

COMMON CORE COURSES AND CONCENTRATION COURSES FOR A MASTER OF ARTS

The MA in Theology requires 40 semester credits, concentration examinations, and a research component. The 40 credits include 18 credits of core courses, 18 credits in the chosen area of concentration, and 4 credits of research.

Common Core Courses

All MA candidates must earn at least 18 credit hours through six, three-hour courses in:

- Introduction to Scripture
- Fundamental Theology
- Trinity or Christology
- Ecclesiology or Theological Anthropology
- Fundamental Moral Theology I and Fundamental Moral Theology II

Seminarians meet the above MA core requirements by following their normal program of studies in the MDiv degree program, which includes the above classes.

Concentration Courses

In addition to the MA core courses, the MA candidate must take 18 additional credits in a chosen area of concentration.

Candidates who write a 45-page research paper must take the full 18 credits in their concentration beyond the common core courses. Candidates who write a 75-page thesis are granted three credits for the thesis, therefore they must take only 15 credits of additional coursework in their concentration.

- **Biblical Studies:** Elective courses taken in this area of concentration are designated BI at the 900-level.
- **Dogmatic Theology:** Elective courses taken in this area of concentration are designated DO at the 900-level.
- **Moral Theology:** Elective courses taken in this area of concentration are designated CL at the 900-level.
- **Pastoral Theology and Evangelization:** Elective courses taken in this area of concentration are designated PA at the 900- level.

The course component for the MA, including core and concentration courses, must be completed with an average grade of "B", with no grades earned below a "C."