

Theology Department Undergraduate Courses
Loyola University Chicago
Spring 2025

THEO 203 – 700N: Social Justice & Injustice
Online
Instructor: Timothy Sever, tsever@luc.edu

This course will focus directly and in depth on racial and socioeconomic inequalities that various communities experience specifically wealth disparities, gender/sex inequalities, policing, healthcare, immigration, and systemic discrimination against religious and other minorities.

THEO 232 – 002 New Testament
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00-5 pm
THEO 232 – 003 New Testament
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:45 pm
Instructor: Lauren O'Connell, lconnell1@luc.edu

This course introduces students to the New Testament, including the gospels, the letters of Paul, the letters of other early Christian leaders, and the book of Revelation. We will situate these texts in their own historical moment, considering them within both Hellenistic Judaism and the larger Greco-Roman world. Diverse portrayals of the life and teaching of Jesus will emerge, and we will mark the ways that rich variety extends into the teachings of his followers. This course will also introduce students to modern methods of interpreting the Bible, including reading the New Testament in terms of postcolonialism, race, gender, sexuality, disability, and ecology, in addition to historical and literary approaches. This course considers the different questions early method asks of a New Testament text, and the tools it uses to answer them. This course will familiarize students with the history and contents of New Testament texts, as well as different approaches to interpreting them, in the interest of equipping students for knowledgeable and respectful dialogue about the Bible in their individual communities and our shared public life.

THEO 232 – 004: New Testament
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:30-12:00 pm
Instructor: Brian Yong Lee, blee18@luc.edu

THEO 266 – 001, Church and Global Cultures
Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:15 – 9:05 am
Instructor: TBD

THEO 267 – 001: Jesus Christ
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:45 am
Instructor: Christopher Skinner, cskinner1@luc.edu

THEO 272 – 001: Judaism
Thursdays, 4:15 – 6:45 pm
Instructor: TBD

This course introduces Judaism as it is practiced in America today. Students will learn about basic


THEO 276 – 001 Black World Religion
Mondays, 4:15-6:45 pm
Instructor, Gerald Steenkamp, gsteenk@luc.edu

"In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28) Afro-Caribbean scholar Edward Blyden adds, "If we live and move and have our being in Him, God also lives and moves

THEO 278 – 002 Religion and Gender
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00:15 am
THEO 278 – 003 Religion and Gender
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:00:15 pm
Instructor: Devorah Schoenfeld, dschoenfeld@luc.edu

This course explores the relationship between gender and religion. Often understood as mutually exclusive categories, this course will uncover various nuances that contribute to the social construction of both of these categories. This course will engage contemporary scholarship that seeks to understand this relationship in regard to various intersecting histories. Beyond religion and gender, this course will also explore various intersecting lines of research: colonialism, law, politics, and more. Throughout the course, we will constantly ask, what is gender? what is religion? what is the context we are currently studying? how does this context impact my understanding of gender? religion? This course will begin within the US context and Christian but quickly will transition to global and interreligious perspectives. Additionally, students will engage secondary materials that address the themes of gender and religion. While possessing capacious analytical value on their own, this course will assert that a different form of analysis is uncovered when we explore the intersections of religion and gender.

THEO 279 – 001: Roman Catholicism
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THEO 280 –

THEO 281 –001: Christianity through Time
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10:25-11:55 am
Instructor: TBD

THEO 281 –002: Christianity through Time
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 12:25 pm
Instructor: TBD

THEO 282 – 003: Hinduism
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:30-4:45 pm
Instructor: Hugh Nicholson, hnicholson@luc.edu

THEO 282 – 004: Hinduism
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:45 pm
Instructor: Tracy Pintchman, tpintch@luc.edu

THEO 293 – 001: Christian Marriage
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:30 am – 12:20 pm
Instructor: Michael Murphy, mmurphy23@luc.edu


THEO 295 – 001: Islam
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 8:15 – 9:05 am
Instructor: Omer Mozaffar, omozaffar@luc.edu

In this Tier 2 introductory course on Islam, we will begin with foundational concepts. From there, we will invest time into the primary sources. Next we will explore varieties of Muslim thought and practice. Students will develop a strong foundation in what Muslims regard as *ʿIslamʿ* as well as skills in analyzing contemporary voices related to Islam.

THEO 297 – 001: Buddhism
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 1:40 – 2:30 pm

THEO 297 – 002: Buddhism

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THEO 299 – 002: Religions of Asia
Tuesdays, 4:15 – 6:45 pm
THEO 299 – 003: Religions of Asia
Wednesdays, 4:15 – 6:45 pm
Instructor: Yarina Liston yliston@luc.edu

This course constitutes an introduction to the seven world religious traditions of Asia through religious studies methodologies that culminate in an engaged learning project/paper. The project involves visiting a religious site, interviewing people,