

DSPT Master of Divinity Sequence of Courses and Fulfillment of Requirements

Courses and requirements in the Master of Divinity program are sequenced in order to provide a formation that proceeds in stages in six key areas of study: Philosophical Studies (as preparation), Biblical Studies, Historical Studies, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, and Pastoral Theology. In each of these areas – and in some cases, subdisciplines of these areas – at least one introductory course is required before work can proceed to the intermediate or advanced levels. The philosophy courses listed in the “Master of Divinity Preparation” table are part of the program of studies for clerical students at DSPT. While not strictly required for the MDiv degree, they ordinarily serve as prerequisites for it. The theology courses listed in the table for the second year (Intro to Sacred Scripture, Theology: Nature and Method, Foundations of Preaching, Field Education Level I, Parts 1&2, and Fundamental Moral Theology) all serve as introductions to areas and subdisciplines of theology. All of these courses are offered annually.

Master of Divinity Preparation – Typical Sequence

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course or Requirement</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>nature of requirement</u>
1 st	PH-1115 Logic	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
1 st	PH-1056 Philosophy of Nature	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
1 st	PH-1xxx Philosophical Ethics	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
1 st	PHHS-1050 History of Philosophy: Ancient	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
2 nd	PH-1065 Theory Of Knowledge	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
2 nd	PH-2040 Philosophical Anthropology	3.0	2	MDiv pre-req.
2 nd	PH-2050 Metaphysics	3.0	2	MDiv pre-req.
2 nd	PHHS-1051 History of Philosophy: Medieval	3.0	1	MDiv pre-req.
3 rd	PHHS-2000 Modern Philosophy	3.0	2	MDiv pre-req.
3 rd	BS-100x Intro to Sacred Scripture	3.0	1	MDiv req.
3 rd	ST-1091 Theology: Nature and Method	3.0	1	MDiv req.
3 rd	HM-1073 Foundations of Preaching	3.0	1	MDiv req.
3 rd	FE-1021 Field Education Level I, Part 1	0	1	MDiv req.
4 th	PHHS-2001 Contemporary Philosophy	3.0	2	MDiv pre-req.
4 th	CE-2045 Fundamental Moral Theology	3.0	2	MDiv req.
4 th	PS-1016 Pastoral Counseling: Process and Skills	3.0	1	MDiv req.
4 th	Theol. core course or Elective (Phil. or Theol.)	3.0	1-4	—
4 th	FE-1022 Field Education Level I, Part 2	1.5	1	MDiv req.
5 th	FE-2021 Pastoral Ministry Internship Part 1	1.5	2	MDiv req.
6 th	FE-2022 Pastoral Ministry Internship Part 2	1.5	2	MDiv req.

Level: 1=Introductory, 2-3=Intermediate, 4=Advanced

During the 5th and 6th semesters, students also enroll in “MDV 3050 Dominican Residency Program,” for which they receive no academic credit.

Clerical students not in an MA program (such as MAPH) typically apply to the MDiv during their 6th semester in the MDiv Prep period. Those who have completed the requirements listed above can proceed to follow a typical plan of studies as listed below. Since students are in many cases encouraged and/or required by their religious community to pursue a MA, the following table illustrates a sequence of studies that includes concurrent pursuit of the MATH (in this case, via the Thesis Option).

Master of Divinity with MA (Theol), Thesis Option – Typical Sequence

Semester	Course or Requirement	Units	Level	required by
7 th	OT-2098 Pentateuch & Histories	3.0	2	MDiv
7 th	HS-1105 History of Christianity I	3.0	1	MDiv
7 th	ST-2232 Historical Development of Christology	3.0	2	MDiv
7 th	Elective 1*	3.0	1-4	MA
7 th	FE-3021 Field Ed Level III Part 1	0	3	MDiv
7 th	WS-1000 Academic Research & Writing Salon 1	1.5	1	MA
7 th	Research Readiness Paper	0	1	MA
8 th	OT-2149 Prophets	3.0	2	MDiv
8 th	HS-2195 History of Christianity II	3.0	2	MDiv
8 th	ST-3115 Contemporary Christology	3.0	3	Comp. Curr.
8 th	Elective 2*	3.0	1-4	MA
8 th	FE-3022 Field Ed Level III Part 2	0	3	MDiv
8 th	WS-1001 Academic Research & Writing Salon 2	1.5	1	MA
8 th	Foreign Language Requirement	0	1	MA
9 th	STPH-3095 One Creator God	3.0	3	Comp. Curr.
9 th	STSP-3036 Ecclesiology: Foundations	3.0	3	MDiv
9 th	Elective 3*	3.0	1-4	MA
9 th	Elective 4*	3.0	1-4	—
9 th	FE-3023 Field Ed Level III Part 3	0	3	MDiv
10 th	OT-2600 Wisdom Literature	3.0	2	Comp. Curr.*
10 th	NT-2550 The Gospels	3.0	2	MDiv
10 th	ST 2300 Trinity	3.0	2	MDiv
10 th	CE 3050 Catholic Social Teaching	3.0	3	MDiv
10 th	FE-3024 Field Ed Level III Part 4	1.5	3	MDiv
11 th	CE-2003 Roman Catholic Sexual Ethics	3.0	2	MDiv
11 th	FTST 2336 Canon Law: Intro & Marriage**	3.0	2	MDiv
11 th	HM-2230 Liturgical Preaching	3.0	2	Comp. Curr.
11 th	Elective 5*	3.0	1-4	—
11 th	MA 5500 MA Thesis Proposal	0	4	MA
12 th	NT-253x Acts, Catholic Epistles, & Revelation	3.0	2	MDiv
12 th	ST-3128 Theological Anthropology	3.0	3	MDiv
12 th	LSRA-1500 Foundations of Catholic Liturgy	3.0	1	MDiv
12 th	Elective 6*	3.0	1-4	—
12 th	Diaconate Exam	0	4	MDiv
13 th	ST-3067 Theology of Sacraments	3.0	3	MDiv
13 th	CEFT-2000 Confessional Ministry	1.5	2	MDiv
13 th	Elective 7*	3.0	1-4	—
13 th	MA 5000 MA In Thesis	3.0	4	MA
14 th	NT-2526 Pauline Literature	3.0	2	MDiv
14 th	ST-3071 Sacraments: Eucharist & Orders	3.0	3	Comp. Curr.
14 th	LSFT-2404 Celebration Of The Sacraments	1.5	2	MDiv
14 th	Elective 8*	3.0	1-4	—
14 th	Priesthood & Faculties Exams	0	4	MDiv
14 th	MA 5999 MA Thesis Defense	0	4	MA

*Electives chosen must fulfill MATH requirements for concentration requirements, and to ensure that at least 2 elective courses must be at the advanced level (numbered 4000) or above. **Ordinarily offered at JST

The above table holds for those beginning the MDiv in Fall of an odd year. As most of the required courses listed above are offered only every two years, the sequence may look somewhat different for students beginning in an even year.