

THEOLOGY: WORSHIP & THE ARTS (MA)

Program Description

When you pursue a Master of Arts in Theology degree at Seattle Pacific Seminary, you combine a core study of Scripture, formation, church history, theology and ethics with one of seven concentrations that support SPU's vision to engage the culture and change the world with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ.

The MA in Theology will prepare you either for further academic study in your chosen concentration or professional work consistent with God's calling on your life.

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 |
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| 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 6040 | Bible II: Introduction to the Old Testament | 3 |
| THEO 6070 | Bible III: Introduction to the New Testament | 3 |
| THEO 6020 | Global Christian Heritage I: AD 100-1453 | 3 |
| THEO 6050 | Global Christian Heritage II: AD 1454-1900 | 3 |
| THEO 6080 | Global Christian Heritage III: AD 1900-Present | 3 |
| THEO 6030 | Theology/Ethics I: Doctrine of God and Environmental Stewardship | 3 |
| THEO 6060 | Theology/Ethics II: Doctrine of Christ and Holistic Discipleship | 3 |
| THEO 6090 | Theology/Ethics III: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit and the Global Church | 3 |
| Section Credits Required | | 33 |
| Concentration Courses | | |
| THEO 6403 | Theology of Christian Worship | 3 |
| THEO 6412 | Leading and Designing Congregational Worship | 3 |
| THEO 6740 | Preaching I: From Scripture to Sermon | 3 |
| THEO 6951 | Worship and the Arts: Special Topics ¹ | 6 |
| THEO 6940 | Contextual Education Internship ² | 6 |
| | or THEO 6941 Contextual Education Intensive Internship | |
| Section Credits Required | | 21 |
| THEO 6960 and/or THEO Electives | | 6 |
| Total Credits | | 60 |

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THEO 6951 must be repeated to reach credit requirement

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