Within the Marquette University Department of Theology graduate curriculum, the specialization *Systematic Theology*, also called Systematics in distinction from Ethics, studies the realities professed in the Church's confession of the mysteries of Christian faith as well as Christian dogmatic and doctrinal sources. Systematics addresses these realities and their mediations by Scripture and Tradition directly in courses devoted to the doctrinal loci of theology, but also by engaging the principal Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox Systematic Theologies of our time.

Currently, Systematics regularly takes up major figures in both Catholic and Protestant dogmatic and Systematic Theology from the last century: Rahner, Lonergan, von Balthasar, de Lubac, and others among Catholic theologians, Barth and Moltmann among Protestant theologians, and select Orthodox theologians. Increasingly, Systematics acknowledges a call to incorporate the cultural, ecumenical, interdisciplinary, and multireligious contexts of theology, not only through the Theology & Society PhD program but in every aspect of Systematics.