THEOLOGY IS THE STUDY of the human experience of God and how it is expressed through religious traditions, doctrines, ethics and rituals of various communities around the world. Students examine how the Christian faith—including the Jesuit commitments to faith, peace, environmental and social justice and inter-religious dialogue—has come to be interpreted, expressed and embodied, and then put these faith convictions into conversation with a broad range of other religious beliefs.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theology
Minors: Theology, religious education

The Xavier Advantage:
- Participate in service-learning semesters in India, Nicaragua, Ghana and Over-the-Rhine in Cincinnati.
- Get involved in Peace and Justice Programs, such as Pax Christi, Habitat for Humanity and St. Vincent de Paul, working toward the Jesuit ideal of becoming women and men for others.
- Hold leadership roles in the Center for Faith and Justice, and participate in liturgies and Xavier retreats.
- Discuss and learn more about the world’s diverse faiths and other socially significant issues at the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue.
- Practice-teach for one semester with expert teachers in outstanding Cincinnati Catholic schools, for minors in religious education.

Xavier theology graduates go on to:
- Cathedral Parish, Louisville, KY
- Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Cincinnati
- Jesuit Volunteers USA
- Teach for America
- Boston College
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Divinity School, University of Chicago
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Interreligious dialogue is a primary focus, but conversations also provide a forum for addressing the critical issues of our age. Xavier is a leader in interfaith relations locally and beyond, as evidenced by the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University. This center, along with minor in religious education at Xavier Catholic schools, is provided for students who choose to minor in religious education.

Theology students have opportunities to hold leadership roles in the Center for Faith and Justice, and to participate in liturgies and Xavier retreats. The Center for Faith and Justice also sponsors speakers and special events throughout the year, providing opportunities for fellowship and dialogue. Additional practical experience is available through service-learning semesters in India, Nicaragua, Ghana and Over-the-Rhine in Cincinnati.

Theology students have gone on to graduate and professional programs at:
- Boston College
- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Divinity School, University of Chicago
- Union Theological Seminary (NYC)
- Yale University
- Loyola Marymount University (CA)
- School of Medicine, University of Cincinnati
- The Athenaeum of Ohio

The theology major prepares students for careers as teacher, religious education coordinator (integrating religious education into total parish life), liturgist (coordinating parish liturgy), campus minister, religion feature writer or pastoral associate.

The theology major also prepares students for the priesthood or religious life.

Theology graduates hold the following positions:
- Campus ministry director, College of Mt. St. Joseph
- Youth faith formation director, Cathedral Parish, Louisville, KY
- Executive director, Congregation-based Community Organization (DART) in Dayton
- Head of volunteer and resource mobilization, Over-the-Rhine Community Housing, Cincinnati
- Secondary school religion teachers in Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana
- Participants in Jesuit Volunteers USA, Dominican Volunteers USA, Teach for America and AmeriCorps

With additional graduate study or professional training, students are prepared to become theology professors, Catholic school administrators, hospital administrators or to assume a variety of leadership positions in the life of the church.

The College of Arts and Sciences is the oldest and largest college at Xavier University. Its goal is to provide excellent liberal arts education in the Jesuit tradition that prepares students for careers, professional or graduate school, and life in a global society.

Centrally located in the heart of the Midwest and set along the Ohio River, Cincinnati is a thriving city, offering college students in the region a wide range of opportunities for internships and careers. Culture and entertainment ranges from the Cincinnati Art Museum to the Cincinnati Reds. Affordable and accessible, the city offers a diverse range of experiences for students.
Cincinnati is rated one of the “most wired” U.S. cities (Forbes Magazine), most sociable city in the world (mashable.com), and one of the top 15 U.S. cities to live and work (Fortune Magazine).

CORE CURRICULUM
The foundation of Xavier’s success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The Core Curriculum embodies Xavier’s mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. Within the Core, the four-course Ethics/Religion and Society (E/RS) Focus fosters students’ understanding of socially significant issues through study of the humanities, especially literature, philosophy and theology, as well as the social and natural sciences. Along with courses in their major, Xavier students also take Core courses in: cultural diversity, English composition, fine arts, foreign language, history, literature, mathematics, philosophy, science, social science and theology.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS
Core Curriculum: Minimum 64 credit hours

Major in theology: 36 semester hours of theology courses, including three hours from a non-Christian religious traditions elective, and nine hours from elective courses in theology.

XAVIER AT A GlANCE
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