



A GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Research Academic M.A. Program Major-Minor
36 credit hours, Formation, and other requirements as set out below

Sem.	Course #	Prerequisite Course <i>(credits do not count towards degree)</i>	Grade	Crs
	MA2201	M.A. Research Skills (P/F)		1.5

Sem.	Course #	Required First Year Workshop	Grade	Crs
	MA2	M.A. Comprehensive Exam Workshop (P/F)		0

Program Proposal <i>(Ordinarily at least 4 of these courses are at the 5000 level.)</i>						
Course #	Proposed Courses in Major:	Sem	Course #	Actual Courses <i>(record when taken)</i>	Grade	Crs
Course #	Proposed Courses in Minor:	Sem	Course #	Actual Courses <i>(record when taken)</i>	Grade	Crs

Language Fulfillment		
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Comprehensive Examination	
Board Chair:	Dates:

MA Thesis <i>(3 credits)</i>	
Title:	Director:

MA Program Form Supplement

Research MA with Major and Minor

- Prerequisites for Admission to the MA in Theology:

- 15 semester or 24 quarter hours in theology or religious studies, preferably covering the major introductory areas of theological study (Bible, doctrine, history, ethics)
- A background in philosophy sufficient for the understanding of theology, ordinarily consisting of 6 semester or 9 quarter hours in philosophy.

- Required First Year Workshop:

- MA Comprehensive Exam Workshop
- Formation Introductory Workshop (*for students in the Emmaus, Tolton and Romero formation programs*)

- Formation Program:

- Formation at Catholic Theological Union is required of all students in their first graduate level degree in theology. Participation in the Emmaus Formation for Ministry Program, The Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program, or the Oscar Romero Scholars Program, is a requirement for all full-time, part-time, and distance students enrolled in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies, or one of the Master of Arts in Specialized Ministry programs, unless they are members of a community of consecrated life that has its own formation program. Formation participation is documented in the Registrar's Office.

Emmaus, Tolton, or Romero Program students begin formation in their first semester with the mandatory Formation Introductory Workshop (F3000).

All CTU students are always welcome to attend Theological Reflection Groups, Retreats or other Formation Program sponsored events.

- Coursework:

- MA Research Skills (MA 2201), or demonstration of adequate research and writing skills to engage in MA-level research. In most cases, the MA Director, in consultation with the Admissions Office, determines whether a new student should enroll in MA 2201.
- Eight courses (24 semester hours) in the student's area of major concentration. Ordinarily at least four of these courses are at the 5000 level.
- Three courses (9 semester hours) in the area of minor concentration.

- Focus Statement and Program Plan (completed after 3 courses):

- Student prepares the Focus Statement and discusses it with the advisor. On that basis the Program Plan is prepared.

- Skills Feedback Form:

- At the end of **each** of the first 3 courses taken, the student submits the Skills Feedback Form to each professor from whom he/she has taken a course. The professor completes this form and submits it to the student's academic advisor. The academic advisor discusses the feedback from the professors with the student. If significant concerns are raised in the feedback given by the professors, the advisor informs the MA Director. If the student's admission letter stated that an academic review would be conducted at the end of the first semester, the MA Director will ask to review these forms as well.

- Candidacy:

- After 25% of coursework is completed, the student applies for candidacy. The student requests the signatures of the academic advisor, formation director, and MA Director. The MA Director submits the form to the Academic Dean.

Language Fulfillment:

- By the end of the first semester (or after 3 or 4 courses), the student meets with his/her advisor to discuss how the language requirements for the degree will be fulfilled as soon as possible. The Language Fulfillment Form is signed by the student and the advisor and submitted to the MA Director. When each language requirement is completed, those competent to judge inform the MA Director, who then informs the Registrar.
- Students in the Research MA Program must demonstrate reading competency in two modern research languages, one of which is English.
- A Bible major (Old Testament, or New Testament) is required to complete one semester of Greek and one semester of Hebrew.
- Liturgy, Ethics and Systematic Theology majors require a reading knowledge of Latin.

- Additional Departmental Requirements:

Course #	Prerequisite Courses for Old and New Testament Majors <i>(credits do not count towards degree)</i>	Crs
B3000	Introduction to Old Testament	3
B3001	Introduction to New Testament	3

Course #	Required MA Courses for Old and New Testament Majors	Crs
B5012	Intermediate Biblical Exegesis	3
B5400	Intertestamental Literature	3

- Research MA students in Bible must choose a major concentration in one testament with a minor in the other testament.
- Intermediate Biblical Exegesis should be taken as soon as possible after completing Introduction to the Old Testament and Introduction to the New Testament.

Course #	Required MA Course for Ethics Major <i>(must be taken before other Ethics courses are taken)</i>	Crs
E4000	Introduction to Moral Theology	3

Course #	Required MA Course for Liturgical Studies Major	Crs
W5230	Liturgical Methods	3

Course #	Required MA Courses for Spirituality Major	Crs
S5101	Foundations and Methods for the Study of Spirituality	3
	Historical focused course	3
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Course #	Required MA Courses for Systematic Theology Major	Crs
D4002	Fundamental Theology and Methods	3
	Course focused on a particular Theologian	3

Comprehensive Examinations:

- The Chair of the Board is ordinarily the MA advisor. The other two members (one in the major area and the other in the minor area) are proposed by the student and advisor. The student submits the Board Appointment Form to MA Director. The MA Director submits the form to the Academic Dean for formal appointment of the Board members.
- For the Research MA, the examination is based on ten questions: seven questions from the area of major concentration and three from the area of minor concentration.

The MA Thesis:

- The student asks one faculty member to direct the thesis. In consultation with the student, the thesis director formally invites two faculty members (or otherwise competent persons approved by the MA Director) to be readers.
- After the thesis topic, director and readers have been determined, the student completes the Thesis Proposal Form and submits it to the MA Director.
- The student registers for T5999 Thesis Credit.
- After the completion of the thesis and approval by the director and readers, the thesis director submits the thesis grade to the MA Director, who in turn submits it to the Registrar.