MA Theological and Pastoral Studies Grow your ministry. Make Your World Ursuline College 🛠



Exploring Theology, Ministry, and Social Justice.

Program Goals

The Theological and Pastoral Studies program provides theological and ministerial preparation for those individuals interested in professional ministry.

Theological and Pastoral Studies creates opportunities for:

- The development of personal ministerial goals
- The reflective assessment of those goals
- Practical skills to achieve the goals in a ministerial setting

The program fosters an environment in which participants can integrate acAdemic preparation (content) with practical application (praxis) through supervised ministry (context).

What can I expect from a graduate education in theology at Ursuline College?

- Rigorous yet practical: The curriculum includes a 36 credit-hour course of instruction that provides students with a broad and deep academic foundation in scripture, doctrine, theology, pastoral care and counseling, church history and ethics, as well as with hands-on experiences in pastoral ministry.
- Integrative: There is a constant conversation taking place in our classrooms between the body of tradition we study critically, and the many and varied experiences each of us brings with us into that same classroom.
- Transformative: Leading women and men into deeper, more mature and more authentic relationships with one another, with their religious communities, with the world and with God.
- Theological & Pastoral Studies students seeking a degree receive a 40% tuition reduction.





Course of Study

Curriculum

Required Coursework (15 credit hours)

Foundations of Theology Christian Scriptures Hebrew Scriptures Final Practicum/Master's Thesis Church History

Electives (21 credit hours)

Pastoral Care and Counseling
Ministry and Spirituality
Christology
Christian Anthropology
Ecclesiology
Liturgy and Sacraments
Christian or Hebrew Scriptures
Social Justice
Moral Theology
Feminist Theology
Religion and American Culture
Canon Law
Special Topics/Independent Study

Total credits 36

Admission Requirements

Students applying for admission must meet both the general requirements for admission to all graduate programs and the specific requirements of the particular program of study. For the Master of Arts in Theological and Pastoral Studies, admission requirements are as follows:

- Application for Graduate Studies including the essay of 500 1,000 words. Application for admission may be submitted in paper form or online at ursuline.edu.
- 2. Non-refundable \$25 application fee.
- 3. All official transcript(s) for baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution and any additional undergraduate or graduate academic coursework whether or not credit was earned, the program was completed, or the credit appears as transfer credit on another transcript. These must be forwarded to the Office of Graduate Admission directly by the issuing institution.
- 4. Evidence of ability to do graduate work as indicated by a recommended 3.0 GPA shown on the applicant's transcript(s). Students may be asked to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) or provide other evidence of academic ability if their GPA is below 3.0. At the discretion of the dean, students may be admitted conditionally if their GPA is below 3.0.
- 5. Three recommendations utilizing the required recommendation form.

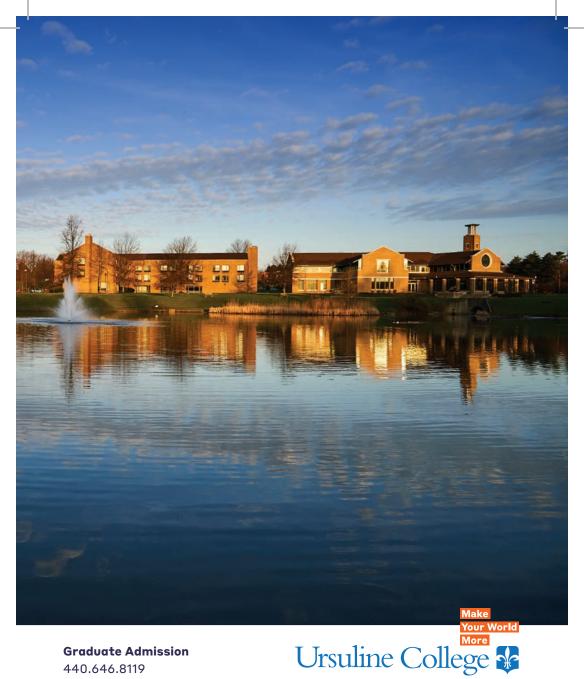
 Recommendations should be written by appropriate professionals attesting to the suitability of the applicant for graduate work in the particular field.

 One recommendation should be from a professional with whom the applicant has worked in a service/ministry setting. The recommendation form is available online at ursuline.edu or by request from the Office of Graduate Admission.
- 6. Satisfactory completion of an interview with the program director.
- 7. Commitment to ongoing ministry.



What can I do with a master's in Theological and Pastoral Studies?

Our graduates pursue a variety of paths following the completion of their degrees including doctoral studies, campus ministry, social justice ministries, youth ministry, parish ministry, Christian education, chaplaincy and hospice.



Graduate Admission

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