

HIGH SCHOOL THEOLOGY COURSE CODES GRADES 9-12

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Course Code	Course Name	Grade Level	Description	Accreditation Time/ Credit Options*	License/credential Required**
60010	Religious Foundations	9-12	Religious Foundations courses' primary objectives include instruction in the history, tenets, and organization of a religion; development of personal faith and conviction; and exposure to the ways in which daily life may reflect personal religious beliefs. These courses typically include various components particular to a specific religion, such as religious sacraments and symbols, food laws, the authority and structure of the church, the church calendar, and so on.	½ or 1	License Code: 50040- Theology ♦ 9-12 OR Any teaching license AND 50040 - Theology endorsement ♦ 9-12
60011	Comparative Religion	9-12	Comparative Religion courses survey and compare the various forms and values of several world religions, offering students a basic understanding of the world's diverse religious faiths and practices. Course topics typically include the belief systems of adherents; the relationships among humans, nature, ancestors, and the spiritual world; and the historical development of each religion.	½ or 1	
60012	Eastern Religions	9-12	Similar to Comparative Religion, Eastern Religions courses provide students with an overview of various religions and belief systems but focus on those of the Eastern World. Particular religious or philosophical systems of study usually include Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Taoism, Shintoism, and Confucianism, among others.	½ or 1	
60013	Western Religions	9-12	Similar to Comparative Religion, Western Religions courses provide students with an overview of various religions and belief systems but focus on those of the Western World. Particular religious or philosophical systems of study usually include Judaism; Christianity (including various faiths such as those of Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, Quakers, Mormons, Mennonites, and others); and Native Indian belief systems, among others.	½ or 1	

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60014	Scriptures	9-12	Scriptures courses emphasize understanding and interpreting the sacred writings of a faith (such as the Bible, Torah, Koran, Book of Mormon, and so on) from the standpoint of a religious faith. Course objectives are designed so that students may comprehend the theological, doctrinal, and ethical messages contained within religious scriptures.	½ or 1	License Code: 50040- Theology ◆ 9-12 OR Any teaching license AND 50040 - Theology endorsement ◆ 9-12
60015	Old Testament	9-12	Old Testament courses emphasize understanding and interpreting the sacred writings of the Old Testament from the standpoint of a religious faith and may focus on one or several books. Course content typically focuses on themes, theological concepts, and portrayal of ethical messages, but may also include critique and commentary.	½ or 1	
60016	New Testament	9-12	New Testament courses emphasize understanding and interpreting the sacred writings of the New Testament from the standpoint of a religious faith and may focus on one or several religious books. Course content typically focuses on themes, theological concepts, and portrayal of ethical messages, but may also include critique and commentary.	½ or 1	
60017	Bible History	9-12	Bible History courses treat the Bible as a historical document and provide an overview of significant biblical events. The content usually includes geography; the relationship among cultures, belief systems, and the events chronicled in the Bible; and early Jewish or Christian Church history.	½ or 1	
60018	Christology	9-12	Christology courses concern the work and life of Jesus Christ and the literature related to him. Course content is typically based on Christian scriptures, leading to an examination of the message of Jesus Christ and applying His message to daily life.	½ or 1	
60019	Religious Figures	9-12	Religious Figures courses offer students the opportunity to examine the lives and messages of one or several people who are central to a religious faith, such as a prophet, apostle, philosopher, or leader. In addition to a historical study of the person (or people), these courses typically emphasize how the teachings of these individuals influence the faith and culture of a religious group.	½ or 1	

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60020	Liturgy and Prayer	9-12	Liturgy and Prayer courses vary widely, usually depending upon the underlying religion, but generally seek to inform students about the meaning and message of public and private worship. Course content typically includes an examination or exploration of common rituals, spoken or sung prayers, and observed sacraments.	½ or 1	License Code: 50040- Theology ♦ 9-12 OR Any teaching license AND 50040 - Theology endorsement ♦ 9-12
60021	Prayer and Spirituality	9-12	Prayer and Spirituality courses vary widely, but seek to enable students to experience deeper communion with the divine through public and private worship. Course content may include an examination or exploration of traditional and contemporary practices.	½ or 1	
60022	Religious Ethics and Morality	9-12	Usually including an introduction to or examination of the tenets of a particular faith, Religious Ethics and Morality courses seek to enable students to apply the moral teachings of a faith to their own lives, to the larger community, and to their decision-making processes. Course content may focus on such issues as peace and justice, death and dying, human sexuality, professional ethics, and human rights.	½ or 1	
60023	Justice, Peace, and Faith	9-12	Justice, Peace, and Faith courses examine the scriptural foundations for justice, typically with a historical overview of a faith's social teaching. These courses discuss such topics as poverty, hunger, conflict, discrimination, justice, and environmental issues, with a view toward developing students' ability to critically reflect upon and analyze their own roles and responsibilities.	½ or 1	

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60024	Faith and Lifestyle	9-12	Faith and Lifestyle courses focus on the development of young adults from puberty to adulthood, approached from the perspective of a faith or church. In these courses, the religion's values and traditions provide an underpinning for examining such topics as identity, independence, sexuality, employment, and leisure. Typically, Faith and Lifestyle courses include discussions about adult roles— single life, marriage, religious life, and ordained ministry.	½ or 1	License Code: 50040- Theology ♦ 9-12 OR Any teaching license AND 50040 - Theology endorsement ♦ 9-12
60025	Ministry	9-12	Ministry courses introduce students to the vocation of service. Students may learn counseling skills, plan and participate in religious services, and minister to younger students or to members of the local community (assisting in hospitals and convalescent homes, crisis centers, soup kitchens, and so on).	½ or 1	
60026	Religious Education and Theology—Aide	9-12	Religious Education and Theology—Aide courses offer students the opportunity to assist instructors in preparing, organizing, or delivering course curricula. Students may provide tutorial or instructional assistance to other students.	½ or 1	
60027	Religious Education and Theology—Independent Study	9-12	Religious Education and Theology—Independent Study courses, often conducted with instructors, members of the clergy, or religious leaders as mentors, enable students to explore topics of interest related to religion or theology. Independent Study courses may serve as an opportunity for students to expand their expertise in a particular religion, to explore a topic in greater detail, or to develop more advanced skills.	½ or 1	

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60028	Religious Education and Theology—Workplace Experience	9-12	Religious Education and Theology—Workplace Experience courses provide students with work experience in a field related to religion and theology. Goals are typically set cooperatively by the student, teacher, and employer (although students are not necessarily paid). These courses may include classroom activities as well, involving further study of the field or discussion regarding experiences that students encounter in the workplace	½ or 1	License Code: 50040- Theology ♦ 9-12 OR Any teaching license AND 50040 - Theology endorsement ♦ 9-12
60029	Religious Education and Theology—Other	9-12		½ or 1	

* *High school curricular requirements are spelled out in NDCC 15.1-21-02. Accreditation Rules can be found at <http://www.legis.nd.gov/information/acdata/pdf/67-19-01.pdf>. For accreditation, schools must provide additional units of credit based on school enrollment [see NDAC 67-19-01-32 (3)].*

** *Please refer to the second page of the teacher's North Dakota Educator's Professional license to verify which subject areas a teacher is qualified to teach. Licenses and endorsements are obtained on a teaching license from the Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). Credentials are obtained from the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and are issued to individuals holding a current teaching license.*