

Resolution 038

A Resolution to Increase Flexibility for Students With Only Two Theology Requirements

Sponsored by: Senator Zayas

Co-Sponsored by: Senator Henriquez, Senator Kruger, Senator Suarez

Whereas,

Many students in schools such as Architecture¹, Engineering², Music³ and Nursing⁴ are only required to take two courses in Theology and Religious Studies (TRS) to fulfill their distribution requirements.

Whereas,

Those two classes, and the only options for those students, are Foundations of Theology I: Scripture and Jesus Christ (TRS 201) and The Church and the Human Person (TRS 202).

Whereas,

Students in other majors have to take three TRS courses to fulfill their requirements, with the third class choice left to the discretion of the student.

Whereas,

This third option allows students to explore TRS classes which are of interest to them or better suit their areas of study.

Whereas,

Extending broadened opportunities for students with only two required TRS courses would expose them to more diverse TRS course offerings which they would not otherwise have time or ability to explore.

Whereas,

Other universities such as Loyola University Maryland,⁵ Georgetown University⁶, Thomas Moore University⁷, Notre Dame University⁸ and Villanova University⁹ allow for more choices in the selection of theology requirements.

Whereas,

¹ https://architecture.catholic.edu/_media/bsarchundergradcurriculum20212022.pdf

² <https://docs.google.com/document/d/10pBfseWAgLDBXhP3qfl9Oc3vwqmiq3GP/edit>

³ <https://music.catholic.edu/academics/undergraduate/ba-music/degree-requirements/index.html>

⁴ <https://nursing.catholic.edu/academics/undergraduate/bsn/traditional-program/index.html>

⁵ <https://www.loyola.edu/academics/theology/undergraduate/core-requirement>

⁶ <https://theology.georgetown.edu/undergraduate/curriculum/>

⁷ <https://www.thomasmore.edu/wp-content/uploads/Core-Checklist.pdf>

⁸ <https://theology.nd.edu/about/the-university-requirement-for-theology/>

⁹ <https://live-villanova-catalog.cleancatalog.io/fulfilling-core-curriculum-course-requirements>

The current School of Religious and Theology Academic Page¹⁰ inaccurately displays what the current requirements are for all students.

Be it enacted that,

The Student Government Association Senate, acting in its official capacity as the representative of the undergraduate student body of The Catholic University of America, hereby requests that:

1. Students who are only required to take two Theology and Religious Studies courses are given options for their second course besides TRS 202, The Church and the Human Person.
2. The Core Curriculum Outline Page, and all academic pages for each of the academic schools, such as Architecture, Engineering, Music and Nursing, be updated to accurately publicize the number and type of courses required for all students' theology requirements.

Agreed to by a vote of _____ yeas to _____ nays on this date: _____ with _____ abstaining and _____ not present.

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¹⁰ <https://trs.catholic.edu/academics/undergraduate/requirements-for-all-students/index.html>