

# 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

Begin your application for this program at [www.slu.edu/apply](http://www.slu.edu/apply). Saint Louis University also accepts the Common App.

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.

Begin Your Application (<http://www.slu.edu/apply.php>)

### Transfer

Begin your application for this program at [www.slu.edu/apply](http://www.slu.edu/apply).

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

Begin your application for this program at [www.slu.edu/apply](http://www.slu.edu/apply).

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.

## Scholarships and Financial Aid

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education:

- Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at <https://finaid.slu.edu>.

For further information on scholarships available to seminarians, contact the Kenrick-Glennon Registrar Catherine Hayek at [hayek@kenrick.edu](mailto:hayek@kenrick.edu).

## Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to analyze & evaluate arguments.
2. Graduates will be able to identify similarities and differences among major thinkers & ideas that have shaped the history of Western philosophy.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze the relationship between faith and reason.

## Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
<i>Students may substitute 6 credits of additional language or math/science courses for one Fine Art and one History requirement, or one Fine Art and one Literature requirement.</i>		
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies Of Rhetoric and Research	3
	Literature Electives	6

Language Electives	6
CMM 1200 Public Speaking	3
HIST 1110 Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
HIST 1120 Origins of the Modern World, 1500 to Present	3
HIST 2000-Level Elective (or THEO 2310)	3
Social Science	3
Behavioral Science	3
Natural Science	3
Science Elective	3
MATH 1200 College Algebra (or statistics course)	3
Fine Arts	6
<b>Major Requirements</b>	
PLJ 2000 Introduction to Philosophy	1-3
PLJ 3000 Logic and Epistemology	3
PLJ 3100 Ancient Philosophy	3
PLJ 3150 Philosophy of Nature	3
PLJ 3200 Medieval Philosophy	3
PLJ 3300 Philosophical Anthropology	3
PLJ 4000 Metaphysics	3
PLJ 4100 Modern Philosophy	3
PLJ 4250 Natural Theology	3
PLJ 4310 Ethics	3
PLJ 4350 Social-Political Philosophy	3
PLJ 4800 Contemporary Philosophy	3
PLJ 4965 Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason	2-3
Philosophy Electives	4
<i>Philosophy electives may be also satisfied with appropriate PHIL 3000- or PHIL 4000-level philosophy courses.</i>	
<b>Additional Ecclesiastical Requirements</b>	
<i>Ecclesiastical Latin</i>	6
Students may take a third course in ecclesiastical Latin as an Elective	
<i>Theology</i>	12
Selected from the following courses	
THEO 1000 Theological Foundations	
PLJ 1050 Catechism I: Catholic Doctrine	
PLJ 2050 Catholic Morality	
PLJ 3050 Liturgy and Sacraments I: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist	
PLJ 3055 Liturgy and Sacraments II: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Marriage	
PLJ 3060 Introduction to Scripture: Biblical Hermeneutics and Fundamental Theology	
PLJ 4050 Christian Prayer	
<i>Catechetical Methods</i>	7
<b>General Electives</b>	10-13
<b>Total Credits</b>	120

## Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 grade point average (GPA).

## 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
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
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		3
PLJ 1010	Ecclesiastical Latin I	3
PLJ 1050 or THEO 1000	Catechism I: Catholic Doctrine or Theological Foundations	2-3
Credits		17-18
<b>Spring</b>		
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
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		
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
<b>Spring</b>		
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
Language Elective II		3
Philosophy Elective I		2
General Elective		2
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Credits		15

**Spring**

PLJ 3300	Philosophical Anthropology	3
PLJ 3200	Medieval Philosophy	3
PLJ 4310	Ethics	3
PLJ 4050	Christian Prayer	2
Catechetical Methods		1
General Elective		2
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Credits		14

**Year Four**

**Fall**

PLJ 4000	Metaphysics	3
PLJ 4250	Natural Theology	3
PLJ 4100	Modern Philosophy	3
General Electives		4
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Credits		13

**Spring**

PLJ 4350	Social-Political Philosophy	3
General Electives		4
PLJ 4800	Contemporary Philosophy	3
PLJ 4965	Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason	2
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Credits		12
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Total Credits		120-121