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What is the MA in Theology?

Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan tradition, the Master of Arts in Theology is an ecumenically-oriented degree that provides a solid foundation in Christian theology. Graduates of this program are conversant with the primary sources of the Christian Tradition and understand how the Tradition speaks to the contemporary world. They have developed strong research and critical thinking skills as well as an integrated theological vision.

The MA in Theology is a thirty-six credit hour program consisting of eleven courses and a capstone seminar. Students will study biblical, historical, moral, and systematic theology, focusing on the sources of theology and teaching them the research skills necessary to engage in continued study throughout their lives.

The degree is designed to provide students with a solid theological grounding that will be helpful for members of a variety of Christian traditions. Graduates are prepared for continued study and to be a theological resource for others.

Program Learning Outcomes

Scripture: Graduates will be sophisticated in their approach to and interpretation of the Scriptures. They will be able to apply historical-critical approaches to interpretation of biblical texts, and demonstrate knowledge of the biblical narratives and themes as well as the way that they speak today.

Historical Theology: Graduates will have a thorough knowledge of the development of Christian thought. They will be able to articulate the history and development of Christian thought, and will manifest the ability to read and interpret the classics of Christian thought in context.

Systematic Theology: Graduates will be able to interpret the Tradition and articulate it in a coherent and comprehensive way that is intelligible to contemporary situations. They will be able to engage in theological analysis of fundamental Christian doctrines, and synthesize and express classic beliefs of the Christian Tradition in a way that is meaningful today.

Moral Theology: Graduates will be able to interpret the Moral Tradition and articulate it in a way that is intelligible to contemporary situations. They will understand the philosophical and theological foundations of moral theology, and will be able to engage in systematic, theological analysis of concrete moral issues.

The Graduate School

If your goals include performing better, going further, and making a positive difference in your organization and community, then the pursuit of a graduate degree is the perfect choice!



Lourdes offers a high-quality, cohort-based graduate education that's...

Affordable: Your instructional fees will be among the lowest in the area and your tuition will lock in when you enroll.

Convenient: Your classes will meet just once a week and you'll complete your degree in as little as 2½ years.

Practical: Your coursework will help you grow in your discipline and you'll immediately benefit from what you learn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Admission

Students seeking admission to the MA in Theology program must:

- Possess a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution with a minimum 2.75 cumulative GPA.
- Submit a completed Graduate Application for Admission.
- Request an official copy of all college transcripts.
- Provide a current resume, a statement of purpose, and three (3) letters of recommendation.
- Complete a satisfactory interview with the MA in Theology program director.

Prerequisites for admission include at least one undergraduate course in each of the following areas: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Ethics and Philosophy. Applicants must also submit a writing sample from one of these courses.

Fixed Tuition

Tuition for each entering cohort is fixed for the duration of the program. Students dropping out of a cohort and re-entering at a later date without an approved leave of absence will pay the current tuition at the time of re-entry.

Transfer of Credit

The acceptance of transfer credit is at the discretion of the department offering the degree. Up to six (6) hours of graduate credit may be transferred from another regionally accredited institution if:

- The credits earned carry a grade of B (3.0) or higher.
- The credits have been earned within the last five years.
- The credits were not applied to another degree.
- The credits meet the requirements of the applicant’s desired program.

Master of Arts in Theology

Core Courses	Semester Hours
THS 600 Theological Foundations	3
THS 605 The Christian Church: Apostles to the Renaissance	3
THS 610 The Christian Church: Reformers to the Contemporary Church	3
THS 615 Old Testament Themes: A Critical Study	3
THS 620 New Testament Themes: A Critical Study	3
THS 625 Christian Anthropology	3
THS 630 The Triune God	3
THS 635 Jesus Christ: Word and Redeemer	3
THS 640 Ecclesiology	3
THS 645 Foundations of Christian Moral Theology	3
THS 650 Symbol, Ritual, and Sacrament.....	3
THS 655 Capstone Seminar.....	3
 Total Hours	 36

Note: This sheet is for general information only. For more specific information on this program refer to the Lourdes College catalog at http://www.lourdes.edu/course_catalog_complete.htm or contact the college.

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