

THEOLOGY: LOW-RESIDENCY CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (MA)

Program Description

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree is designed for students who have a personal interest in theological study, are engaged in congregational or parachurch ministries, or are considering further advanced academic study in theology. The Low-Residency version allows students to complete this program in a mostly online, distance-learning format. This affords students the opportunity to pursue their vocational objective without disrupting their local obligations.

You may transfer easily from this degree program to any of the other MA degree programs, or to the Master of Divinity (<https://catalog.spu.edu/graduate/college-schools/seattle-pacific-seminary/divinity-mdiv/>) program, if your professional objectives change during your course of study.

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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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
Concentration Courses		21
THEO 6280	Scripture in Context	
THEO 6403	Theology of Christian Worship	
THEO 6405	Theology Praxis in Geographical/Historical Context	
THEO 6412	Leading and Designing Congregational Worship	
THEO 6500	Theology, Disability, and the Church	
THEO 6510	Theology, Race, and Culture	
THEO 6511	Gender and Christianity	
THEO 6512	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Foundations for Leadership	

THEO 6513	Reconciliation and Intercultural Studies: Embodiment and Praxis	
THEO 6540	Preaching II: Prophetic Proclamation ¹	
THEO 6610	Encounter of Christian Faith with Other Faiths	
THEO 6710	Introduction to Practical Theology	
THEO 6720	Vocational Discernment and Discipleship	
THEO 6730	Foundations of Student and Family Ministry	
THEO 6735	The Teaching Ministry of the Church	
THEO 6740	Preaching I: From Scripture to Sermon	
THEO 6741	Evangelism and Mission	
THEO 6742	Church Administration	
THEO 6743	Pastoral Care and Counseling	
THEO 6744	Ministerial Leadership	
THEO 6745	Christian Social Entrepreneurship and Church Planting	
THEO 6951	Worship and the Arts: Special Topics	
THEO 6952	Burning Issues	
THEO 6960	Master's Project	
Section Credits Required		21
Contextual Education		
THEO 6940	Contextual Education Internship ²	6
or THEO 6941	Contextual Education Intensive Internship	
Section Credits Required		6
Total Credits		60

¹ Note that THEO 6740 is a pre-requisite for this course.

² THEO 6940 must be repeated to reach credit requirement (or taken as THEO 6941)