

Certificate of Distinction in Theology

24 units

The Certificate of Distinction in Theology acknowledges the achievement of theology majors who exhibit a mastery of theology coursework in preparation for graduate study by maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or better in 24 units of upper-division work in theology, Church history, or the history of philosophy from the following list:

Requirements

Code	Title	Units
Required Senior Seminar		
SOT 483	Senior Seminar: Theology and Social Issues	3
Additional Units		
Complete 12 additional units of 400-level coursework in theology or Church history or 300-level coursework in history of philosophy.		12
Required Emphasis		
Complete 9 units (not used above) from one of three emphases:		9
Church History Emphasis		
Select three of the following:		
SOT 472	Seminar in Church History	
SOT 473	The Formation of Early Christianity	
SOT 474	American Christianity	
SOT 475	The History of Christian Spirituality	
SOT 476	Global Christianity ¹	
SOT 481	Christian Traditions	
Systematic Theology Emphasis		
Select three of the following:		
SOT 477	The Theology of John Wesley	
SOT 478	Theologians and Theological Movements	
SOT 479	Doctrinal Theology	
SOT 480	Theological Ethics	
SOT 482	Theology from the Margins ¹	
SOT 495	Special Topics	
SOT 497	Readings	
History of Philosophy Emphasis		
Select three of the following:		
PHIL 315	History of Ancient Philosophy	
PHIL 316	Medieval Philosophy	
PHIL 320	History of Early Modern Philosophy	
PHIL 325	History of 19th and 20th Century Philosophy	
Total Units		24

¹ Meets the APU Core: Intercultural Competence general education requirement.

Upper-Division Course Options

Many programs within the School of Theology require students to take one or more courses of upper-division electives, often represented as "SOT 3xx or 4xx Upper-Division [Biblical Studies] course," where [Biblical Studies] may be substituted with a specific discipline within the school.

The following is a list of all School of Theology courses that meet upper-division requirements within School of Theology academic programs. Consult with your advisor or faculty for specific questions.

Upper-Division Biblical Studies (Old Testament)	SOT 340
	SOT 341
	SOT 342
	SOT 343
	SOT 348
	SOT 349
	SOT 351
	SOT 441
	SOT 448
Upper-Division Biblical Studies (New Testament)	SOT 344
	SOT 345
	SOT 346
	SOT 347
	SOT 440
	SOT 442
	SOT 449
Upper-Division Biblical Studies (General)	SOT 443
	SOT 444
	SOT 445
	SOT 446
	SOT 447
	SOT 451
	SOT 495*
	SOT 497*
	SOT 498*
Upper-Division Theology	SOT 370
	SOT 371
	SOT 372
	SOT 373
	SOT 470
	SOT 471
	SOT 472
	SOT 473
	SOT 474
	SOT 475
	SOT 476
	SOT 477
	SOT 478
	SOT 479
	SOT 480
	SOT 481
	SOT 482
	SOT 483
	SOT 495*
	SOT 497*
	SOT 498*
Upper-Division Ministry	SOT 310
	SOT 311
	SOT 312
	SOT 313
	SOT 314
	SOT 315

SOT 316

SOT 317

SOT 318

SOT 319

SOT 410

SOT 411

SOT 412

SOT 413

SOT 414

SOT 415

SOT 416

SOT 417

SOT 418

SOT 419

SOT 421

SOT 422

SOT 423

SOT 424

SOT 425

SOT 426

SOT 427

SOT 495*

SOT 497*

SOT 498*

* Students must complete a Course Substitution form (https://formstack.apu.edu/workflows/transfer_credit_course_sub/?sso=68153e4da698b) in order for SOT 495, SOT 497, or SOT 498 to count as an upper-division requirement for a major or minor.