

# MASTER OF DIVINITY

In particular and exceptional cases, with the approval of the Rector/Dean, qualified students who are not seeking ordination are admitted to the M.Div. program.

## Admission Requirements

In addition to the aforementioned general admission requirements for all ICSST programs, M.Div. applicants:

- must undertake psychological testing, according to protocols issued by the Office of the Rector/Dean;
- must have a personal interview with the Rector/Dean and/or the appropriate Associate Dean. Scheduling for such interviews is initiated by ICSST; and
- should have earned at least 15 undergraduate hours in religious studies/theology and at least 30 undergraduate hours in philosophy as part of their undergraduate education, corresponding to the themes required by the *Program of Priestly Formation* (Sixth Edition, 2022). Further preparation will be provided through the Pre-Theology program at ICSST.

## Matriculation Requirements

M.Div. students must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. The M.Div. program should be completed within six years (exclusive of any Philosophy or Pre-Theology requirements) unless extension of time is granted upon petition to the ICSST Educational Policy Committee due to extenuating circumstances.

## Degree Requirements

The M.Div. degree program is normally four academic years of full-time study for students who have completed all prerequisite courses. The M.Div. degree program is normally six academic years of full-time study for students who must complete prerequisite courses.

### I. Coursework and Field Education (87 credits)

Students must complete coursework according to the following distribution:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Biblical Studies</b>		
Select 12 credits of BIBL courses, for example:		12
BIBL 6501	Synoptic Gospels (or specific study of a Gospel)	
BIBL 6505	Pauline Literature	
BIBL 6201	Pentateuch	
BIBL 6203	Prophetic Literature	
BIBL 6205	Wisdom Literature-Psalms	
<b>Historical Studies</b>		
Select 6 credits of HSTD courses, for example:		6
HSTD 6340	From Church Fathers to 1500	
Any other HSTD course		
<b>Moral Theology</b>		
Select 6 credits of CETH courses, for example:		6
CETH 6105	Fundamental Moral Theology	
CETH 6201	Fundamental Moral Theology II	
<b>Pastoral Theology</b>		

Select 21 credits of STHO courses, for example:		21
PTHO 6109	Intro to Preaching	
PTHO 6112	Preaching Pract I	
PTHO 6113	Preaching Pract II	
PTHO 6203	Pastoral Psych. and Counseling	
PTHO 6401	General Canon Law	
PTHO 6405	Canon Law Marriage	
PTHO 6601	Pastoral Ministry - Intro	
PTHO 6726	History of Spirituality	
PTHO 6939	Parish Administration	
Spirituality Course		3
<b>Systematic Theology</b>		
Select 27 credits of PTHO courses, for example:		27
STHO 6022	Graduate Research Seminar	
STHO 6202	Revelation and Faith	
STHO 6203	Christology	
STHO 6204	The Trinity	
STHO 6205	Christian Anthropology	
STHO 6207	Ecclesiology	
STHO 6503	Sacraments of Initiation	
STHO 6501	Worship of the Church	
or STHO 6505 Eucharist		
<b>M.A. Seminar</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Field Education</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>90</b>

### II. Spiritual Formation

In addition to coursework and field education requirements noted above, non-ordination track M.Div. students must complete a "Foundational Spiritual Experience," meet with a spiritual director, and complete an annual retreat.

The "Foundational Spiritual Experience" is a cognitive and experiential introduction to the spiritual life. This year-long program explores movements in the spiritual life. Liturgy, instruction, faith-sharing, and communal prayer are some of the elements.

A list of recommended spiritual directors, persons associated in some way with the School who are familiar with the program and its goals, is available from the Associate Dean.

A retreat of several days must be made annually during the course of studies. When the retreat has been completed, the student should inform the Associate Dean.