

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

The Master of Arts in Ministry grounds students in the theological tradition and prepares them for service in parish and social ministries. By pursuing this course of study, students will grow in their capacity to communicate the good news of Jesus Christ to those who hunger and thirst for justice and peace. This degree program can be earned fully online.

36 credits

Collegeville Core

- History of Christianity (6 credits total): a two course introductory sequence
- Sacred Scripture (6 credits total): New Testament Electives (3 credits); Old Testament Electives (3 credits)
- Systematic Theology (6 credits total): Moral (3 credits); Doctrine (3 credits)
- Liturgy (3 credits total): 3 elective credits chosen from courses in Liturgy

Pastoral Ministry Tracks

- Pastoral Ministry (12 credits total): Deacon candidates and students in the Spiritual Direction Certificate have particular required courses. Students can select courses of interest that support particular ministries—for example: Youth or Family Ministry; Pastoral Care; Liturgical Leadership; Parish Administration.

Field Education

- Practicum (3 credits total):
 - To teach students to reflect theologically on their ministerial experiences, while spiritual direction and communal prayer nurture student's spiritual lives.

Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary offers advanced standing to undergraduate students who are earning a minimum of a 3.2 grade point average in theological coursework while working towards a bachelor's degree in the College of Arts and Sciences of the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Students in the 5-year dual-degree program start working at the graduate level while finishing their undergraduate degree.

A student in the dual-degree program does not have to be a theology major; other majors are acceptable to the program. A theology major or minor, however, helps to provide the student with enough of a foundation to succeed in a master's degree program in theology. Students may choose the Master of Arts in Ministry degree (M.A.M.; 36 crs.) or the Master of Theological Studies degree (M.T.S.; 48 crs.). Students completing the M.T.S. must also complete a Comprehensive exam as part of the degree.