**MASTER OF ARTS (M.A.), MAJOR IN THEOLOGY**

The Graduate Director will serve as the student's advisor and will help students choose a program of study best suited to their interests and career plans. Thirty-three (33) semester hours are required for the degree, including:

**Plan A:** 27 hours of courses followed by comprehensive examination, then 6 hours of THL 799 Master's Thesis; or **Plan B:** 33 hours of courses followed by comprehensive examination.

**M.A., Major in Theology course requirements (33 credits):**

**Required Seminar Courses**
- THL 700 Seminar in Biblical Studies 3
- THL 730 Seminar in Systematic Theology 3
- THL 755 Seminar in Moral Theology 3

**Biblical Studies**

Select one course from the following: 3
- THL 701 Biblical Interpretation: Hermeneutics In The Writing And In The Reading Of Scripture
- THL 702 The Gospel of Mark
- THL 703 The Social And Historical Context Of The Bible
- THL 704 Contemporary Biblical Interpretation: The Synoptic Gospels
- THL 705 New Testament Churches
- THL 706 The Gospel of Matthew
- THL 707 The Life and Spirituality of Ignatius of Loyola:}
- THL 708 Paul: The Major Writings
- THL 709 The Gospel of John: Contemporary Approaches
- THL 710 The Mediterranean Matrix of Christian Theology
- THL 711 Israelite Religion In Perspective
- THL 712 Creation and Ethical Order
- THL 713 Liberationist Readings of New Testament Texts
- THL 714 The Pentateuch: Issues Of Ethics And Morality
- THL 715 Marian Spirituality
- THL 716 Spirituality of Reconciliation
- THL 717 Jungian Psychology and Christian Spirituality
- THL 718 A Theology and Spirituality of Conversion
- THL 722 Mary in Life of St. Ignatius

**Systematic and Historical Studies**

Select one course from the following: 3
- THL 731 Systematic Theology: The Mediated God
- THL 732 Theologies of Salvation
- THL 733 Images Of The Church Through The Ages
- THL 734 The Quest For Christian Identity
- THL 736 Systematic Theology According To Karl Rahner
- THL 737 The Historical Context For Theology In America
- THL 740 Inventing Christianity: The Emergence Of The Christian Theological Tradition
- THL 741 Theology and Writings of St. Augustine
- THL 743 Political Theology

**Christian Life Studies**

Select one course from the following: 3
- THL 756 Theology of the Moral Life
- THL 757 Christian Nonviolence: Jesus, Prince of Peace
- THL 758 Roman Catholic and Protestant Ethics
- THL 760 Scriptural Foundation Of Christian Spirituality
- THL 761 Liturgical Foundations Of Christian Spirituality
- THL 762 Doctrinal Foundation Of Christian Spirituality
- THL 764 Prayer And Christian Spirituality
- THL 765 Prayer, Intimacy. And True Christian Growth
- THL 766 Contemplation In The Christian Tradition
- THL 767 Spanish Mysticism
- THL 768 Foundational Texts In Christian Mysticism
- THL 769 The History Of Christian Spirituality
- THL 770 Called To Holiness: The Christian Vocation
- THL 773 The Theology Of The Spiritual Exercises Of St. Ignatius
- THL 776 Discernment Of Spirits: Theory And Practice
- THL 778 Biblical Roots For Peace And Justice Ministry
- THL 779 Spirituality And Social Concerns
- THL 785 Psychodynamics Of Spiritual Growth
- THL 786 Family Spirituality
- THL 789 Spirituality For Americans: Thomas Merton's Contemplative Vision
- THL 790 Spiritual Formation
- THL 791 Spirituality and Sexuality
- THL 792 Practicum in Ministry
- THL 793 Directed Independent Reading
- THL 794 Special Elective in Biblical Studies
- THL 795 Directed Independent Study
- THL 796 Special Elective in Historical-Doctrinal-Liturgical Studies
- THL 797 Directed Independent Research
- THL 798 Special Elective in Christian Life Studies

**Elective courses**

Select one of the following. A comprehensive exam is required for both. 15

- Plan A: Three elective courses plus 6 hours of THL 799 Master's Thesis
- Plan B: Five elective courses

**Total Credits 33**