



Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology
Curriculum of Studies - Master of Arts in Philosophy

Student _____

Semester **Fall Semester I**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PH 501	Aristotelian Logic	3		
PH 502A	The Origins of Philosophy: Presocratics, Plato and Aristotle	3		
PH 503	Human Nature and Cognition	3		
Total		9		

Semester **Spring Semester I**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PH 502B	Problems in Modern and Contemporary Philosophy	3		
PH 504	Principles of Realist Metaphysics	3		
PH 699	Philosophy Elective	3		
Total		9		

Semester **Fall Semester II**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PH 505	Meta-Ethical Theories	3		
PH 506	Philosophical Theology	3		
PH 699	Philosophy Elective	3		
Total		9		

Semester **Spring Semester II**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PH 507	Philosophical Themes in the Thought of Thomas Aquinas	3		
PH 699	Philosophy Elective	3		
PH 701	Thesis Research	3		
Total		9		

Language Requirement

The language requirement for this program will be met by completing a competency exam in Latin; this requirement may alternatively 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. 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. (Philosophy for Theological Studies) program. General outlines for this exam will be available prior to the last semester to enable preparation for the exam.

Thesis

The research thesis is a research paper of a minimum length of 20 typed pages in which the student endeavors to do in-depth research regarding a chosen topic in philosophy in the areas of anthropology, metaphysics, ethics, or the philosophy of God, especially 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 an opportunity to apply the principles of philosophical analysis to a problem pertinent to philosophical literature and/or contemporary problems. To complete the thesis successfully, the student must practice sound research techniques and present a highly refined argument.