PHILOSOPHY FOR MINISTRY, B.A. (ARCHDIOCESAN)

Saint Louis University's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy for Ministry, offered through the College of Philosophy and Letters, includes an archdiocesan concentration that meets undergraduate requirements for diocesan priesthood. The degree provides the intellectual formation for men admitted to Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, where they complete complementary programs of spiritual, pastoral and human formation.

Curriculum Overview

The archdiocesan concentration in SLU's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy for Ministry is centered around a 37-credit major in philosophy for ministry, complemented by 28 credits in theology, Catholic studies and ecclesiastical Latin. The degree requires 51 credits in general education. The program requires a minimum of 120 credits for graduation.

Careers

The archdiocesan concentration in SLU's Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy for Ministry 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 areas of academic achievement, personal character and spiritual ideals must be met.

Admission Requirements

Begin Your Application (https://www.slu.edu/apply.php)

Saint Louis University also accepts the Common Application and the Coalition Application.

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 coursework is a primary concern in reviewing a freshman applicant's file.

To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, applicants must be graduating from an accredited high school, have an acceptable HiSET exam score or take 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 or HiSET.

Students who have attempted fewer than 24 semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must follow the above freshmen admission requirements. Students who have completed 24 or more semester credits (or 30 quarter credits) of college credit must submit transcripts from all 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. Where applicable, transfer students will be evaluated on any courses outlined in the continuation standards of their preferred major.

International Applicants

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students along with the following:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- All academic records must include an English translation. An official course-by-course transcript evaluation may be required and accepted.

Tuition

Tuition/Fee	Per Semester	Per Credit
Undergraduate Tuition	$22,130	$1,530
Newman Center		$225

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

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

Cost of Attendance (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/cost-of-attendance.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-current/tuition-summer-current.pdf)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

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

- **Scholarships:** Scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need.
- **Financial Aid:** Financial aid is provided through grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

Saint Louis University makes every effort to keep our education affordable. In fiscal year 2025, 99.6% of first-time freshmen and 92% of all students received financial aid (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/) and students received more than $517 million in aid University-wide.

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

For more information on scholarships and financial aid, visit the Office of Student Financial Services (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/).

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to analyze and evaluate arguments.
2. Graduates will be able to identify similarities and differences among major thinkers and 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
Major Requirements		
PHLT 3000	Logic and Epistemology	3
PHLT 3100	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHLT 3150	Philosophy of Nature	3
PHLT 3200	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHLT 3300	Philosophical Anthropology	3
PHLT 4000	Metaphysics	3
PHLT 4100	Modern Philosophy	3
PHLT 4250	Natural Theology	3
PHLT 4310	Ethics	3
PHLT 4350	Social-Political Philosophy	3
PHLT 4800	Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHLT 4965	Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason	2,3
Philosophy Electives		*4*
Philosophy electives may be also satisfied with appropriate PHIL 3000- or PHIL 4000-level philosophy courses.		
Additional Ecclesiastical Requirements		
Ecclesiastical Latin		*6*
Students may take a third course in ecclesiastical Latin as an Elective		
Theology		*12*
Selected from the following courses		
CATH 2000	Catholic Imagination: Introduction to Catholic Studies	
CATH 3001	Catholic Intellectual Heritage I	
CATH 3002	Catholic Intellectual Heritage II	
CATH 4000	Catholic Intellectual Heritage and the Good Life	
PHLT 1050	Catechism I: Catholic Doctrine	
PHLT 2050	Catechism II-III	
PHLT 2930	Special Topics	
PHLT 3060	Introduction to Scripture: Biblical Hermeneutics and Salvation History	
PHLT 4050	Christian Prayer	
Catechetical Methods		*1*
University Electives		**62**
Total Credits		**120**

Continuation Standards

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

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
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
PHLT 1010	Ecclesiastical Latin I	3
PHLT 1050 or CORE 1600	Catechism I: Catholic Doctrine or Ultimate Questions: Theology	2-3
Elective		3
	Credits	**17-18**
Spring		
ENGL 1900	Advanced Strategies of Rhetoric and Research	3
HIST 1110	Origins of the Modern World to 1500	3
PHLT 1020	Ecclesiastical Latin II	3
PHLT 2050	Catechism II-III	2
Electives		6
	Credits	**17**
Year Two		
Fall		
MATH 1200	College Algebra	3
Language Elective I: Ecclesiastical Latin III		3
PHLT 3050	Liturgy and Sacraments I: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist	2
Electives		9
	Credits	**17**
Spring		
PHLT 3055	Liturgy and Sacraments II: Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders, Marriage	2
Electives		13
	Credits	**15**
Year Three		
Fall		
PHLT 3150	Philosophy of Nature	3
PHLT 3100	Ancient Philosophy	3
PHLT 3060	Introduction to Scripture: Biblical Hermeneutics and Salvation History	2
PHLT 3000	Logic and Epistemology	3
Electives		5
	Credits	**16**
Spring		
PHLT 3300	Philosophical Anthropology	3
PHLT 3200	Medieval Philosophy	3
PHLT 4310	Ethics	3
PHLT 4050	Christian Prayer	1-3

Catechetical Methods		1
Elective		2
	Credits	**13-15**
Year Four		
Fall		
PHLT 4000	Metaphysics	3
PHLT 4250	Natural Theology	3
PHLT 4100	Modern Philosophy	3
General Electives		4
	Credits	**13**
Spring		
PHLT 4350	Social-Political Philosophy	3
PHLT 4800	Contemporary Philosophy	3
PHLT 4965	Philosophy Capstone: Faith & Reason	2
General Electives		4
	Credits	**12**
	Total Credits	**120-123**

Contact Us

For further information on scholarships available to seminarians, contact Catherine Hayek, Kenrick-Glennon registrar, at hayek@kenrick.edu.