

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, M.A.

Saint Louis University's Department of Theological Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/theological-studies/>) offers a Master of Arts in Religious Education (M.A.R.E.) geared toward students who want to earn a degree that will prepare them to work as a religious educator in a parish setting or a theology teacher in Catholic schools. This program offers students an introduction to the major fields of theological study and pedagogical training and practical experience through a joint degree with the SLU School of Education (<https://www.slu.edu/education/>).

Curriculum Overview

The M.A. in religious education program consists of a two-year program of study that includes 36 credits of coursework. Fifteen credits, including a three-credit practicum, are taken in SLU's School of Education. The remaining 21 credits are taken in SLU's Department of Theological Studies.

Graduate Handbook

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Resources for theology students at SLU include the more than 37,000 microfilms of the Vatican Film Library, the archives of the Institute of Jesuit Sources and more than 150,000 volumes of the Divinity Library in the Pius XII Memorial Library (which contains 1.4 million books, journals and other media). The library also provides access to many key research resources, including the Patrologia Latina, Brepolis, Early English Books OnLine, ATLA, Catholic Periodical Index, J-STOR, Index of Christian Art and electronic access to major journals and other indexing tools.

Saint Louis University's Center for Digital Humanities (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/ong-center/>) creates products and tools to support teaching and research in historical theology. Theology faculty and graduate students are engaged in interdisciplinary work with other departments and centers at SLU, including the Department of Women's and Gender Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/women-gender-studies/>) and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/medieval-renaissance-studies/>).

Careers

Graduates of SLU's theology program have gone on to a wide range of careers in academia, educational administration, museums, libraries, archives and nonprofit agencies. SLU's Department of Theological Studies is committed to the professional preparation of every graduate student.

Admission Requirements

An undergraduate major in theology or religious studies is recommended but not required. Applicants with a strong background (at least 18 credits of upper-level coursework) in theology or religious studies will also be considered.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Financial documents are required to complete an application for admission and be reviewed for admission and merit scholarships.
- Proof of financial support that must include:
 - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
 - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
 - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
 - Practical laboratory work
 - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
 - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
 - Any honors or degrees received.

WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.

Application Deadline

Interested students should apply by Jan. 1.

Review Process

Applications are reviewed by the department's graduate studies committee.

Tuition

| Tuition | Cost Per Credit |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| MA in Religious Education | \$465 |

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php>)

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/>)

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for a graduate assistantship, apply by the program admission deadlines listed. Fellowships and assistantships provide a stipend and may include health insurance and a tuition scholarship for the duration of the award.

Explore Scholarships and Financial Aid Options (<https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/>)

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the broad outlines of Christian scripture, Christian history and the major theological developments in the tradition, as well as core terms and categories that frame the field of education.
2. Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, both in writing and orally, demonstrating clear, coherent and well-developed complexity of thought and analysis.

Requirements

| Code | Title | Credits |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| THEO 5000 | Introduction to the Old Testament | 3 |
| THEO 5100 | Introduction to the New Testament | 3 |
| THEO 5270 | Christian Tradition I | 3 |
| THEO 5280 | Christian Tradition II | 3 |
| THEO 5710 | Seminar in World Religions | 3 |
| THEO 6040 | Christian Theology Introduction | 3 |
| THEO 6140 | Christian Theology Seminar | 3 |
| EDI 5360 | Principles and Methods of Catechesis | 3 |
| EDL 5000 | Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum | 3 |
| EDL 5100 | Foundations of Ed Admin | 3 |
| EDL 5150 | Special Dimensions of Ed Admin | 3 |
| EDR 5500 | Evaluation of Education Programs | 3 |
| Total Credits | | 36 |

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

| Course | Title | Credits |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Year One | | |
| Fall | | |
| THEO 5270 | Christian Tradition I | 3 |
| THEO 6040 | Christian Theology Introduction | 3 |
| EDI 5360 | Principles and Methods of Catechesis | 3 |
| Credits | | 9 |
| Spring | | |
| THEO 5280 | Christian Tradition II | 3 |
| THEO 6140 | Christian Theology Seminar | 3 |

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| EDL 5150 | Special Dimensions of Ed Admin | 1-3 |
| Credits | | 7-9 |
| Year Two | | |
| Fall | | |
| THEO 5000 | Introduction to the Old Testament | 3 |
| THEO 57XX | World Religion Elective | 3 |
| EDF 5610 | | 3 |
| Credits | | 9 |
| Spring | | |
| THEO 5100 | Introduction to the New Testament | 3 |
| EDF 5835 | Foundations of Catholic Education | 3 |
| EDL 5000 | Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum | 3 |
| Credits | | 9 |
| Total Credits | | 34-36 |

Contact Us

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