

Theological Studies

Theological Studies, B.A.

Designed for people who have been working as religious professionals or as active laypeople in religious organizations for at least five years, the Whitworth B.A. in Theological Studies Program will provide an excellent theological education — both academic and practical — for those whose circumstances in life would make it difficult for them to earn a B.A. degree in a conventional undergraduate program. Taught by core faculty members in the Whitworth Theology Department, the courses in the program are built on a sturdy foundation:

- **Classical Theology:** Professors teach the traditional theological disciplines of biblical studies, systematic theology and church history, as well as more applied areas.
- **Practical Preparation:** Classes address contemporary challenges people in ministry face every day and explore concrete and creative solutions.
- **Spiritual Formation:** Students learn together in a praying, worshiping community, enjoy meals together and practice many of the traditional spiritual disciplines.

Program Design

The Whitworth B.A. in Theological Studies Program is built on a degree-completion model, which assumes two years of prior college/university coursework. If students who have not completed two years of prior coursework want to complete the B.A., they must fulfill general education requirements and/or electives equivalent to a minimum of 60 semester credits before applying to the program. All students must complete the general education requirements for the Whitworth School of Continuing Studies along with the total number of credits required for a bachelor's degree. It is advisable that students complete *all* degree requirements, except portfolio credits, prior to beginning M.A. in theology coursework. Students in the B.A. program will take courses with the M.A. in theology students, though the assignments will be geared to an appropriate level for undergraduate education.

Portfolio

Due to the practical application of theological study in the B.A./M.A. degree program, students will have the opportunity to complete a portfolio of college-level learning they have achieved outside the classroom. Students can earn a maximum of 32 semester credits through portfolio or other nontraditional means of credit (i.e. CLEP). Administration of the portfolio process will take place in the continuing studies office and will follow the process and procedures approved by the faculty for the organizational management degree.

Admission

Students apply to the School of Continuing Studies for admission to the undergraduate program; however, students must also apply separately to the B.A. in theological studies degree program, meeting the application requirements that M.A. students must complete. Admittance into the B.A. in theological studies program is not assumed by admission into continuing studies.

Requirements for Admission into the B.A. in Theological Studies:

- Five years of documented work experience in ministry-related fields (church; para-church organizations; social work; lay ministry, etc.)
- Exceptional academic ability as demonstrated by prior university coursework and/or coursework completed at Whitworth prior to the student's admission into the B.A. program.

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Times was used instead of Adobe Garamond Pro.

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