

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.

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

12 credits required

- Theology and Practice of Ministry (3 credits)
- 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 Ministry; Pastoral Care; Liturgical Leadership; Parish Administration.

Formation Requirements

- SPIR 437 The Practice of Discernment in Prayer is required in the first semester; for diaconal MAM students, this can happen in semester 1 or 2.
- PTHM 472 Spiritual Direction is required on a monthly basis every semester in which the student is enrolled in the program.
- PTHM 473 Group Spiritual Companionship is required for three semesters of the student's enrollment in the program; for diaconal MAM students, this is required beginning in the second year of the program and continues until completion of the degree.

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.