

APPLIED THEOLOGY MAJOR (A)

The theology department identifies its purpose in terms of Concordia's statement of purpose, especially the following statements with spiritual focus:

"The total program is centered in the Christian philosophy with a confessional Lutheran emphasis... Concordia University seeks to develop mature Christians in whom knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures, the inspired, inerrant Word of God and the source and norm of Christian truth, are united with personal faith in Jesus as God and Savior. Concordia's spiritual resources are directed to the development of Christian faith and practice of Christian virtues so that the student can form value judgments and arrive at ethical principles required for purposeful living. Concordia's programs ... nurture religious commitment, provide insights for Christian action in the world, and ... provide an opportunity for intelligent selection of vocations for service to God, church and society.... Concordia ... is interested in exerting a Christian influence on the community, nation, and world." (Departmental Statement of Purpose, August 30, 2002)

The Applied Theology major centers on the study of the Word of God as revealed in the Sacred Scriptures and taught by the Church. It also includes courses which develop the student's skills for communicating this Word in our contemporary culture. The applied theology major is open to all students who desire to prepare for graduate level studies in theology. It is recommended that LCMS pre-seminary students select this major. Selecting this major does not constitute entrance into the LCMS pre-seminary program. Please see program description for more details.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will develop an understanding of the origin of the Bible, recognize the unique qualities of God's Word, and appreciate the varied yet unified content of the Old and New Testaments, and use sound principles in interpreting Scripture.
- Students will recognize the Bible as the authoritative source for knowledge of God and humankind, articulate key doctrines of the Christian faith, especially the gospel of Jesus Christ, and apply the teachings of Scripture to the life of the individual.
- Students will develop an appreciation for how God has worked in history, recognize key figures and movements in the life of the Church, and identify the state of theology today.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/) ¹		45
Major Requirements		33
Electives (credits will vary depending on Major(s) and minor selected)		48
Minor: Required (minimum 18 credits)		
Total Hours		126

¹ For transfer students, please see the Advanced Transfer Core (<https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/transfer-core/>).

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
REL 201	Old Testament	
REL 204	Biblical Theology	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (recommended)	
PSY 201	Interpersonal Communication (recommended)	
ENG 245	Advanced Writing	
or ENG 246	Creative Writing	
GRK 201	Greek I ¹	
or COMM 105	Public Speaking	
Required Courses		
COMM 105	Public Speaking	3
COMM 205	Advanced Public Speaking	3
REL 203	New Testament	3
REL 404	Lutheran Confessions	3
REL 440	Lutheran Worship: Theology and Practice	3
REL 490	Senior Seminar I	3
REL 491	Senior Seminar II	3
Major Electives		
<i>Bible Elective</i>		3
It is recommended to select any course pertaining to upper-level Old or New Testament content		
<i>Historical Theology Elective</i>		3
It is recommended to select:		
REL 333	A Survey of Christian Thought	
<i>Theology/ Family Life Elective</i>		3
It is recommended to select one of the following:		
FAM 210	Practical Skills in Family Life Ministry	
FAM 430	Foundations of Family Life Ministry	
FAM 432	Administration in Family Life Ministry	
<i>Writing Elective</i>		
It is recommended to select one of the following:		
ENG 245	Advanced Writing (May be counted in core)	
ENG 246	Creative Writing (May be counted in core)	
ENG 350	Classical & Modern Rhetoric	
<i>Philosophy/ Literature Elective</i>		3
It is recommended to select one of the following:		
PHIL 211	Elementary Logic	
PHIL 250	Moral Philosophy	
PHIL 325	Christian Apologetics	
PHIL 350	Bioethical Dilemmas	
Total Hours		33

¹ If COMM 105 is taken in the core, it is replaced in the required courses by any REL elective above REL 204.