

# THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (ACC)

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)

God reveals himself through his Word and, to a lesser degree, through his world. This program examines the Bible, God's revealed Word, in broad introductory overviews of the Holy Scriptures (isagogics) as well as in close reading of a particular biblical book (exegetical studies). The program also studies God's providence in history. In addition, students receive practical training in the application of their studies in ministry to others. This program may offer some students the opportunity for a vocation in the church, either as a primary or secondary calling.

Through participation in, and upon completion of, the Associate of Arts in Theological Studies at Concordia University Wisconsin, students will:

- Have a greater understanding of God's Word, the Holy Scripture
- Appreciate the value of sound Christian doctrine based squarely on the Bible
- Develop a heightened awareness of God's working throughout history
- Grow in their relationship with Christ and put his teachings into practice in their vocations
- Employ various methods of delivering and defending biblical truth in a relevant and practical way to diverse groups
- Demonstrate an understanding of research skill

## 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 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.
- 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.

## Curriculum - Associate Degree

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Core Courses</b>		<b>24</b>
<b>Required Courses</b>		<b>33</b>

Electives	6
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>63</b>

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### Required Core Courses

CCE 1020	Western Culture & Worldview	
CCE 1040	Science & Humanity	
ENG 2100	College Writing	
HIST 3400	Classical Greece and Rome	
REL 1590	Heritage of Faith	
REL 2030	Biblical Theology	
REL 3510	Christ's People through the Ages	
Natural World - Mathematics		

### Required Courses

LA 1020	Student Success Strategies	3
REL 2010	Old Testament	3
REL 2020	New Testament	3
REL 2590	Religious Education of Youth and Adults	3
REL 2630	Communicating Bible Messages	3
REL 2870	Christian Care Giving	3
REL 3100	Religion in America Today	3
REL 3120	Office of the Professional Church Worker	3
REL 3140	Christian Ethics	3
REL 3350	Life of Christ	3
REL 3380	Gospel of Luke	3

<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>33</b>
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