

Master of Arts (Theology) Major-Minor with Thesis Program

36 credit hours, Formation, and other requirements as set out below

Name:	Date matriculated:	Student ID:
Community of Consecrated Life:	Academic Advisor:	
Telephone:	Major-Minor:	
Email:	Date of Update:	Candidacy Granted:

Sem.	Course #	Required Course	Crs
	MA3201	M.A. Research Skills (P/F)	1.5

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

Program Proposal <i>(Ordinarily at least 4 of these courses are at the 5000 level)</i>			
Sem	Course #	Course Title	Crs
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Language Fulfillment		
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Formation Requirements
Community of Consecrated Life Formation Program:
CTU Formation Program:

Sem.	Course #	Formation Requirement for Emmaus, Tolton and Romero Programs	Crs
	F3000	Formation Introductory Workshop (P/F)	0

For additional formation requirements of the Emmaus Formation for Ministry Program, The Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, and the Oscar Romero Scholars please see Formation Checklists on D2L.

Course #	Comprehensive Examination	Crs
T5995	Board Chair: Date:	1.5

Course #	MA Thesis	Crs
T5999	Title: Director:	3.0

MA Program Form Supplement

MA Major and Minor with Thesis

- Prerequisites for Admission to the MA in Theology:

- 9 semester hours or 15 quarter hours in theology or religious studies, preferably covering the major introductory areas of theological study
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- Required First Year Workshop:

- 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 Master of Arts in 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)
- Seven courses (21 semester hours) in the student's area of major concentration. Ordinarily at least three of these courses are at the 5000 level.
- Three courses (9 semester hours) in the area of minor concentration.

- 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 Advisor and MA Director. The MA Director submits the form to the Academic Dean.

Language Fulfillment:

- By the end of the first semester (or after 3 or 4 courses), the student meets with his/her advisor to discuss how the language requirements for the degree will be fulfilled as soon as possible. The Language Fulfillment Form is signed by the student and the advisor and submitted to the MA Director. When each language requirement is completed, those competent to judge inform the MA Director, who then informs the Registrar.
- Students in the MA Program with Thesis must demonstrate reading competency in two modern research languages, one of which is English.
- A Bible major (Old Testament, or New Testament) is required to complete one semester of Greek and one semester of Hebrew.
- Liturgy, Ethics and Systematic Theology majors require a reading knowledge of Latin.

- Additional Departmental Requirements:

Course #	Required Courses for Old and New Testament Majors	Crs
B4303	Introduction to Old Testament	3
B4305	Introduction to New Testament	3
B5512	Biblical Methods	3

- MA students in Bible must choose a major concentration in one testament with a minor in the other testament.
- Biblical Methods should be taken as soon as possible after completing Introduction to the Old Testament and Introduction to the New Testament.

Course #	Required MA Course for Ethics Major <i>(must be taken before other Ethics courses are taken)</i>	Crs
E4000	Introduction to Moral Theology	3

Course #	Required MA Course for Liturgical Studies Major	Crs
W5230	Liturgical Methods	3

Course #	Required MA Courses for Spirituality Major	Crs
S5101	Foundations and Methods for the Study of Spirituality	3
	Historical focused course	3
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Course #	Required MA Courses for Systematic Theology Major	Crs
D4002	Fundamental Theology and Methods	3

Comprehensive Examinations:

- The Chair of the Board is ordinarily the MA advisor. The other two members (one in the major area and the other in the minor area) are proposed by the student and advisor. The student submits the Board Appointment Form to MA Director. The MA Director submits the form to the Academic Dean for formal appointment of the Board members.
- For the MA Major-Minor with Thesis, the examination is based on eight questions: six questions from the area of major concentration and two from the area of minor concentration.

The MA Thesis:

- The student asks one faculty member to direct the thesis. In consultation with the student, the thesis director formally invites two faculty members (or otherwise competent persons approved by the MA Director) to be readers.
- After the thesis topic, director and readers have been determined, the student completes the Thesis Proposal Form and submits it to the MA Director.
- The student registers for T5999 Thesis Credit.
- After the completion of the thesis and approval by the director and readers, the thesis director submits the thesis grade to the MA Director, who in turn submits it to the Registrar.