

## ACADEMIC FORMATION

The academic program of the M.T.S. degree provides a comprehensive exploration of the truths of the Catholic faith. In addition to the Formation Colloquium, the M.T.S. degree requires thirteen (13) courses - comprised of eleven (11) core courses and two (2) electives. Philosophy, Scripture, the Church Fathers, and Saint Thomas Aquinas will serve as touchstones throughout the sequence of M.T.S. courses. An M.T.S. student can complete the degree in two years if s/he attends full-time. A student may also fulfill the degree requirements over a longer period of time by attending courses part-time.

Students must complete, as a prerequisite or in the first year of study, the Theological Institute's Catechetical Certificate Program. This program centers teaches the truths of the Catholic faith centered on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. In order to complete the M.T.S. degree, students must either submit to comprehensive examinations or successfully defend a master's thesis.

The required courses for the M.T.S. program are listed below. All students meet each semester with the Theological Institute's Academic Advisor to determine the actual order and sequence of course completion, which ensures that students fulfill the intellectual expectations of the M.T.S. Program.

A typical sequence for a full-time M.T.S. degree student would be as follows:

### YEAR 1

#### Fall Semester

PH500 Faith and Reason (3)  
TH500 Fundamental Theology (3)  
OT500 Old Testament (3)  
FC100 Formation Colloquium (1)

#### Spring Semester

NT500 New Testament (3)  
CH500 Church History (3)  
TH516 Christology/Trinity (3)  
FC200 Formation Colloquium (1)

### YEAR 2

#### Fall Semester

MT500 Moral Theology (3)  
THPT500 New Evangelization/Pastoral Theology (3)  
FC300 Formation Colloquium (1)

#### Spring Semester

ST 500 Liturgy and Sacraments (3)  
TH 514 Theological Anthropology (3)  
TH 551 Ecclesiology\* (3)  
FC400 Formation Colloquium (1)

Plus two electives (2 credits each) to be taken during the Fall, Spring, or Summer sessions, as well as Saint John's Seminary's Catechetical Certificate Program (pre-requisite or first-year requirement).

\*Ecclesiology pre-requisites: Fundamental Theology and Christology/Trinity