

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, M.A.

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) program in the Department of Theological Studies (<https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/theological-studies/>) is geared toward students who want to pursue focused scholarship, prepare for future doctoral work or simply exercise their intellectual curiosity.

Curriculum Overview

This program offers an ideal first degree in theology, orienting students to the major fields of theological study, including biblical studies, the history of Christianity, theological ethics and constructive theology.

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, as well as electronic access to major journals and other indexing tools.

Saint Louis University's Center for Digital Theology creates products and tools to support teaching and research in historical theology. Theology faculty and graduate students also contribute to other interdisciplinary centers, such as the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies and the Center for Women's 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 non-profit 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 along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (<http://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Proof of financial support must include:

- A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the 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 study at the University
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include the 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, and 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.

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for a graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications 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.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at <http://www.slu.edu/financial-aid> (<http://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, categories, and exempla that frame theological and religious studies.
2. Graduates will be able to articulate and apply the theories and methods that structure the study of theology and religion.
3. 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 57XX	World Religion Elective	3
THEO 6040	Christian Theology Introduction	3
THEO 5970	Research Topics	3
Language I or Elective		3
Language II or Elective		3
Electives		9
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
Language I or Elective		3
Credits		9
Spring		
THEO 5280	Christian Tradition II	3
Language II or Elective		3
Elective		3
Credits		9
Year Two		
Fall		
THEO 5000	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 57XX	World Religion Elective	3
Elective		3
Credits		9
Spring		
THEO 5100	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 5970	Research Topics	3
Elective		3
Credits		9
Total Credits		36

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