



CAREER FIELDS

- Pastoral care in parishes, schools, hospitals, prisons and the federal armed forces
- Teaching at *Gymnasien, Gesamtschulen, Berufskollegs* and in teacher training and education
- Education and cultural management
- Journalism, the media, and public relations
- Consulting and management
- Universities, research institutions, libraries and archives

Degree	Program option	Standard period of study	Start of program
Magister Theologiae (Mag. Theol.)	Single-Subject	10 Semester	Winter semester
Ecclesiastical degree (KiEx)	Single-Subject	10 Semester	Winter semester
Bachelor of Arts (B. A.)	• Single-Subject • Minor • Dual-Subject • Major	6 Semester	Winter and Summer semester
Master of Comparative Theological Studies (M. A.)	Single-Subject	4 Semester	Winter semester
Teaching Bachelor (B. A.)	Grammar/Comprehensive School and Vocational School (Dual-Subject)	6 Semester	Winter semester
Master of Education (M. Ed.)	Grammar/Comprehensive School and Vocational School (Dual-Subject)	4 Semester	Winter and Summer semester



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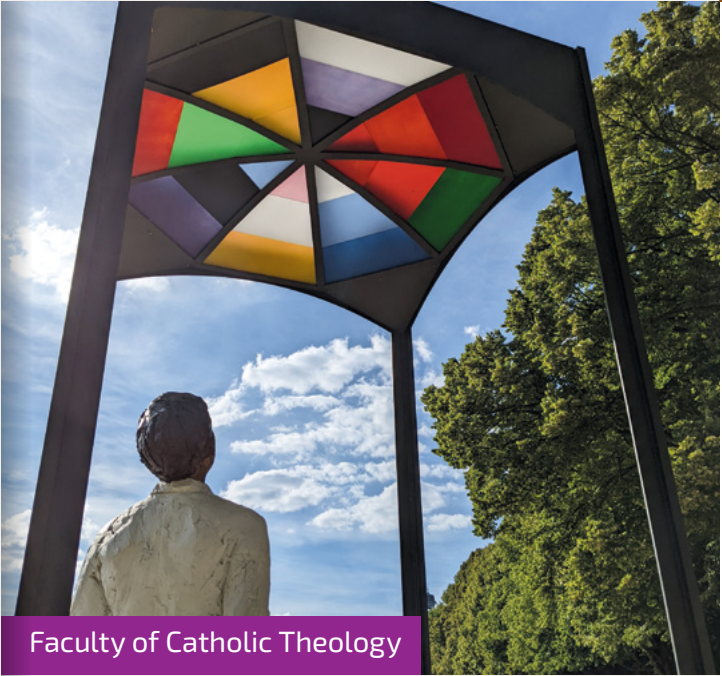
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Catholic Theology



Faculty of Catholic Theology

Bachelor

➤ Bachelor of Arts (B. A.)

Master

➤ Master of Comparative Theological Studies (M. A.)

Canonical/Church degrees

➤ Magister Theologiae (Mag. Theol.) | Ecclesiastical degree (KiEx)

Teaching Profession

➤ Bachelor (B. A.) + Master of Education (M. Ed.)



Catholic Theology

Taking up theology enables students to communicate where others are lost for words: in the face of existential or spiritual experiences, when yearning for happiness and fulfillment, or when dealing with grief, fear, failure or guilt. Students of theology are capable of responding to these challenges from both a religious and an academic perspective. They can speak about the Christian hope for salvation, justice and peace in rational language founded on sound academic scholarship.

Theology as an academic discipline is about meaning, experience and identity. It reflects on faith traditions and how believers experience and practice them. It scrutinizes these traditions in the light of the challenges that society is currently facing. Theology helps us to ponder ethical questions, understand cultural processes and interpret religious phenomena, thus performing both a critical and a constructive function. Theology as a discipline guards against religious arbitrariness and irrelevance just as it does against fundamentalist or discriminatory narrow-mindedness by engaging in dialogue with other denominations, religions and academic disciplines.

Studying theology teaches students how to apply a range of different methods and perspectives and trains their ability to engage in critical reflection and rational judgment. Anyone capable of adopting a broader perspective on their own lives will embrace the opportunity theology provides to reassess the way they see themselves and the world. Studying theology equips prospective theologians with the expertise and credibility to assume responsibility in church, schools and society as a whole.



Catholic Theology in Bonn

The Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Bonn is one of the most prestigious faculties of its kind in Germany, with a teaching program based on cutting-edge research in the individual theological disciplines. It trains future pastoral ministers and priests as well as religious education teachers for *Gymnasien*, *Gesamtschulen* and *Berufskollegs*. Its bachelor's and master's degree programs also open up a broad spectrum of study options and potential career paths in the humanities. Students benefit from the faculty's tight network of projects and institutions, which give it an interdisciplinary and international focus. The faculty also benefits from its status as part of Germany's most successful University of Excellence, and Bonn's status as the "City of the United Nations".

Main research areas:

- › Ambiguities – identities – designs of meaning
- › Theology for contemporary society
- › Comparative theology and inter-religious dialogue
- › Gender equality and diversity

Links, projects and institutions:

- › Cluster of Excellence: Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies
- › Transdisciplinary Research Areas of the University of Bonn

- › International Center for Comparative Theology and Social Issues (CTSI)
- › Center for Religion and Society (ZERG), involvement in the Ecumenical Studies master's program
- › Franz Josef Doelger Institute for Late Antiquity Studies
- › Luxembourg School of Religion & Society (LSRS)

More information

Faculty of Catholic Theology

➔ www.ktf.uni-bonn.de

COURSE CONTENT

Theological research and teaching and the study of theology are inherently interdisciplinary. Theology students will engage with texts, languages, translations and interpretations, with history and philosophy, and with law, rites and rituals, teaching methodology and education – in other words, with a wide range of issues and methods drawn from the humanities, cultural studies and social sciences. Theology is divided into four main fields and their subdisciplines:

- › Biblical theology (contemporary Biblical history, exegesis of the Old and New Testaments)
- › Historical theology (history of the early Church and the Church Fathers, medieval and modern Church history)
- › Systematic theology (fundamental theology, dogmatics, moral theology, social ethics, philosophy)
- › Practical theology (canon law, liturgy, pastoral theology, religious education)

Depending on their degree program and available capacities, students may choose a specialization and may combine several theological qualifications.



Students wishing to enter the teaching profession will complete a master's degree in teaching (M. Ed.) followed by a phase of state-approved practical teacher training (*Referendariat*). Holders of a bachelor's degree in theology, religious studies or cultural studies (240 ECTS) qualify for a graduate studies program at the Faculty of Catholic Theology and may take an international master's degree in Comparative Theological Studies (M. A.).

➔ www.ctsi.uni-bonn.de/en/ma-comparative-theological-studies

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Depending on the degree program, prospective theologians are recommended or required to possess a knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew in order to study Biblical and historical sources. Language proficiency may be demonstrated by submitting state-approved certificates (*Latinum*, *Graecum*, *Hebraicum*) or by passing a faculty examination. Applicants will need the *Kleines Latinum*, a certificate of proficiency in basic Latin, to embark on a teaching degree.

You will be able to acquire the language skills required for your degree program alongside your studies.

INTERNSHIPS AND CAREER GUIDANCE

The teaching degree includes two compulsory internships at bachelor's level and one practical semester at master's level. In other theology degree programs, voluntary internships give students the opportunity for personal orientation and let them build their career profile in professions both within and outside the church. A series of courses designed to train key skills will enable theologians to assume responsibility in a variety of areas – in critical, constructive, and creative ways.



STUDY ABROAD

DAAD-Year of Theological Study in Jerusalem

➔ www.studienjahr.de

The Faculty's Erasmus partnerships

- › Ankara University (Ankara, Turkey)
- › Kapodistrian University (Athens, Greece)
- › Universidad Loyola Andalucía (Granada, Spain)
- › KU Leuven (Leuven, Belgium)
- › Lyon Catholic University (Lyon, France)
- › University of Malta (Msida, Malta)
- › Paris Lodron University (Salzburg, Austria)
- › Newman Institute (Uppsala, Sweden)

STUDY ORIENTATION AND ASSESSMENT

Online study orientation portal

➔ <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/student-orientation-and-getting-to-know-the-university-of-bonn>

Online self-assessment (study orientation test)

➔ <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/student-orientation-and-getting-to-know-the-university-of-bonn/online-self-assessments>

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

You can find the latest information on degree programs and admissions at:

➔ <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/degree-programs>

➔ <https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/studying/application-admission-and-enrollment>