



***OLHCC
GRADUATE PROGRAM
IN
THEOLOGY***

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GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

Our Lady of Holy Cross College is a diverse family in search of the truth, participating in the teaching mission of the Church through educating the mind and the heart of every student. Through the Graduate Program in Theology, Our Lady of Holy Cross College Theology Program provides opportunities for students to engage in a search for a deeper understanding of the truth of God revealed in Jesus Christ. In this way, the Graduate Program in Theology offers an exemplary participation in the fundamental teaching mission of the Church and the highest form of total education of the mind and the heart.

The Graduate Program in Theology is designed to guide the student in understanding divine revelation as contained in Sacred Scripture and explained in Catholic doctrine, and in understanding theological arguments and concepts. On this basis it is also designed to train students to engage in the most vital aspect of theological study, which is faith seeking understanding.

The Graduate Program in Theology offers specific training and preparation for future theological study, catechetical ministry and pastoral leadership through its M.A., Theology Program. It accomplishes these purposes through providing the required academic coursework in a format suited to the needs of contemporary students. The program requirements are geared toward engaging students in graduate level learning and research in all of the foundational areas in Catholic Theology: Scripture, Catholic Tradition, dogmatic and moral reflection through the engagement of theological sources based on a methodical introduction to the nature, goals and practice of quality theological research.

As a field of study which focuses not merely on methods and concepts but on a living relationship with God in Jesus Christ, success in all programs is based not only on completing the required course work, but also on the demonstration of attitudes and values appropriate to the field of study and competencies appropriate to the program. The Graduate Program in Theology actively promotes spiritual development and an atmosphere of prayerful theological study and research.

PHILOSOPHY OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

The Graduate Program in Theology incorporates the College's Philosophy and Mission into its own statement of Philosophy and Mission. The program seeks to nurture students into mature student-theologians with the ability to pursue lifelong theological study and professional pursuits related to the fields of theology, catechesis and pastoral leadership. Such formation includes the development of the whole person in regard to spirituality and the values necessary to engage in the multiplicity of forms taken by the Church's mission to the world. The Graduate Program in Theology actively seeks to lead students into, and

empower them for, the various apostolates in the Church, and, whenever possible, endeavors to engage them in corporate apostolic activity in order to train them for effective Catholic outreach.

The Graduate Program in Theology is based on the principle of authentic and creative fidelity to the totality of the Catholic Tradition and to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church (cf. John Paul II, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, 20). In the Catholic Tradition, theological investigation and speculation are acts of faith in which human reason is applied to the truth of God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ for the sake of understanding it more fully and adhering to it more deeply. In theological instruction and research, professors and students should exercise their intellectual and academic freedom of inquiry and expression within this context.

The Graduate Program in Theology is part of the Division of Humanities, Education and Counseling, and is administered by the Theology Program Coordinator under the guidance of the Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs and the Chair of Graduate Programs.

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

This program of thirty-six (36) credit hours is normally accomplished within two to three years. It includes a graduate thesis or apostolic assessment, of which either/or comprises the final three credit hours.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

Research: The program prepares all students to become critical and effective users of theological research and to apply appropriate methodology in the pursuit of graduate level research. Objectives for achieving the research mission of the program are:

1. To introduce students to the fundamental objects of all Catholic theological research (i.e. Sacred Scripture, Church Fathers, Conciliar and Magisterial teaching, etc.) in a sustained and illuminating way;
2. To support students in their scholarly research through training them to use key theological resources;
3. To support students in their scholarly research through adequate resources and faculty mentoring;
4. To monitor students throughout their process in order to assure quality research products;

5. To encourage the presentation and publication of research products.

Teaching: The program prepares all students to become responsible and fully formed and informed theological thinkers capable of teaching and ministering to others in effective ways. Objectives for achieving the teaching mission are:

1. To recruit, maintain and matriculate students who demonstrate the potential to understand and to share the riches of the Catholic Tradition with others through effective catechesis and pastoral leadership;
2. To provide a curriculum which not only meets the graduate-level standards of liberal arts and theological study in an exemplary way, but which takes as its primary standard the Catholic theological heritage in both its contents and comprehensiveness;
3. To provide students opportunities to avail themselves of the best theological resources in a way that makes them fully accessible and demonstrates their relevance and applicability to contemporary life and spirituality;
4. To monitor students individually throughout their academic careers so as to promote both personal and professional development;
5. To foster students' participation in the total life of the Church and to encourage life-long theological learning in graduates by instilling awareness of continuing education needs and opportunities.

Apostolic Activity: The programs prepare students for commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church in all of its forms, but especially in theological, catechetical and pastoral activity. All students are enabled to contribute personally and professionally to ecclesial service and outreach. Objectives for achieving the apostolic mission of the program are:

1. To offer students vital opportunities for hands-on training through their involvement in the outreach programs of OLHCC and the OLHCC Catholic Studies Institute;
2. To gear student learning and activity to the opportunities which students have in the communities, Catholic schools, and parochial/diocesan settings in which they live and work;
3. To sponsor seminars, workshops and other learning/training experiences bringing in nationally and internationally recognized scholars and professionals who have special expertise to address the specific concerns of Catholic educators and ministers in the Archdiocese of New Orleans, the surrounding region and points beyond.

GENERAL STUDENT OUTCOMES OF THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Program in Theology, graduates should be able to:

1. Practice sound processes of theological investigation into the perennial norms of Christian faith in authentic and creative fidelity to the Catholic Tradition and the Church's Magisterium;
2. Demonstrate marked familiarity with Sacred Scripture and the following vital Catholic theological resources:
 - Documents of Vatican II and Postconciliar Documents
 - Documents of the Ecumenical Councils
 - Church Fathers of the East and West
 - Writings of John Paul II
 - Catechism of the Catholic Church*
 - Classics of Catholic Theology and Spirituality
 - Sacred Liturgy
 - Contemporary Theological Insight
 - Christian Experience
3. Demonstrate the ability to engage in critical theological thinking and discernment, especially in regard to current trends in theological speculation;
4. Engage in fruitful and current dialogue regarding religion and ethics;
5. Demonstrate the ability to evaluate societal trends and needs in the light of Catholic teaching;
6. Understand Catholic magisterial pronouncements in regard to their authority and importance for the life of the Catholic faithful;
7. Participate in doctoral level theological programs.

PROGRAM FORMAT

In keeping with the scope and purpose explained above, the Graduate Program in Theology is offered exclusively in an evening and/or weekend format. Because of the nature of such an arrangement, a normal course load in the Graduate Program in Theology consists of six (6) credit hours a semester, although more hours may be possible and are allowed (see *Course Load* section below).

After 2-2 ½ years of enrollment, students will have had the opportunity to fulfill all course requirements in this format by taking six (6) credit hours per semester, including six (6) credit hours in two summer sessions.

NATURE OF GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL WORK

Coursework in the Graduate Program serves to give students an in-depth introduction into mature speculation regarding all of the primary subjects with which theological study is concerned. In every course, it does this through an engagement with Sacred Scripture in which the Church's teaching and other norms of faith are taken as guides to the endeavor of faith seeking understanding.

On the basis of this, coursework in the Graduate Program in Theology also serves as a guide for independent study. Therefore, students are expected to demonstrate knowledge, skills and attitudes appropriate to the study of theology rather than just to pass courses or simply comply with formal requirements. As graduate students, they are expected to exceed minimum requirements and assume responsibility in pursuing life-long learning that will build upon the basis given to them in their graduate program.

ADMISSIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Graduate Coordinator accepts applications for admission from students without regard to ethnicity, creed, age, gender, disability status, or national origin.

The Admissions Process for the OLHCC Graduate Program in Theology has two stages. The first is provisional admission to OLHCC. The second is conditional Admission to the Graduate Program in Theology. These stages of admission must be completed in order. **Admission to OLHCC does not guarantee admission to the Graduate Program in Theology.**

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE COLLEGE

All admissions materials must be sent to the Director of Admissions, Office of Enrollment Services, Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland, New Orleans, LA 70131.

The admission procedures include the following criteria.

1. Completion of graduate admission application
2. Payment of a graduate application fee (i.e., a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$15.00)

3. Receipt of all official transcripts
4. Receipt of three letters of recommendation
5. A five-page intellectual autobiography and writing samples.
6. Receipt of the appropriate standardized test scores (Graduate Theology requires the GRE). (Not required of students who have already completed a graduate degree.)

Deadlines to complete the graduate application package for conditional admission to the Graduate Program in Theology are:

July 15	for Fall Registration
October 15	for Spring Registration
March 15	for Summer Registration

Applicants who submit graduate application packages that are received after these dates will not be eligible for conditional admission to the Graduate Program in Theology until the semester following the next deadline.

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY.

STAGES OF ADMISSION

STAGE ONE: PROVISIONAL ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY - Beginning candidates possessing an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university who have not completed the graduate application package may take a maximum of six hours of graduate credit at Our Lady of Holy Cross College (OLHCC) on a provisional basis. Provisional basis constitutes the following conditions.

- A minimum 2.5 undergraduate grade-point average is required to take graduate course work.
- Once the application is completed and the fee is paid, a candidate may take a maximum of six hours of graduate work.
- The provisional basis does not guarantee conditional admission into the Graduate Program in Theology.
- Beginning candidates must attend the graduate orientation (one is held in the Fall and one is held in the Spring).
- No candidate can register for the next semester until his/her graduate admission criteria are completed.
- Provisional admission is limited to one semester

STAGE TWO: CONDITIONAL ADMISSION TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY - Candidates cannot take more than six hours until they have been conditionally accepted into the Graduate Program in Theology. In order to be conditionally accepted, candidates must meet the following conditions:

- The graduate admission criteria must be completed. Please refer to the criteria listed above.
Note: All parts of the admissions criteria must be processed through the OLHCC Office of Enrollment Services and to the Director of Admissions.
- Once the admission criteria are completed, the candidate must be interviewed by the coordinator/director of the graduate program to which the candidate is applying. A writing sample will be part of the interview process. Applicants can receive information regarding the interview process and the written statements from the program coordinators/directors.
- Graduate program coordinators/directors will determine conditional admission into the program. The criteria for conditional admission will be made on the basis of the following indicators:
 1. Completed admissions criteria;
 2. Evidence of Archdiocesan or diocesan certification (partial or full) for religious education or a similar field. This can be used to meet the undergraduate theology requirement;
 3. Undergraduate grade-point averages (A minimum of a 3.0 undergraduate grade-point average is preferred.);
 4. Standardized test scores (A minimum score of 800 on the GRE is preferred.) (Not applicable to students who have already completed a graduate degree.);
 5. Letters of recommendation;
 6. Five-page intellectual autobiography, writing sample and program interview; and
 7. Recommendations from OLHCC instructors.
- Candidates will be notified in writing by the appropriate graduate coordinator/director regarding the results of their admission status. Those who are accepted for conditional acceptance will be allowed to register for the next semester. Those who are not conditionally accepted will not be allowed to continue graduate studies at OLHCC.

STAGE THREE: UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE TO THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

Candidates remain in a conditional status until they are accepted for candidacy (see “Admission to Candidacy” below). Candidacy is primarily determined through academic achievement in graduate classes and demonstration of appropriate dispositions.

The forms for application and letters of recommendation may be obtained from the Office of Enrollment Services. The application must be accompanied by a one-time, non-refundable application fee of \$15.00.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THEOLOGY

Admission to graduate studies at Our Lady of Holy Cross College is based on the evaluation of each applicant's personal, professional, and academic records by the Graduate Admission Committee made up of Program Faculty. The Division recruits qualified applicants from diverse socio-cultural backgrounds who display professional promise, intellectual achievement, appropriate personal character, and educational commitment. At a minimum, applicants are expected to have the following academic qualifications:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a university or college approved by a recognized regional accrediting agency in the United States or proof of equivalent training at a foreign university;
2. A record of undergraduate study that is predictive of success in graduate studies. This requires a degree with a cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
3. Successful completion of nine (9) credit hours of undergraduate or graduate Theology (including at least three (3) credit hours in Historical Theology or THE 380 Catholic Theological Tradition), or certification through the Institute of Catechetics and Spirituality of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Partial fulfillment of both by a candidate will be considered, as will certification programs successfully completed in other dioceses;
4. Six (6) credit hours of undergraduate or graduate Philosophy that is applicable to the study of Theology are required for admission to the graduate program. Students lacking this requirement may be admitted on the condition that they take THE 500 (Philosophy for Theologians) and pass with a 3.0 or higher before completing eighteen (18) credit hours in the degree program;
4. Satisfactory academic standing at the last university or college attended; and
5. Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Test scores must meet the following minimum standards:

GRE: a combined score of not less than 800 on any two of the three areas is required.

APPLICANTS NOT ACHIEVING AN APPROPRIATE SCORE ON THE FIRST TESTING MAY BE PROVISIONALLY ADMITTED

BUT MUST HAVE A GPA OF 3.0 AFTER COMPLETION OF SIX SEMESTER HOURS.

FOREIGN AND ESL STUDENTS

A foreign or ESL (English as a Second Language) applicant must present evidence of satisfactory proficiency in reading, writing and speaking English. The applicant may do so by presenting a satisfactory score on the TOEFL (normally 500). For information about TOEFL, the applicant should write to TOEFL, 1755 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036. Foreign applicants for the M.A. programs are also required to take either the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or the Miller's Analogy Test (MAT).

FINANCIAL AID

- *Stafford Loan*: subsidized up to \$8500 per year is available; unsubsidized up to \$10,000 per year is available. Apply through the Financial Aid Office.
- OLHCC Graduate Scholarships
- Research Grants: Grants are available for graduate students who have had a thesis proposal accepted by their committee.
- Students who work in fields directly related to theological study will receive a 20% discount per credit hour.
- Graduate Assistantships are awarded to students who give evidence of maturity and academic commitment. A full-time assistantship award provides a stipend of \$2,500 per semester in exchange for twenty hours of work per week. A half-time assistantship award provides a stipend of \$1,250 in exchange for half-time assistantship. Applications are submitted the semester prior to the assistantship appointment. International students are awarded tuition waivers for the full amount of the assistantship with no stipends being given.
- Archdiocese of New Orleans Handing on the Faith Program: The Archdiocese of New Orleans Office of Religious Education, in its commitment to support the ongoing professional development of catechists and lay ministers, offers tuition remission packages to its employees when they pursue theological coursework on the undergraduate and graduate level. Packages range from partial to full remission of all tuition for students who make a commitment to continue their work in the Archdiocese for a five-year period after graduation. For more information, please contact Ms. Carole Obrokta, Director of the Office of Religious Education, at 504-861-6270.

POLICIES

LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

Students enrolled in graduate theological programs at other institutions who wish to register for transfer credit must submit a letter of good standing and will not be required to submit complete transcripts. The letter of good standing must come from the dean of the student's graduate school. A student in one of the OLHCC Graduate Program in Theology can apply for a letter of good standing to take up to six (6) semester hours at another accredited institution provided the courses receive prior approval from the student's faculty advisor.

COURSE LOAD

To be classified as full-time, a graduate student must register for at least six (6) credit hours in a regular semester. Nine (9) credit hours is also an acceptable course load for students who have achieved at least conditional admission. Overloads must be approved by the Theology Program Coordinator.

To be classified as part-time, a graduate student must register for three (3) credit hours in a regular semester, including the summer sessions.

GRADE POINT REQUIREMENTS

An overall grade point of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale is required for maintenance in the graduate program. Passing grades for graduate students are A, B and C. A maximum of two grades of C may be applied to a program of study. A graduate student who obtains a D or lower in any course is automatically placed on probationary status and must repeat the course. Students will be allowed to repeat a course only once and the course must be repeated at OLHCC. Student status is then subject to review by the Graduate Council.

Students whose semester average in coursework is below a 3.0 are placed on probationary status and are not allowed to register for more than six semester hours the following semester. To be removed from probationary status, the graduate student must complete six semester hours with an earned grade not less than B and a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 at the end of those six hours. If the graduate student on probation for falling below a 3.0 overall GPA is unable to remedy the deficient overall GPA at the end of the six semester hours of the probationary period, the student will be dismissed from the graduate program.

Subject to review of the Graduate Council, students may be dropped from programs for factors other than grade-point average without having a probationary period. Status is

then determined by the Graduate Council. The student may then appeal decisions of the Graduate Council by submitting a written appeal to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs.

TIME LIMIT

A maximum of five years from the first semester attended is allowed for completion of the requirements for the program. Students in special circumstances may appeal for extensions of these time limits to the Theology Program Coordinator. Readmission does not automatically qualify the applicant to begin the time limit period anew.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Each student is responsible for developing and maintaining a portfolio throughout the graduate program and meeting all pertinent requirements and regulations for the successful completion of the Master's Degree. Students should become familiar with this section of the Catalog, the *Graduate Student Handbook*, and the offerings and requirements of their areas of specialization.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

A student must enroll as a full-time student for at least one semester prior to graduation.

TRANSFER CREDITS

A maximum of nine (9) credit hours may be transferred from an accredited institution. Approval of all transfer credits must be obtained from the Theology Program Coordinator. These courses must be verified by an official transcript from the institution at which the courses were taken. Graduate credit is not awarded for portfolio-based experiential learning. Only courses taken within the past five years may transfer unless otherwise approved by the Theology Program Coordinator.

MAJOR ADVISOR

Each student, upon admission to the Graduate Programs in Theology, is assigned a major advisor. The major advisor will usually be assigned before the student's first registration and will aid the student in the development of the individual graduate program. If reassignment of a major advisor is necessary, the reassignment will be made by the Theology Program Coordinator, in cooperation with the student.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

The student will work closely with the major advisor to develop a graduate program of study that includes the courses to be taken towards the degree being sought. The program is designed to meet both the student's and the institution's goals and objectives for graduate study. The planned program of study is completed at the time the student is making their application for candidacy. It must be approved by the student's major advisor before it proceeds to candidacy.

Changes in the program of study can be made with approval of the major advisor and the Theology Program Coordinator.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Admission to graduate studies does not imply admission to candidacy for a degree. The student must file a formal petition with the Theology Program Coordinator at the beginning of the semester in which he/she will complete eighteen (18) credit hours of his/her program of study. This petition must be submitted according to the instructions included on the application. To be considered for candidacy, the student must:

- Be conditionally admitted to Graduate Studies;
- Be currently registered at Our Lady of Holy Cross College;
- Have completed at least 12 credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0;
- Have a positive recommendation from his/her major advisor and a consensus from the Theology Program Faculty. Students not admitted to candidacy will be informed in writing by the Program Coordinator;
- Declare a thesis topic or an apostolic assessment tract.

Application Deadlines: Fall-September 15 Spring-February 15 Summer-June 15

APPLICATION FOR GRADUATION

The procedures for graduation as outlined by Our Lady of Holy Cross College **must** be followed. Applications are available in the Office of the Registrar.

COMMENCEMENT

Upon successful completion of course work and the thesis or apostolic assessment, the student is expected to attend commencement exercises. Students are required to earn a

minimum grade of “B” on the thesis are apostolic assessment. If a student should fail to earn a “B” he/she would be required to repeat the course.

POLICIES FOR MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY (M.A., THEOLOGY)

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

A minimum of thirty-six (36) credit hours is required for the Master of Arts in Theology, including three (3) credit hours for the Research Thesis or Apostolic Assessment.

RESEARCH THESIS

The research thesis is a major research paper of a minimum length of 60 typed pages in which the student endeavors to do in-depth research regarding some topic in theology which has been approved in advance. To achieve this successfully, the student must practice sound research techniques and master the materials utilized to a degree that shows promise for continued scholarship. The topic is not original to the student, but should represent an area in which the student may attempt original research on the doctoral level.

Thesis Credit Hours

The thesis represents three (3) credit hours in the M.A., Theology curriculum, and is listed as a single course, i.e. THE 706 – Research Thesis in Theology. The student registers for this class for the semester immediately following his/her successful completion of the first thirty (30) hours of course work, although the Graduate Thesis Approval Form may be submitted after the successful completion of the first twenty-four (24) hours of course work. After this semester, they must remain enrolled as a student for the entire Research Thesis Process.

Research Thesis Process

The Research Thesis Process involves six steps:

1. Student selects an appropriate research topic after advising with at least one faculty member;
2. With the agreement of a faculty member, student chooses aforesaid faculty member to be the Thesis Director;
3. Student submits Graduate Thesis Proposal Approval Form by the established deadline, including a thesis proposal and bibliography, with the direction of the Thesis Director and submits it to Thesis Director by the established deadline;
4. Student provides Thesis Director with first draft of thesis according to specified timelines;
5. Student submits final draft for approval by Thesis Director by the established deadline;
6. Student has thesis bound in three copies according to program specifications and submits these to the Thesis Director for grading.

Thesis Director Responsibilities

- Assist the student in topic selection;
- Review and approve the thesis proposal and bibliography;
- Give critical feedback on the first draft of the thesis;
- Grade thesis.

APOSTOLIC ASSESSMENT

Apostolic work is foundational to the Church's life. Following the mandate of Christ to spread the Good News is also foundational to the theological endeavor, in which one is formed for this vital service through the process of faith seeking understanding.

The Apostolic Assessment is for students who have participated in full-time outreach in the Church in a program approved by the Theology Program Faculty for the duration of their Graduate Program in Theology. All students who have full-time employment in Catholic parishes and schools that is directly related to evangelization, catechesis and/or pastoral activity, or who are engaged in ordained ministry, are automatically approved. For such students, the Apostolic Assessment is an alternative to the Research Thesis as a requirement for successful completion of and graduation from the M.A. Theology Program. It is only recommended for those who seek the M.A. as a terminal degree.

The Apostolic Assessment is a major paper of a minimum length of 60 typed pages that combines theological research, personal reflection and strategic planning for future outreach. Completed assessments will be a mature reflection of the student's understanding of their specific apostolic activities as well as the nature of apostolic activity in general.

All students who are eligible must register for and succeed in completing the Apostolic Assessment with a "B" or higher in order to graduate from the program. To achieve this successfully, the student must be able to demonstrate, on the basis of successful engagement in their full-time ministry, an integrative understanding of their experience of apostolic work and graduate theological education. This understanding must also reflect the promise of successful future pastoral/catechetical activity and outreach.

Apostolic Assessment Credit Hours

The Apostolic Assessment represents three (3) credit hours in the M.A. Theology curriculum, and is listed as a single course, i.e. THE 707 – Apostolic Assessment. The student registers for the class in the final semester of the program.

Apostolic Assessment Process

The Apostolic Assessment process involves steps:

1. The Student completes the Apostolic Assessment Application, including the recommendation form of the student's immediate supervisor in the full-time ministry, and submits it to the Catholic Studies Institute Director;

2. With the agreement of the Catholic Studies Institute Director and the faculty member, the student chooses aforesaid faculty member to be the Apostolic Assessment Director;
3. Student submits Apostolic Assessment Proposal Approval Form by the established deadline, including a summary of the work to be assessed and the areas of theological study which relate most directly to the work, with the direction of the Apostolic Assessment Director and submits it to the Apostolic Assessment Director by the established deadline;
4. Student provides Apostolic Assessment Director with first draft of Apostolic Assessment according to specified timelines;
5. Student submits final draft for approval by Apostolic Assessment Director by the established deadline;
6. Student has Apostolic Assessment bound in three copies according to program specifications and submits these to the Apostolic Assessment Director for grading.

Catholic Studies Institute Director Responsibilities

- Review and approve the Apostolic Assessment Application;
- Approve student choice of Apostolic Assessment Director.

Apostolic Assessment Director Responsibilities

- Review and Approve the Apostolic Assessment Proposal Approval Form;
- Offer critical feedback on the first draft of the Apostolic Assessment;
- Grade Apostolic Assessment.

DEGREE PROGRAM

MASTER OF ARTS THEOLOGY (M.A., THEOLOGY)

THE 600	FUNDAMENTAL THEOLOGY	3
THE 602	EUCCHARISTIC THEOLOGY	3
THE 604	CHRISTOLOGY	3
THE 610	ECCLESIOLOGY	3
THE 615	MARIOLOGY	3
THE 620	CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY	3
THE 625	BIBLICAL THEOLOGY	3
THE 630	MORAL THEOLOGY I	3
THE 635	TRINITY AND ESCHATOLOGY	3
THE 640	MORAL THEOLOGY II	3
THE 650	LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS	3
THE 706	RESEARCH THESIS	3
OR		
THE 707	APOSTOLIC ASSESSMENT	3
		(36)

THEOLOGY
Master of Arts
Course Cycle

COURSE	COURSE TITLE	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
THE 500	Philosophy for Theologians			X
THE 600*	Fundamental Theology	X		
THE 602	Eucharistic Theology	X		
THE 604	Christology		X	
THE 610	Ecclesiology		X	
THE 615*	Mariology			X
THE 620	Christian Anthropology			X
THE 625*	Biblical Theology	X		
THE 630†	Moral Theology I	X		
THE 635	Trinity and Eschatology		X	
THE 640	Moral Theology II		X	
THE 650	Liturgy and Sacraments			X
THE 706‡	Research Thesis	X	X	X
THE 707‡	Apostolic Assessment	X	X	X

*Includes a workshop and graded exercises in the fundamentals of theological research.

†THE 630 is a prerequisite for THE 640.

‡Student must remain enrolled continuously until completion.