



Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology
Curriculum of Studies - Master of Arts in Philosophy (Philosophy for Theological Studies)

Student _____

Semester Fall Semester I

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PHI 500	Philosophy Research Methods	2		
PHI 501	Aristotelian Logic	3		
PHI 502	The Origins of Western Philosophy	3		
Total		8		

Semester Spring Semester I

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PHI 503	Problems in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	3		
PHI 504	Philosophical Physics from Aristotle to Heisenberg	3		
PHI 505	Human Nature and Cognition	3		
Total		9		

Semester Fall Semester II

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PHI 505	Meta-Ethical Theories	3		
PHI 507	Philosophical Theology	3		
PHI 508	Principles of Realist Metaphysics	3		
PHI 599	MA Seminar	2		
Total		11		

Semester Spring Semester II

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PHI 509	The State and Common Good	3		
PHI 701	Capstone Research Project	3		
PHI 599	MA Seminar	2		
Total		8		
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Language Requirement

The language requirement for this program will be met by completing a competency exam in Latin; alternatively, this requirement may be met by passing these courses: BEL 101 Ecclesiastical Latin I, BEL 102 Ecclesiastical Latin II, BEL 201 Ecclesiastical Latin III and BEL 202 Ecclesiastical Latin IV.

Comprehensive Exam

During the last semester of studies, the student must pass a comprehensive exam (to be graded as pass/fail). This will be a three hour written exam which aims to synthesize diverse class material into a coherent defense of the relationship between faith and reason that integrates everything taught in the M.A. in Philosophy (Philosophy for Theological Studies) program. General outlines for this exam will be available prior to the last semester to enable preparation for the exam.

Capstone Project

The Capstone Project is a research paper of a minimum length of 20 typed pages, and a maximum of 40 pages, in which the student endeavors to conduct in-depth research regarding a chosen topic in philosophy in areas such as anthropology, metaphysics, ethics, political philosophy, or the philosophy of God, in light of the teaching of the great thinkers of the classical and medieval eras, especially Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, and Thomas Aquinas. It gives the student the opportunity to apply the principles of philosophical analysis to a problem pertinent to philosophical literature and/or contemporary social controversies. To complete the project successfully, the student must

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