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THEOLOGY/RELIGIOUS STUDIES CORE - UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE CANDIDATES

The university core curriculum contains two theology/religious studies requirements:

Phase II THRS 200 - 299 **5 credits**

Phase II courses provide students with a theological framework for thinking critically about and reflecting on religious traditions and experience. Within this larger context, students will be introduced to the Catholic theological tradition with an emphasis on the nature of the human person in society.

Phase III THRS 300 – 399 **5 credits**

Phase III courses employ more advanced theoretical frameworks and critical skills to explore the implications of theological understanding for responsibility, service, and justice in the world. *Prerequisite: Phase II course.*

Transfers with two religious studies courses:

The theology/religious studies core is considered part of the "essential core" to be completed at Seattle University. In the rare event that a transfer student matriculates at Seattle University with two religious studies courses judged to be equivalent to Seattle University's core requirements in content, level, and credits, the religious studies requirement is satisfied.

Post-baccalaureate/Transfers with one religious studies course:

Post-baccalaureate and transfer students who matriculate with one acceptable core religious studies course must take one religious studies course at Seattle University. The student will complete the core requirement with a 200 level core course as this course is considered a part of the "essential core."

Transfers with 90 credits and no religious studies courses:

An exception to the two-course requirement is allowed for students who first enroll at Seattle University with 90 credits or more in transfer and who have had no acceptable core courses in theology/religious studies. A waiver is granted for the Phase III course but a Phase II course, considered a part of the "essential core," must be completed at Seattle University. Students who have been granted this reduction in core requirements do not have the option of completing the single required course at another institution.

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