RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, M.A.

Saint Louis University's Department of Theological Studies (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/theological-studies/) offers a Master of Arts in Religious Education (M.A.R.E.) geared toward students who want to earn a degree that will prepare them to work as a religious educator in a parish setting or a theology teacher in Catholic schools. This program offers students an introduction to the major fields of theological study and pedagogical training, and practical experience through a joint degree with the SLU School of Education (https://www.slu.edu/education/).

Curriculum Overview

The M.A. in religious education program consists of two years of study that includes 36 credits of coursework. Fifteen credits, including a three-credit practicum, are taken in SLU's School of Education. The remaining 21 credits are taken in SLU's Department of Theological Studies.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

Resources for theology students at SLU include the more than 37,000 microfilms of the Vatican Film Library, the archives of the Institute of Jesuit Sources and more than 150,000 volumes of the Divinity Library in the Pius XII Memorial Library. Pius Library itself contains 1.4 million books, journals and other media. The library also provides access to many key research resources, including the Patrologia Latina, Brepolis, Early English Books OnLine, ATLA, Catholic Periodical Index, J-STOR, Index of Christian Art and electronic access to major journals and other indexing tools.

Saint Louis University's Center for Digital Humanities (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/ong-center/) creates products and tools to support teaching and research in historical theology. Theology faculty and graduate students are engaged in interdisciplinary work with other departments and centers at SLU, including the Department of Women's and Gender Studies (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/women-gender-studies/) and the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (https://www.slu.edu/arts-and-sciences/medieval-renaissance-studies/).

Careers

Graduates of SLU's theology program have gone on to a wide range of careers in academia, educational administration, museums, libraries, archives and nonprofit agencies. SLU's Department of Theological Studies is committed to the professional preparation of every graduate student.

Admission Requirements

An undergraduate major in theology or religious studies is recommended but not required. Applicants with a strong background (at least 18 credits of upper-level coursework) in theology or religious studies will also be considered.

Application Requirements

- Application form and fee
- Transcript(s)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students

All admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English Language Proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Academic records, in English translation, of students who have undertaken postsecondary studies outside the United States must include:
  - Courses taken and/or lectures attended
  - Practical laboratory work
  - The maximum and minimum grades attainable
  - The grades earned or the results of all end-of-term examinations
  - Any honors or degrees received.
- WES and ECE transcripts are accepted.
- In order to be issued an I-20 for your F-1 visa application, students must submit financial documents. Proof of financial support that must include:
  - A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
  - A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University

Application Deadline

Interested students should apply by Jan. 1.

Review Process

The department's graduate studies committee reviews applications.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
MA in Religious Education	$490

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Net Price Calculator (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/tuition-and-costs/calculator.php)

Information on Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/)

Miscellaneous Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/)

Information on Summer Tuition (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer/)

Scholarships, Assistantships and Financial Aid

For priority consideration for a graduate assistantship, apply by the program admission deadlines listed. Fellowships and assistantships provide a stipend and may include health insurance and a tuition scholarship for the duration of the award.

Explore Scholarships and Financial Aid Options (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/)

Learning Outcomes

1. Graduates will be able to demonstrate knowledge of the broad outlines of Christian scripture, Christian history and the major theological developments in the tradition, as well as core terms and categories that frame the field of education.
2. Graduates will be able to communicate effectively, both in writing and orally, demonstrating clear, coherent and well-developed complexity of thought and analysis.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
THEO 5000	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 5100	Introduction to the New Testament	3
THEO 5270	Christian Tradition I	3
THEO 5280	Christian Tradition II	3
THEO 5710	Seminar in World Religions	3
THEO 6040	Christian Theology Introduction	3
THEO 6140	Christian Theology Seminar	3
EDI 5360	Principles and Methods of Catechesis	3
EDL 5000	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	3
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	3
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
Total Credits		**36**

Continuation Standards

Students must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 in all graduate/professional courses.

Roadmap

Roadmaps are recommended semester-by-semester plans of study for programs and assume full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.

Courses and milestones designated as critical (marked with !) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation. Transfer credit may change the roadmap.

This roadmap should not be used in the place of regular academic advising appointments. All students are encouraged to meet with their advisor/mentor each semester. Requirements, course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Fall		
THEO 5270	Christian Tradition I	3
THEO 6040	Christian Theology Introduction	3
EDI 5360	Principles and Methods of Catechesis	3
	Credits	**9**
Spring		
THEO 5280	Christian Tradition II	3
THEO 6140	Christian Theology Seminar	3
EDL 5150	Special Dimensions of Ed Admin	3
	Credits	**9**
Year Two		
Fall		
THEO 5000	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
THEO 5710	Seminar in World Religions	3
EDL 5100	Foundations of Ed Admin	3
	Credits	**9**
Spring		
THEO 5100	Introduction to the New Testament	3
EDL 5000	Educational Leadership Non-Certification Practicum	3
EDR 5500	Evaluation of Education Programs	3
	Credits	**9**
	Total Credits	**36**

Contact Us

For additional questions regarding the M.A.R.E. program, contact theology@slu.edu or call 314-977-2881 and ask for M.A.R.E. program coordinator.