



## Theology & Religious Studies

Theology and religion are universal phenomena evident in cultures throughout history and around the world. Emmanuel College's Department of Theology & Religious Studies serves a diverse student population by providing the opportunity to explore Roman Catholicism, Christianity and other religious traditions. Rooted in the Catholic intellectual and social justice traditions, courses in the department explore religion as a dimension of the human quest for meaning. Courses address the national and global diversity of religious belief and practice, the interface of religion with other social institutions and the impact of social location (race, gender, economic status and so forth) on religion.

### Departmental/Program Offerings

- Major: Theology & Religious Studies
- Minors: Theology & Religious Studies, Catholic Studies

### Sample Courses:

- THRS1111 Introduction to the Bible
- THRS2108 Religion and the Environment:  
Ethical Explorations
- THRS2151 Religious Traditions of Rome  
(travel course)
- THRS2212 Buddhism: Beliefs and Practices
- THRS3133 Social Justice and Religious Traditions
- THRS3135 Contemporary Issues in Roman  
Catholicism

### Where Can Studying Theology & Religious Studies Get You?

Emmanuel College believes that the best preparation for success and meaningful careers is a strong liberal arts and sciences education. The Department of Theology & Religious Studies reflects that conviction. The program provides students with opportunities – through courses in specialized fields within the discipline, as well as through internships – to develop the critical thinking skills and knowledge required to move into the world of work or graduate studies in diverse fields such as theology, social work, law, peace studies and more. Students in theology & religious studies intern at locations such as the School of Peace and Notre Dame Montessori School. Graduates find careers in a variety of areas, including education, social services, human resources, management and ministries.



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