Theology, Philosophy, and Ethics: A Brief Guide

Everybody takes:
1. TH201 Theology Matters
2. PL201 Introduction to Philosophy

Then, you get a choice.

In **Pathway A**, you take:
3. A second Philosophy core course, chosen from PL202–PL299; and
4. An Ethics in Theology, chosen from TH300–319

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In **Pathway B**, you take:
3. A second Theology core course, chosen from TH202–TH299; and
4. An Ethics in Philosophy, chosen from PL300–319

In other words, which second core course you take determines which ethics you will take. If you take a Theology second core, you must take an Ethics in Philosophy, and vice versa.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The numbering can be confusing! Only 200-level courses count as the second core. The ethics courses are 300-level, but **only courses from 300–319 count as Ethics.** In both PL and TH, 320 and above are **seminar** courses, and **seminar courses (320–399) do not count for either the second core or the ethics requirement.***

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*Some examples of recently offered courses in both departments:*

**Theology second core courses:**
Ignatius & the Jesuits: History and Spirituality
Introduction to Judaism
African American Religious Thought
Forgiveness and Reconciliation
World Christianity
Christian Theology and World Religions
Religion, Poverty, and American Health Care
American Feminist Theologies
The Bible in the 21st Century

**Philosophy second core courses:**
Project of Modernity
Politics and Society
Asian Thought
Environmental Philosophy
Philosophy and Genocide
Humanity and Divinity
Gender and Nature
Philosophy and Science
Environmental Philosophy

Theology Ethics:
Economics and Ethics: The Catholic Tradition
Becoming Good: Character Ethics
Bioethics and Social Justice
Environmental Ethics
Theology and Ethics of Hospitality
Introduction to Christian Ethics

Philosophy Ethics:
Business Ethics
Bioethics
Environmental Ethics
Ethics after Auschwitz
Humanitarian Ethics
Ethics of Race and Gender

If you have a question about whether a particular course might be offered within the next year or two, please contact the department chair.

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