

Prior coursework assessment for MDiv students:

Theology

Students who have taken comparable course work in theology may apply to the Office of Academic Affairs to substitute a more specialized seminar in theology taught by one of the core faculty in the theology area in lieu of the two courses designed to fulfill the Theology requirement (Introduction to Theology, REL 600 and Systematic Theology, REL 626). The Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may approve such a substitution when presented evidence (a syllabus and transcript) that the student has taken a college or graduate-level course (or courses) that:

- Shows significant engagement with at least three central topics in theology (doctrine of God, Christology, theological anthropology, ecclesiology, and so on)
- Includes a diversity of theological perspectives, across an extended historical range
- Engages directly with primary sources
- Requires one substantive paper of more than 6-8 pages

Ethics

Students who have taken comparable course work in Christian Ethics may apply to the Office of Academic Affairs to substitute a more specialized course in ethics in lieu of the two courses designed to fulfill the Ethics requirement (Introduction to Christian Ethics, REL 615, and Theological Ethics, REL 631). The Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may approve such a substitution when presented evidence (i.e., a syllabus and transcript) that the student has taken a college or graduate-level course or courses that:

- Invite students to reflect in an encompassing way about what it means to live as a Christian, not focusing solely on one or more particular moral issues
- Attends to a diversity of sources, peoples, and Christian traditions
- Attends to questions of diversity, equity, and power in relation to the historical formation of the discipline of Christian ethics
- Engages directly with primary sources
- Requires at least two pieces of written work

History of Christianity

Criteria for waiving History of Christianity lectures (712, 713, 714, 715) for M.Div students.

Students who have taken comparable course work in the History of Christianity may apply to the Office of Academic Affairs to waive one of the two required courses in this sequence. These students are still required to take three history courses, but may substitute more specialized seminars for the survey course requirement. The Sr. Associate Dean for Academic Affairs may approve such a substitution when presented evidence (a syllabus and transcript) that the student has taken a college or graduate-level course or courses that:

- Covers the full time period of the course to be waived, as follows: REL 712: 100-800 CE; REL 713: 800-1500 CE; REL 714: 1500-1750 CE; REL 715: 1750-present.

- Provides a globally diverse history of Christianity, as appropriate to the period. There is no expectation for comprehensive coverage, but the course(s) must substantially incorporate materials outside of Europe and (for REL 715) outside North America.
- Includes a diversity of sources, peoples, and Christian traditions
- Engages directly with primary sources
- Requires at least two pieces of written work