

# THEOLOGY B.A. WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES

## Program Learning Outcomes

- Bible:** The student will analyze and interpret a biblical text, using sound methodology, and will explain its meaning and relevance.
- Theology:** Students will analyze and evaluate a theological proposal that spans major theological loci in terms of its Biblical foundation, coherence and ministry/contextual relevance.
- Christian Ethics:** Students will articulate an approach to making ethical decisions that is informed by both ethical theory and the teaching of Scripture.
- The Church:** Students will articulate an understanding of the church's identity and history as a Spirit formed community of the people of God and the church's purpose as disciple-making towards Christlikeness.
- Leadership:** Students will apply the role of spiritual formation in servant leadership in supporting Christ's reconciling mission for the sake of the world.
- Missions:** Students will articulate missiological and intercultural theories, principles, and strategies and effectively apply them within diverse intercultural contexts.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Units
	Core Curriculum Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	53
	Theology Major Core Requirements	38
	Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies Concentration Requirements	33
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>124</b>

## Theology Major Core Requirements

Code	Title	Units
BINT-270	Interpreting the Bible	3
BLAN-101	Introduction to Biblical Lang.	3
ICST-272	Theology/Church Mission	2
ICST-288	Theology in an Intercultural Context	3
NT-462	Selected Themes/NT Theology	3
OT-472	Selected Themes/OT Theology	3
PHIL-201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PLST-310	Intro/Christian Leadership	2
PLST-312	Intro/Pastoral Care	2
PLST-314	Intro/Preaching & Teaching	2
PLST-420	Disciplines/Spiritual Life	3

THEO-318	Systematic Theology I Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology	3
THEO-320	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology Ecclesiology, Eschatology	3
THEO-499C	Theo/Min/Post-Chrstn Context	3
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>38</b>

Note: The configuration of the Theology Major Core Requirements is built upon the Core Curriculum courses in Theology (see Core Curriculum section of this catalog)

## Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Units
CFST-101	Intro/Chrstn Formtn/Discplshp	2
ICST-102	Intro/Intercultural Studies	3
PLST-430	Management/Christian Organztns	3
PLST-461	Integrative Field Studies	3
	Select two of the following courses:	4
CFST-322	Christn Formation of Children	
YLST-324	Intro/Youth Ministry	
CFST-326	Adult Formation/Discipleship	
	Upper Division Biblical Interpretation (BINT)/New Testament (NT)/ Old Testament (OT) Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
	Church History (CHIS) Elective	3
	Upper Division New Testament (NT) Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
	Upper Division Old Testament (OT) Elective <sup>2</sup>	3
	Upper Division Philosophy (PHIL)/Theology (THEO) Electives <sup>2</sup>	6
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup>

Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

<sup>2</sup>

Upper Division course are those numbered at the 300 and 400 level.

## Four Year Plan

**Disclaimer:** This *sample* Four Year Plan is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the School of Theology and Ministry.

**Study Abroad Participation:** Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office ([studyabroad@vanguard.edu](mailto:studyabroad@vanguard.edu)) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and



Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official (veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

Course	Title	Units
<b>Year 1 Term 1</b>		
CORE-100C	Cornerstone	1
THEO-103C	Intro to Theology	3
ICST-102	Intro/Intercultural Studies	3
ENGL-120C	Persuasive Writing	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Reqmt	3
KINE-148C	Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 1 Term 2</b>		
NT-101C	New Testament Survey	3
BLAN-101	Introduction to Biblical Lang.	3
MATH-PLCR	Math Core Requirement	3
SOC-PLCR	Social Science Core Curriculum Reqmt	3
HSPS-PLCR	History/Political Sci Core Requirement	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 2 Term 1</b>		
OT-201C	Old Testament Survey	3
ENGL-220C	Researched Writing	3
COMM-201C	Speech Composition and Presentation	3
ICST-272	Theology/Church Mission	2
HIST-PLCR2	History Core Requirement (World Civ)	3
FINA-PLCR	Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Year 2 Term 2</b>		
BINT-270	Interpreting the Bible	3
ICST-288	Theology in an Intercultural Context	3
NSCI-PLCR	Science Lec/Lab Requirement	4
PHIL-201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
CFST-101	Intro/Chrstn Formtn/Discplshp	2
<b>Units</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Year 3 Term 1</b>		
ENGL-230C	Literature and the Human Experience	3
PLST-310	Intro/Christian Leadership	2
PLST-420	Disciplines/Spiritual Life	3
YLST-324	Intro/Youth Ministry	2
THEO-PLUD	THEO or PHIL U/D Elective	3
THEO-318	Systematic Theology I Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 3 Term 2</b>		
THEO-300C	Developing a Christian World View	3
PLST-312	Intro/Pastoral Care	2
CFST-PLUD	CFST U/D elective	3

BINT-PLUD3	BINT NT or OT U/D Elective	3
OT-PLUD	OT U/D Elective	3
THEO-320	Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology Ecclesiology, Eschatology	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Year 4 Term 1</b>		
OT-472	Selected Themes/OT Theology	3
NT-PLUD	NT Upper Division Elective	3
CHIS-400C	Christian Heritage	3
CHIS-PLUD	CHIS U/D elective	3
<b>Units</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Year 4 Term 2</b>		
NT-462	Selected Themes/NT Theology	3
THEO-PLUD	THEO or PHIL U/D Elective	3
THEO-499C	Theo/Min/Post-Chrstn Context	3
PLST-430	Management/Christian Organztns	3
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