



Bachelor's Degree in Theology

Institutional Identity

The Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA) is an ecclesiastical institution inspired by the Christian-Catholic tradition, committed to integral formation in the light of the Gospel and the living tradition of the Church. UNICA integrates faith and reason, fosters spiritual life, and prepares students for intellectual and pastoral service in contemporary society.

Mission

To form theological leaders and pastoral agents with academic rigor, spiritual maturity, and social commitment, equipped for ecclesial service, teaching, research, and cultural dialogue within the Catholic tradition.

Vision

To be recognized regionally as a Catholic university of reference in theological education, offering innovative, bilingual, and academically excellent programs at the service of the Church and society.

Values

Truth, Charity, Excellence, Holiness, Unity, and Service.

Technical Program Sheet

Field	Description
Program Name	Bachelor's Degree in Theology

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Academic Level	Undergraduate / Bachelor
Duration	8 semesters (curricular structure organized by semesters)
Total Credits	160 credits (average of 20 per semester)
Modality	Virtual and blended (synchronous/asynchronous classes, intensive in-person seminars, and ministerial practice)
Language Options	Spanish / English / Bilingual (according to student selection)
Location	State of Texas, USA
Degree Awarded	Bachelor of Theology — Universidad Católica Americana (UNICA)

Admission Requirements (Profile and Documentation)

- Recognized High School Diploma (or equivalent GED).
- Academic transcript or record of secondary education.
- Personal essay (motivation and vocational discernment letter).
- Admission interview (academic and vocational).
- One pastoral or academic recommendation.
- Proof of language proficiency according to modality (see Language Requirements):
 - For English track: official English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL, IELTS, or equivalent) if the applicant is not a native speaker.
 - For Spanish track (for international students): possible DELE certification or institutional equivalent.
- For international students: compliance with current migration and visa requirements.
- The university may establish additional requirements according to institutional and accreditation policies.

Educational Purpose

To form leaders with a solid theological foundation—biblical, systematic, historical, and moral—along with pastoral skills and research capacity, prepared for teaching, ministry, community service, faith communication, and ecumenical/interreligious dialogue.

Learning Outcomes

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Upon graduation, the Bachelor of Theology graduate will be able to:

1. Interpret biblical texts using historical-critical and theological methods.
2. Present and apply Catholic doctrine in its dogmatic, sacramental, and moral dimensions.
3. Formulate Christian ethical judgments on contemporary issues.
4. Develop and present theological research using appropriate methodology.
5. Communicate the faith clearly in pastoral and academic contexts.
6. Integrate spiritual life and ministerial praxis.
7. Develop pastoral ministries and participate in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue processes.

Competencies

- Generic: Critical thinking, oral and written communication, teamwork, pastoral leadership, digital competence, intercultural sensitivity.
- Specific: Biblical interpretation, dogmatic theology, Church history, moral and social ethics, homiletics, theological research, and basic proficiency in biblical languages (Latin, Greek; optional Hebrew).

Language Offer and Requirements

The program is offered in three linguistic modalities:

1. Spanish Track: Teaching and evaluation in Spanish.
 - Requirement for non-native speakers: certification of Spanish proficiency (e.g., DELE B2 or institutional equivalent) or completion of the academic Spanish course offered by UNICA.
2. English Track: Teaching and evaluation in English.
 - Requirement for non-native speakers: certification of English proficiency (e.g., TOEFL iBT, IELTS, or Duolingo) according to institutional policy. (*Suggested benchmark: TOEFL iBT $\geq$ 79–80 or IELTS $\geq$ 6.5; the university will define the official minimum.*)
 - Some readings, assignments, and projects may require engagement with English-language sources.
3. Bilingual Track (ES–EN): The curriculum may be completed partially in Spanish and partially in English.
 - Definition: at least 50% of total coursework (by credits) in a second language.

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- Requirement: certification of proficiency in both languages (institutional minimum levels).
- The capstone project may be presented in either language, provided the jury and regulations allow it; in the bilingual modality, a translated or summarized version in the complementary language may be required.

Biblical Languages: The curriculum includes mandatory courses in Latin and Biblical Greek (with an option for Biblical Hebrew). For students who are not proficient in the chosen language of instruction, UNICA offers academic English or Spanish support courses as complementary or elective reinforcement options.

Curriculum by Semester (8 semesters — 160 credits)

Semester	Code	Course	Credits	Description	Prerequisites
1	TEO-101	Introduction to Theology	6	Study of the nature, sources, and methods of theology as an academic discipline.	None
	TEO-102	Philosophy I: Introduction to Philosophy	6	General overview of philosophy and its relationship with theology.	None
	TEO-103	Bible I: Pentateuch and History of Israel	4	Study of the first biblical books and the historical context of the people of Israel.	None
	TEO-104	Academic Writing and Communication	4	Development of skills in writing, argumentation, and academic communication.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
2	TEO-201	Church History I: Antiquity and Patristics	6	Analysis of the origins of the Church and the Fathers of the Church.	TEO-101

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	TEO-202	Biblical Language I: Latin	4	Introduction to Biblical and Ecclesiastical Latin.	None
	TEO-203	Bible II: Gospels and Acts	6	Critical study of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles.	TEO-103
	TEO-204	Digital Competencies for Research	4	Digital tools applied to academic theological research.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
3	TEO-301	Systematic Theology I: Theology of God and the Trinity	6	Study of the mystery of God, the Trinity, and divine revelation.	TEO-101
	TEO-302	Philosophy II: Metaphysics and Anthropology	6	Philosophical reflection on being, personhood, and the human condition.	TEO-102
	TEO-303	Biblical Language II: Greek	4	Introduction to Koine Greek and biblical texts.	TEO-202
	TEO-304	Fundamental Moral Theology	4	Fundamental ethical principles within the Christian tradition.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
4	TEO-401	Church History II: Middle Ages and Modernity	6	Development of the Church during the Middle Ages and Modern Era.	TEO-201
	TEO-402	Biblical Theology: Hermeneutics and Interpretation Methods	6	Exegetical and hermeneutical methods applied to biblical study.	TEO-203
	TEO-403	Liturgy and Sacraments	4	Theological and pastoral study of liturgy and sacraments.	TEO-101
	TEO-404	General Elective I	4	Elective course (e.g., History of Philosophy, Sacred Art).	As applicable
		Total Credits:	20		



5	TEO-501	Systematic Theology II: Christology and Mariology	6	Study of the person of Christ and the Virgin Mary.	TEO-301
	TEO-502	Christian Social Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching	6	Principles of Social Doctrine and its application.	TEO-304
	TEO-503	Bible III: Pauline Letters and Apostolic Literature	4	Study of the Pauline epistles and other apostolic writings.	TEO-203
	TEO-504	Fundamental Pastoral Theology	4	Principles of pastoral action in the Church.	None
		Total Credits:	20		
6	TEO-601	Contemporary Theology and Latin American Theology	6	Study of current theological movements and Latin American theology.	TEO-301
	TEO-602	Patristics and Medieval Thought (Advanced)	6	Advanced analysis of Patristic and Medieval theology.	TEO-201
	TEO-603	Bible IV: Prophets and Wisdom Literature	4	Study of prophetic and wisdom books.	TEO-103, TEO-203
	TEO-604	Pastoral Practice I (Supervised)	4	Initial supervised pastoral experience in ministerial settings.	TEO-504
		Total Credits:	20		
7	TEO-701	Homiletics, Preaching, and Communication of Faith	6	Principles of preaching and communication of the Christian faith.	TEO-104, TEO-504
	TEO-702	Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue	6	Study of ecumenical and interfaith relations.	TEO-401, TEO-402
	TEO-703	Research Methods in Theology	4	Tools and methods for applied theological research.	TEO-204



	TEO-704	Pastoral Practice II (Intensive or Internship)	4	Advanced pastoral field experience.	TEO-604
		Total Credits:	20		
8	TEO-801	Capstone Project / Thesis Seminar and Defense	10	Development, presentation, and defense of a theological thesis.	TEO-703
	TEO-802	Professional Ethics and Christian Leadership	6	Ethical principles and leadership for ministerial and professional practice.	TEO-502
	TEO-803	Pastoral Communication or Advanced Elective	4	Optional course in pastoral communication or advanced theological study.	TEO-504
		Total Credits:	20		

Methodology and Evaluation

- Blended methodology: guided readings, virtual forums, synchronous classes, intensive in-person workshops, and supervised ministerial practice.
- Continuous evaluation: written assignments, critical essays, oral presentations, practical projects, supervised ministry evaluations, and thesis defense.
- In the bilingual modality, language and communication skills will be evaluated in both languages according to institutional standards.

Institutional Observations and Compliance

UNICA will adapt all documents and admission requirements in accordance with State of Texas regulations and the authorization/accreditation standards applicable to religious institutions and virtual/hybrid program offerings.

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