

CATHOLIC THEOLOGY, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

The Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University offers core graduate coursework designed to support the Bishops' Curriculum Framework for high school religion teachers through the post-baccalaureate certificate in Catholic theology.

The framework taught at SLU identifies six required (God/Trinity, Christ, Salvation, Ecclesiology, Sacraments and Christian Ethics) and five elective doctrinal loci (Bible, Church History, Catholic Social Teaching, Christian Vocations and Ecumenical/Interreligious Dialogue).

Catholic educators interested in becoming certified as high school religion teachers, adult religious education coordinators or directors of religious education can take the required theology and/or education credit hours to meet the certification standards set by their home diocese.

Curriculum Overview

Students can enroll either full time or part time; required courses for the certificate program are offered on a two-year rotation with many courses scheduled for late afternoons, evenings and during the summer to better accommodate the schedules of Catholic educators. The 18-credit post-baccalaureate certificate in Catholic theology can count toward the completion of the 36-credit Master of Arts in Religious Education.

Because the certificate program is designed to meet the needs of a national audience, it provides a core of required courses while allowing for additional electives to meet the particular needs of a local diocesan school system. For example, above and beyond the 18 CR certificate program requirements, students seeking certification in the Archdiocese of St. Louis are required to take two additional courses: THEO 5810 Ignatian Spirituality & Pedagogy (3 cr) and EDI 5360 Principles and Methods of Catechesis (3 cr)

Admission Requirements

An undergraduate major in theology or religious studies is recommended but not required. Applicants with a strong background (at least 18 credits of upper-level coursework) in philosophy, history, or other humanities disciplines will also be considered.

Application Requirements

Students currently enrolled in a graduate program at SLU can apply through petition (https://www.slu.edu/academics/graduate/pdfs/petition_to_amend_grad_program_form.pdf).

External students applying for the stand-alone certificate should submit the following materials:

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Goal statement

The deadline for admissions is rolling.

Requirements for International Students

All Saint Louis University admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students applying to SLU must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English language proficiency (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/>)
- Academic records must include an English translation. Unofficial copies may be accepted in some cases for initial admission review, however official copies must be received prior to enrollment. Course-by-course transcript evaluations are accepted.

Students must submit financial documents to be issued an I-20 for their F-1 visa application. Proof of financial support must include:

- A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
- A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Graduate Tuition	\$1,450

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Information on Tuition and Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/>)

Miscellaneous Fees (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/>)

Information on Summer Tuition (<https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer-current/>)

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 5000	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 5100	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 5440	Christology	3
THEO 5500	Sacraments	3
THEO 5670	Social Justice and the Catholic Social Teaching Tradition	3
THEO 5680	History of Moral Theology	3
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THEO 5810	Ignatian Spirituality & Pedagogy	
EDI 5360	Principles and Methods of Catechesis	
Total Credits		18-24

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
THEO 5000	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 5440	Christology	3
THEO 5680	History of Moral Theology	3
Credits		9
Spring		
THEO 5100	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 5500	Sacraments	3
THEO 5670	Social Justice and the Catholic Social Teaching Tradition	3
Credits		9
Total Credits		18

Contact Us

For additional questions regarding the Catholic theology certificate program, contact theology@slu.edu or call 314-977-2881 and ask for the graduate program coordinator.