

Theology, Philosophy, and Cultural Theory

Description:

The Theology, Philosophy, and Cultural Theory (TPCT) concentration comprises four subfields:

- Theology
- Philosophy
- Comparative Studies
- Cultural Theory

Students graduating from this concentration will have developed competency to teach at least one undergraduate course in each of the four subfields. They will also be prepared to do research, publish, and teach in their subfield of specialization. Admission into this concentration presupposes a master's degree with an appropriate background for study in the subfields.

For the purposes of this concentration, the subfields may be characterized as follows:

Theology: modern and contemporary theology and Western religious thought

Philosophy: Western philosophies that have had a major impact on developments in theology and the study of religion

Comparative Studies: theories of cross-cultural comparison and their application to the study of non Western religion and philosophy

Cultural Theory: modern theories and critiques of religion and culture

Students concentrate in, and demonstrate extensive knowledge of, one of the four subfields, which will be regarded as the student's special field of expertise.

Requirements:

Students are expected to take courses relevant to the subfields as they are offered.

Regular colloquia are also offered each year by area faculty. These colloquia focus on the bibliographies developed by the area. Students are required to take at least two of these colloquia during the coursework phase of the program. Normally, a colloquium in at least one subfield will be offered each year on a rotating basis.

PHIL 5300 Colloquium: Philosophy

PHIL 5400 Colloquium: Cultural Theory

THEO 6402 Colloquium: Comparative Study of Religions