



Notre Dame Seminary Graduate School of Theology
Curriculum of Studies for Seminarians
Master of Philosophy (Philosophy for Theological Studies)

Student _____

Semester **Fall Semester I**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
BEL 1001	Ecclesiastical Latin I	3		
DT 1001	Catechism I: Liturgy and Prayer	3		
PHI 5001	Philosophy Research Methods	2		
PHI 5003	Aristotelian Logic	3		
PHI 5005	The Origins of Western Philosophy	3		
SS 1001	Introduction to the Old Testament	2		
Total		16		

Semester **Spring Semester I**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
BEL 1002	Ecclesiastical Latin II	3		
DT 1002	Catechism II: Profession of Faith and Li	3		
PHI 5002	Problems in Modern and Contemporary	3		
PHI 5004	Philosophical Physics from Aristotle to	3		
PHI 5006	Human Nature and Cognition	3		
SS 1002	Introduction to the New Testament	2		
Total		17		

Semester **Fall Semester II**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
BEL 2001	Ecclesiastical Latin III	2		
FE 2001	Pastoral Field Experience	1		
HP 2001	Preparing the Homily	2		
PHI 6001	Meta-Ethical Theories	3		
PHI 6003	Philosophical Theology	3		
PHI 6005	Principles of Realist Metaphysics	3		
PHI 6199	MA Philosophy Seminar	2		
SpT 2001	The Catholic Spiritual Tradition	3		
Total		19		

Semester **Spring Semester II**

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Grade	Points
BEL 2002	Ecclesiastical Latin IV	2		
DT 2002	The Church in Dialogue with the World	3		
FE 2002	Pastoral Field Experience	1		
PHI 6002	The State and the Common Good	3		
PHI 7002	MA Philosophy Seminar	2		
PHI 6299	Capstone Research Project	3		
SpT 2002	The Catholic Imagination	3		
Total		17		

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 MA 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 implement sound research techniques and present a