

# MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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The Master of Theological Studies immerses students in the wisdom of the theological tradition. Students gain a solid theological foundation that prepares them for advanced theological study and for teaching and leadership roles in Christian communities.

**48 credits required**

## 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)
- Monastic Studies/Spirituality and Church History (3 credits total): Monastic Studies/Spirituality
- Systematic Theology (6 credits total): Moral (3 credits); Doctrine (3 credits)
- Liturgy (3 credits total): 3 elective credits chosen from courses in Liturgy

## Focus Area (9 credits total)

Students select a focus area which includes three courses (nine credits) in a given area and completion of the Comprehensive Examination in that area.

- Sacred Scripture
- Systematic Theology
- History of Christianity
- Liturgy
- Monastic Studies/Spirituality

## Electives (12 credits total)

Students may take electives in any area of the catalog

## Graduate Paper

- Students will submit one approved Graduate Paper completed in the semester for which it is written.
- Graduate Papers are approved by the course instructor for whom they are originally written.

## Comprehensive Examinations

### Reading for Comprehensive Examinations (3 credits total)

- Run as independent study, preparation of focus area booklist.
- Students prepare by reading and studying area of focus booklist.
- Culminates in submission of annotated booklist and summary of research to exam board.

### Comprehensive Examinations (registration, 0 credit):

- Students will sit for an oral examination on focus area booklist.

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.