

# MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY



## Intellectually Rigorous, Grounded in Faith

Aquinas Institute's 36 credit hour Master of Arts in Theology program provides a strong academic foundation for students interested in pursuing advanced theological studies and for those who desire an academic grounding for teaching, pastoral ministry, and Church leadership.

At the heart of all our programs is the unique Dominican approach to education that holds as its primary purpose a search for *Veritas*, the One who is Truth himself, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, whom we seek to encounter in all of our study and prayer.

At Aquinas Institute, you will integrate faith and theological studies. Our flexible program design offers coursework in a wide range of theological disciplines including Biblical studies, sacraments and liturgy, systematic, historical, and moral theology. Twelve elective credits allow students to customize their course of study and to meet specific areas of interest. Faculty works closely with students to develop research and writing skills and proficiency in analyzing and synthesizing theological sources.

Aquinas students are welcomed into a diverse and inclusive community of lay men and women, religious sisters, and Dominican student brothers preparing for ordination and pastoral ministry. You will have the opportunity to be part of a vibrant community where students and faculty learn from one another, share in worship and liturgy, enjoy meals together, and engage in open theological dialogue. As a graduate of Aquinas Institute, you will be prepared to go forth into the world preaching the Gospel in word and deed.

This program offers both an onsite classroom experience and an online synchronous option. Students in the online program participate in real time via video conferencing and actively join in classroom learning and conversation.

“The central aim of our MA program is to create transformative leaders in ministry, the classroom, the academy, and the Church.”

NATHAN CHASE, PHD  
MA PROGRAM DIRECTOR





## Admission Information

### Admission Criteria

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0

### Application Deadlines

#### Fall Semester:

- Priority: January 28
- Final: August 1

#### Spring Semester:

- Priority: October 15
- Final: December 1

### Admission Requirements

- Official transcripts
- Resume/CV
- Personal assessment
- Reflection paper
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) or Graduate Record Exam (GRE)
- Three letters of recommendation
- \$50 application fee
- Interview

### Program Length

Full-time students (9 credit hours per semester) can complete the MA degree in two years, while part-time students can take up to five years to complete the program.

### Program Format

Residential or synchronous online.

### Curriculum and Credit Hours

36 credit hours

#### INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

Proseminar (3 credits)

#### BIBLICAL STUDIES

Biblical Interpretation (3 credits)

Scripture Elective (3 credits)

#### SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

Introduction to Theology &  
Theological Method (3 credits)

Christology (3 credits)

#### MORAL THEOLOGY

Foundations of Catholic  
Morality (3 credits)

#### HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

Church History I (3 credits)  
Church History II (3 credits)

#### ELECTIVES

Four electives of the student's choice in Biblical studies, systematic, moral, historical, or liturgical sacramental theology (12 credits)

#### NON-CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Foreign Language Exam\*

Comprehensive Exam

Master's Thesis

*\* Students must demonstrate reading competency in a foreign language, either modern or classical, by the time of graduation. This requirement may be fulfilled through a reading exam or by passing a graduate-level language course.*