Saint Louis University's certificate in philosophy for ministry, offered at the College of Philosophy and Letters, is designed for students on the path to Catholic priesthood, but who have already earned a bachelor’s degree. The 38 credits of coursework in this program satisfy the philosophical requirements for ordination, as determined by the Conference of Catholic Bishops and Society of Jesus.

Curriculum Overview
Certificate course requirements are normally satisfied by undergraduate courses, though students may, with the approval of the dean, also satisfy some requirements with graduate courses.

Transfer coursework may be accepted for most requirements, but at least 16 credits must be taken after admission to the College of Philosophy and Letters, including the Special Ethics/Social Analysis and capstone courses.

Specific course offerings that satisfy an area requirement are determined by the dean. The three Special Ethics/Social Analysis courses are selected with a view to the student’s capstone project and may include courses from disciplines other than philosophy.

Admission Requirements
Applicants must already have a bachelor’s degree; students in training toward ordination in the Catholic priesthood must also be approved by a religious superior or bishop to pursue training toward ordination in the Catholic priesthood.

Scholarships and Financial Aid
For priority consideration for graduate assistantship, applicants should complete their applications by Feb. 1.

For more information, visit the student financial services office online at http://finaid.slu.edu.

Learning Outcomes
1. Graduates will be able to identify connections among major thinkers and ideas that shaped the history of Western philosophy.
2. Graduates will be able to state and explain key philosophical ideas and methods suitable for understanding and analyzing contexts of Catholic ministry.
3. Graduates will be able to analyze specific challenges in the contexts of Catholic ministry using philosophy and other relevant knowledge.

Requirements

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Pre-Divinity Courses in Theology (Jesuits)
Jesuit post-baccalaureate students are expected to complete, in addition to their philosophy requirements, 6 – 8 graduate-level theology courses, in areas approved by the Jesuit Conference and United States Provincials. The theology requirements are normally satisfied by graduate courses offered by the Department of Theological Studies or by the Aquinas Institute of Theology. Six of these courses should be selected with a view toward their counting toward a future Master of Divinity degree offered by a Jesuit Theology Center. Students consult with the Dean to identify appropriate courses.

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.

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Social Analysis/Special Ethics 3
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Year Two
Fall
Medieval Philosophy (Normally satisfied by PHIL 4500, but other courses in medieval thinkers/topics may also qualify) 3
Philosophy of Human Nature (if needed). (Normally satisfied by PHIL 3300, but other courses with appropriate content may also qualify) 3
Epistemology (Satisfied by multiple offerings, including PHIL 3600 and philosophy of science courses) 3
Credits 9
Spring
Modern Philosophy (Normally satisfied by PHIL 4600, but other courses in modern thinkers/topics may also qualify) 3
Social Analysis/Special Ethics 3
Credits 6

Year Three
Fall
Contemporary Philosophy 3
Capstone Preparation (Currently offered by the capstone sequence instructor as PHIL 4980) 2
Social Analysis/Special Ethics 3
Credits 8
Spring
PLJ 4960 Capstone Project 3
Credits 3
Total Credits 42

Program Notes
General Program Note
The certificate is normally pursued concurrently with graduate coursework in another area. Jesuit students are also expected to complete 6-8 credits in graduate theology.

Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 1050 Introduction to Philosophy: Self and Reality (0,3 cr) or its equivalent is a pre-requisite for the Program. Students who enter the Certificate Program with some previous exposure to philosophy normally move directly to a 3000-level course, such as PHIL 3250 Philosophy of Religion (3 cr).

Approval for Course Substitutions
The determination of “appropriate content” for course substitutions is made by the Dean of the College of Philosophy and Letters.

Integrative Seminars
These courses are required of Jesuit students only.

Social Analysis/Special Ethics Course Requirements
Courses taken to satisfy other requirements (such as the social sciences requirement) may simultaneously satisfy the Social Analysis/Special Ethics requirement, with the dean’s approval. Normally students are expected to select courses for the Social Analysis/Special Ethics requirement for their relevance to their envisioned capstone project. Social analysis courses include courses in social-political philosophy or courses in other disciplines, so long as course content is largely dedicated to understanding aspects of contemporary life, society, or culture, relevant to the context of ministry for the student’s capstone. Special ethics courses are satisfied by:

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Contemporary Philosophy Requirement
Satisfied by philosophy offerings that treat thinkers from the late-nineteenth to the twenty-first century, or contemporary treatments of philosophical topics (metaphysics, epistemology, philosophy of science, contemporary ethics, etc.). Special ethics courses do not satisfy this requirement.