

THEOLOGY: CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURE (MA)

Program Description

The Master of Theology degree with the Christian Scripture concentration is designed to deepen your understanding and appropriation of the Bible as the church's Scripture — originating with God's people living in particular times and places, but authoritative for us as God's people in all times and places.

Consequently, in addition to encountering the biblical texts as texts, you will study them within the context of the church's larger canonical context: its foundational theology, ethics, and history of interpretation.

If your professional objectives change during your course of study, you may transfer easily from any one concentration in this degree program to any of the others, or to the MDiv program (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/seattle-pacific-seminary/divinity-mdiv/>).

The Seattle Pacific Seminary Faculty (<http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/about/seminary-faculty/>) are a collegium of scholars and pastors who are committed to growing together in wonder, love, and praise.

Learn more about the various programs offered at SPS on the Seattle Pacific Seminary Website (<http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/>)

Admission Requirements

To enroll in Seattle Pacific University's Master of Arts in Theology (MA) program, you must submit:

1. A graduate online application (<http://admissions.spu.edu/apply/>) for admission.
2. A \$50 processing fee.
3. Official transcripts from all undergraduate institutions.
4. Two letters of recommendation:
 - a. one from a clergy person, church staff person, or parachurch professional who will attest to the your emotional, spiritual, and academic readiness for graduate theological study; and
 - b. one academic reference from a former professor who knows your academic work well.
5. A typed personal statement. Statements should be three to four pages in length (double spaced). The statement should address your career objectives, a narrative of your personal Christian experience, rationale for seeking the degree and choosing to attend SPU, and other insights you deem appropriate.

Transfer Credits

If you wish to apply graduate-level coursework completed at a regionally accredited university or an ATS-accredited divinity school or seminary toward your MA, you must provide official transcripts and, in some cases, course syllabi. You may transfer up to 20 quarter credits from other graduate programs.

- To receive transfer credit, each course must be at least 3 graduate-quarter credits and be equivalent to courses taught in the School of Theology at SPU.

- Each course will be considered on a case-by-case basis as to the fulfillment of specific curricular requirements.
- A minimum grade of B will be needed for transferred work.
- All courses applied toward the graduate degree must be taken within seven years of admission.
- In all cases, the final 20 MA credits must be taken at SPU.

Credit for Prior Coursework

You will have your transcripts evaluated during the admissions process for the following:

- If you have been granted a master's degree from another regionally accredited university.
- If you have taken graduate-level coursework in theology.

Contact

- Graduate Admissions (<http://spu.edu/graduate-admissions/>)
- gradadmissions@spu.edu
- 206-281-2091 or 800-601-0603

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60 Credits Minimum

Code	Title	Credits
Core THEO Courses		
THEO 6001	Christian Formation in Discipleship: Acts of Piety	2
THEO 6002	Christian Formation in Mission: Acts of Mercy and Justice	2
THEO 6003	Integrating Academy, Abbey, and Apostolate	2
THEO 6010	Bible I: Interpreting and Teaching Christian Scripture	3
THEO 6020	Global Christian Heritage I: AD 100-1453	3
THEO 6030	Theology/Ethics I: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship	3
THEO 6040	Bible II: Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 6050	Global Christian Heritage II: AD 1454-1900	3
THEO 6060	Theology/Ethics II: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship	3
THEO 6070	Bible III: Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 6080	Global Christian Heritage III: AD 1900-Present	3
THEO 6090	Theology/Ethics III: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church	3
Section Credits Required		33
Post-Core Scripture Electives ²		12
THEO 6250	Old Testament Exegesis	
THEO 6260	New Testament Exegesis	
THEO 6270	Biblical Exegesis	
THEO 6280	Scripture in Context	
Section Credits Required		
Biblical Languages		9
Either Greek		
THEO 6101	Koine Greek I	
THEO 6102	Koine Greek II	
THEO 6103	Koine Greek III	
Or Hebrew		

THEO 6201	Hebrew I	
THEO 6202	Hebrew II	
THEO 6203	Hebrew III	
Section Credits Required		
THEO 6995 and/or THEO Electives		6
Total Credits		60

¹ Repeat courses to earn 12 credits. Students must take at least one course from each testament.