



THE BELLARMINE INTERNSHIP GUARANTEE:

Theology and Religious Studies

The theology and Religious Studies curriculum is flexible enough to accommodate for student interests. Bellarmine cares deeply about what happens after you graduate. We made the Internship Guarantee to help ensure your success now and in the future. Here are some ways to gain experience in your field:

Explore your career interests

- Register for BU-199 Career Pathways Exploration – a 1 credit, 7-week course offered fall and spring to discover areas of interest in your major.
- Add a BU-250 Community-based Learning Practicum - a 1 credit, 30 hour work experience with a nonprofit organization connected to a complimentary course.

Prepare for your internship experience

- Register for BU-299 Internship Preparation and Success – a 1 credit, 7-week course designed to help you succeed in your internship search. BU-299 is a prerequisite to receive the summer internship scholarship. *Take advantage of a 444 internship course for just \$400!*

Earn credit towards your degree

- Take THEO-444 - a 3-credit hour internship experience with a minimum of 90 hours of work.
- *Want to gain more experience?* Take a second internship in your major or complete your first internship for up to 6 credit hours based on 180 hours of work.

**Experience matters!
Nearly 70% of
internships lead to
full-time job offers!**

Connecting Students to Career

Some Employment Areas in Theology:

1. Humanitarian Services
2. Education
3. Business
4. Communications and Arts
5. Social Services
6. Religiously Affiliated
7. Policy Development
8. International Affairs
9. Legal Field

Top Companies that Hire Bellarmine Talent:

1. Archdiocese of Louisville
2. Catholic Charities of Louisville
3. GO Ministries
4. Highland Community Ministries
5. Kentucky Refugee Ministries
6. Little Sisters of the Poor
7. Presbyterian Church (USA)
8. Volunteers of America
9. St. Meinrad Archabbey
10. The Abbey of Gethsemani

PLAN AHEAD!

- **Reflect** on your goals for an internship. How will this experience contribute toward your personal, educational and professional goals?
- **Discuss** your internship plans with your faculty advisor to determine the best semester to take your required THEO 444 internship course.
- **Meet** with the Career Development Center to explore internship opportunities and prep your application materials.
- **Review** internships posted on Handshake, visit employer websites, or attend a Career Center Event to meet with employers actively hiring in your field of study.
- **Apply** early. Depending on an employer's hiring timelines, internships can take up to three months to finalize.
- **Enroll** in your internship course. Once you've secured your experience, complete the Internship Application & Proposal in Handshake. *See the Career Center or your faculty sponsor for details.*

COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION & PROPOSAL IN HANDSHAKE:

Your application & proposal will provide important details to your faculty about your experience. Writing learning outcomes is the most important part of the application, so take your time and be thorough in your response. Select the learning outcome, then describe how your learning outcomes relate directly to the responsibilities included in the job description of your internship. Theology department learning outcomes include:

- A basic understanding of Christian faith as a viable and intellectually respectable commitment;
- Basic theological literacy and concepts;
- Familiarity with the variety of religious experiences and traditions;
- A more developed understanding of at least one area of the discipline of Theology.

For example:

Through observing and co-facilitating classes on the Church and Social Justice, I gain a deeper understanding of the ways morality and justice are at work in the Church, in the collective faith of the community, and in my own personal experiences.