



A GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

General Academic M.A. Program Multidisciplinary
36 credit hours; requirements as set out below

Sem.	Course #	Prerequisite Course <i>(credits do not count towards degree)</i>	Grade	Crs
	MA2201	M.A. Research Skills (P/F)		1.5

Sem.	Course #	Required First Year Workshop	Grade	Crs
	MA2	M.A. Comprehensive Exam Workshop (P/F)		0

Program Proposal							
Disciplines	Course #	Proposed Courses in Disciplines	Sem	Course #	Actual Courses <i>(record when taken)</i>	Grade	Crs
1. Old Testament							
2. New Testament							
3. History							
4. Systematic Theology							
5. Cross-Cultural/ Mission							
6. Ethics							
7. Liturgy							
8. Spirituality							
Electives <i>(No more than one elective may be taken in any of the above disciplines)</i>							
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9.							
10.							
11.							
12.							

Comprehensive Examination	
Board Chair:	Dates:

MA Program Form Supplement

General MA Multidisciplinary

- Prerequisites for Admission to the MA in Theology:

- 15 semester or 24 quarter hours in theology or religious studies, preferably covering the major introductory areas of theological study (Bible, doctrine, history, ethics)
- A background in philosophy sufficient for the understanding of theology, ordinarily consisting of 6 semester or 9 quarter hours in philosophy.

Required First Year Workshops:

- MA Comprehensive Exam Workshop
- Formation Introductory Workshop (*for students in the Emmaus, Tolton and Romero formation programs*)

- Formation Program:

- Formation at Catholic Theological Union is required of all students in their first graduate level degree in theology. Participation in the Emmaus Formation for Ministry Program, The Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, or the Oscar Romero Scholars Program, is a requirement for all full-time, part-time, and distance students enrolled in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, or one of the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry programs, unless they are members of a community of consecrated life that has its own formation program. Formation participation is documented in the Registrar's Office.

Emmaus, Tolton, or Romero Program students begin formation in their first semester with the mandatory Formation Introductory Workshop (F3000).

All CTU students are always welcome to attend Theological Reflection Groups, Retreats or other Formation Program sponsored events.

- Coursework:

- MA Research Skills (MA 2201), or demonstration of adequate research and writing skills to engage in MA-level research. In most cases, the MA Director, in consultation with the Admissions Office, determines whether a new student should enroll in MA 2201.

- 12 courses in the following configuration:

- 1 Old Testament
- 1 New Testament
- 1 Systematic Theology
- 1 Cross-Cultural/Mission Studies
- 1 Liturgy
- 1 Ethics
- 1 Spirituality
- 1 History
- 4 additional courses in four different disciplines (so that there are no more than two courses in any single discipline)

- Focus Statement and Program Plan (completed after 3 courses):

- Student prepares the Focus Statement and discusses it with the advisor. On that basis the Program Plan is prepared.

- Skills Feedback Form:

- At the end of **each** of the first 3 courses taken, the student submits the Skills Feedback Form to each professor from whom he/she has taken a course. The professor completes this form and submits it to the student's academic advisor. The academic advisor discusses the feedback from the professors with the student. If significant concerns are raised in the feedback given by the professors, the advisor informs the MA Director. If the student's admission letter stated that an academic review would be conducted at the end of the first semester, the MA Director will ask to review these forms as well.

- Candidacy:

- After 25% of coursework is completed, the student applies for candidacy. The student requests the signatures of the academic advisor, formation director, and MA Director. The MA Director submits the form to the Academic Dean.

Language Fulfillment:

- No foreign language requirements for the Multidisciplinary General MA.

Comprehensive Examinations:

- The MA Advisor will ordinarily be the Chair of the Comprehensives Board.
- The comprehensive examination is based on eight questions. Each of the eight disciplines should be referenced, though it is not necessary that there be a distinct question dedicated to each discipline.
- The Comprehensives Board may select any of the eight questions for the first day of the examination, while keeping in mind the student's strengths.