

**DOMINICAN SCHOOL OF PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY  
 MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)  
 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of review of checklist:

Semester 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester 3: \_\_\_\_\_

Semester 4: \_\_\_\_\_

*Both the student and the advisor should review this form each semester in conjunction with the Portfolio Checklist. A copy of the most recent student transcript is available in the student portfolio.*

PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR THE LAST SEMESTER OF THE STUDENT'S PROGRAM, the student must complete the "Intent to Graduate" form and submit it along with an updated program checklist plus any petitions, waivers, etc. The form and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Registrar before the student will be allowed to register for the final semester.

**Course Requirements: Thesis option students:** 42 units total of courses. **Exam option students:** 48 units of courses. For all MATH students, at least one half of the coursework must be taken from offerings *above* the introductory (1000) level. All MATH students must take one philosophy course as indicated below. Core courses in the other areas must be at least intermediate (2000 or 3000) level; and two courses, preferably in the area of concentration, must be taken at the advanced (4000) level. At least one-third of the courses must be taken at DSPT.

All MATH students must choose an area of concentration from those listed at the [DSPT website](#). A total of four courses must be taken in this chosen area and may be a combination of both core requirements and electives. In some cases, the area of concentration requires specific courses. Students and advisors must consult the [Student Handbook](#) to ensure that these requirements are properly fulfilled.

**Philosophical Studies** THESIS OPTION: 3 units total Students must take, or demonstrate equivalent coursework, in any of the following: Philosophy of Nature, Philosophical Anthropology, or Metaphysics. EXAM OPTION: 6 units, which must include one course each in systematic and historical philosophy.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade
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**Biblical Studies** THESIS OPTION: 3 units total; EXAM OPTION: 6 units which must include both the DSPT courses "BS 1066 Basics: Biblical Studies and Spirituality" and "BS 1067 Basics: Biblical Studies and Spirituality," or the DSPT course "Introduction to New Testament," and one other DSPT course. NB. Courses in Biblical languages and Latin which contain the BS area designation do not fulfill this core requirement.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade

**Historical Theology** THESIS AND EXAM OPTION: 3 units total.

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**Systematic Theology** THESIS OPTION: 3 units total. EXAM OPTION: 6 units, which must include the DSPT course “Theology: Nature and Method,” and one other **DSPT** ST numbered course.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade

**Moral Theology/Christian Ethics** THESIS OPTION: 3 units total. EXAM OPTION: 6 units, which must include the DSPT course “Fundamental Moral Theology,” and one other **DSPT** CE numbered course.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade

**Non-Christian Religion** 3 units total. Any course whose content is interreligious.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade

**ELECTIVES.** THESIS OPTION: 24 units total. Thesis Option students may wish to take ST 1710, "Theology: Method & Structure," which provides an overview of the nature, method, sources, and structure of theological inquiry. EXAM OPTION: *In keeping with the area of concentration*, 18 units are chosen. These units may be taken at DSPT, at any of the member schools or centers of the GTU, and/or at UC Berkeley.

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Advanced (4000) Course?	School	Grade

**AREA OF CONCENTRATION** \_\_\_\_\_

***At least four courses must be from the area of concentration. EXAM OPTION: none of these four courses may be from the area in which you choose to take the exam.*** List the four courses that fulfill this area requirement. Please note that some areas have special requirements; students should consult the Student Handbook for details about the following areas: Religion and Arts; Sacred Arts; and Salesian Studies.

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**THESIS OPTION**

**Foreign Language Proficiency Certification<sup>1</sup>**

Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Fulfilled: \_\_\_\_\_

Method (GTU exam, coursework, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Thesis proposal approved**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**THESIS CREDIT** 6 units total

Semester	Course No.	Title	Units	Grade
	MA 5000	In Thesis	3	n/a
	MA 5000	In Thesis	3	n/a

**EXAM OPTION**

**Area of Concentration**

Students must take four courses in the one chosen area of concentration, which may be any combination of required and elective courses. **A research paper of at least 20 pages must be written in one of these classes, and must receive a grade of at least B+.**

Course for which a research paper was written: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exam in a Required Area**

In addition to choosing an area of concentration for coursework, students also choose an area for examination from **one** of the three following disciplines: Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, or Moral Theology. Students must pass a three-hour, closed book examination on **two courses taken from the chosen examination area**. The examination questions will be drawn from study questions provided by the faculty which reflect the material of the specific courses the student took. The required area in which the student chooses to take the examination must be *different from the area of concentration* in order to assure a breadth of knowledge and the opportunity to integrate principles from different areas of theological inquiry.

**Exam Area:**

Biblical Studies

Systematic Theology

Moral Theology

Courses for Examination: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCURRENT MAPH/MATH DEGREE PROGRAM.** Students in this program should consult the Concurrent MA program checklist for details.

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<sup>1</sup> Courses taken to fulfill the language requirement, including courses taken to prepare a student for the GTU language exam, cannot be counted as electives toward completing course requirements of degree programs. Certain advanced-level language courses designed to equip MA students for future research, however, may be counted as electives in some circumstances. Students must petition the Academic Dean for approval of such coursework as graduate electives.