

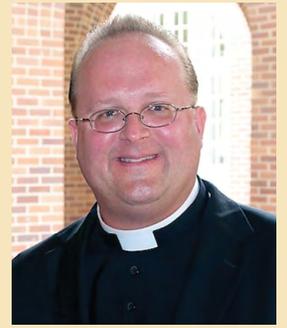


Programs of
Study for
Laity,
Deacons
and Religious



NOTRE DAME SEMINARY
Graduate School of Theology
*Our Lady's Seminary in the 21st Century –
For Priests, for the Faithful, for the World...*

GREETINGS IN THE LORD!



In decades past, some have perceived Catholic seminaries as exclusive, spiritually gated communities – only for men and only those men studying for the priesthood. Even today, many imagine the seminary as half university, half monastery, and wholly off-limits to all but a few good men.

Yet this perception misses the mark. At Notre Dame Seminary our goal, guided by our Chancellor, Archbishop Gregory Aymond, is to be an apostolic community where all of God’s people—seminarians, deacons, religious and laity—are formed as closely as possible. As of this writing, 60 such students from across the region are pursuing programs of study and formation together with 125 seminarians. They pray together at daily Mass in Our Lady’s Chapel and study together in our classrooms. They share meals in our dining room and serve together in our many outreaches. Our lay students, deacons and religious are at the very heart of our seminary life, and promise a bright future of evangelization when they leave these halls to serve the Church and the world. Notre Dame Seminary is helping them become, as St. Paul called the lay people of the church of Rome, “co-workers in Christ Jesus... chosen in the Lord.”

Guiding them in their prayer, study and community is one of the most talented and accomplished faculties in seminary education today. These men and women, priests and lay theologians of diverse backgrounds are united in love for Christ and authentic, creative fidelity to the Church’s *magisterium*. They combine faith, reason and heart in proclaiming Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life and in leading students into the truth, goodness and beauty of our Catholic intellectual tradition.

On behalf of our whole community, I invite you to prayerfully peruse the pages that follow and ask the Lord: “How are you calling me to serve?” I believe you will find a program for you at NDS, whether you are called to be a ministry volunteer or a full-time lay ecclesial minister, a religion teacher or a professor of Theology.

“Open wide the doors to Christ!” This call of St. John Paul II is for all the faithful. In the same spirit I welcome you to find Christ at NDS. Our doors are open to you!

Sincerely in the Lord,
Fr. James Wehner
Rector



As Notre Dame Seminary nears its 100th anniversary, it has grown from an institution exclusively for priestly formation into a full-fledged graduate school, an apostolic community of formation, spiritual enrichment and theological discovery dedicated to the New Evangelization. To prepare the faithful for their roles in ministry, NDS offers six programs of study with distinct goals, ranging from preparation for priestly ordination to volunteer training, from advanced theological study to focused training for lay ecclesial ministry. To understand how NDS might best serve you, it is helpful to see the big picture of education and formation opportunities that are available.

SEMINARIAN PROGRAMS

Notre Dame Seminary offers:

Master of Divinity: A graduate degree program for men that combines theological studies with human, spiritual and pastoral formation and leads to priestly ordination by a diocesan bishop (M.Div., 120 credit hours);

Bachelor of Philosophy for Theological Studies: A post-baccalaureate degree program in Philosophy preparing men to pursue the Master of Divinity and priestly ordination (B.Phil., 60 credit hours);

Master of Arts in Philosophy for Theological Studies: A graduate degree program in Philosophy preparing men to pursue the Master of Divinity and priestly ordination and is also open to any eligible students who wish to study philosophy at the graduate level (M.A.Phil., 36 credit hours).

PROGRAMS FOR THE LAY FAITHFUL, DEACONS AND RELIGIOUS

Notre Dame Seminary offers:

Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry: A ministry training program that combines theological studies with human, spiritual and pastoral formation, culminating in a special commissioning by one's diocesan bishop as a Lay Ecclesial Minister (ILEM, 23 credit hours).

Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership: A graduate degree program that continues ILEM theological studies and formation beyond commissioning, adding additional theological study, pastoral immersion and a capstone project addressing specific ministry challenges and opportunities (M.A.P.L., ILEM + 19 credit hours = 42 credit hours).

Master of Arts in Theological Studies: An exclusively theological graduate degree program consisting of in-depth study and research in the major theological areas, a concentration in one of four areas: Scripture, Historical Theology, Moral Theology or Dogmatic Theology, competence in Hebrew, Greek or Latin and a major research thesis (M.A.T.S., 45 credit hours).

"Where two or more are gathered, there I am..."





BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER...

In the midst of these diverse programs there is also a unity of vision and shared experiences that gives NDS a special spirit of community. We asked our lay students and alumni to reflect on what they have valued most in their Notre Dame Seminary experience. They identified several areas which stand out.

COMMUNITY

"No man is an iceberg drifting on the ocean of history. Each one of us belongs to a great family, in which he has his own place and his own role to play."

St. John Paul II, 1996 World Youth Day

At Notre Dame Seminary, a diverse group of students studies together in the heart of the Church—a community of seminarians, religious sisters and brothers, priests and deacons, lay men and women. At the center of this family of faith is Christ, the source of all joy, and this joy permeates the Notre Dame community. One encounters both catholicity and unity in action in the context of fellowship, fraternity, and friendship, experiences that are fundamentally grounded in the continual seeking of the good of the other as other. Gathered together with the common purpose of the study of Christ and his Church, we embark together on the same journey to holiness and intimacy with Christ that a more profound knowledge of him affords.

"I consider being a part of the Notre Dame community and the smaller community of fellowship and support we developed as a class to be one of my most valuable resources in my continuing ministry."

Michelle Alley, Director of Religious Education

A VIRTUOUS LIFE: HUMAN FORMATION

"Maturity is the quest to achieve balance and harmony in our physical, mental and spiritual gifts. It is the goal and outcome of a never-ending process of development which has nothing to do with age."

Pope Francis, "Address to the Roman Curia," 2015

Education at Notre Dame Seminary provides a culture of growth where the faithful come together to cultivate holy habits, with their ultimate purpose being the building up of God's kingdom. It is an education concerned not only with the formation of the intellect but with the entire person, the cultivation of which culminates in the gift of confidence that allows its recipients to better become Christ's hands and feet in the Church and in the world.

"Notre Dame Seminary has benefitted me in a myriad of ways as a student, teacher, husband, and Catholic. The worldview that I received in my studies has changed the way I understand both my faith and my life."

Jordan Haddad, M.A., Doctoral Student in Theology, Catholic University of America

SPIRITUALITY

"Man bears within him a thirst for the infinite, a longing for eternity, a quest for beauty, a desire for love, a need for light and for truth which impel him towards the Absolute; man bears within him the desire for God."

Benedict XVI, General Audience 2011

The spirituality of Notre Dame Seminary is sacramentally rooted and geared toward cultivating holiness through the nurturing of the virtue of doing

NOTRE DAME SEMINARY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PROGRAMS

Interested in a robust Catholic leadership program?

I nstitute for L ay E ccl ^s i al M inistry	11 formation credit hours	human spiritual intellectual pastoral
	12 theology credit hours	scripture liturgy/sacraments morality doctrine

23
credit hours

additional
coursework

Interested in
advanced formation
for ministry and
teaching?

M aster of A rts in P astoral L eadership	12 credit hours	Additional Theology Courses
	4 credit hours	Pastoral Immersion
	3 credit hours	Pastoral Capstone Project

+

19
credit hours

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42
credit hours

Interested in teaching theology in a college, university or seminary?

M aster of A rts in T heological S tudies	scripture doctrine morality historical theology	36 credit hours
	theological concentration	6 credit hours
	comprehensive exams ancient language research thesis	3 credit hours

45
credit hours

theology. Students witness the Church's creed in lived experience both in and out of the classroom. The theology learned in principle begs to be manifested in practice, and NDS facilitates one's ability and effectiveness in actualizing this education. The spirituality of NDS can be summarily formulated as "theology with a view towards communion with God and his Church."

"Through NDS, I am receiving precious gifts that sustain me for service to those with whom I minister both within the parish setting and my personal life. My spiritual life has deepened and I have a better grasp of Church teaching."

Melanie Saunee, Licensed Pastoral Counselor

PROFESSIONAL AND MINISTRY SUCCESS

"My studies at Notre Dame Seminary allowed me to undertake serious theological study with the guidance of outstanding faculty. After completing my degree, I succeeded in gaining admission to a PhD program in religion and earned a university fellowship. I would not be where I am today without the encounter with the faith I had at NDS."

Luke Arredondo, M.A., Doctoral Student in Religion, Florida State University

Notre Dame Seminary equips its students to achieve professional and ministry goals in the most proper and

effective ways possible. Whether one works in Catholic ministry, in a parish, school, or diocese, or outside of the Church, the skills gathered in a Notre Dame Seminary education empower students to hand on the Catholic Faith. Our graduates serve in key positions of leadership and ministry throughout the region.

- Katie Austin, M.A.—College Campus Ministry
- Kimberly Anson, M.A.—High School Spiritual Formation Coordinator
- Patrick Arensberg, M.A.—Director of Office of Religious Education
- Daniel Burns, Ph.D.—Professor of Theology and Academic Dean
- Brian Butler, M.A.—Author, *Theology of the Body for Teens*
- Theron Ferry, M.A.—High School Religion Teacher
- Cory Hayes, Ph.D.—Professor of Philosophy and Theology
- Tim Kettenring, D.Min.—Religion Department Chair
- Jason Romero, M.A.—Parish Director of Christian Formation
- Susan Veters, M.A.—Director of the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, Notre Dame Seminary

"It's that intimate moment when tears stream down her face. My student confides her heavy cross, and I have the blessings of sharing divine Wisdom and charity. I've learned the virtue of prudence so essential to ministry at NDS, where I have learned that I necessarily join my students' walk. That I, too, carry a beam on my back."

Heidi Radabaugh, High School Religion Teacher



THE FACULTY

"My favorite part of NDS was the classes. It was such a privilege to sit in lectures and seminars and contemplate the truths of the faith with professors whom I admire. I am grateful that these experiences were part of my young adult life and formation. I would not be the same mother, wife and teacher without the education I received at NDS."

Kimberly Anson, M.A., Lafayette, LA

The faculty of Notre Dame Seminary is the largest and the most accomplished theological faculty in the Gulf South, with professors whose areas of expertise cover the entire range of Catholic Theology, including Scripture, Dogma, Morality, History, Liturgy, Sacraments, Spirituality and Pastoral Theology. NDS faculty are distinguished by great theological minds, spiritual wisdom and a passion for theological instruction. They nurture students into mature theological thinkers who go on to academic theology, ministry, catechesis and pastoral leadership.

"At heights and depths previously unknown, our professors show us how to give praise to Jesus Christ in the study of His Sacred Scripture, His Church, His sacraments, and His moral law. Their guidance throughout diaconate formation was invaluable."

Deacon Jody Fortunato, St. Dominic Parish

THE NEW EVANGELIZATION

"Having been sent and evangelized, the Church herself sends out evangelizers. She puts on their lips the saving Word, she explains to them the message, she gives them the mandate which she herself has

received and she sends them out to preach... not their own selves or their personal ideas, but a Gospel of which... they are the ministers, in order to pass it on with complete fidelity."

Pope Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi* no. 15

Notre Dame Seminary is grounded in the principle that a well-rounded theological education serves the student's own person and intellect for the even greater purpose of serving others in order to bring the faith to the ends of the earth. Pope Benedict XVI renewed the call for the Universal Church to embrace the New Evangelization as the way in which humanity comes to know Christ and his Kingdom. The core of this New Evangelization is founded upon "the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." This encounter with the Person of Christ becomes the focal point and the lifeblood of the missionary work of the Church's ministers, who are no longer simply those who travel to foreign lands. Most often, today's mission field is to be found in our immediate culture wherever people are neglected or in need of love. The desire to form holy missionaries in the home, the classroom, the parish, the boardroom, indeed everywhere, animates the Notre Dame Seminary community.

"I would consider my upbringing extremely 'Catholic.' I grew up in a practicing Catholic family, had Catholic friends and went to a Catholic Secondary School. However, after graduating high school and going through college and post college, I began to realize how "weak" my understanding of the faith was. Notre Dame Seminary changed that for me."

Caroline Boelte, M.A., High School Religion Teacher

INSTITUTE FOR LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY

ILEM OVERVIEW

WHO: ILEM is for every Catholic adult who is called to lead and to evangelize, not only those employed by Catholic institutions, but all those seeking to witness in their workplaces and reflect the face of Christ to friends, family, employees and fellow professionals.

WHAT: The Institute of Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) of Notre Dame Seminary is a full-fledged formation program for leaders and essential volunteers in ministry and teaching, creating a community of well-formed and well-educated laity who are commissioned to assist bishops, priests, and deacons as the shepherd God's people. It includes the same four dimensions of formation that are integral to diaconate and priestly formation programs, including human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral formation as detailed in the USCCB document *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*. After successful completion of the program, both new and veteran lay ecclesial ministers are sent forth to catechize, form and evangelize others.

To reflect the face of Christ, lay ecclesial ministers need

- **Human qualities** critical to form wholesome relationships and necessary to be apt instruments of God's love and compassion
- A **spirituality** and practice of prayer that root them in God's Trinitarian life, grounding and animating all they do in ministry
- A **strong intellectual foundation** in theological and pastoral studies and the **skill** to apply it and to hand on the Catholic Faith.
- The practical **pastoral abilities** needed for their particular ministries.

ILEM FORMATION PROVIDES:

A greater self-knowledge and an awareness that the call to ministry requires the development of one's personality, natural virtues, and gifts.

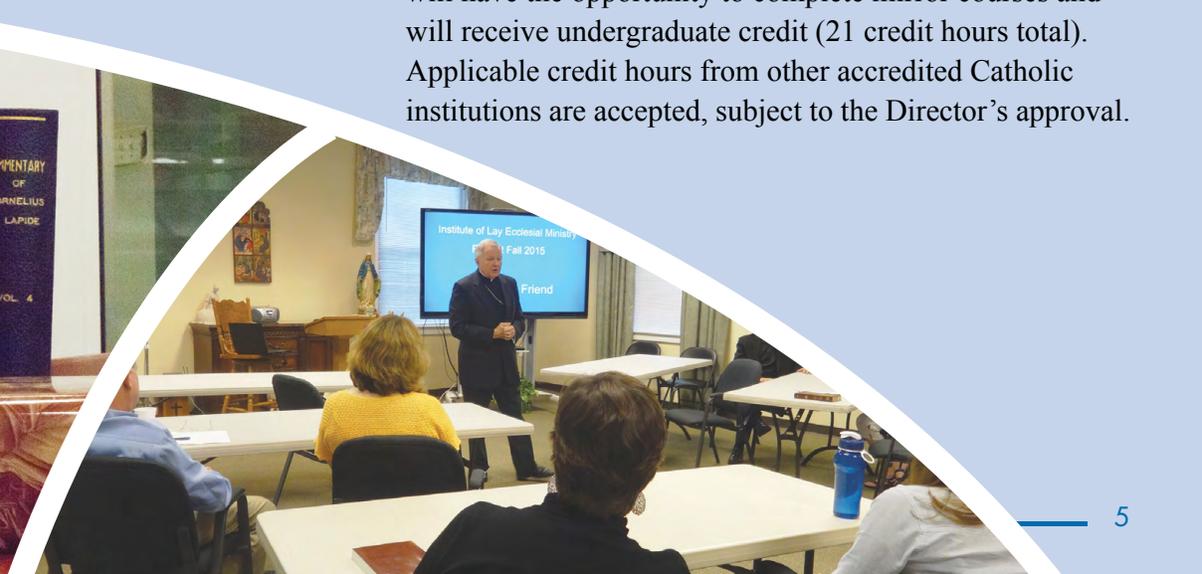
Supervised ministry experiences that help strengthen natural gifts and charisms in effective ministry and evangelization.

HOW: A program of study that integrates mind and heart. The 2-year formation process includes annual retreats, monthly days of formation, ongoing spiritual direction, academic coursework, a pastoral practicum and regular individual mentoring by members of the ILEM team:

REQUIRED COURSES	CREDITS
PS 500A-D Pastoral Studies (Formation Program)	4
PS 525A-D Pastoral Training (Formation Program)	4
PS 550A Pastoral Immersion I (Practicum)	3
DT 611 Principles and Methods of Theology	2
DT 612 God, Christ, Man	2
SS 611 Sacred Scripture I: Old Testament	2
SS 612 Sacred Scripture II: New Testament	2
SL 611 The Liturgy - The Source and Summit of Christian Life	2
OR	
SL 612 The Theology of the Sacraments	
MT 611 Virtuous Morality	2
TOTAL CREDITS	23

WHEN: The 12 credit hours of academic coursework that are required to fulfill the requirements for ILEM are offered in convenient Saturday and weeknight formats in Fall, Spring and Summer sessions. The 8 credit hours of pastoral study and training occur monthly on Saturdays in Fall and Spring, The 3 credit hour practicum is done at a time appropriate to the outreach involved.

Graduate credits can be applied toward the Notre Dame Seminary's Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership degree program. Those not eligible for graduate credit will have the opportunity to complete mirror courses and will receive undergraduate credit (21 credit hours total). Applicable credit hours from other accredited Catholic institutions are accepted, subject to the Director's approval.





TESTIMONIES:

"The word I always use to describe the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry program at Notre Dame Seminary is "empowering". Being formed in such a comprehensive program helped me develop my faith and gave me the ministerial skills I could not get from a straight academic program."

Michelle Alley, Director of Religious Education, ILEM Graduate

"As a pastor, I have been blessed to work with two graduates of the first ILEM class: our current DRE at St. Catherine of Siena, and a ministry coordinator at Mary, Queen of Peace when I served as pastor there. If my experience is any indication of the effectiveness of ILEM, I can say without a doubt that ILEM is very effective indeed! They serve humbly, knowledgeably, and with great joy. I am looking forward to working with another ILEM graduate, who will serve as Youth Minister at St. Catherine starting this summer."

Fr. Ronald Caulkins, Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish

"Lay ecclesial ministers, just like the ordained, need and deserve formation of high standards, effective methods, and comprehensive goals... We encourage dioceses and academic institutions to seek creative ways of providing opportunities for the preparation and formation of lay ecclesial ministers.. "To set high standards," said Pope John Paul II, "means both to provide a thorough basic training and to keep it constantly updated. This is a fundamental duty, in order to ensure qualified personnel for the Church's mission... Effective formation methods address the whole person: emotions, imagination, will, heart, and mind. It is the whole person who ministers, so the whole person is the proper subject of formation."

USCCB, Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord, USCCB, 2005

"The unity of the Church is not uniformity, but an organic blending of legitimate diversities. It is the reality of many members joined in a single body, the one Body of Christ. Therefore the Church of the Third Millennium will need to encourage all the baptized and confirmed to be aware of their active responsibility in the Church's life. Together with the ordained ministry, other ministries, whether formally instituted or simply recognized, can flourish for the good of the whole community, sustaining it in all its many needs: from catechesis to liturgy, from education of the young to the widest array of charitable works."

Pope Saint John Paul II, At the Close of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000 (Novo Millennio Ineunte)

"In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must use their strength accordingly as they have received it, as a gift from Christ. They must follow in His footsteps and conform themselves to His image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history."

Lumen Gentium, no. 40



MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

MAPL OVERVIEW

WHO: The MAPL degree program is for every Catholic adult who is called to lead and to evangelize through employment in Catholic diocesan offices, parish ministries, campus ministries, recognized social outreaches and independent ministries, elementary and secondary religious education.

WHAT: The Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL) builds on ILEM. Those pursuing the MAPL degree have an opportunity to complete a comprehensive program of Theological studies by completing 12 additional hours of theological coursework. They also receive advanced pastoral training relevant to their particular ministry through a second Practicum. Finally, they draw all of this learning, formation and pastoral experience together in a final Pastoral Capstone Project which they develop for their specific ministry. Special attention is given to the challenges encountered in today's culture and empowers co-workers in the Lord's vineyard to excel at ministry.

By continuing the process of formation begun in ILEM, MAPL provides those who work in ministry with:

- A fuller understanding of the practical implications of Catholic teaching on the apostolate of the laity in light of Vatican II and the teaching of the post-Vatican II magisterium.
- Fellowship with other lay ecclesial ministers, candidates for the diaconate and seminarians within a culture of mutual understanding and collaboration.
- Well-designed advanced pastoral training in the Practicum II and the Pastoral Capstone Project required for MAPL, giving students a unique opportunity to direct their studies toward their current ministry through a specialized pastoral program designed for the pedagogical methods and practices required for that ministry through one-on-one mentoring with faculty advisors.

HOW: Through a program that integrates ILEM graduate education and formation into a more comprehensive and advanced theological and pastoral program:

COURSE REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
PS 500A-D Pastoral Studies (Formation Program)	4*
PS 525A-D Pastoral Training (Formation Program)	4*
PS 550A Pastoral Immersion I (Practicum)	3*
PS 550B Pastoral Immersion II	4
PS 575 Pastoral Capstone Project	3
DT 611 Principles and Methods of Theology	2*
DT 612 God, Christ, Man	2*
DT 613 Spirit, Church, Mission	2
SS 611 Sacred Scripture I: Old Testament	2*
SS 612 Sacred Scripture II: New Testament	2*
HT 611 Apostolic Age to the Avignon Papacy	2
HT 612 St. Catherine of Siena to St. John Paul, "The Great"	2
SL 611 The Liturgy-The Source and Summit of Christian Life	2**
SL 612 The Theology of the Sacraments	2
MT 611 Virtuous Morality	2
MT 612 The Family and Catholic Social Teaching	2
Approved Elective	2
TOTAL CREDITS	42

* Requirements of ILEM

** One SL course is required by ILEM

WHEN: The 12 credit hours of academic coursework that are required to fulfill the requirements for MAPL are offered in convenient Saturday and weeknight formats in Fall, Spring and Summer sessions.. The 4 credit hour practicum is done at a time appropriate to the outreach involved. The 3 credit hour capstone is undertaken after all other requirements are completed.

"I applied for the Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership Program at Notre Dame Seminary, because I wanted to appropriately answer the call of the New Evangelization through my work in parish religious education. Through the Institute, I am receiving precious gifts that sustain me for service to those with whom I minister both within the parish setting and my personal life. My spiritual life has deepened and I have a better grasp of Church teaching. I also continue to be a part of these amazing communities, where I find the abundant strength and support needed in order to faithfully carry out the ministries to which I have been called."

Melanie Saunee, Parish Administrator, MAPL student

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

MATS OVERVIEW

WHO: Students who are called to consecrate themselves to the meaning of Divine Revelation as found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, under the guidance of the magisterium of the Church, so that they may guide others in theological investigation and discovery.

WHAT: The Master of Arts in Theological Studies is a graduate degree program in academic theology and research. It is designed to guide the student in understanding the Catholic Faith and the Catholic intellectual tradition best described by the traditional dictum *fides quaerens intellectum*, “faith seeking understanding.” The program seeks to nurture students into mature theological thinkers with the ability to pursue lifelong theological study, doctoral degrees in theology, and academic positions in Catholic colleges, universities and seminaries. It includes a foundation in Sacred Scripture and in historical, dogmatic and moral theology with an advanced concentration in one of these areas as well as competence in Hebrew, Greek or Latin. The program culminates in comprehensive examinations in all four areas and a graduate thesis that is directed by a faculty member in the area of concentration.

Through completing the MATS, students:

- Acquire graduate-level knowledge in the disciplines of Sacred Scripture, historical theology, dogmatic theology and moral theology.
- Interpret classic and contemporary theological texts and develop sound principles of theological argumentation.
- Conduct and evaluate graduate-level research in Sacred Scripture, historical theology, dogmatic theology and moral theology.
- Practice appropriate and effective methods of research in Sacred Scripture, historical theology, dogmatic theology and moral theology.

HOW: MATS students become lifelong theological learners through a program of study that begins with foundational courses and culminates in a specialized area of concentration and a major thesis. To support their study and their ability to read primary sources in original languages, they receive 100% tuition remission for 6 hours of language study in Hebrew, Greek or Latin. They are also eligible for directed readings courses and thesis direction from faculty in their areas of concentration.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS			CREDITS
DT	501	Fundamental Theology and Protology	3
HT	501	The Patristic Period	3
MT	501	Principles of Moral Theology	3
SS	502	Pentateuch	3
HT	503	The Medieval Period	3
DT/SL		2 additional Dogmatic Theology courses	6
HT		1 additional Historical course	3
MT		2 additional Moral Theology courses	6
SS		1 New Testament course	3
SS		1 additional Scripture course	3
		2 additional courses in concentration	6
		Comprehensive Examinations	0
		Language Proficiency Exam	0
		Research Thesis	3
TOTAL CREDITS			45

WHEN: The 42 credit hours of academic coursework, language courses and thesis direction are offered during the weekday seminary schedule in mornings and afternoons in Fall and Spring semesters. Comprehensive examination sessions are offered in Fall, Spring and Summer semesters.

“I found that my M.A. degree from Notre Dame Seminary prepared me quite well for theological course work at the Doctoral level. When I went on to Ph.D. studies, I noticed that many of my colleagues had specialized too quickly or too much and were hampered in the essential task of seeing the Church’s theology in its broad historical and systematic context. Notre Dame Seminary’s M.A. degree provided me a program faithful to the magisterium and a critical engagement of our grand Catholic Tradition. Now, as a senior professor of theology and Academic Dean of St. Joseph Seminary College in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, I am deeply indebted to Notre Dame Seminary for the theoretical and practical tools its program has given me.”

Daniel Burns, Ph.D.



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

ILEM/MAPL

- A period of prayerful discernment
- Residency for one year in the diocese served
- If married, demonstration of a canonically valid marriage prior to application
- Nomination by an applicant's pastor and ministry supervisor
- Completed application package
- Bachelor's Degree (if pursuing the MAPL)

MATS

- Bachelor's Degree
- A completed GRE exam with a suitable score (NDS GRE Code is 6495)
- Completed application package which includes an intellectual autobiography and a research sample.
- 12 appropriate undergraduate credit hours in Philosophy are required for admission. Students without 12 hours may be admitted but must complete this requirement at NDS within the first two semesters of enrollment. 6 credit hours of required Theology courses may be completed while students complete these 12 hours.

LETTER FROM DR. TOM NEAL, ACADEMIC DEAN

The U.S. Bishops, in *Co-Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord*, tell us:

All of the baptized are called to work toward the transformation of the world. Most do this by working in the secular realm; some do this by working in the Church and focusing on the building of ecclesial communion, which has among its purposes the transformation of the world.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Catholic Church has grown in its appreciation of the fact that God calls some lay women and men to closely collaborate with the clergy in building up the Body of Christ by serving as their co-workers in the ministry of teaching, governing and sanctifying God's holy people. Countless men and women have responded to this call over the last fifty years, dedicating their lives to the service of the Church as – among other things – educators, catechists, administrators, evangelists and liturgical ministers. Over those same years, the Church also became more acutely aware of the need for qualified and well-formed lay men and women who possess not simply professional competence, but a servant's heart marked by a vibrant and informed faith.

Notre Dame Seminary has a long tradition of offering lay men and women the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the faith at a graduate level. Like the disciples who encountered the Risen Lord on the road to Emmaus, our hope and prayer is that participants in our various program will have their hearts set aflame with a renewed passion to serve the mission of the Church and effectively collaborate with her ordained ministers. In this hope, our program exists to contribute to the Church's evangelizing mission by empowering Christ's faithful to proclaim the Gospel with their lives from the heart of the Church to the ends of the earth. Come Holy Spirit!





*"Prayer is nothing else than being on
terms of friendship with God."
St. Theresa of Avila*



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