1ST YEAR
- Dive into the study of religion and theology by taking an introductory course
- Consider a minor in a complementary field, such as:
  - History
  - Psychology
  - Sociology
  - Women's Studies
  - Ethnic & Cultural Studies
- And/or add a concentration in Education!
- Attend a workshop, conference, or event in the Chicago area with your professor and classmates
- Attend an on-campus talk by one of your Theology professors
- Join a team, a club, or a service opportunity on campus (e.g. Sustainability Club)
- Get involved with University Ministry
- Study a new language (such as Arabic, Spanish, or Chinese)
- Go on a field trip to a local or regional religious site or museum
- Take part in a globally-focused Arts & Ideas event
- Get to know your Theology professors better by visiting them during office hours
- Seek out other students interested in theology and the study of religion

2ND YEAR
- Analyze the intersections of theology/religion and culture in intermediate courses (e.g. Practicing Faithful Justice, Science and Faith, The Qur’an and the Bible, etc.)
- Participate in Lewis University’s Celebration of Scholarship or Peace Teach-In
- Find mentors in the Theology Department and in other areas that interest you
- Organize an informal reading group
- Attend a summer program in Religion, Archaeology, Language, or Theology
- Study abroad in Rome (i.e., Lewis Rome Program) for a semester, or study away from campus in a domestic setting focused on restorative transformation or social justice activism
- Participate in a Civil Rights or Border pilgrimage with faculty and campus ministers.
- Focus your interests on discussion with peers and professors
- Exhibit your creative coursework in the Lewis Library

3RD YEAR
- Hone critical reasoning skills in upper-level courses in Spirituality, Religion and Culture, Ecclesiology, Christology, History, Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue, and Social Justice
- Write a research paper that can be submitted to graduate programs, to national or regional conferences (e.g. AAR or SBL), or for publication in an undergraduate research journal (such as the Journal of TAK)
- Serve as a peer mentor to high school students in Lewis University’s summer theology program
- Work toward induction into the national Theology honor society, Theta Alpha Kappa
- Connect to local agencies and grassroots movements committed to just peace (such as Interfaith Youth Corps or the Fairmont Lewis Coalition) by working with the Office of Community Engaged Learning
- Contribute your skill to a student organization such as International Student Association or Latin American Student Organization
- Explore graduate programs and regional/national/international internship opportunities
- Train to be a Racial Equity leader, or an Interfaith Leader through Interfaith Youth Corps

4TH YEAR
- Integrate learning through capstone:
  - Theological Studies Seminar (THEO 41500)
  - Pastoral Ministry Practicum (THEO 40200)
  - Capstone: Peace Studies Seminar (THEO 45000)
- Address real needs in the local community by collaborating with other majors on a community engaged learning project
- Assist a professor in research
- Become a Community Engaged Learning Facilitator
- Become a student member of the Interfaith Cooperation Committee (linked to Brother Jeffrey Gros Institute for Dialogue, Justice & Social Action)
- Attend a National or International Theology Conference (e.g., American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature)
- Volunteer in Lewis University’s Lasallian global network
- Obtain letters of recommendation to complete your professional dossier
- Apply to graduate programs or to careers of interest
- Undertake a community engaged learning project of significant weight in the local community
- Participate in the Lewis Rome Program
- Attend a workshop, conference, or event
- Join the Lewis University Alumni Network
- Return to Lewis and Share Your Story: Remain an Active Alumnus/a