



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

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 506	Meta-Ethical Theories	3		
PHI 507	Philosophical Theology	3		
PHI 508	Principals of Realist Metaphysics	3		
PHI 599	MA Philosophy Seminar	2		

Total 11

Semester **Spring Semester II**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
PHI 509	The State and the Common Good	3		
PHI 599	MA Philosophy Seminar	2		
PHI 701	Capstone Research Project	3		

Total 8

Total Credit Hours 36

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.

Thesis

The research thesis is a major research paper of a minimum length of 40 typed pages in which the student endeavors to do in-depth research regarding a chosen topic in philosophy. 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 master the materials utilized to a degree that shows promise for continued scholarship.