 B.C.E. to 200 C.E. Students explore the Church's roots in the Hebrew Scriptures, the Septuagint, Intertestamental Judaism, and contemporary Jewish and Greco-Roman history and culture.

Once you complete your coursework, you'll take a two-semester non-credit course in Theological and Religious Studies Pedagogy, and serve as a teaching assistant and then as Teacher of Record for undergraduate core courses.

MA DEGREE PROGRAM

The MA degree program is appropriate for you if you are seeking either a terminal degree or a degree that will prepare you for a doctoral program.

All MA students must pass a 4-hour comprehensive examination. No thesis is required. MA students choose between the following concentrations:

- Theological Studies
- Christian Ethics
- Biblical Languages and Literature
- Biblical Studies

Students may add an Education minor to the MA degree. This option provides excellent training for those who hope to teach theology in Catholic high schools.

We also offer a dual MA degree in Theological Studies and Women's and Gender Studies.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- The degree offers part- and full-time enrollment
Average time to completion (PhD)
Full time: 6 years
Part time: 6+ years

Average time to completion (MA)
Full time: 2 years
Part time: 3–4 years

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

- Many of our graduates secure academic and administrative positions at institutions of higher education and seminaries. Many become scholar-ministers. The current employment market for academic positions in the humanities is a challenging one, and Loyola also provides opportunities for doctoral students to explore career paths outside academia that utilize the research, writing, pedagogical and critical thinking skills and subject area knowledge developed in the course of their doctoral studies.
- Career services are available—learn more at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

Few graduate programs will offer you so many opportunities to work closely with such a well-published and nationally known faculty. With more than 20 full-time graduate faculty members, you'll receive outstanding, personalized attention. The program also emphasizes collaborative and interdisciplinary study.

You are encouraged to take advantage of the academic resources at the University through departments such as Classical Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, History, and Sociology, or through professional schools and institutes at Loyola, such as the Institute of Pastoral Studies, the Law School, the Medical School, and the School of Social Work.

FACULTY

Members of the theology faculty at Loyola University Chicago often explore and publish in areas other than their primary research interest or particular discipline. Faculty members also present at conferences and serve on the boards of national organizations, such as the Catholic Theology Society of America, the Catholic Biblical Association of America, and the Society of Christian Ethics.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Graduate School has limited funds available for financial assistance. Financial aid from Loyola's Financial Aid Office will not impact your ability to apply for financial aid through the Graduate School. To learn more about these financial aid opportunities, visit [LUC.edu/finaid/graduateschool](https://luc.edu/finaid/graduateschool).

LEARN MORE

APPLY

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For all application requirements and deadlines, please visit LUC.edu/gpem/info.

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