



What can I do with a major in **THEOLOGY** from Valparaiso University?

Description of major:

The study of human beliefs, practices and worship activities as it relates to the Christian tradition. Theology students at Valparaiso University know and understand the Christian faith, are sensitive to religious issues in our global society, and are prepared for roles in which their understanding of religion may enhance their contribution to church and society. Although many students continue for further education in seminary or divinity studies, the major prepares students in the liberal arts tradition. Therefore, students have numerous opportunities available to them in various settings, as indicated below.

Relevant skills for a THEOLOGY major:

- ◆ Apply theory
- ◆ Carry out and integrate one's occupational responsibilities with one's religious faith
- ◆ Clarify problems
- ◆ Collect and organize data
- ◆ Communicate, both orally and in writing
- ◆ Concentrate for long periods of time
- ◆ Conduct research and analysis
- ◆ Critique
- ◆ Exercise good judgment
- ◆ Formulate and defend positions
- ◆ Have conceptual ability
- ◆ Have excellent interpersonal communication
- ◆ Have trouble-shooting skills
- ◆ Imagine
- ◆ Interact with all types of people
- ◆ Interview
- ◆ Know one's area of personal ministry
- ◆ Make appropriate decisions & solve problems
- ◆ Make critical observations, evaluations and appropriate decisions
- ◆ Organize, conduct, and clearly explain research
- ◆ Organize/classify data
- ◆ Persuade & influence others
- ◆ Recognize elements, relationships, structures and organizing principles
- ◆ Relate to abstract ideas
- ◆ Review/evaluate
- ◆ Show sensitivity to and compassion for others
- ◆ Solve problems
- ◆ Speak articulately and listen objectively
- ◆ Summarize complicated materials
- ◆ Synthesize perceptions
- ◆ Understand human spiritual & social needs
- ◆ Use analytical and synthetic reasoning
- ◆ Work independently
- ◆ and others!

Sample work activities for Graduates in THEOLOGY (some may require an advanced degree)

- Administrative Official
- Archivist
- Campus Minister
- Campus Religious Coordinator
- Church Camp Director
- Clergy
- College/University Administrator
- College/University Faculty
- Community Organization Worker
- Counselor
- Denominational Executive
- Director of Institutional Research
- Director of Religious Education
- Hospice Director
- Lay Minister
- Librarian
- Manager
- Minister of Music
- Missionary
- Peace Corp Worker
- Religious Bookstore Worker
- Religious Education Teacher
- Religious Educational Administrator
- Religious Researcher
- Religious Writer
- Sales Representative
- Salvation Army Worker
- Social Worker
- Volunteer Services Director
- Writer
- YMCA/YWCA Worker
- Youth Minister
- and others!

Potential hiring institutions for THEOLOGY majors:

- ◆ Camps
- ◆ Churches
- ◆ Colleges/Universities
- ◆ Corporations/Industry
- ◆ Elementary/secondary schools
- ◆ Government Agencies
- ◆ Hospitals
- ◆ Libraries
- ◆ Military services
- ◆ Non-profit agencies
- ◆ Religious broadcasters
- ◆ Religious organizations
- ◆ Religious publishers
- ◆ Seminary/Divinity Schools
- ◆ Social Service Agencies
- ◆ YWCA/YMCA
- ◆ and others!

Area of further education for THEOLOGY majors:

- ◆ American Studies
- ◆ African Studies
- ◆ Asian Studies
- ◆ Business Administration
- ◆ Christian/Religious Education
- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Conflict Resolution & Mediation/Peace Studies
- ◆ Counseling
- ◆ Cultural Studies (any)
- ◆ Divinity
- ◆ Eastern European & Russian Studies
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Educational Administration
- ◆ Ethics
- ◆ French
- ◆ German
- ◆ Greek
- ◆ Hebrew
- ◆ Hispanic Studies
- ◆ History
- ◆ Holocaust Studies
- ◆ Humanities
- ◆ Information Studies
- ◆ International Affairs
- ◆ International Development
- ◆ Italian
- ◆ Latin American Studies
- ◆ Law
- ◆ Liberal Studies
- ◆ Literature (any)
- ◆ Medicine
- ◆ Missions & Missiology
- ◆ Near & Middle Eastern Languages
- ◆ Pastoral Ministry & Counseling
- ◆ Philosophy
- ◆ Political Science
- ◆ Psychology
- ◆ Public Policy & Administration
- ◆ Religion
- ◆ Religious Education
- ◆ Russian
- ◆ Scandinavian Languages
- ◆ Slavic Languages
- ◆ Social Sciences
- ◆ Social Work
- ◆ Sociology
- ◆ Spanish
- ◆ Theology
- ◆ Writing
- ◆ and others!

Sources of additional information for THEOLOGY majors:

- ◆ VU Department of Theology: <http://www.valpo.edu/theology>
- ◆ VU Majors & Areas of Study: <http://www.valpo.edu/cas/departments/theology.html>
- ◆ Occupational Outlook Handbook: the US Bureau of Labor Statistics compiles information about various occupations, including the nature of the work, the job outlook, the earnings, and other relevant information. <http://www.bls.gov/oco/oco1002.htm>
- ◆ America's Job Bank: a partnership between the US Department of Labor and the state operated public Employment Service for public and private sector jobs. <http://www.ajb.dni.us/>
- ◆ Christian Career Center: the online career center developed specifically to meet the needs of Christians. <http://www.gospelcom.net/cc/>
- ◆ Christian Jobs Mall: is designed for businesses, churches and ministries to post their Christian jobs. <http://www.christianet.com/christianjobs/index.htm>
- ◆ Christian Jobs Online: helps to take your quest for employment further and find a position that will enrich you spiritually as well as emotionally and mentally. <http://www.christianjobs.com/>
- ◆ Christian Placements: Job bank for Christians. <http://www.christianplacements.com/>
- ◆ ChurchStaffing.com: Church ministry positions including music, youth, and administration. <http://www.churchstaffing.com>
- ◆ GovernmentJobs.Com: devoted to helping individuals find the jobs they are seeking in the public sector. <http://www.govtjobs.com/>
- ◆ Ministry Search: - Christian ministry job positions. <http://www.ministrysearch.com/>
- ◆ Opportunity NOCs: connects you with a full range of employment and human-resources-related information and services. <http://www.opportunitynocs.org/>

- ◆ Petersons.com Grad Channel: Find a graduate school <http://iiswinprd01.petersons.com/GradChannel/>
- ◆ USAJobs: The U.S. Government's official site for jobs and employment information provided by the United States Office of Personnel Management. <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>

VU Career Center Resource Library Materials:

- ◆ *Alternatives To The Peace Corps: A Directory Of Third World And Us Volunteer Opportunities*
- ◆ *Civil Service Career Starter*
- ◆ *Education For Action: Undergraduate And Graduate Programs That Focus On Social Change*
- ◆ *Essays That Worked For Law Schools: 35 Essays From Successful Applications To The Nation's Top Law Schools*
- ◆ *Graduate Programs In Education*
- ◆ *Graduate Programs In Humanities*
- ◆ *Graduate Programs In Social Sciences*
- ◆ *Great Jobs For Liberal Arts Majors*
- ◆ *Opportunities In Gerontology And Aging Services Careers*
- ◆ *Opportunities In Religious Service Careers*
- ◆ *Peterson's Graduate Programs In Business, Education, Health, Information Studies, Law & Social Work*
- ◆ *Peterson's Graduate Programs In The Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences*
- ◆ *Resumes For Social Service Careers*
- ◆ *and others!*

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