Theological Studies

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Graduate Program

Mission Statement

The Master of Arts in Theology provides students with a critical understanding of the Chritian theological tradition, especially from a Roman Catholic perspective. The program engages students in serious reflection on the broad range of theological studies and methods (biblical, comparative, historical, liturgical, and systematic theology, as well as ethics, spirituality, faith and culture, ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue). The goal of the program is to provide a general and integrated exploration of these areas for students seeking to teach on a secondary level, for students preparing for graduate education, and for students with a strong interest in theology beyond the undergraduate level.

The Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology engages the student in critical theological reflection on ministerial practice as preparation for active ministry in a pluralistic society. The program provides theological foundations in pastoral theology, especially in the Roman Catholic tradition, and integrates the formation of persons preparing for pastoral ministry with their study of the Christian theological tradition (spirituality, liturgy, faith and culture, ethics, as well as biblical, historical, systematic theology, and ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue). Throughout the program there is a stresson the holistic relationships between pastoral theology, faith seeking critical understanding, and faith that does justice.

Admission Requirements

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution
- Sufficient background in theology or religious studies
- Demonstrated ability to do graduate studies

This last requirement can be fulfilled by providing a range of information including: graduate work completed or advanced degree obtained; evidence of undergraduate work, including GPA and submission of written academic work (e.g., a term paper); scores received on the GRE, the Miller Analogies, or other standardized tests (recommended but not required); a personal interview.

Applicants need to indicate the particular Master of Arts program to which they are applying, either M.A. in Theology (THEO) or Pastoral Theology (PATH).

All applicants for admission to the master's degree programs are required to submit a Graduate Division application and \$50.00 fee; two copies of all post-secondary transcripts; a personal statement; and two letters of recommendation from persons acquainted with the applicant's professional and academic background. All materials should be sent to the Graduate Admissions Office. Applicants who have applied for admission may be formally admitted or may be required to fulfill prerequisites before being formally admitted.

All materials for admission must be received in the Graduate Admission Office by the date listed below. Applications received after this deadline will be reviewed on an individual basis.

March I for the Fall semester

Students may take graduate courses in nondegree status with permission of the Graduate Director.

Degree Requirements

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY (42 sem. hrs.)

CORE COURSES (7 courses—21 sem. hrs.) in categories A through G:

١)	THST	600	Foundations of New Testament Theology
			or
	THST	603	Foundations of Old Testament Theology
)	THST	620	Foundations of Historical Theology
			or

any one course from the 620s

C)	THST	630	Introduction to
•			Systematic Theology

D) THST 660 Foundations of Christian Moral Life

E) THST 692 Graduate Pro-Seminar (3 sem. hrs.) (usually taken during the first semester)

F) THST 695 Seminar and and THST 697 Comprehensive Exam (3 sem. hrs.) (taken after completing 36 semester hours minimum)

G) THST 696 Directed Research Seminar (3 sem. hrs.) (taken after completing 36 semester hours minimum)

THEOLOGY ELECTIVES (21 sem. hrs.)
Theology students are to complete an additional 21 semester hours for a total of 42 semester hours.

COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY CONCENTRATION

An option for Students in the M.A. in Theology

M.A. in Theology students may choose to take elective courses that develop a concentration in Comparative Theology. The concentration in Comparative Theology serves students who wish to focus their program more specifically around questions of religious diversity, inter-religious dialogue, world religions, and comparative theology.

The concentration is comprised of four courses (12 semester hours), one (1) required course (THST 680: Comparative Theology), and three (3) other approved courses, which the student chooses in conjunction with the academic advisor. Students must also fulfill core requirements as listed above, items A through G.

COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY CONCENTRATION—COURSE OFFERINGS

Students who choose to do this Concentration are required to take:

THST 680 Comparative Theology

In addition, students are required to take three (3) of the following (or other courses approved by the academic advisor in concert with the graduate director):

THST	610	World Religions
THST	611	Islam
THST	612	Indic Religious Traditions:
		Hinduism
THST	613	Buddhism and Jainism
THST	614	Judaism
THST	615	Classics of Chinese
		Philosophy
		(see PHIL 606)
THST	616	Inter-religious Dialogue
THST	619	Readings in Religious
		Literature
THST	643	Feminist Theology: World
		Perspectives
THST	681	Comparative Religious
		Ethics
THST	682	Comparative Mysticism

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY

CORE COURSES (8 courses—24 sem. hrs.) in categories A through H:

A)	THST 600	Foundations of New Testament Theology
		or
	THST 603	Foundations of Old Testament Theology
B)	THST 630	Introduction to Systematic Theology
C)	THST 660	Foundations of Christian Moral Life
		or
	one course (620s)	from the Historical area
D)	THST 670	Foundations of Pastoral

Theology

THST 675

Spiritual Formation for

Pastoral Ministry

F)	THST	692	Graduate Pro-Seminar	
			(3 sem. hrs.) (usually	
			taken during the first	
			semester)	

- G) THST 689 Supervised Pastoral Field Education (3 sem. hrs.) (student must have completed at least 27 semester hours in order to take this course)
- H) THST 691 Pastoral Synthesis
 Project (3 sem. hrs.)
 (student must have
 completed at least 36
 semester hours in order
 to take this capstone
 course)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY ELECTIVES (18 sem. hrs.)

Pastoral Theology students are required to take one three-semester-hour course in either Liturgy, Religious Education, or Spirituality and select other elective courses offered by the Department of Theological Studies after consultation with their advisor.

The program is designed to allow a student to pursue general interests or a particular concentration. Concentrations are offered in two areas: 1) Pastoral Leadership and 2) Spiritual Direction. Under special circumstances, students may take up to two courses (six semester hours) outside the department.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION CONCENTRATION

An option for Students in the M.A. in Pastoral Theology

This concentration is designed for anyone enrolled in the Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology who would like to acquire the art of spiritual direction, a ministry of accompanying others in their spiritual journey. The purpose of the concentration is twofold: I) to provide a course of studies that integrates theology, Scripture, psychology, spirituality, skills acquisition and supervision in the art of spiritual direction and 2) to assist participants to discern whether they are being called to the ministry of spiritual direction.

Upon successful completion of the four required courses listed below, participants will be able to designate that their Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology included a concentration in spiritual direction training.

Students who wish to concentrate their electives in spiritual direction would take the following courses. NOTE: THST 685, Theory and Practice, needs to be taken first; THST 688, Practicum and Supervision, needs to be taken last. The other two courses can be taken whenever opportune, after completing the first course.

THST	685	The Theory and Practice of Spiritual Direction
THST	686	Ignatian Spirituality (prerequisite:THST 685)
THST	687	Psychological Foundations of Spiritual Direction (prerequisite: THST 685)
THST	688	Practicum and Supervision in Spiritual Direction (taken after completion of the three courses listed above)

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CONCENTRATION

An option for Students in the M.A. in Pastoral Theology

Description:

The concentration is made up of four courses (12 semester hours) that the student chooses from the set of approved courses listed in the Bulletin for this Concentration.

The concentration is designed to educate those who will serve (or who currently serve) as leaders in pastoral settings, either as leaders in specialized ministries or as leaders in general ministry positions. Examples of leaders in specialized ministry: Directors of Religious Education, Directors of Youth Ministry of Campus Ministry, Directors of Catechumenate/RCIA. Leaders in generalist ministries include pastors and Pastoral Associates who are assigned a variety of general duties according to need.

The concentration is deliberately open to the students to design under the guidance of the academic advisor. In this way, students who find themselves actively engaged in, or aspiring to, leadership ministries within schools or parishes will choose courses for the concentration that fit their current or aspired ministry commitments.

Pastoral Leadership Concentration Course Offerings

THST 670 Foundations of Pastoral Theology (graduate core course)

Students are required to take:

THST 674 Pastoral Leadership

Students are required to take any two (2) of the following:

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	THST	650	Liturgical Theology:
			History and
			Interpretation
	THST	652	The Rites
	THST	67 I	Pastoral Approaches to
			Religious Education
	THST	673	Faith and Culture:
			Catechesis in Southern
			California
	THST	677	Pastoral Liturgy
	THST	678	The Theology of the
			Parish
	THST	679	Special Topics in Pastoral
			Theology
	THST	687	Psychological
			Foundations of Pastoral
			Ministry

Pastoral Synthesis Project (PT capstone)

The Pastoral Synthesis Project is the required capstone experience for all Pastoral Theology students. The project is designed to elicit familiarity with scholarly sources and pastoral analysis of issues that impact the contemporary practice of ministry. The project is not solely a research paper nor a reflection paper, but a synthesis of both. The project is typically done in the last semester of the Pastoral Theology program.

Learning Outcomes

M.A. in Theology

Students will know the basic contours of:

- Biblical Theology
- Systematic Theology
- Theological Ethics
- Historical Theology
- Comparative Theology
- Theological Method

Students will be able to:

- Perform biblical exegesis with attention to historical contexts, the history of interpretation, and contemporary theological developments
- Engage in critical theological reflection on major systematic themes
- Demonstrate a clear grasp of significant developments in the history of the church
- Describe the work of seminal thinkers in the history of Christian ethics and analyze contemporary moral problems
- Demonstrate familiarity with other (non-Christian) religious traditions
- Recognize and emply various theological methods

Students will value:

- Critical fidelity within the Roman Catholic tradition
- · Ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue
- Creative tension between theological unity and diversity

M.A. in Pastoral Theology

Students will know the basic contours of:

- Pastoral Theology
- Critical approaches to Biblical Theology and Systematic Theology
- Either Theological Ethics or Historical Theology
- Theological Method

Students will be able to:

- Assess pastoral situations from a critical stance
- Reflect on ministerial practice in a pluralistic society
- Engage in biblical exegesis with attention both to historical contexts and contemporary pastoral contexts
- Reflect critically on the praxis of faith, particularly within the Roman Catholic context
- Discuss the main contours of either church history or of theological ethics, especially as they relate to ministeral practice
- Integrate theological vision, critical understanding, and a faith attentive to justice

Students will value:

- The significance of ecclesial community for pastoral practice
- An integrated formation of the person for pastoral ministry
- A pluralistic approach to pastoral ministry

Undergraduate Program

Objectives

The Department of Theological Studies is committed to the encouragement of learning within the intellectual and cultural heritage of the Catholic tradition, valuing imagination and intellect, seeking an integration of knowledge, and promoting ecumenical and inter-religious discourse. We seek to educate the whole person and to serve faith by an academic exploration of its possibilities, challenges, and ambiguities in dialogue with the contemporary world. We strive to promote justice by the structure of our curriculum and by encouraging students and faculty to engage their theological understanding in a broken world.

Theological Studies Student Learning Outcomes

By virtue of their Theological Studies courses, students should know:

- The nature of religion and religious experience
- The beliefs and practices of Christianity, with emphasis on the Catholic Tradition
- The central contours of Theology: Scripture, Church History, Systematics, Ethics, Spirituality, and issues related to faith and ministry
- How culture, race, gender, class, and ethnicity impact theological reflection
- The social implications of religious beliefs and practices;

By virtue of their Theological Studies courses, students should be able to:

- Conduct critical research and write intelligently and persuasively on theological and religious issues
- Critically interpret theological or religious texts
- Articulate the significance of theological and religious values for church, society, and culture;

By virtue of their Theological Studies courses, students should value:

- The Catholic theological tradition
- The beliefs and practices of the religions of the world
- Ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and cooperation
- The development of a spiritual life
- Living responsibly within a culturally diverse world
- Action in the promotion of justice and service of faith.

Major Requirements

The undergraduate major consists of 36 semester hours total (12 courses).

Lower Division Requirements (6 semester hours):

THST 100: Introduction to the Old Testament (3 semester hours)
THST 110: Introduction to the New Testament (3 semester hours)
(Normally, THST 100 and 110 are taken at the beginning of the program of study.)

Upper Division Requirements (30 semester hours):

Required Upper Division Courses (9 semester hours)

THST 320: History of Christianity I (3 semester hours)

THST 321: History of Christianity II (3 semester hours)

(Students are encouraged to take this sequence in their Sophomore or Junior year.)

THST 496:Senior Integrating Seminar (3 semester hours) (for graduating seniors)

Distribution Requirements (18 semester hours, at least 12 of which must be 400-level)

Area A: Sacred Scriptures, Religious Sources, and Traditions—two courses (6 semester hours)

Area B: Theology, Ethics, and Spirituality—three courses

(9 semester hours)

Area C: Faith, Culture, and Ministry—one course (3 semester hours)

One additional upper division THST course of the student's choice (3 semester hours)

An average grade of C (2.0) must be obtained in the courses included in the major.

We highly recommend that students wishing to pursue graduate study in Theology have a reading knowledge of two languages, either classical or modern.

We further recommend that additional philosophy courses be taken as early as possible. The specific courses are to be determined in conjunction with the student's Theological Studies advisor.

Theology Minor Requirements

18 semester hours with at least 12 semester hours from upper division courses, including six semester hours at the 400 level. The courses for the minor must be selected in conjunction with the Theological Studies advisor for minors.

Lay Ministry Minor Requirements

18 semester hours with at least 15 semester hours from upper division courses, including six semester hours at the 400 level. The courses for the minor must be selected under the direction of the faculty advisor for the Lay Ministry Minor. The student must select no more than two courses from each of areas A, B, and C (see above).

In addition, the student will be required to participate in 90 hours of active service in related fields of lay ministry. This will be under the direction of the faculty advisor and contracted through the Career Development office.

An average grade of C (2.0) must be obtained in the courses included in the minors.

Catholic Studies Minor

Students with particular interest in Catholic Studies are encouraged to consider the Catholic Studies Minor described in this Bulletin.

Jewish Studies Minor

Students with particular interest in Jewish Studies are encouraged to consider the Jewish Studies Minor described in this Bulletin.

Theology Society

The Theology Society is a co-curricular student group open to all Theological Studies undergraduate majors and minors, as well as non-majors/minors who are interested in theological issues and topics. The group convenes monthly, typically sharing lunch and discussion, often with a guest speaker. The group also organizes various outings as opportunities for students to socialize with one another and with Theological Studies faculty. The Theology Society hosts annual visits from admissions representatives from graduate theological programs around the country for interested students. The Theology Society's members also participate in an annual paper competition sponsored by the Department of Theological Studies, in which the winning paper is presented to faculty and students each

Theta Alpha Kappa

LMU's Department of Theological Studies is an institutional member of Theta Alpha Kappa, the only national honor society serving the needs of those involved in the study of religion and/ or theology. The membership of Theta Alpha Kappa is composed of students and professors who have been elected to membership upon the basis of excellence in Theology and Religious Studies. Each Spring the department inducts eligible students into this honor society.

Undergraduate Admission Qualifications:

- Completion of at least three semesters at I MU
- Successful completion of 12 semester hours of THST course work
- 3. Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- 4. GPA of at least 3.5 in THST course work

Core Curriculum in Theological Studies

One course from THST 100-199;

One course from THST 300-399 (Prerequisite: Junior standing).

Only courses in the 100 series and 300 series will fulfill the core curriculum requirements. All 400-level courses have a prerequisite of one 300-level course. The 400-level courses fulfill major or minor requirements. Except for those entering LMU as a transfer student, no student may take a 300-level course without successful prior completion of a 100-level course.

For students interested in the study of Catholicism in the core curriculum, the Theological Studies Department offers three courses, THST 120, 326, and 345, which are designed to study the Catholic tradition. For the non-majors who wish a core sequence in Catholic Theology, we recommend THST 120 and either 326 or 345.

Theological Studies Model Four-Year Plan

The normal course load is 15 semester hours (5 classes). By following the model below, a student will complete all lower division core requirements by the end of the sophomore year as well as most major prerequisites. Note that core areas are suggested to provide a distribution of various disciplines every semester. Please be flexible implementing these suggestions, given your own interests and course availability. In four years, this plan meets all common graduation requirements.

Freshman Year	Spring Semester S.H.	THST 120
Fall Semester S.H.	THST	The Roots of Catholic Christianity 3 Semester Hours
THST 100 Intro to the Old Testament3	THST THST 400-level3	
AMCS University Core3	THST THST Upper Division3	A study of the Biblical roots of Catholic Christianity based on a critical introduction to
ENGL 110 College Writing3	Upper Division Elective3	the New Testament.
PHIL 160 Phil. of Human Nature3	Elective3	THST 122
MATH University Core3		Theological Foundations of
	15	Catholicism
15	Senior Year	3 Semester Hours
Spring Semester S.H.	Fall Semester S.H.	An introduction to the theological roots of the
THST 110 Intro to the New Testament3	THST THST 400-level3	Roman Catholic Tradition, with attention to the historical and theological development of
HIST University Core3	THST	the Catholic tradition in its cultural contexts.
Critical/Creative Arts Core 3	Upper Division Elective 3	Required for the Catholic Studies Minor.
Literature Core3	Upper Division Elective3	(See CATH 122)
Social Science Core3	Elective3	
15	15	THST 125 Introduction to Global Christianity 3 Semester Hours
Sophomore Year	Spring Semester S.H.	An introduction to the history of Christianity
Fall Semester S.H.	THST 496 Senior Integrating Seminar3	as a global movement, incorporating historical,
THST 320 History of Christianity I3	Upper Division Elective3	theological, and social issues in Christianity
HIST University Core3	Elective3	from both non-western and western perspectives.
Critical/Creative Arts Core 3	Elective3	· ·
Social Science Core3	Elective	THST 131 Introduction to Christian Theology
Elective3		3 Semester Hours
		Using primary source documents, this course
15	Students may take no more than ten upper division courses in any one department,	acquaints students with the contents of the
Spring Semester S.H.	except for Philosophy, in which the maximum	Bible, and major areas of theology including revelation, Jesus Christ, God, creation, inter-
THST 321 History of Christianity II3	is thirteen.	religious dialogue, and ecumenism.
CMST/Crit Thinking Core3	Course Descriptions	THST 149
Science Core3	·	Introduction to Christian Spirituality 3 Semester Hours
Elective3	Lower Division	
Elective3	THST 100	For Jesuit Novices only.
 15	Introduction to the Old Testament 3 Semester Hours	THST 150
· ·	A second introduction to the literary historical	Belief and Unbelief
Junior Year	A general introduction to the literary, historical, and religious traditions of the Old Testament.	3 Semester Hours
Fall Semester S.H. THST 109		An examination of the various forms of unbelief,
PHIL PHIL 320-3303	Introduction to Scripture and Prayer	the meaning and significance of belief, and the relationship between belief and unbelief.
THST 3	3 Semester Hours	
THST THST Upper Division3	For Jesuit Novices only.	THST 160 Introduction to Christian Ethics
Upper Division Elective 3	THST 110	3 Semester Hours
Elective3	Introduction to the New Testament	An examination of ethical issues in light
	3 Semester Hours	of Christian scriptures, traditions, and
15	An introduction to the literary, historical, and	experiences.
	theological dimensions of the New Testament.	

THST 170 Christian Faith and American Cultures

3 Semester Hours

This course explores Christian faith in the diverse cultural context of the contemporary United States.

THST 175 Narratives of Christian Faith

3 Semester Hours

A study of Christian faith as explored through narratives: a gospel, some saints' lives, and the work of contemporary storytellers.

THST 180 Religions of the World

3 Semester Hours

An introduction to the history, literature, and thought patterns of the major religions of the world.

THST 198 Special Studies

1-3 Semester Hours

THST 199 Independent Studies

1-3 Semester Hours

THST 241 Liturgy Practicum

I Semester Hour

Course objectives are to understand the dynamics of worship and to engage in critical reflection on the experience of liturgical leadership. Students serve in a variety of worship settings. Permission of instructor is required. Recommended co-requisite THST 341—Liturgy and Culture.

This service learning course may be repeated for credit.

THST 298 Special Studies

I-3 Semester Hours

THST 299 Independent Studies

1-3 Semester Hours

Upper Division

Area A: Sacred Scriptures, Religious Sources, and Traditions

THST 301 Ancient Futures

3 Semester Hours

This course explores the corpus of Wisdom and Apocalyptic literatures in the Bible and samples of other extant Wisdom and Apocalyptic writings, both ancient and modern.

THST 302 Prophecy and Social Justice

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the Hebrew prophets in the socioeconomic and historical context, with particular emphasis on issues of justice. Some considerations of more recent "prophet" figures are included for comparison.

THST 303

The Old Testament in Gospel and Blues

3 Semester Hours

A survey of Old Testament themes as they relate to the lyrics and themes of African-American gospel music. With attention to the roots of gospel in the blues tradition, this course combines historical, cultural, and biblical analysis.

THST 304 War and Peace in the Bible

3 Semester Hours

This course considers the development of Biblical and religious reflection on the issues of the Church, war, peace, and Christian nonviolence up to the present.

THST 305 The Four Gospels

3 Semester Hours

A social-historical, literary, and theological examination of the Gospels and early Christian and modern interpretations of Jesus.

THST 310 The Gospel of John

3 Semester Hours

An analysis of the interplay among the historical setting, literary development, and theological motifs of the Fourth Gospel.

THST 311 Pauline Epistles

3 Semester Hours

A study of the ministry and message of Paul presented in his letters, accounts in Acts, and deutero-Pauline epistles.

THST 314 Jesus in Gospel and Film

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of various portraits of Jesus in the Gospels, the identity of the historical Jesus, and contemporary interpretations of Jesus in various films.

THST 320 History of Christianity I

3 Semester Hours

Selected themes treating major problem areas in the history of Christian life and thought from its origins to the end of the high Middle Ages.

THST 321 History of Christianity II

3 Semester Hours

Selected themes treating major problem areas in the history of Christian life and thought from the end of the high Middle Ages to the present.

THST 322 Greek Orthodox Tradition

3 Semester Hours

A review of the unbroken dogmatic tradition of the Greek Orthodox Church, her liturgy, and her place in the religious life of the United States

Sponsored by the Basil P. Caloyeras Center for Modern Greek Studies.

THST 323 Celtic Christianity

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the inculturation of Christianity into the Celtic worldview from the fifth to eleventh centuries, including Celtic monasticism, liturgy, literature, art, and spirituality.

THST 324 Women in Christian History

3 Semester Hours

An historical investigation of Christian theology of women: what theologians said about women, what women said about themselves, and what they accomplished.

THST 326 Catholicism: The American Experience

3 Semester Hours

A study of the diverse experiences in U.S. Catholicism, with emphasis on the theological implications of American Catholic responses to a pluralistic society.

THST 328 Age of Reformation

3 Semester Hours

The religious, political, and cultural upheaval of the protestant challenge to medieval Christendom and Catholic response.

Usually taught in Bonn, Germany.

THST 401 Gospel of Mark

3 Semester Hours

A comprehensive verse by verse exegesis of the Gospel of Mark. Students will situate the Gospel of Mark within the Early Christian genre of gospel and place it in conversation with the other Synoptic Gospels.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 415 New Testament Theology

3 Semester Hours

An examination of various historical, literary, theological, and ethical issues in the interpretation of the New Testament, especially the Gospels and the Pauline epistles.

THST 420 Early Christian Theology

3 Semester Hours

A study of the development of Christian theology from the Apostolic Fathers through the period of the Cappadocians to the era of Jerome and Augustine.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 421 Medieval Religious Thought and Practice

3 Semester Hours

An introduction to Christian thought and practice in the late Middle Ages through a detailed consideration of select topics: God; Saints; Mary; Ghosts; Demons, Body and Soul; Rituals (especially the eucharist); Death and the Afterlife.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 422 Heresy and Mysticism

3 Semester Hours

An examination of medieval heretics' and mystics' contribution to the richness of their traditions. This class emphasizes issues of gender, authority, class, and culture, tracing developments of heresy and mysticism from late antiquity through the Middle Ages.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 425 Medieval Theology

3 Semester Hours

Selected topics on medieval theology, such as the development of a specifically Christian culture, the tensions between religion and empire and between popular and institutional forms of religious expression, and monastic and scholastic theological methods.

THST 427 Theology and History of Vatican II

3 Semester Hours

This course explores Roman Catholic theology by reading the major Conciliar documents and analyzing the social and historical context, with emphasis on ecumenism, historical understanding, and the recovery of the biblical tradition.

THST 432 Dante's Inferno

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of Dante's vision of hell and humanity in the *Inferno* through a close reading of the text in translation. We highlight the theological significance of Dante's poem and focus on its literary and political aspects.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 481 Islam in the Modern World

3 Semester Hours

An introduction to the contemporary Islamic religious tradition, including Muslim approaches to modernity, major reformers of Islam in the modern world, Muslim feminism, and the role of Islam in North America.

THST majors/minors only.

Area B: Theology, Ethics, and Spirituality

THST 330 What Is Faith in Jesus Christ

3 Semester Hours

An analysis of past and present meanings of Christian faith in its relation to the person of Jesus Christ, the Church, doctrine, and Christian life.

THST 332 Friends of God, Fools for Christ

3 Semester Hours

A study of the Christian notion of sanctity in the Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions, with attention to ancient, medieval, and modern saints' lives. We investigate how the shape of holiness has varied according to time and context.

THST 345 The Catholic Church of Today and Tomorrow

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the post-Vatican II Catholic Church. How has the Church's self-understanding changed in recent years, and what projections can be made for the future?

THST 350 Foundations of Christian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

An analysis of themes central to Christian spirituality including prayer, the nature of religious experience, asceticism, and the schools of spirituality. Essential to the analysis is an articulation of key doctrinal themes.

THST 352 Orthodox Christian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

The history of the monastic life of the desert fathers and the spiritual tradition of Eastern Christianity will be examined and made relevant to the present-day world.

THST 355 After Eden

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the human person in relation to God.

THST 359 Theology of Religious Life

3 Semester Hours

For Jesuit Novices only.

THST 360 Moral Issues and Christian Responses

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the issues involved in a variety of moral problems and a survey of present and past Christian responses to them.

THST 361 Christian Ethics in the Marketplace

3 Semester Hours

An analysis and discussion of business ethics case studies in the light of Christian economic teachings.

THST 363 Christian Marriage and Sexuality

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the varieties of Christian views of marriage and the full range of moral issues concerning human sexuality today.

THST 367 Christian Voices on War and Peace

3 Semester Hours

An examination of Christian attitudes toward war and peace that address U.S. policies during the twentieth century and beyond.

THST 368 Bioethics: A Theological Introduction

3 Semester Hours

The course provides an overview of the basic themes of contemporary bioethics with a theological emphasis. Topics include medical research, genetics, assisted reproductive technologies, abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide, xenotransplantation and organ donation.

THST 380 Human Rights in World Religions

3 Semester Hours

The course will treat the development of the idea of human rights in the modern West and the peerspectives of Christianity, Islam, Confucianism, and Buddhism.

THST 381 Contemporary Judaism and Its Historical Background

3 Semester Hours

An understanding of Jewish beliefs and practices, their Biblical and historical roots, their theological and cultural motivations.

Sponsored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society.

THST 382 Religions of India

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the cultural/historical background and theological insight of Hinduism and Jainism. Sikhism, Christianity, and Islam in India are also discussed.

THST 383 Religions of the Near East

3 Semester Hours

An overview of the history, theology, and interactions of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, both in their Middle Eastern and global contexts.

THST 384 Religions of East Asia

3 Semester Hours

The history and development of Confucianism, Taoism, Tibetan and Zen Buddhism, and Shinto, emphasizing primary textual sources. Islam and Christianity in East Asia will also be discussed.

THST 385 Buddhism

3 Semester Hours

A survey of the history of Buddhism in India and Southeast Asia, China, Japan, Tibet, and North America. Discussion of Buddhism's contributions to social ethics, ecological concern, and dialogue with Christianity.

THST 386

Islam

3 Semester Hours

This course will introduce students to the religion of Islam. Key topics will be Muhammad and the Qur'an, Islamic religious practices, the Sunni-Shi'i split, Sufism, Islam in North America, and Christian-Muslim dialogue.

THST 387 World Religions and Ecology

3 Semester Hours

In this course, we will discuss how the world's religious traditions approach the topic of the relationsipo between ecological and religious values.

THST 430 Christology

3 Semester Hours

An investigation of the Christology of the New Testament, the early councils, and contemporary issues in Christology.

THST 431

Rahner

3 Semester Hours

A study of the life, context, and theology of Karl Rahner.

THST 433 Theotokos

3 Semester Hours

This course examines the theology of the Mother of God, from its biblical foundations, through the patristic and medieval periods, into the modern appropriations of Mariology by Protestant and feminist scholars.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 434

The Art and Theology of the Icon

3 Semester Hours

The course traces the origins of Christian iconography, examining the theological controversies which shaped the icon tradition, leading students to read the subtle and rich theological messages encoded in these mysterious images.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 450 Topics in Christian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

A survey of key persons and movements in the history of Western Christian spirituality.

THST 455 Theology of Liberation

3 Semester Hours

A study of recent Latin American theology as a Christian response to current political, social, and economic injustice in Latin American countries.

THST 460 Christian Ethics and Social Responsibility

3 Semester Hours

This course critically examines biblical, theological, and ethical texts related to social responsibility in light of contemporary issues.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 461 Christian Ethics and HIV/AIDS

3 Semester Hours

This course analyzes how distinct approaches and sources in Christian ethics, including elements of scripture, tradition, sexual ethics, virtue ethics, and social ethics interact as they relate to contronting the AIDS crisis.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 470

Topics in Theological Ethics

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the history and methods of theological ethics with analysis of contemporary moral issues.

THST 480 Topics in Comparative Theology

3 Semester Hours

Multiple religious perspectives will be utilized in this course to explore one or more topics of theological concern, such as violence and nonviolence, myth and symbol, modes of spirituality, images of God, and/or multicultural religious presence in Los Angeles.

THST 482 Hindu and Jaina Theology

3 Semester Hours

In this course we study in depth primary sources of these two traditions, including the *Rig Veda*, the Upanisads, the *Yoga Sutra*, and the *Tattvàrthasutra*.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 495

Seminar: Major Christian Thinker

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the theological work of one major thinker, studying the work both as an integrated theological statement and as a part of continuing theological dialogue.

Area C: Faith, Culture, and Ministry

THST 307 Interpreting Jesus

3 Semester Hours

This course takes a close look at the conversation between the Jesus of the Gospels and contemporary embodiments of his Ministry. Community-based learning component required.

THST 331

Salvation and Liberation

3 Semester Hours

An examination of the theme of liberation in Scripture, church history, and the recent theologies, as well as its impact on our own lives.

THST 340

Water, Word, and Wine

3 Semester Hours

An introduction to the phenomenon and power of ritual and symbolic activity, with particular emphasis on how these provide a foundation for understanding Christian rituals and sacraments.

THST 341

Liturgy and Culture

3 Semester Hours

A study of Christian worship examining the historical development of worship in its interaction with various cultures from ancient to modern.

THST 346

The Latino Experience in the U.S. Church

3 Semester Hours

A review of the Latino presence in the Catholic Church with emphasis on the historical experience, Latino popular religion, and current trends and issues in Hispanic ministry and theology.

THST 348

African American Religious Experience

3 Semester Hours

A survey of African American religious experience from the time of slavery to the present, emphasizing the role of faith in African American society and the role of the church in the struggle for equality.

THST 373

Catholic Social Teaching and Action

3 Semester Hours

This course examines Catholic social teaching thematically, focusing on such principles as human dignity, solidarity, the common good, and the option for the poor; contemporary activist groups are also studied as part of the living tradition of Catholic social teaching.

This course requires a weekly community service placement where the student will perform at least 20 hours of service during the semester.

THST 388

Women and Religion

3 Semester Hours

This course approaches various world religions through a focus on women in those traditions, exploring these religions as they affect and are affected by women.

THST 389

Asian Christianities

3 Semester Hours

This course examines varieties of Christian expressions in West, South, East, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and the complex issues that impact these communities.

THST 390

Meeting Christ in Faith and Art

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the development and key issues surrounding Christianity's understanding of Jesus as Christ through the joint engagement of theology, theological aesthetics and the arts.

THST 435 Eucharistic Theology

3 Semester Hours

An in-depth study of the theology of the Eucharist from an ecumenical perspective, highlighting the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

THST 45 I Ignatian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

A study of the spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola based on a close reading of his Spiritual Exercises and contemporary writings on Ignatian themes.

THST 471 Ministry to Youth and Young Adults

3 Semester Hours

The course examines the theory and practice of ministry with and for youth and young adults, with emphasis on faith development, community building, justice and service education, advocacy and guidancy of youth and young adults.

THST majors/minors only.

THST 497 Youth and Young Adult Ministry

3 Semester Hours

The course examines the theory and practice of ministry to youth and young adults, emphasizing faith development, community building, justice and service education, advocacy, and guidance of youth and young adults.

Special Courses

THST 398

Special Studies

I-3 Semester Hours

THST 399

Independent Studies

I-3 Semester Hours

THST 496 Senior Integration Seminar

3 Semester Hours

The course stresses the integration of the various dimensions and methods of Theological Studies.

Prerequisites: Senior standing and Theological Studies majors and minors only.

THST 498 Special Studies

I-3 Semester Hours

THST 499

Independent Studies1-3 Semester Hours

Graduate Courses

Biblical Theology

THST 600 Foundations of New Testament Theology

3 Semester Hours

This course presents critical issues in current biblical interpretation of the New Testament. In particular, attention is given to the significance of historical, literary, social, and theological aspects of the New Testament writings, as well as to contemporary interpretive methodologies and the pastoral dimensions of interpretation.

THST 603 Foundations of Old Testament Theology

3 Semester Hours

This course examines central issues in the interpretation of the Hebrew Bible, with attention to sociological, historical, literary, and theological dimensions of the Hebrew Bible, as well as the methodology of interpretation.

THST 607 Topics in the Gospels

3 Semester Hours

This course explores aspects of contemporary studies of the Gospels, focusing on one of the canonical Gospels and its relations to other canonical and non-canonical Gospels, with attention to the search for the historical Jesus, the investigation of the Evangelist's communities and traditions, and later theological appropriations of the Gospels.

This course may be repeated for credit.

THST 609 Paul the Apostle

3 Semester Hours

This course explores the life and letters of Paul in their historical, literary, social, and theological contexts, as well as issues in contemporary interpretation of Pauline theology.

Historical Theology

THST 620

Foundations of Historical Theology

3 Semester Hours

A study of the specific role which historical investigation plays in constructive and critical theology; this study uses, as its major case study, the development of the Christian doctrine of God and Christ as articulated in the classical period and developed up to the scholastic period.

THST 621 Patristic Theology

3 Semester Hours

The emergence of theology in pastoral and liturgical reflection on the biblical tradition in the first six centuries of the church's life: theology from the time of Ignatius of Antioch to Gregory the Great.

THST 623

History of Christian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

This course will explore the rich and complex tradition of Christian spirituality, with a particular focus on the unfolding quest for wisdom within that tradition. Particular attention will be given to (a) developing a critical approach to the study of Christian spirituality, (b) understanding the relationship of spirituality and history, (c) cultivating the art of reading classic spiritual texts and (d) retrieving classic themes of spirituality for contemporary use.

THST 625 Medieval Theology

3 Semester Hours

An introductory survey beginning with Bede's retrieval and transformation of the patristic legacy and ending with the dissolution of the scholastic tradition.

Systematic Theology

THST 630

Introduction to Systematic Theology

3 Semester Hours

This course investigates how theology attempts to translate the Christian message into new situations. Theological issues include revelation, faith, God and trinity, christology, the church, sin and grace, and sacramental and liturgical theology. Attention is given to their historical development as well as their contemporary significance, particularly in light of philosophical, cultural and religious pluralism.

THST 631 Christology

3 Semester Hours

An historical and systematic investigation of the Christian understanding of Jesus Christ and his significance for salvation. Topics include the historical Jesus, the Christ of faith, New Testament christology, the early christological councils, the historical development of philosophical christology, and contemporary christologies.

THST 632 Issues in Christian Spirituality

3 Semester Hours

This course examines some of the issues of contemporary Christian spirituality in the light of how certain exemplary Christians in earlier ages envisioned them. Questions such as the nature of spirituality, the integration of a contemplative attitude in life activity, Christian freedom, images of God and the role of culture in the formation of spirituality are addressed.

THST 640

Issues in the Contemporary Church

3 Semester Hours

This course explores various ecclesiological and theological issues in the contemporary church, such as theologies of the church, authority and its exercise, ordained and unordained ministry, women in the church, ecumenism and the church of tomorrow.

THST 643 Feminist Theology

3 Semester Hours

A study of feminist theology from its historical antecedents to its roots in the changing experience of women. It considers the essential methodologies of feminism, important feminist theologians, and the contributions of feminism to contemporary theology as a whole.

THST 650

Liturgical Theology: History and Interpretation

3 Semester Hours

This course examines the foundational period of the early church as the setting for the establishment of liturgy and its synthesis with culture. The methodology involves an exploration of liturgy in particular cultural contexts, including the important Christian centers of Jerusalem, Antioch, North Africa, Rome, and Constantinople, and the contemporary theological implications of these developments.

THST 652 The Rites

3 Semester Hours

This course will survey several of the seven official sacraments of the Roman Catholic Church in both their historical development and their liturgical practice, focusing on five in any given semester.

THST 653

Sacraments and Sacramentality

3 Semester Hours

An in-depth study of the theology of Christian sacraments and the symbolization of divine grace.

Moral Theology

THST 660

Foundations of Theological Ethics

3 Semester Hours

This course familiarizes students with the language of Christian moral discourse. By focusing on methodological issues and the sources informing Christians about their moral life, students identify the complex personal dynamics of being and becoming Christian.

THST 661 Catholic Social Teachings

3 Semester Hours

A study of the last one hundred years of Catholic social teachings, including papal encyclicals from Leo XIII to John Paul II, conciliar documents from Vatican II, and statements and letters issued by episcopal conferences and episcopal synods.

 $Prerequisite: THST\ 660.$

THST 662 Issues in Moral Theology Today

3 Semester Hours

This course examines the writings of rival moral theologians today and their competing perspectives. Particular practical problems to be discussed vary and may include business ethics, sexual ethics, war and peace, and social ethics.

Prerequisite: THST 660.

THST 663

Issues in Bioethics

3 Semester Hours

This course will introduce the student to the basic theological concepts, frameworks, and analyses that have been used by both Catholic and Protestant theologians in their discussions of bioethics. Topics such as assisted reproductive technologies, abortion, genetic control, care of severely handicapped neonates, death and dying, and the meaning and application of "quality of life" to contemporary issues will be discussed in both lecture and seminar formats.

Pastoral Theology

THST 670

Foundations of Pastoral Theology

3 Semester Hours

A review of the biblical, historical and theological sources for constructing a theology of pastoral ministry which is appropriate to various contemporary pastoral settings and functions. The relationship between pastoral theology and other branches of theology is considered.

THST 671

Pastoral Approaches to Religious Education

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of, and reflection on, the history and theory of Christian religious education, treating the relationship between religious education and allied fields of pastoral care, liturgy, justice and service activities which serve to foster the development of faith.

THST 672 Skills for Pastoral Ministry

3 Semester Hours

This course, involving both theoretical and experiential learning, focuses on personal and interpersonal dynamics and skills that foster effective pastoral ministry. Topics include the spiritual formation of ministers, collaborative ministry, facilitating prayer, and a generic helping process for spiritual direction, pastoral counseling, and formation in various pastoral settings.

THST 673 Faith and Culture

3 Semester Hours

An exploration of the nature of faith and culture and their interrelationship. An analysis of inculturation and its relevance to ministry and pastoral care in church and society.

THST 674 Theory and Practice of Pastoral Leadership

3 Semester Hours

This course offers the student an exploration of theories that can inform pastoral leaders about the exercise of effective leadership in pastoral settings and communities of faith. The course is an elective open to all students, but is required for the Concentration in Pastoral Leadership in the M.A. in Pastoral Theology.

THST 675 Spiritual Formation for Pastoral Ministry

3 Semester Hours

This seminar seeks to foster a stronger link between academic learning and the personal and professional concerns of students especially as related to pastoral ministry.

THST 676 Pastoral Synthesis Project

0 Semester Hours

The project is designed to elicit familiarity with scholarly sources and pastoral analysis of issues that impact the contemporary practice of ministry.

THST 677 Pastoral Liturgy

3 Semester Hours

This course examines the role of liturgy in the lives of Christians and their communities, exploring the tensions between liturgical norms and liturgy as practiced and experienced.

THST 678 The Theology of the Parish

3 Semester Hours

This course focuses on the history, theology and practice of Roman Catholic parishes in the United States. As an exercise in practical theology, students reflect on the lived practices in parishes and the theology of the church that emerges therefrom.

THST 679 Special Topics in Pastoral Theology

3 Semester Hours

Comparative Theology

THST 680 Comparative Theology

3 Semester Hours

This course provides a review of the historical roots of the current situation of religious pluralism. It examines and evaluates relevant methodological proposals for comparative theology and clarifies the relationship of comparative theology to inter-religious dialogue, the history of religions and the Christian theology of religions. It also offers an opportunity to engage in the practice of comparative theology through the interpretation of texts.

THST 681 Comparative Religious Ethics

3 Semester Hours

This course begins with a comparative survey of ethics as found in the world's religious traditions. Specific issues such as war and peace, euthanasia, and environmentalism are then examined.

THST 682 Comparative Mysticism

3 Semester Hours

In this course, Christian mysticism as found in the writings of Teresa of Avila and Meister Eckhart is compared and contrasted with the interior traditions of India and East Asia, including Samkhya, Yoga, Taoism, and Yogacara Buddhism.

Spiritual Direction

THST 685 The Theory and Practice of Spiritual Direction

3 Semester Hours

This course seeks to further the student's understanding of spiritual direction as a form of pastoral care and as a helping relationship. Among the topics to be considered are: various forms of spiritual guidance within the Christian tradition, the distinctive nature of spiritual direction, the qualities and skills required to be an effective spiritual director, and the role of spiritual direction in facilitating spiritual growth and development.

THST 686 Ignatian Spirituality and Discernment

3 Semester Hours

This course seeks to further the student's understanding of the spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola by a close reading of his spiritual classic, *The Spiritual Exercises*, and by a study of contemporary writing on Ignatian spirituality. Praxis, the reflection upon experience, is a central aspect of this course and reflects the hypothesis that some of the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises can be experienced by individuals in a group learning situation when they are approached in a critical and prayerful way.

THST 687 Psychological Foundations of Spiritual Direction

3 Semester Hours

This course focuses on the psychological dynamics of spiritual direction as a helping relationship, as well as the cultivation of communication skills needed to be an effective spiritual director. Principal topics to be covered include the following: how spiritual direction differs from psychotherapy; the importance of self-knowledge and personal awareness on the part of helpers; the nature of empathic understanding and its relationship to psychological and spiritual growth; basic counseling skills.

THST 688 Practicum and Supervision in Spiritual Direction

3 Semester Hours

The art of spiritual direction is best fostered through practice and reflection on that practice in a supervisory setting. This course will give students an opportunity to grow in spiritual direction skills, self-awareness, and interior freedom under the guidance of experienced spiritual directors.

Special Studies

THST 690 Directed Research

I-3 Semester Hours

Through selected readings and individually directed study, a student can concentrate in a specific field of research or area of ministry. This course is designed for those students whose particular needs would not be adequately met through other course offerings.

THST 691 Pastoral Synthesis Seminar

3 Semester Hours

THST 692 Graduate Pro-Seminar

3 Semester Hours

The pro-seminar provides an orientation to various theological methods, tools, and modes of discourse in theological and pastoral studies (biblical, historical, systematic, moral, comparative, and pastoral theology).

THST 693 Thesis and Thesis Seminar

3 Semester Hours

For those Theology M.A. candidates who choose to submit a thesis to complete their requirements for the Thesis Option. The Thesis Seminar will meet regularly to facilitate the progress of the thesis.

(Offered in Fall only.)

THST 694

Thesis and Thesis Seminar

3 Semester Hours

For those Theology M.A. candidates who choose to submit a thesis to complete their requirements for the Thesis Option. The Thesis Seminar will meet regularly to facilitate the progress of the thesis.

(Offered in Spring only.)

THST 695 Comprehensive Exam Seminar

3 Semester Hours

THST 696 Research and Writing Seminar

3 Semester Hours

THST 697 Comprehensive Examination

0 Semester Hours

Comprehensive Exams are offered in the first week of November and the first week of April. Students must register for THST 697 and inform the Graduate Director, in writing, in the first week of the semester, their intention to complete their comprehensive exams.

THST 698 Special Studies

I-3 Semester Hours

THST 699 Independent Studies

1-3 Semester Hours