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The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity

Graduate Catalog

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Accreditation

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity is accredited, and its degree programs (Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership, and Master of Arts in Theology) are approved by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS).

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The University of St. Thomas is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org; 312-263-0456), an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

The University of St. Thomas is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

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Vision and Mission

The Saint Paul Seminary's Vision is:

We envision Church leaders on fire with the Holy Spirit, equipping the faithful to transform the world in Jesus Christ.

The Saint Paul Seminary's Mission is:

We provide integrated, Catholic formation for those called to serve as priests, deacons, or lay leaders in their local Church.

The Saint Paul Seminary's Core Values are:

To realize the vision and succeed in our mission, we:

Foster Christ-centered growth
We cultivate growth in Jesus Christ of each member of our community, rooting all we do in His love, example, and teachings.

Engage in personal accompaniment
We walk alongside and assist each person to become aware of, understand, and respond to God's grace.

Thrive through use of our gifts
We celebrate the natural gifts God has already given to each individual and seek a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit and His gifts.

The Mission of the University of St. Thomas:

Inspired by the Catholic intellectual tradition, St. Thomas educates students to be morally responsible leaders who think critically, act wisely, and work skillfully to advance the common good.

Leadership

University Leadership:
A complete and up-to-date listing of university leadership may be accessed at:
https://www.stthomas.edu/about/leadership/index.html

University of St. Thomas Board of Trustees:
A complete and up-to-date listing of the members of the University of St. Thomas Board of Trustees may be accessed at:
https://www.stthomas.edu/about/board-of-trustees/index.html

Seminary Board of Trustees:
A complete and up-to-date listing of the members of the Board of Trustees of The Saint Paul Seminary Corporation may be accessed at:
https://saintpaulseminary.org/about/board-of-trustees/

Tuition, Fees, Refunds, and Billing

Tuition, Fees, Etc.:
Complete information on tuition, fees, and other charges may be accessed at: https://www.stthomas.edu/about/departments/business-office/tuition-fees-charges-related-payment-options/index.html

Refunds:
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity follows the schedule for refunds that is set by the University of St. Thomas for its undergraduate programs. Complete information may be accessed at: https://www.stthomas.edu/about/departments/business-office/paying-your-bill/erefunds/refund-policies-and-schedule/

Student Account Charges and Payment Options:
Tuition, fees, and other charges for the academic term are billed at the outset of each term. Students are responsible for timely payment of all amounts due to the University of St. Thomas. Charges are made to each student's account established at the time of registration, in accordance with the policies at: https://www.stthomas.edu/about/departments/business-office/tuition-fees-charges-related-payment-options/index.html

Students may pay their charges in a single lump sum by the first due date after the charges are billed, or they may pay their charges over a longer time period, in accordance with one of two Payment Plan options:

- The Extended Payment Plan is available to all students and allows students to pay charges for the fall, spring, and summer academic terms in installments. All charges must be fully paid before the end of the applicable term. Until the charges are fully paid, students will not be permitted to enroll in a subsequent academic term.
- The End of Term Payment Plan is available to students who do not receive financial aid from any source other than their employer, and who are eligible for an employer tuition reimbursement of at least 50% of the tuition balance based on receipt of a satisfactory grade report for the corresponding term. Under this plan, no tuition payment is required until after the end of the term, when grade reports have been issued. If the charges are not timely paid, students will not be permitted to enroll in a subsequent academic term.

Under the payment plans, monthly finance charges will be assessed on the unpaid balance in the student account.

Contact the Business Office for additional information about payment options.

Academic Policies: Student Rights & Responsibilities

Academic policies for The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity may be accessed at: https://saintpaulseminary.org/spssod/academics/academic-policies/

As members of the University of St. Thomas community, the rights and responsibilities of all students at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity are likewise governed by the Graduate Policies of the university. These may be accessed at: https://www.stthomas.edu/catalog/graduate-catalog/policies/index.html

Important Note: In the absence of a more stringent policy at the school or college level the University Graduate Academic Policies apply. Should a graduate program not have a specific policy or should there be omissions or gaps in the policy for a specific graduate school program, the University Graduate Policy shall govern.

Student Concerns and Complaints
For student concerns and complaints, please see the procedure on this webpage: https://www.stthomas.edu/about/consumer-information/student-concerns/index.html

Program Requirements

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity offers three master's degrees and one graduate-level certificate.

The four master's degrees are:

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL)
- Master of Arts in Theology (MAT)
- Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership for Mission and Culture

The graduate-level certificate program is:

- Catholic School Leadership

The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity also offers a Pre-Theology program (a.k.a. "Discipleship Stage") for priesthood candidates who have an undergraduate degree but did not attend college seminary.

Complete program information is available on The Saint Paul Seminary website.

Curriculum outlines for each of the above academic programs are included on the following pages.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2026-2027*

Fall Semester

Theology I		Credits
DVDT 501	Fundamental Theology	3
DVHS 501	Church History I: Patristic & Medieval Eras	3
DVDT 706	Theology of the Trinity (H)	3
DVSS 511	Pentateuch & Historical Books	3
DVST 501	Introduction to Sacraments & Worship	3
DVPT 500	Teaching Parish I.A	1

Theology II		Credits
DVDT 502	Ecclesiology	3
DVMT 601	Fundamental Moral Theology	3
DVPT 602	General Principles of Church Law	3
DVSS 740	Prophets	3
DVST 601	Eucharist	3
DVPT 600	Teaching Parish II.A	1

Theology III		Credits
DVDT 700	Grace & Eschatology	3
DVMT 725	Catholic Social Teaching (H)	3
DVSS 707	Johannine Literature & Catholic Letters	3
DVST 701	Christian Marriage	3
DVSS 740	Prophets	3
DVPT 740	Teaching Parish III.A	1

Theology IV		Credits
DVPT 713	Pastoral Counseling	2
DVPT 754	Advanced Homiletics	2
DVST 710	Liturgical Presidency II	2
DVHS 605	History of Religion in America	3
DVPT 795	Teaching Parish IV.A	1
	Topics Course	3

January / Summer Semester

Theology I		Credits
January		
DVPT 634	Encountering Our Lady and the Poor: Foundations of Hispanic Ministry	1
Summer		
DVPT 660	Multicultural Ministry	NCR

Theology II		Credits
January		
DVPT 704	Holy Land Seminar	1
Summer		
DVPT 511	Ministry to the Sick and Suffering	1
DVPT 625	Rural Ministry Practicum	2

Theology III		Credits
January		
DVPT 704	Holy Land Seminar	1
Summer		
DVPT 742	Summer Pastoral Program III	NCR

Theology IV		Credits
January		
	Diocesan/ Parish Placement	NCR

Spring Semester

Theology I		Credits
DVDT 504	Christology	3
DVHS 502	Church History II: Renaissance to the Present	3
DVPT 507	The Charismatic Gifts & Ministry	2
DVSS 521	Synoptic Gospels	3
DVPT 512	Public Speaking and Liturgical Chant	2
DVST 607	Theology of Holy Orders	2
DVPT 501	Teaching Parish I.B	1

Theology II		Credits
DVDT 505	Creation, *Imago Dei* & Original Sin	3
DVMT 610	Sexual Morality	3
DVSS 705	Pauline Literature & Acts (H)	3
DVST 602	Sacraments of Initiation & Healing	3
DVPT 601	Teaching Parish II.B	1
	Topics Course	3

Theology III		Credits
DVMT 703	Biomedical Ethics	2
DVSS 741	Wisdom and Deuterocanonical Books	3
DVSP 510	The Spiritual Tradition	2
DVST 709	Liturgical Presidency I	2
DVPT 620	Introduction to Homiletics	3
DVPT 790	Teaching Parish III.B	1
	Topics Course	3

Theology IV		Credits
DVPT 730	Church Administration (Feb.)	2
DVPT 798	Teaching Parish IV.B (Feb. & April)	2
DVPT 982	Master of Divinity Capstone (April)	2

NCR = Non-Credit Requirement
(H) = Homiletic Component
(M) = Multicultural Component

*N.B. As The Saint Paul Seminary transitions to the 2025 revision of the M.Div. curriculum, there will be some changes in the scheduling of courses over several academic years. The curriculum summary on the following page provides the proper sequencing of courses once the 2025 M.Div. curriculum revision is fully implemented.

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MASTER OF DIVINITY FOUR YEAR CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Effective as of

2028-2029

Fall Semester			January / Summer Semester			Spring Semester		
Theology I		**Credits**	**Theology I**		**Credits**	**Theology I**		**Credits**
DVDT 501	Fundamental Theology	3	**January**			DVDT 504	Christology	3
DVHS 501	Church History I: Patristic & Medieval Eras	3	DVPT 634	Encountering Our Lady and the Poor: Foundations of Hispanic Ministry	1	DVHS 502	Church History II: Renaissance to the Present	3
DVDT 706	Theology of the Trinity (H)	3				DVPT 507	The Charismatic Gifts & Ministry	2
DVSS 511	Pentateuch & Historical Books	3	**Summer**			DVSS 521	Synoptic Gospels	3
DVST 501	Introduction to Sacraments & Worship	3	DVPT 660	Multicultural Ministry	NCR	DVPT 512	Public Speaking and Liturgical Chant	2
DVPT 500	Teaching Parish I.A	1				DVST 607	Theology of Holy Orders	2
						DVPT 501	Teaching Parish I.B	1
Theology II		**Credits**	**Theology II**		**Credits**	**Theology II**		**Credits**
DVDT 502	Ecclesiology	3	**January**			DVDT 505	Creation, *Imago Dei* & Original Sin	3
DVMT 601	Fundamental Moral Theology	3	DVPT 704	Holy Land Seminar	1	DVMT 610	Sexual Morality	3
DVPT 602	General Principles of Church Law	3				DVSS 705	Pauline Literature & Acts (H)	3
DVSS 740	Prophets	3	**Summer**			DVST 602	Sacraments of Initiation & Healing	3
DVST 601	Eucharist	3	DVPT 511	Ministry to the Sick and Suffering	1	DVPT 601	Teaching Parish II.B	1
DVPT 600	Teaching Parish II.A	1	DVPT 625	Rural Ministry Practicum (M)	2		Topics Course	3
Theology III		**Credits**	**Theology III**		**Credits**	**Theology III**		**Credits**
DVDT 700	Grace & Eschatology	3	**January**			DVMT 703	Biomedical Ethics	2
DVMT 725	Catholic Social Teaching (H)	3	DVPT 726	Encountering Sts. Peter & Paul Seminar	1	DVSS 741	Wisdom & Deuterocanonical Literature	3
DVSS 707	Johannine Literature & Catholic Letters	3				DVSP 510	The Spiritual Tradition	2
DVST 701	Christian Marriage	3	**Summer**			DVST 709	Liturgical Presidency I (M)	2
DVPT 740	Teaching Parish III.A	1	DVPT 742	Summer Pastoral Program III	NCR	DVPT 620	Introduction to Homiletics (H)	3
	Topics Course	3				DVPT 790	Teaching Parish III.B	1
							Topics Course	3
Theology IV		**Credits**	**Theology IV**		**Credits**	**Theology IV**		**Credits**
DVPT 713	Pastoral Counseling	2	**January**			DVPT 730	Church Administration (February)	2
DVPT 754	Advanced Homiletics (H)	2		Diocesan / Parish Placement	NCR	DVPT 798	Teaching Parish IV.B (February & April)	2
DVST 710	Liturgical Presidency II (M)	2				DVPT 982	M.Div. Integrative Seminar (April)	2
DVPT 512	Pastoral Leadership	1						
DVHS 605	History of Religion in America (M)	3						
DVPT 795	Teaching Parish IV.A	1						
	Topics Course	3					**Total Credits**	**122**

NCR = Non-Credit Requirement
(H) = Homiletic Component
(M) = Multicultural Component

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PRE-THEOLOGY TWO YEAR CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

2026-2027

Fall Semester

Pre-Theology I		Credits
DVLS 505	Basic Ecclesiastical Latin I	3
DVPH 510	Logic for Theology	3
DVPH 512	Philosophy of Nature	3
DVPH 520	Ancient Philosophy	3
		12

Pre-Theology II		Credits
DVLS 507	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin I	3
DVPH 514	Epistemology	3
DVPH 515	Metaphysics	3
DVPH 522	Modern Philosophy	3
		12

January / Summer Semester

Pre-Theology I		Credits
January		
Save for theology credit or topics course.		3
	e.g., DVDT 500 The Christian Artistic Tradition	

Summer

Participate in FOCUS Summer Projects, SPO summer programs, Totus Tuus, or language study.

Pre-Theology II		Credits
January		
SEEK Conference.		
DVPT 513	Diocesan Placement	1

Summer

Participate in the IPF Program.

Spring Semester

Pre-Theology I		Credits
DVLS 506	Basic Ecclesiastical Latin II	3
DVPH 511	Philosophical Anthropology	3
DVPH 513	Ethics	3
DVPH 521	Medieval Philosophy	3
		12

Pre-Theology II		Credits
DVLS 508	Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin II	3
DVLS 510	Basic Biblical Greek	3
DVPH 516	Natural Theology	3
DVPH 523	Contemporary Philosophy	3
		12

Total Credits: 52

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Master of Arts in Catholic School Leadership for Mission and Culture (MACSLMC)

19 Required Credits fulfilled by the completion of the Certificate in Catholic School Leadership.
18 Elective Credits fulfilled by completion of one of three pathways.

Required Core Courses:	credits
DVDT 510: Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith for Catholic School Leaders	3
DVPT 575: Principles of Catholic School Leadership	3
DVPT 607: Non-Profit Leadership for Catholic School Leaders	2
DVPT 609: Catholic Schools and School Law	3
DVPT 627: The Philosophy and Mission of Catholic Schools	3
DVPT 670: Applied Catholic School Leadership	2
DVPT 675: Organizational Leadership for Catholic Schools	3

Elective Courses: 18

Students may choose from one of the following three pathways:

(1) Mission and Culture Path:
- Completion of the Certificate in the Mission and Culture of Catholic Education (Catholic Studies) in its entirety.

(2) Pastoral Theology Path:
- Completion of 18 credits from designated options at the School of Divinity.

(3) Interdisciplinary Path:
- Completion of 18 credits from the School of Divinity, Catholic Studies, &/or the School of Education.

Non-credit degree requirements:
- A portfolio and final assessment meeting.

TOTAL CREDITS 37

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Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL)

All courses are 3 credits each. Twelve courses (36 credits) are required for graduation.

Required Core Courses:	credits
(Theological Foundations)	
DVDT 503: Theological Anthropology	3
DVDT 530: Nature and Mission of the Church	3
DVDT 560: God and Revelation	3
DVMT 602: Fundamental Moral Theology & Catholic Social Teaching	3
DVSS 507: Theology of Sacred Scripture	3
(Pastoral Courses)	
DVPT 510: Theology of Pastoral Ministry	3
DVPT 605: Canon and Civil Law for Pastoral Ministry	3
DVST 605: Liturgy and Sacraments	3
Elective Courses:	
(4 Electives: chosen in consultation with academic advisor)	
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
Elective 3	3
Elective 4	3
(Electives *recommended* for Religious Education Concentration)	
DVPT 728: Catechetical Leadership	
DVPT 735: Curriculum Development	
DVPT 738: Administration & Stewardship	
4th Elective	

Non-credit degree requirements:

- Attendance at formation sessions for a span of four semesters.
- A portfolio and final assessment meeting.

TOTAL CREDITS 36

SAINT PAUL SEMINARY

Master of Arts in Theology (MAT)

All courses are 3 credits each. Eleven courses and a capstone experience of either comprehensive exams or a research thesis (36 credits) are required for graduation.

Required Core Courses:	credits
DVDT 502: Ecclesiology	3
DVDT 503: Theological Anthropology	3
DVDT 661: Christian Theology of God	3
DVHS 601: Patristics	3
DVMT 601: Fundamental Moral Theology	3
DVSS 525: Survey of Old Testament Literature	3
DVSS 530: Survey of New Testament Literature	3
DVST 608: Sacramental Theology	3
Elective Courses:	
Elective 1	3
Elective 2	3
Elective 3	3
Non-Credit Degree Requirements:	
Language Proficiency in Second (Research) Language	
Capstone Experience:	
Written and Oral Comprehensive Examinations (DVDT 903)	
OR Master's Thesis (DVxx 902)	3
TOTAL CREDITS:	36

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Graduate Certificate in Catholic School Leadership (CSL)

Certificate Requirements:
Seven required courses, totaling 19 credit hours, offered sequentially in a cohort model.

Required Core Courses:	credits
(Academic)	
DVDT 510: Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith for Catholic School Leaders	3
DVPT 575: Principles of Catholic School Leadership	3
DVPT 607: Non-Profit Leadership for Catholic School Leaders	2
DVPT 609: Catholic Schools and School Law	3
DVPT 627: The Philosophy and Mission of Catholic Schools	3
DVPT 670: Applied Catholic School Leadership	2
DVPT 675: Organizational Leadership for Catholic Schools	3

Non-Credit Elements:

(Formation)
An opening retreat, Saturday mornings of reflection, times for private and communal prayer, the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and daily Mass, along with opportunities for spiritual direction and theological reflection.

(Community)
Summers in residence at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity nurture the bonds of community through shared meals, communal worship, time for socializing and recreation, and ample occasions to collaborate with colleagues on course assignments and projects.

TOTAL CREDITS	19

Complete Course Listing

Dogmatic/Systematic Theology

DVDT 500 Christian Artistic Tradition (2 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course introduces the sacred arts as they developed out of the doctrinal, theological, and liturgical life of the Church, both East and West. The course includes thematic discussions of the visual arts, music, architecture, and literature, with a special emphasis on the relation between theoretical principles and the technical elements proper to the art forms under consideration. The course also examines the emergence of explicitly modern artistic expressions which develop out of philosophical principles that contradistinguish themselves from their Classical and Christian precursors.

DVDT 501 Fundamental Theology (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course examines the principles and foundations of Catholic theology regarding its nature and method, the relationship between philosophy and theology, theology as the science of ecclesial faith, and its sources in Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church.

DVDT 502 Ecclesiology (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAT Required Course
This course explores the origin, nature, and mission of the Church in Scripture and Tradition, especially the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*. The course addresses the Church as sacrament and mystery, the marks of the Church and ecumenism, the concept and meaning of the People of God, and the relationship between the laity and the ordained ministry. The course includes a special focus on the Blessed Virgin Mary as a type of the Church. Prerequisite: M.Div. Students - DVDT 501 or permission of instructor.

DVDT 503 Theological Anthropology (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course; MAT Required Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course examines the principles that inform a Catholic understanding of the human person including: the revealed truths of creation, sin, grace, justification, merit, and final glory. It also addresses questions regarding the relationship between natural and supernatural ends, and between the human person's supernatural vocation and role in the world. Special attention is given to how such content informs lay pastoral leadership and effective ministry.

DVDT 504 Christology (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course investigates the fundamental principles that govern the Catholic understanding of the person of Jesus Christ and his redemptive work. It considers the controversies and councils of the early Church, the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, and contemporary theology. Prerequisite: DVDT 501; dual-degree students may substitute for DVDT 661.

DVDT 505 Creation, *Imago Dei,* and Original Sin (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course examines the origins and meaning of human existence from the perspectives of creation, original sin, grace, and redemption in Jesus Christ. The course focuses on the unity and dignity of the human person created in the image of God, the relationship between grace and freedom, and the relationship between each person's supernatural vocation and role in the world. Prerequisite: DVDT 501.

DVDT 510 Fundamentals of the Catholic Faith for Catholic School Leaders (3 credits)

MACSLMC Required Course; CSL Required Course
This course presents the essential elements of the Catholic tradition. Through an examination of both primary and secondary texts, students will investigate the Church's understanding of the human person, natural and divine revelation, reason and faith, the role of education in the Church, sacred tradition, Church doctrine, prayer, the sacraments, and Catholic social teaching's engagement with the broader culture.

DVDT 530 Nature and Mission of the Church (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course explores the origin, nature, and mission of the Church as revealed in Scripture and Tradition. The course examines the Church as mystery, People of God, Body of Christ, and sacrament. It also addresses the marks of the Church, ecumenism, the magisterium, and the relationship between the laity and the ordained ministry. Special attention is given to the ecclesiology of the Second Vatican Council with a focus on the conciliar texts. Questions of Church unity and diversity, inculturation, and development of doctrine are examined.

DVDT 560 God and Revelation (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course is a general introduction to the Christian theology of God. It examines the claims and limits of natural theology as a foundation for understanding God's self-revelation in Sacred Scripture, as well as the dogmatic development of the latter which illumines the meaning of both. Specific themes include theology proper, God the creator and the order of creation, trinitarian theology, Christology, and soteriology.

DVDT 661 Christian Theology of God (3 credits)

MAT Required Course
Presents a Christian understanding of God based on Scripture and the historical tradition, with attention given to questions of interpretation. This course emphasizes careful reading of key magisterial texts, their implications for the development of Christology and Trinitarian theology, and contemporary questions and issues.

DVDT 700 Grace and Eschatology (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course examines the mystery of divine grace as the self-gift of God to the human person and the means by which fallen humanity is restored and elevated to friendship with God. It explores the nature of grace and its anthropological and ecclesiological effects. Among the fundamental questions considered are the relationship between grace and human freedom, the notion of merit, and the Catholic understanding of predestination. Prerequisite: DVDT 501.

DVDT 702 Theology of Mary (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Presents an historical and systematic survey on Catholic teaching about Mary as understood within the mystery of Christ and of the Church. The course also considers Mary in the interfaith context, Latin American devotion, apparitions, the development of Marian dogmas, writings by recent popes and Mary in contemporary theology. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 501.

DVDT 706 Theology of the Trinity (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course explores the doctrine of the Trinity as it has been developed in the Catholic tradition. Consideration is given to the nature, attributes, and activity of God; as well as the natural knowledge of God and language about God. The course also considers how the understanding of God shapes the Christian life.

DVDT 707 Theology of the Holy Spirit (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Examines the pneumatological dimension of theology in God's creative, redemptive, and sanctifying activity in salvation history as it is witnessed to in Scripture and Tradition. Topics include the role of the Spirit in various fields of theological concern: Trinity, Christology, ecclesiology, ecumenism, eschatology, sacraments and grace. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 504.

DVDT 708 Christ and the Religions (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Explores various approaches undertaken today by several representative Christian theologians and movements in their attempts to account for the relevance and importance of Christ in the context of other world religions. The course will introduce and evaluate some proposals for integrating the fruits of interreligious dialogue with a Christian understanding of Jesus Christ. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVDT 661 or permission of the instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 504.

DVDT 712 Theology since Vatican II (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Considers contemporary questions confronting theology in the period after the Second Vatican Council. Topics and focus areas may include the rise of liberation and feminist theologies, historical consciousness, science and theology, the threat of doctrinal relativism, ecumenical theology, and the place of Jesus Christ and the Christian church in a non-Eurocentric world. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 502 and DVDT 504.

DVDT 731 Readings in Aquinas: *Summa theologiae, prima pars* (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the *Prima pars* of the *Summa Theologiae.*

DVDT 732 Readings in Aquinas: *Summa theologiae, prima secundae* (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the *Prima secundae* of the *Summa Theologiae.*

DVDT 733 Readings in Aquinas: *Summa theologiae, secunda secundae* (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the *Secunda secundae* of the *Summa Theologiae.*

DVDT 734 Readings in Aquinas: *Summa theologiae, tertia pars* (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the *Tertia pars* of the *Summa Theologiae.*

DVDT 800 Topics in Dogmatic/Systematic Theology (3 credits)

DVDT 902 Thesis: Dogmatic/Systematic Theology (3 credits)

DVDT 903 Comprehensive Examination (3 credits)

Historical Studies

DVHS 501 Church History I: The Patristic and Medieval Eras (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course studies the history of Christianity from its origins to the late Middle Ages of the fifteenth century. It requires a critical analysis of primary source documents, examining the historical origins of church institutions, practices, and doctrines. Attention is given to the interaction of social, political, cultural, and theological factors that shaped and influenced the Christian tradition throughout the Patristic and Medieval eras.

DVHS 502 Church History II: Renaissance to the Present (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course studies the history of Christianity from the fifteenth century to the present time. It surveys major events and developments, including the Protestant and Catholic reformations, Church/state relations in the eras of absolutism and revolution, the councils of Vatican I and Vatican II, and the complexity and diversity of global Christianity. Prerequisite: DVHS 501.

DVHS 601 Patristics (3 credits)

MAT Required Course; M.Div. Elective Course
This course introduces the literature and theological themes of the patristic period, from the first to the seventh centuries. The course emphasizes the reading and discussion of primary sources in translation. Themes may include the formation of Christian doctrine, the Church, spiritual life broadly construed, the interpretation of the Bible, the relation of faith and culture, and the emergence of a Christian consciousness of history. Pre-requisite: M.Div. Students - DVHS 501.

DVHS 605 History of Religion in America (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the development of prominent Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic Church in the United States. Attention is also given to various religious experiments, divergent theological opinions, and other spiritual phenomena that have flourished in this country. Ecumenical and multicultural considerations include an examination of the experiences of various indigenous, ethnic, and racial groups that have significantly influenced the American religious landscape. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

DVHS 703 Reformation Christianity (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Investigates the origins of the Protestant tradition through the writings of Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and the Radical reformers, among others. The course examines the Roman Catholic response, especially as articulated by Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila and the Council of Trent. Among the theological topics the course considers are marriage and family life, religious and political authority, and the status of women. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601 or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

DVHS 706 Judaism and Christianity in Dialogue (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Examines the theological, historical and practical relationships between Christianity and Judaism with special reference to fundamental shared beliefs and differences, the relationship of Jesus and the early Church to Israel, the history of Jewish-Christian relations, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust from Jewish and Christian perspectives, comparisons and contrasts in liturgy and spirituality, the implementation of Jewish-Christian relations on the congregational level, and current relations between Jews and Christians. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

DVHS 707 Christianity in the Middle Ages (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Introduces how Christians of the Middle Ages reflected upon revelation, particularly addressing Augustinianism and the development of scholasticism. Students read and discuss translated texts from the period to gain an understanding of the historical context of the medieval reflections and to acquire theological appreciation for the texts. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601 or permission of instructor; DVHS 501.

DVHS 712 Eastern Christianity (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course focuses on various branches of Christianity whose ancient roots are in the eastern half of the Roman Empire or beyond. These churches include Eastern Orthodoxy, the non-Chalcedonian or "Oriental Orthodox" Christian churches, the Assyrian Church of the East and Eastern Catholic churches. Topics will vary, but may include the history of a particular church, the history of a group of churches in a particular area (e.g., Eastern Europe or the Middle East), or a particular period in the history of Eastern Christianity. Significant attention will be given to the relations of these churches to the Roman Catholic Church both in the past and in the present. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601; M.Div. Students - DVHS 501.

DVHS 714 Christianity since the Enlightenment (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Examines Christianity's interaction with the world in the modern era (17th-20th centuries) and its response to major social, political, and philosophical developments that have presented considerable challenges to Christian theology. Topics may include: the Enlightenment, natural sciences, historical and social sciences, political and philosophical systems hostile to religion, and the secularization of society. Prerequisite: MAT. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

DVHS 800 Topics in Historical Studies (2-3 credits)

DVHS 902 Thesis: Historical Studies (3 credits)

Language Studies

DVLS 505 Basic Ecclesiastical Latin I (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is an introduction to the fundamentals of Ecclesiastical Latin, that is, the Latin language as it developed within the context of the liturgical, legal, and intellectual life of the Western Church. It emphasizes the essentials of grammar and syntax and develops the vocabulary necessary for praying in the language of the Church and for thoughtful engagement of her intellectual tradition in preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVLS 506 Basic Ecclesiastical Latin II (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is a continuation of Basic Ecclesiastical Latin I. Students will learn more advanced principles of grammar and syntax, while continuing to develop the vocabulary necessary for praying in the language of the Church and for thoughtful engagement of her intellectual tradition in preparation for the Catholic priesthood. Prerequisite: DVLS 505.

DVLS 507 Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin I (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course focuses on the Latin of the Vulgate, as well as Roman Catholic liturgical texts. Additionally, it will introduce students to original texts of the Catholic theological and doctrinal tradition. Students will continue to broaden their vocabulary and reading skills of ecclesiastical Latin. The course emphasizes the essentials of grammar and syntax and develops the vocabulary necessary for praying in the language of the Church and for thoughtful engagement of her intellectual tradition in preparation for the Catholic priesthood. Prerequisite: DVLS 506.

DVLS 508 Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin II (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is a continuation of Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin I. Students will continue to study the Vulgate and Roman Catholic liturgical texts, even as they will read more advanced works in the Catholic theological and doctrinal tradition. In particular, students will be introduced to the great Latin writers of the patristic age, such as Tertullian, St. Augustine, and St. Leo the Great, as well as important works from the High Middle Ages, such as the *Summa Theologiae* of St. Thomas Aquinas. Prerequisite: DVLS 507.

DVLS 510 Basic Biblical Greek (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is a one-semester survey of *Koine* Greek. Its purpose is to equip students with enough knowledge of the phonology, morphology, grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the Greek New Testament to do basic reading and study with the aid of a lexicon. Students will also learn the etymologies of a variety of Greek terms which have been pivotal in the history of doctrine and the tradition of the Church.

Moral Theology

DVMT 601 Fundamental Moral Theology (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAT Required Course
This course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles of Catholic moral theology. Special attention is given to the sources of morality, moral decision-making, the natural law tradition in conscience formation, and Catholic social thought. In M.Div. sections, the course includes the assessment of human actions especially in light of the sacrament of Reconciliation.

DVMT 602 Fundamental Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course introduces the fundamental principles of Catholic moral theology and Catholic social teaching. Special attention is given to the sources of morality, moral decision-making, the natural law tradition, and conscience formation. These elements form the basis for an overview of the major themes of Catholic social teaching as reflected in Sacred Scripture, papal encyclicals, and other church documents. Students will have an opportunity to apply their learning to selected issues that arise in the context of pastoral leadership.

DVMT 610 Sexual Morality (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course identifies and evaluates the Catholic theological principles that inform the Church's engagement with sexual morality. Special attention is given to major documents and teaching instruments employed by the Church. The course also enables students to identify and apply ethical principles in the evaluation of human sexuality. Prerequisite: DVMT 601 or DVMT 602.

DVMT 703 Biomedical Ethics (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course presents essential Catholic theological principles that inform the Church's teachings on issues of biomedical morality. Students examine the major documents relevant to the field and consider how to apply them in a pastorally effective manner. Prerequisite: DVMT 601 or DVMT.

DVMT 704 Christian Virtues (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course
This course analyzes the virtue tradition for Christian living. The course shows how the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance relate to the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity. It presents a virtue-based perspective that illuminates practical aspects of the life of faith. Prerequisites for seminarians in the M.Div. degree program: DVMT 601 and at least one dogmatic theology course at the 600-level.

DVMT 706 Integral Ecology (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course will provide the occasion to consider the complex issue of "environmental stewardship" from the perspectives of traditional Catholic theses concerning the meaning of creation and the status of the human person within it. Special emphasis is given to the Thomistic categories of natural philosophy and theology. The seminar course will include common readings to be discussed at each class in light of fundamental themes developed throughout the whole.

DVMT 725 Catholic Social Teaching (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course provides an overview of the Church's social teaching as found in Scripture and ecclesial documents. It promotes the vision of the common good that unites the principles of Catholic social thought and their implications for contemporary issues and life in community. Finally, it explores ways to integrate the vision and principles in the preparation of homilies. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.

DVMT 800 Topics in Moral Theology (2-3 credits)

DVMT 902 Thesis: Moral Theology (3 credits)

Philosophy

DVPH 503 Catholic Readings Seminar I (3 credits)

Propaedeutic Stage Required Course
This course provides an introduction to the formation of the Catholic imagination, with a focus on formation for the priesthood. Attention is given to the reading and discussion of various forms of literature and their impact on the cultivation of the mind of the disciple. It aligns with Pope Francis' *Letter on the Role of Literature in Formation* (July 17, 2024).

DVPH 504 Catholic Readings Seminar II (3 credits)

Propaedeutic Stage Required Course
This course continues the study begun in Catholic Readings Seminar I, giving additional emphasis to the development of the Catholic imagination, with a focus on formation for the priesthood. Attention is given to the reading and discussion of various forms of literature and their impact on the cultivation of the mind of the disciple. It aligns with Pope Francis' *Letter on the Role of Literature in Formation* (July 17, 2024).

DVPH 510 Logic for Theology (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course introduces students to philosophical logic and the basic forms of reasoning necessary for theological studies and priestly ministry. It also aims to show examples of these patterns of reasoning, with a special emphasis on the work of Thomas Aquinas. The course familiarizes students with the lexicon, distinctions, and intellectual habits necessary to approach existential questions of perennial importance. Students learn to apply principles of logic to reading and writing for future theological studies in preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVPH 511 Philosophical Anthropology (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course introduces students to the fundamental question: "What does it mean to be human?" Special attention is given to this question in the work of Thomas Aquinas, whose philosophical anthropology provides the normative foundation for the Church's intellectual, doctrinal, and moral reflection. It also addresses contemporary challenges to Christian anthropology. This course is offered as preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVPH 512 Philosophy of Nature (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course examines the sensible beings of material reality—inanimate and animate—in their natures, their mutability, and their causes. Special attention will be given to the relation of matter and form, the categories of being, and the nature of change. Because sensible beings are more knowable to the human mind, this course is ordered towards preparing students for further philosophical studies in what is more knowable in itself in the study of Metaphysics and Natural Theology.

DVPH 513 Ethics (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course provides an introductory survey of the foundations and methods of ethical reasoning in the philosophical tradition. Special attention will be given to the thought of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the ways in which ethical reasoning in the philosophical tradition is to be considered from the vantage of the Catholic doctrinal and moral tradition. This course is offered as preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVPH 514 Epistemology (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course treats epistemology within the larger context of both a phenomenology of the knowing subject and a psychology of the soul, especially as these are rooted in the philosophical tradition of metaphysical realism. The course focuses principally on the contributions of Aristotle and St. Thomas Aquinas to the question of the intellect's relation to the order of being.

DVPH 515 Metaphysics (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is an examination of what Aristotle called "First Philosophy." That is, it is an inquiry into the nature of being as such. Special attention will be paid to questions of essence and existence, substance and accidents, form and matter, potency and act, and causality, as well as the analogy of being and the transcendental attributes of being.

DVPH 516 Natural Theology (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is a systematic treatment of philosophical arguments concerning the existence and attributes of God. Special attention will be given to the contributions of Aristotle and Aquinas to the questions regarding the nature and limits of the knowledge of God attainable by the light of unaided intellect.

DVPH 520 Ancient Philosophy (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course provides an introductory survey of the sources of philosophical inquiry in the Ancient Greek, Roman and/or Judeo-Christian sources. Special attention will be given to the works of the Pre-Socratics, Plato and Aristotle. In addition, some attention will be given to philosophical principles considered in the Hebrew Bible and the Christian New Testament where appropriate. This course is offered as preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVPH 521 Medieval Philosophy (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course is an investigation of major philosophical questions in their medieval context. Special emphasis will be given to the philosophy of St. Thomas Aquinas. Possible topics include: the existence of God, the relation of faith and reason, free will and the providence of God, and the relation of political and ecclesiastical authority.

DVPH 522 Modern Philosophy (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course provides an introductory survey of the major philosophical figures from the 16th to the 20th century. Special attention will also be given to how those figures and their respective philosophical views intersect with the main outlines of Roman Catholic intellectual tradition of the same period. This course is offered as preparation for the Catholic priesthood.

DVPH 523 Contemporary Philosophy (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This course investigates several major schools of philosophy with the Western tradition from the 19th and 20th centuries and how they have impacted contemporary thought and culture. In particular, it considers the influence of romanticism, existentialism, postmodernism, neo-thomism, and phenomenology. It considers briefly the contours of analytic philosophy in contrast to continental philosophy.

Pastoral Theology

Catholic School Leadership

DVPT 575 Principles of Catholic School Leadership (3 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
This course introduces students to the principles of various leadership theories seen through the lens of the Catholic faith. It will provide students with the theoretical framework to see their leadership practice as a ministry within the Church, enabling them to direct their Catholic schools with the mind of the Church. Students will consider how leadership practice animated by a lively Catholic faith equips them to pursue academic and organizational excellence. Focus areas may include mission focused strategic planning; communication strategies; the development of school culture; ongoing faith education for faculty, staff, and parents; meeting the needs of diverse learners; and continuous improvement.

DVPT 607 Non-Profit Leadership for Catholic School Leaders (2 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
This course prepares Catholic school leaders to manage their non-profit, Catholic organizations, while introducing future leaders to core business principles and Catholic moral requirements, precisely as an exercise in ecclesial ministry. With a focus on efficient and organizationally sound managerial practices in an educational environment, this course offers students learn the theoretical insights and techniques appropriate in the mission focused, ministry-minded "small business environment" of a local Catholic school. Areas of emphasis include: planning; mission leadership; staff development; budget and finances; communications; marketing; relationship management; and problem solving within school, parish, and Archdiocesan communities.

DVPT 609 Catholic Schools and School Law (3 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
This course equips students with the necessary practical tools for Catholic school leaders to navigate the complexities of the law as it applies to both private and Catholic schools. From the Code of Canon Law to local, state, and federal statutes and regulations, this course includes instruction on all levels of the law while maintaining a core focus on employment law and school-related law for the distinct mission and ministry of Catholic education. Beginning with a broad understanding of law as articulated by St. Thomas Aquinas, and then moving on to practical implications of underlying principles and practices, the course applies legal reasoning and Catholic moral teaching as it examines student-handbooks, hiring practices, employee-handbooks, and legal issues in light of specific cases that typically arise in Catholic schools.

DVPT 627 The Philosophy, and Mission of Catholic Schools (3 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
This course introduces students to the origins and philosophical principles that have defined the mission and purpose of Catholic education, both in approach and content, over the course of history. Reading the key texts that have shaped the development of Catholic educational philosophy, students will investigate the Church's unique contribution to educational theory and practice. Additionally, the course examines the historic and current role of the Catholic school in society and within the Church through a careful reading and discussion of Church documents on education.

DVPT 670 Applied Catholic School Leadership (2 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
In this course, each student is paired with an experienced Catholic school leader who provides mentorship to the student at a Catholic school throughout the academic year. This course allows students to apply the theoretical principles and strategies of Catholic school leadership presented in their coursework to real situations in the Catholic school in order to increase the effectiveness of their practice as a Catholic school leader. Students gain valuable experience in the Catholic school and immediate support for this demanding role. Periodic online class meetings provide an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences, challenges, and goals in light of the mentorship experience. Prerequisite: DVPT 575

DVPT 675 Organizational Leadership for Catholic Schools (3 credits)

CSL Required Course; MACSLMC Required Course
Building on the principles of mission and ministry of Catholic education, this course prepares students for organizational leadership animated by the Church's vision for Catholic schools. With an emphasis on advanced practice in Catholic school leadership, students will apply the foundational principles of Catholic school leadership by considering the real-life complexities of leading a Catholic school. Focus areas may include Catholic school culture; the development, supervision, and evaluation of faculty and staff; academic excellence; hiring practices; stakeholder relationships; and conflict management. Prerequisite: DVPT 575.

Homiletics

DVPT 612 Foundations of Personal and Ecclesial Prayer (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course
This course introduces students to the theological foundations and spiritual practices that serve as the basis of both personal and ecclesial prayer in the Catholic tradition. It provides students with the knowledge and tools they need to develop a personal habit of prayer, including exposure to the classical forms of Catholic devotional prayer. It then prepares students to lead the ecclesial community in prayer for rites other than the Eucharist including ministry to the sick, presiding and preaching the Liturgy of the Hours, catechumenate rites, wake and graveside services, and services of Word and Communion.

DVPT 620 Introduction to Homiletics (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course introduces the theory and practice of homiletics, surveying homiletic history and recent Church documents. It focuses on the integration of Scripture and liturgy with congregational needs and the preacher's character. The course equips students with methods of homiletic preparation and delivery that encourage on-going development in the art of preaching. Prerequisite: DVPT 512.

DVPT 704 Holy Land Seminar (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This seminar offers students a J-Term experience in the Holy Land to study its historical, biblical, and ecumenical importance. The focus of this immersion experience is on the practice of preaching with special attention to incorporating historical-critical, textual, liturgical, and theological methods of exegesis.

DVPT 754 Advanced Homiletics (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course expands on methods of preparation and delivery essential for homiletics, focusing on the preaching that accompanies baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Attention is given to preaching with ecumenical sensitivity and special occasions such as times of communal crises. Prerequisite: DVPT 620.

Pastoral Ministry

DVPT 500 The Christian Artistic Tradition (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Elective Course
This course introduces the sacred arts as they developed out of the doctrinal, theological, and liturgical life of the Church, both East and West. The course includes thematic discussions of the visual arts, music, architecture, and literature, with a special emphasis on the relation between theoretical principles and the technical elements proper to the art forms under consideration. The course also examines the emergence of explicitly modern artistic expressions which develop out of philosophical principles that contradistinguish themselves from their Classical and Christian precursors.

DVPT 505 Parish Placement (3 credits)

Pre-Theology Required Course
Provides an encounter with pastoral life and practice as students continue their discernment for ministry. Students develop and complete a learning contract with the host pastor of the placement site to gain an experiential understanding of the parish structure, relationships and pastoral encounters. The course concludes with a guided retreat.

DVPT 507 The Charismatic Gifts and Ministry (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
By a review of Sacred Scripture, Church Fathers, and magisterial teaching from the Second Vatican Council II to the present, this course studies how the Holy Spirit provides charisms, or gifts for ministry, especially apt for a "new apostolic age" and operative in the Church today. It also seeks to dispose seminarians to receive a fresh outpouring of these charisms and provides practical guidance on how to put them to use in ordained ministry and how to foster them in their future parishioners.

DVPT 510 Theology of Pastoral Ministry (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course examines the Church's teaching on the call to pastoral ministry and the complementary but distinctive roles of priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers in the work of the Church. The course focuses on the theological foundations of pastoral ministry and the context for ministry in the contemporary American Church. It also incorporates the development of pastoral and leadership skills necessary for witnessing to and transmitting the faith in a ministerial or educational context.

DVPT 512 Public Speaking and Liturgical Chant (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course provides an introduction to the basic skills of community leadership necessary for priestly ministry. Its primary focus presents principles and practices necessary for public speaking. Additionally, it gives an introduction to the basic skills for leadership in pastoral and liturgical settings, especially for the public proclamation of Scripture and liturgical chant.

DVPT 513 Diocesan Practicum (1 credit)

Pre-Theology Required Course
This practicum provides an opportunity to gain basic knowledge of and practical experience in a seminarian's own diocese. Time will be spent in the diocese with guided activities and regular reflection designed to introduce the seminarian to the particular context in which he will exercise pastoral charity as a priest. Attention will be given to the unique character of each diocese in five areas: culture, history, spirituality, pastoral issues, and organizational structures of the diocese itself and its parishes.

DVPT 516 Pastoral Leadership (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
The course provides ongoing skill development necessary for pastoral leadership in priestly ministry. It presents principles and practices necessary for leadership and teaching in diverse settings including effective catechetical formation in multicultural parish contexts. Prerequisite: DVPT 512.

DVPT 602 General Principles of Church Law (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course treats briefly the history and status of Canon Law and the norms governing its interpretation. It focuses on the first four books of the 1983 Code of Canon Law: General Norms, the People of God, the Teaching Office of the Church, and the Sacraments. The course serves as a foundation for addressing canonical issues and questions arising in pastoral ministry.

DVPT 605 Canon and Civil Law for Pastoral Ministry (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course
This course surveys the antecedents and status of law in the Church, norms governing the interpretation of law, the rights and obligations of all members of the Church, and legal provisions regarding the teaching, sanctifying and governing ministries of the Church. It presents the Code of Canon Law as a resource for responding to canonical issues and questions arising in pastoral ministry; e.g. annulments and remarriage, encumbrances to the reception of the sacraments, and the roles and functions of parochial structures. The course also addresses some civil law questions related to employment of personnel and protection of children and vulnerable adults.

DVPT 618 Community and Mission in a Diverse Church (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course; MACSLMC Elective Course
This course explores the challenge of building community and ministering in a Church and society that is culturally, religiously and ethnically diverse. The course emphasizes the skills for developing community by fostering individual gifts and cultivating the leadership and service of the laity. It also gives attention to the ways that people from various ministries can work together to achieve common goals. Special attention is given to the multifaceted expressions of Catholicism within the local Church.

DVPT 625 Rural Ministry Practicum (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course explores the issues, rewards, and challenges of ministry in rural settings. Based on insights from *Laudato Si',* it focuses on the meaning and development of an integral ecology in a Catholic context. An onsite practicum fosters theological reflection and pastoral responses to concerns in diverse rural communities through engagement with priests, lay leaders, and others in rural ministry and service.

DVPT 634 Encountering Our Lady and the Poor: Foundations of Hispanic Ministry (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This course studies the history and present context of the Church in Mexico, of the Latino community in the United States, and of Hispanic Catholic culture more generally, in order to gain insight into the most effective means of evangelization in the modern world. The course aims to facilitate an encounter with Jesus Christ in the persons of the poor and the immigrant, with the Virgin Mary through her appearances to St. Juan Diego at Tepeyac, and with the Holy Spirit as he animates the life of disciples in the local and universal Church. Emphasis will be given to the priest's role in forming missionary disciples and effecting the transformation of culture within the local ecclesial setting.

DVPT 712 Ministry to Families (3 credits)

M.Div. Elective Course; MACSLMC Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course
Introduces family systems theory, explores the dynamics that contribute to healthy and unhealthy families, examines family life within the diverse cultural framework of American society, and presents a theology of family based on Church documents. Through lecture, discussion and limited fieldwork, students will gain an awareness of pastoral strategies for working with families.

DVPT 713 Pastoral Counseling (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course develops the skills and perspective needed for the priest in his role as pastoral counselor. Drawing upon the contributions of psychology and Catholic anthropology, it develops skills needed for effective counseling interactions with attention given to the issues of appropriate boundaries and resources for referral. Prior field experience is presumed.

DVPT 726 Encountering Sts. Peter and Paul (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This course addresses the Church's engagement in missiology, evangelization, and ecumenism through visits to Rome and select sites of St. Paul in Greece or Turkey. Special attention is given to pertinent parts of Sacred Scripture, relevant documents of the Second Vatican Council and recent encyclicals. To gain understanding of missionary activity and its relationship to diocesan ministry, the course includes on-site visits with selected dicasteries of the Roman curia, discussions with Church and ecumenical leaders, encounters with international religious and lay communities active in the missionary apostolate and visits to sites based on their scriptural, ecclesial and historical significance.

DVPT 728 Catechetical Leadership (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course (Recommended for Religious Education Concentration)
This course examines principles of leadership and organizational theory with application to the ministry of catechesis, evangelization, and faith formation. It includes skill development in communication, conflict resolution, collaborative leadership, and the coordination of programs for lifelong faith formation. It emphasizes liturgical catechesis, lectionary-based catechesis, and the development of teaching and leadership skills required for sacramental preparation of parishioners in collaboration with catechetical leaders, youth ministers, and religious educators in schools.

DVPT 730 Church Administration (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course provides a basic understanding of the civil and canonical administration of the parish. Key topics include the proper stewardship of Church property and finances, personnel management, and administrative leadership. Resources are also provided that will support a priest's continued formation in these areas. Prerequisite: DVPT 602.

DVPT 735 Curriculum Development (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course (Recommended for Religious Education Concentration)
This course provides leaders in Catholic schools and religious education programs with the knowledge and skills they need to select, develop, and evaluate curricula. The course begins with the definition of key terms in the world of catechesis and Catholic education. The course also includes principles and practices related to child development, diverse learners, different educational methods, the training of catechists, and steps for planning, implementing, and reviewing curricular resources.

DVPT 738 Administration and Stewardship (3 credits)

MACSLMC Elective Course; MAPL Elective Course (Recommended for Religious Education Concentration)
This course introduces students to the stewardship of the resources of the Church at the parish level, mindful of the parish's role in sanctification. It treats issues related to the administration of parish staff, the work of pastoral councils and committees, and the promotion of ministerial relationships. Students engage in field research and/or learn from the tutelage of experienced church administrator at local parishes.

DVPT 800 Topics in Pastoral Ministry (2-3 credits)

DVPT 900 Seminar in Pastoral Theology (3 credits)

DVPT 982 Master of Divinity Capstone (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This capstone seminar guides seminarians in a final review of their theological formation for future pastoral practice. The course utilizes case studies and assessment instruments to hone practical skills necessary for priestly ministry.

Supervised Ministry

DVPT 500 Teaching Parish I.A (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This course provides foundational theological principles derived from a variety of ecclesial documents for the formation of a pastor's heart in the pattern of the Good Shepherd and with the love Christ has for the Church. Seminarians begin to observe pastoral practice in their teaching parishes, reflecting on how God is calling them to be shepherds of souls. Through frequent interactions with parish staff, the formation of and meetings with a teaching parish committee, and regular attendance at church events and liturgies, students become acquainted with the history and distinctive characteristics of their respective parishes.

DVPT 501 Teaching Parish I.B (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This supervised ministry course provides first-year theology students with a greater understanding of the pastoral care given in a parish setting to the sick and those in need through ongoing participation in the Teaching Parish Program. By completing the tasks outlined in the Teaching Parish Program Manual for Theology I Spring Semester, seminarians gain valuable experience in the work of pastoral care that will be of benefit to future ministry. Prerequisite: DVPT 500.

DVPT 511 Ministry to the Sick and Suffering (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This program provides an opportunity to integrate theological studies with pastoral experiences involving ministry to the sick and suffering. Both didactic and practical elements are included in one of two options: Ministry to the Sick and Suffering or Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an accredited medical facility.

DVPT 514 Ministry to the Sick and Suffering for Externs (3 credits)

Course for Non-SPS Seminarians
This course immerses the seminarian in the Roman Catholic Church's spirituality and ministry of pastoral care. The course addresses the Church's approach to sickness, addiction, suffering, death, and ministry to grieving families. Under the mentorship of a chaplain, the student visits the sick and suffering to refine his ministry skills and strengthen his pastoral presence.

DVPT 600 Teaching Parish II.A (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course

This course provides an introduction to how a parish passes on the "Good News of Jesus Christ" through educational and catechetical programs. Seminarians learn effective pastoral planning as an outgrowth of lesson planning. As they learn to apply various educational principles, students engage in teaching activities with young parishioners who participate in sacramental preparation sessions, faith formation/religious education classes, and/or school programs. Theological reflection continues with the pastor and teaching parish committee, along with a review of the seminarian's teaching experiences. Prerequisite: DVPT 501.

DVPT 601 Teaching Parish II.B (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course

This course concentrates on the development of theological understanding of fundamental aspects of faith in both its dogmatic and sacramental expressions. Seminarians are introduced to the issues, processes, and structures involved in the faith development of adults and in effective methods of teaching the faith. Emphasis is given to the process of conversion and sound pastoral methods that facilitate conversion. Within the context of a supervised ministry experience, seminarians actively engage in the teaching parish's RCIA program or other adult faith formation experiences. Prerequisite: DVPT 600.

DVPT 660 Multicultural Ministry (Non-Credit Requirement for Seminarians)

M.Div. Required Course

Multicultural Ministry provides supervised opportunities for seminarians to be involved in: A. Spanish Language & Culture Immersion; B. Multicultural Parish Placement; or C. Language Tutoring Parish Placement. The length of time for each opportunity is determined by the Director of Pastoral Formation, but is usually seven to ten weeks.

DVPT 740 Teaching Parish III.A (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course

This course provides seminarians with experience in building relationships with diverse cultural groups in the parish and local community. Participants learn about the needs of the local community and apply principles of Catholic social teaching to the pastoral context, developing sensitivity for cultural differences and promoting a charitable attitude towards other religious traditions. Seminarians also engage in critical self-reflection to discern the differences between personal preferences, cultural practices, and matters of Catholic faith. Prerequisite: DVPT 601.

DVPT 742 Summer Pastoral Program III (Non-Credit Requirement for Seminarians)

M.Div. Required Course

This summer placement program provides pastoral experience in a parish in the student's home diocese for deacons or for those seminarians who have completed their third year of study in the Master of Divinity degree program but who are not yet ordained to the transitional diaconate. It includes opportunities to learn about &/or exercise the responsibilities of a deacon in a parish setting, such as preaching and presiding at Word and Communion liturgies, performing baptisms, marriages, and burials, as well as other pastoral duties. Theological reflections with the pastor/supervisor are required. Prerequisite: DVPT 790.

DVPT 790 Teaching Parish III.B (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course

This course provides seminarians with a broad examination of the liturgical and sacramental practices of the Church while developing the skills to celebrate the liturgy and sacraments. Seminarians learn how best to prepare themselves and others to participate in the sacraments with special emphasis given to the role of the deacon in the celebration of baptism, marriage, and funeral rites. Reflecting with his supervisor on the competencies expected of associates and pastors, the seminarian gains valuable experience in liturgical ministry. Prerequisite: DVPT 740.

DVPT 795 Teaching Parish IV.A (1 credit)

M.Div. Required Course
This supervised ministry course provides fourth-year seminarians with opportunities to gain a greater understanding of the pastoral care given in a parish setting through participation in the Teaching Parish Program as they progress through the diaconate toward ordination to the priesthood. By completing the tasks outlined in the Teaching Parish Program Manual for Theology IV Fall Semester, seminarians gain valuable experience in the work of pastoral care with a particular emphasis on the continued improvement of preaching. Prerequisite: DVPT 790.

DVPT 798 Teaching Parish IV.B (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This supervised ministry course provides fourth-year seminarians with more intensive opportunities to gain a greater understanding of the pastoral care given in a parish. In this final semester before priesthood, seminarians continue to gain valuable experience in the work of pastoral care with a particular emphasis on the continued improvement of preaching. Prerequisite: DVPT 795.

Spirituality

DVSP 510 The Spiritual Tradition (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course provides an overview of the spiritual life in the Catholic tradition. Grounded in Sacred Scripture, it studies the major developments of this tradition through the writings of spiritual masters. In addition to an emphasis on personal appropriation, attention is given to pastoral application, including guiding others and addressing spiritual issues in contemporary culture.

DVSP 800 Topics in Spirituality (2-3 credits)

Sacred Scripture

DVSS 503 Scripture & Discipleship Seminar I (3 credits)

Propaedeutic Stage Required Course
This course examines the key tenets of discipleship as seen through the Old Testament. Emphasis is given to the overarching story of Salvation History and what that means for a Christian disciple today, particularly one who is discerning a call to the priesthood.

DVSS 504 Scripture & Discipleship Seminar II (3 credits)

Propaedeutic Stage Required Course
This course continues the study of Scripture & Discipleship Seminar I in examining the key tenants of discipleship, this time as seen through the New Testament. Emphasis is given to the overarching story of Salvation History and what that means for a Christian disciple today, particularly one who is discerning a call to the priesthood.

DVSS 507 Theology of Sacred Scripture (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course: MACSLMC Elective Course
This course introduces the Old and New Testaments, Catholic interpretation of the Bible, and Catholic views on the biblical canon and the truth and inspiration of Scripture. It examines passages from the Pentateuch, the Prophets, Wisdom literature, the Gospels, and the Pauline epistles. Major theological themes and salvation history are discussed as these are incorporated into ministerial and educational contexts.

DVSS 511 Pentateuch and Historical Books (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAT Elective Course
This course studies the Pentateuch and Historical Books using the principles of Catholic hermeneutics. It examines and critiques a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter and addresses texts dealing with theological themes such as promise, election, covenant, and fidelity.

DVSS 521 Synoptic Gospels (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines the Synoptic Gospels in light of the theological themes appropriate to each evangelist. It provides insight into each Gospel's unique and complementary role in revealing the person of Jesus Christ. Issues related to hermeneutics and pastoral ministry are integrated into the exegetical study of the Synoptic Gospels. Prerequisite: DVSS 511 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 525 Survey of Old Testament Literature (3 credits)

MAT Required Course; MAPL Elective Course
Surveys the major genre within the Old Testament canon and examines the principles of interpretation employed in the analysis of the texts. Stresses a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter, while teaching the classical methods of biblical interpretation. The course also introduces Catholic views of canon, inspiration and interpretation.

DVSS 530 Survey of New Testament Literature (3 credits)

MAT Required Course; MAPL Elective Course
Surveys the major genre within the New Testament canon and examines the principles of interpretation employed in the analysis of the texts. Stresses a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter, while teaching the classical methods of biblical interpretation. The course also introduces Catholic views of canon, inspiration, and interpretation.

DVSS 701 The Psalms (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Investigates the Psalms with focus on exegesis, theology, and spirituality. The course begins with the notion of genres appropriate to various liturgical settings in ancient Israel. It explores their significance for contemporary study and worship. Attention is given to recent approaches to the study of the Psalter, including relationship to individual and communal prayer, worship, and the lectionary. The course attends to the diversity of biblical interpretation and its significance for ecumenism, interfaith relations, and inculturation. Prerequisite: DVSS 511 or DVSS 525.

DVSS 704 Luke and Acts (3 credits)

MAT Elective Course
Introduces students to the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, their composition, structure, and theology. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 705 Pauline Literature and Acts (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course explores the religious and cultural world of Paul and early Christianity as recorded in the Pauline corpus and the Acts of the Apostles. It studies Paul's major theological themes and his understanding of the life of first-century Christian communities. Finally, the course examines the impact of Paul's teaching on modern Christian life and, when taught as an M.Div. course, explores strategies for effective homily preparation using Pauline literature. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 707 Johannine Literature & Catholic Letters (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course presents the literary composition, structure, and theology of the Fourth Gospel, stressing its unique and complementary aspects relative to the Synoptic Gospels in revealing the person of Jesus Christ. Moreover, this course also examines the Catholic Letters and the Book of Revelation. Special attention is given to methods of interpretation and to issues that pertain to modern concerns. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 721 Apocalyptic Literature (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Presents a historical-critical analysis of biblical apocalyptic literature. The course introduces the literary genre of apocalyptic with special focus on Daniel and Revelation, read within the context of Jewish apocalyptic, and teaches students to analyze complex visions and symbols of Jewish apocalyptic in their various interpretations. Prerequisite: any one of the following: DVSS 511, DVSS 521, DVSS 525, or DVSS 530.

DVSS 740 Prophets (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course introduces students to the literary prophets and the role of prophetic traditions in Judeo-Christian thought. It surveys the Old Testament prophetic books in chronological order with emphasis on the prophetic vocation and canonical shaping of the prophetic corpus while using several interpretive methods. Prerequisites: for M.Div.: DVSS 511, DVSS 521; for MAT: DVSS 525 or 530.

DVSS 741 Wisdom and Deuterocanonical Literature (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
This course examines Old Testament wisdom literature and the deuterocanonical books, focusing on their composition, structure, theology, and implications for ecumenical dialogue. In addition, it treats how Second Temple Judaism influences the development of the New Testament. Prerequisite: DVSS 511.

DVSS 745 Wisdom Literature (3 credits)

MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Examines Old Testament Wisdom literature, focusing on Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom and Sirach. This course examines the composition, structure, and theology of the Wisdom books as well as issues related to multiculturalism, ecumenism, and interreligious dialogue. Prerequisite: DVSS 511 or DVSS 525.

DVSS 800 Topics in Sacred Scripture (2-3 credits)

DVSS 902 Thesis: Sacred Scripture (3 credits)

Sacramental Theology and Liturgy

DVST 501 Introduction to Sacraments and Worship (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course introduces the concepts and categories that form the basis for sacramental theology and liturgy. It considers these topics from biblical, historical, dogmatic, and ritual perspectives. The course provides the foundation for more extensive study of each of the sacraments in subsequent courses.

DVST 601 Eucharist (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course; MAT Elective Course
Through the study of Scripture, patristic sources, and magisterial documents, this course explores the meaning of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental and sacrificial nature of the Mass, and the effects of the Eucharist. Special attention is given to the relationship between the Eucharist and Christology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Prerequisite: for M.Div.: DVDT 504; DVST 501 is recommended.

DVST 602 Sacraments of Initiation and Healing (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course examines the sacraments of initiation and healing: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick. It addresses the theological foundations and the pastoral implications of each of these sacraments. Prerequisite: DVST 601.

DVST 605 Liturgy and Sacraments (3 credits)

MAPL Required Course: MACSLMC Elective Course
This course presents the revelatory, sacramental, and ecclesial principles of Catholic liturgical worship. The course examines the theology of the seven sacraments with special attention to the Eucharist, including an analysis of the sacraments in terms of sign, matter, form, cause, effects, minister, and recipient. The ecclesiological and spiritual implications of the Church's liturgy are also addressed.

DVST 607 Theology of Holy Orders (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course studies the diaconal, presbyteral, and episcopal orders drawing on Scripture as well as patristic and ecclesiological sources. Attention is given to the relationship between the universal and ministerial priesthood, the sacramental configuration of the priest to Christ, and celibate chastity. It explores contemporary theological, ecumenical, and pastoral issues.

DVST 608 Sacramental Theology (3 credits)

MAT Required Course
This course examines the principles of sacramental theology with emphasis on the Eucharist and its celebration. It addresses the Sacraments as efficacious signs and participation in the Christian Mysteries. The subject is approached from the perspective of Scripture and the theological tradition as informed by Church teaching.

DVST 701 Christian Marriage (3 credits)

M.Div. Required Course; MAPL Elective Course
This course examines the theology and praxis of Christian sacramental marriage, including an overview of the rite, Roman Catholic Canon Law concerning marriage, and proper pastoral preparation of engaged couples. It treats the ends of marriage and how they are morally fulfilled, the natural complementarity of man and woman as the basis of the marriage bond, and the family as the domestic Church. Prerequisite: DVPT 602 and DVST 501.

DVST 709 Liturgical Presidency I (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course
This course develops the skills needed to prepare, implement, and evaluate the liturgical celebration of baptisms, weddings, funerals, blessings, the RCIA, and worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass. It prepares students to serve as deacons in the Eucharistic liturgy; and provides principles whereby liturgies may be adapted for pastoral necessity. Prerequisites: DVST 601 and DVST 602.

DVST 710 Liturgical Presidency II (2 credits)

M.Div. Required Course

This course prepares seminarians to assume their role as presiders in the liturgical celebrations of Eucharist, Penance, and Anointing of the Sick. Through repeated practice sessions, the course equips students with the knowledge and skills needed to celebrate these sacraments. Prerequisite: DVST 709.

DVST 800 Topics in Sacramental Theology and Liturgy (2-3 credits)

DVST 902 Thesis: Sacramental Theology and Liturgy (3 credits)

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