

Certificate Program in **Theology in Life**

The Theology in Life certificate program aims to present Catholic theology in a course structure designed for a lay person who wishes a deeper understanding of the application of Catholic theology to the great questions of human life. Each of the courses draws upon the sources of Catholic theology: Scripture and Tradition - the Fathers, Councils, Creeds, Liturgy and the sense of the faithful.

When you choose to study Theology at Benedictine University, you become part of the Catholic, Benedictine tradition of a broad liberal education founded on a clear understanding of the relationship between faith and reason. This is the synthesis which is the basis of Western civilization, and the program gives you a broad preparation, not just in understanding theology, but applying it to your life in the world in whatever profession you choose.

Program Overview

Certificate programs are designed for a concentrated focus for those looking to expand their knowledge in a specific area. Students seeking a certificate are provided an expedited admissions process. Students are required to submit a certificate program application as well as proof of high school degree or equivalent conferral. Degree-seeking students are required to submit additional documents including but not limited to official transcripts from all colleges/universities previously attended.

Theology at Benedictine is designed for people who will pursue careers in law, business, education, science or communication. It focuses on analyzing the foundational principles of Catholic theology and applying them to life choices in the 21st century.

Each course in the Theology in Life certificate program is three credit hours. The required courses, which be taken in any order, are:

- THEO 101 Theology of Love (3)**
- THEO 102 Theology of Justice (3)**
- THEO 103 Theology of Freedom (3)**
- THEO 104 Faith and Science (3)**

All students entering into a certificate program must schedule an advising appointment with the New Student Advising Center. Please contact the Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300 to do so.

About Benedictine University

Benedictine University is located in Lisle, Illinois, just 25 miles west of Chicago. Founded in 1887 by the Benedictine Monks of St. Procopius Abbey, Benedictine provides 50 undergraduate majors, 13 graduate programs, a world-renowned Ph.D. in Organization Development and Ed.D. in Higher Education and Organizational Change. Benedictine has repeatedly been named one of the top schools in the Midwest Region and ranked sixth in Illinois for Racial Diversity by **U.S. News & World Report®** for 2009. For more information, call Enrollment Center at (630) 829-6300, e-mail admissions@ben.edu or visit www.ben.edu.

