PHILOSOPHY FOR MINISTRY, B.A. (ARCHDIOCESAN)

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Archdiocesan Concentration, program is closely integrated with seminarians' spiritual, ministerial, and personal development.

While studying at SLU, students live at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and take many of their undergraduate courses at the Seminary. Their schedule and living space is designed to provide space and time not only for studies, but also for daily Liturgy of the Hours and Eucharist, regular spiritual direction, active ministry, and human formation.

Curriculum Overview

The archdiocesan concentration in SLU's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy is centered around a 40-credit major in philosophy, complemented by 19 credits in theology, catechesis, and ecclesiastical Latin. The degree requires in addition 51 credits in general education. The minimum number of credits required for graduation is 120.

Careers

This program of study provides students with the philosophical, theological, language, and other general undergraduate requirements for advancing toward ordination, as approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and set forth in The Program for Priestly Formation.

Admission

Admission requirements for each diocese in the area of academic achievement, personal character, and spiritual ideals must be met.

Admission Requirements

Freshman

All applications are thoroughly reviewed with the highest degree of individual care and consideration to all credentials that are submitted. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University and are used as qualifiers for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be graduating from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer

Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit. Those having completed 24 or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant's file, the office of admission holistically examines the student's academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student's ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

International Applicants

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Scholarships and Financial Aid

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Learning Outcomes

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**Fall**
ENGL 1500 or ENGL 1900 | The Process of Composition or Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research | 3
HIST 1110 | Origins of the Modern World to 1500 | 3
CMM 1200 | Public Speaking | 3
**Behavioral Science Elective** | 2-3
**Credits** | 17-18
**Spring**
ENGL 1900 | Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research | 3
HIST 1110 | Origins of the Modern World to 1500 | 3
**Natural Science Elective** | 3
**Social Science Elective** | 3
PLJ 1020 | Ecclesiastical Latin II | 3
PLJ 2050 | Catholic Morality | 2
**Credits** | 17
**Year Two**
**Fall**
PLJ 3000 | Logic and Epistemology | 3
**Literature Elective** | 3
MATH 1200 | College Algebra | 3
**Fine Art Elective** | 3
**Language Elective I: Ecclesiastical Latin III** | 3
PLJ 3050 | Liturgy and Sacraments I: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist | 2
**Credits** | 17
**Spring**
PLJ 2000 | Introduction to Philosophy | 1
**History Elective** | 3
**Fine Art Elective** | 3
**Literature Elective** | 3
**Science Elective** | 3
PLJ 3055 | Liturgy and Sacraments II: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Marriage | 2
**Credits** | 15
**Year Three**
**Fall**
PLJ 3150 | Philosophy of Nature | 3
PLJ 3100 | Ancient Philosophy | 3
PLJ 3060 | Introduction to Scripture: Biblical Hermeneutics and Fundamental Theology | 2
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| PLJ 4000   | Metaphysics                      | 3       |
| PLJ 4250   | Natural Theology                 | 3       |
| PLJ 4100   | Modern Philosophy                | 3       |
| General Electives |                  | 4       |
| Credits    |                                  | 13      |

| Spring     |                                  |         |
| PLJ 4350   | Social-Political Philosophy      | 3       |
| General Electives |                  | 4       |
| PLJ 4800   | Contemporary Philosophy         | 3       |
| PLJ 4965   | Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason | 2   |
| Credits    |                                  | 12      |

Total Credits 120-121