

# CHRISTIAN THOUGHT CERTIFICATE (M)

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## Curriculum

| Code   | Title                                    | Hours     |
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| <b>Required Courses</b>                      |  |           |
| <i>Choose four of the following classes:</i> |  | 12        |
| REL 3100                                     | Religion in America Today                |           |
| REL 3140                                     | Christian Ethics                         |           |
| REL 3500                                     | A Survey of Christian Thought            |           |
| REL 3550                                     | Christian Origins                        |           |
| REL 3560                                     | Spirituality of the Middle Ages          |           |
| REL 3570                                     | Life and Thought of Luther               |           |
| REL 3800                                     | God, Man, and Creation                   |           |
| REL 3820                                     | The Person and Work of Christ            |           |
| REL 3860                                     | Law and Gospel in the Life of the Church |           |
| REL 4000                                     | Lutheran Confessions                     |           |
| REL 4010                                     | Lutheran Worship: Theology and Practice  |           |
| <b>Total Hours</b>                           |  | <b>12</b> |