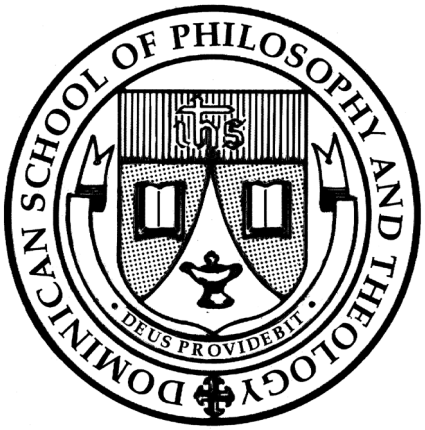
Dominican School
of Philosophy & Theology

Degree Requirement Summaries



2026-2027

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MA (Theology), Thesis Option:

Graduate Seminar Intro 1 & 2	3 units
Philosophical Studies Philosophical Ethics (3) Metaphysics (3)	6 units
Sacred Scripture Intro to Sacred Scripture (3)	3 units
History of the Church Church History I (3) Church History II (3)	6 units
Systematic & Moral Theology *Systematic Theology* (3 units) Theology: Nature & Method (3) *Moral Theology* (3 units) Fundamental Moral Theology (3)	6 units
Interreligious or Non-Christian Religion Elective	3 units
Other Elective Courses	18 units
Foreign Language Certification	(0 units)
Research Readiness Paper	(0 units)
Thesis Proposal	(0 units)
Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2	3 units
Thesis Defense & Submission	(0 units)
TOTAL	48 units

Note: Of the above courses, at least four must be taken in the Primary Concentration. At least two courses must be taken at the 4000-level.

MA (Theology), Exam Option

Graduate Seminar Intro 1 & 2	3 units
Philosophical Studies	6 units
Philosophical Ethics (3)	
Metaphysics (3)	
Sacred Scripture	6 units
Intro to Sacred Scripture (3)	
Sacred Scripture elective (with OT, NT, or BS code) (3)	
History of the Church	6 units
Church History I (3)	
Church History II (3)	
Systematic & Moral Theology	12 units
Systematic Theology (6 units)	
Theology: Nature & Method (3)	
Systematic Theology elective (with ST code) (3)	
Moral Theology (6 units)	
Fundamental Moral Theology (3)	
Moral Theology elective (with CE code) (3)	
Interreligious or non-Christian religion elective	3 units
Other Elective Courses*	9 units
Research Readiness Paper	(0 units)
Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2	3 units
Capstone Research Paper	(0 units)
MATh Capstone Exam	(0 units)
TOTAL	48 units

Note: Of the above courses, at least four must be taken in the Primary Concentration. Either the Research Readiness Paper or Capstone Research Paper must be in the Primary Concentration. Two courses taken in the Secondary Concentration are designated as the courses for the Capstone Exam. At least two courses must be taken at the 4000-level.

MA (Philosophy), Thesis Option:

Graduate Seminar Intro 1 & 2	3 units
Systematic Philosophy	12 units
(Students must take at least four of these six three-unit courses from this area)	
Logic	
Philosophy of Nature	
Philosophical Anthropology	
Metaphysics	
Theory of Knowledge	
Philosophical Ethics	
History of Philosophy	6 units
(Students must take at least two of these four three-unit courses from this area)	
History of Ancient Philosophy	
History of Medieval Philosophy	
History of Modern Philosophy	
History of Contemporary Philosophy	
Elective Courses*	24 units
Foreign Language Certification	(0 units)
Research Readiness Paper	(0 units)
Thesis Proposal	(0 units)
Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2	3 units
Thesis Defense & Submission	(0 units)
TOTAL	48 units

*Note: At least two courses must be taken at the 4000-level.

MA (Philosophy), Exam Option:

Graduate Seminar Intro 1 & 2	3 units
Systematic Philosophy	18 units

(Students must take all the following six courses from this area)

- Logic (3)
- Philosophy of Nature (3)
- Philosophical Anthropology (3)
- Metaphysics (3)
- Theory of Knowledge (3)
- Philosophical Ethics (3)

History of Philosophy	12 units

(Students must take all the following four courses from this area)

- History of Ancient Philosophy (3)
- History of Medieval Philosophy (3)
- History of Modern Philosophy (3)
- History of Contemporary Philosophy (3)

Elective Courses*	12 units
Research Readiness Paper	(0 units)
Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2	3 units
Capstone Research Paper	(0 units)
Comprehensive Exam (MAPh Capstone Exam)	(0 units)
TOTAL	48 units

*Note: At least two courses must be taken at the 4000-level.

Concurrent MA (Philosophy), MA (Theology) (CCMA)

Graduate Seminar 1 & 2	3 units
Systematic Philosophy	12 units
(*Students must take **at least four** of these six three-unit courses from this area*)	
Logic (3)	
Philosophical Anthropology (3)	
Metaphysics (3)	
Theory of Knowledge (3)	
Philosophical Ethics (3)	
History of Philosophy	6 units
(*Students must take **at least two** of these four three-unit courses from this area*)	
History of Ancient Philosophy (3)	
History of Medieval Philosophy (3)	
History of Modern Philosophy (3)	
History of Contemporary Philosophy (3)	
Sacred Scripture	3 units
Intro to Sacred Scripture *or course coded* OT, NT, *or* BS (3)	
History of the Church	6 units
Church History I *or course coded* HS (3)	
Church History II *or course coded* HS (3)	
Systematic & Moral Theology	6 units
Systematic Theology (3 units)	
Theology: Nature & Method *or course coded* ST (3)	
Moral Theology (3 units)	
Fundamental Moral Theology *or course coded* CE (3)	
Interreligious or non-Christian religion elective	3 units
Other Elective Courses	18 units
Foreign Language Certification	(0 units)
Research Readiness Paper	(0 units)
Thesis Proposal	(0 units)
Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2	3 units
In Thesis	3 units
Thesis Defense & Submission	(0 units)
TOTAL	63 units

Master of Divinity (MDiv):

Preparatory Coursework:

- Graduate Seminar Intro 1 & 2 (3)
- Systematic Philosophy (18 units)
  - Logic (**MDiv prerequisite**)
  - Philosophy of Nature (**MDiv prerequisite**)
  - Philosophical Ethics (Dominican RSP requirement)
  - Philosophical Anthropology (Dominican RSP requirement)
  - Metaphysics (Dominican RSP requirement)
  - Theory of Knowledge (Dominican RSP requirement)
- History of Philosophy (12 units)
  - History of Philosophy: Ancient (**MDiv prerequisite**)
  - History of Philosophy: Medieval (**MDiv prerequisite**)
  - Modern Philosophy (**MDiv prerequisite**)
  - Contemporary Philosophy (**MDiv prerequisite**)

TOTAL Preparatory Coursework 33 units

MDiv Degree Requirements:

- Sacred Scripture (18 units)
  - Intro to Sacred Scripture (3)
  - *Any five of these six 3-unit Intermediate MDiv Scripture courses (15):*
    - Pentateuch & Histories
    - Prophets
    - Wisdom
    - The Gospels
    - Pauline Corpus
    - Acts, Catholic Epistles, & Revelation
- History of the Church (6 units)
  - Church History I (3)
  - Church History II (3)
- Systematic Theology (18 units)
  - Theology: Nature & Method (3)
  - Trinity (3)
  - Theological Anthropology (3)
  - Patristic Theology: Christology and the Early Church Councils (3)
  - Theology of Sacraments (3)
  - Ecclesiology (3)
- Moral Theology (9 units)

Fundamental Moral Theology (3)
Roman Catholic Sexual Ethics (3)
Roman Catholic Social Teaching (3)

Pastoral Theology (21 units)
Foundations of Preaching (3)
Pastoral Counseling (3)
Field Education Level I (1.5)
Pastoral Ministry Internship (Field Ed. Level II) (3)
Field Education Level III (1.5)
Liturgical Theology (3)
Intro to Canon Law (1.5)
Canon Law of Sacraments (1.5)
Confessional Ministry (1.5)
Celebration of the Sacraments (1.5)

Diaconate Exam, Priesthood Exam, Faculties Exam (0 units)

TOTAL 72 units

Complementary Curriculum

(for clerical students to round out four years of theology and to cover Dominican RSP requirements)

Intermediate-level Sacred Scripture course (3)
(*whichever of the six intermediate-level MDiv Scripture core courses is not used for the MDiv*)
Canon Law of Marriage (1.5)
The One Creator God (3)
Systematic Christology (3)
Sacraments: Eucharist & Orders (3)
Liturgical Preaching (3)

TOTAL 16.5 units

Concurrent Master of Divinity (MDiv) / Master of Arts (Theology)

MDiv Preparatory Coursework:	33 units
MDiv Course Requirements:	72 units
MDiv Capstone Exams:	0 units
MA Capstone Requirements:	0 units

Additional Theology Units required for MA 24 units

Contributions from:

Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2 (3)

Two 4000 Level Electives (6)

Interreligious / Non-Christian Elective (3)

Complementary Curriculum (16.5, Dominican RSP Reqs)

Articulated Master of Divinity (MDiv) / Master of Arts (Philosophy)

MDiv Preparatory Coursework: 33 units

MDiv Course Requirements: 72 units

MDiv Capstone Exams: 0 units

MA Capstone Requirements: 0 units

Additional Units required for MA 15 units

Contributions from:

Graduate Seminar Capstone 1 & 2 (3)

Two 4000 Level Electives (6)

Two Complementary Curriculum Courses (up to 6 units)

Dominican Friars will also need to complete:

Remaining Complementary Curriculum (RSP) 10.5 units