

# CHRISTENDOM GRADUATE SCHOOL

## GUIDE TO PLANNING YOUR MA PROGRAM

This document is meant to help Christendom graduate students plan their course programs and ensure that they can take the courses they need in a timely manner. It contains information about what courses you need to take, when they are offered, both on campus and online, and the order in which you should take your courses. Once you know your concentration and have decided how many courses you will be able to take each semester, you should work out a plan of when you will take the courses you need, paying special attention to when courses are offered so that you don't get caught short needing a final course that may not be offered for a few semesters.

Courses are divided into four cycles, with two cycles of courses being offered each semester, one on campus and one online. So if you are limited to on-campus OR online courses, please be aware that in general any particular course is offered only about once every fourth semester. However, the courses of the "core," which are required of all MA students regardless of concentration, are offered *online* more frequently: every year, either in the fall or spring semester. On the other hand, they are offered *on campus* only in their cycles. So the number one rule of planning your program is to make sure you take your less-frequently-offered requirements when they are offered and not leave them to the end, especially if you plan to graduate within the next two years.

In general, there is no strictly required order for taking the courses in the MA program. However, while you may take courses in any order, the following are some suggestions that will facilitate your learning and help you get more from the program:

- THEO 590 (Introduction to Theology) is a prerequisite course that provides a foundation of the rest of the program and should be taken as close to the beginning of your studies as possible.
- If you take Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin early in your program, you can then use your Latin proficiency in your other courses!
- Since philosophy is the handmaiden of theology, it is recommended to take PHIL 602, Philosophy of God and Man, earlier rather than later – it introduces terminology and concepts that are used in theology.
- If you are in the moral theology concentration, you should take THEO 604 earlier rather than later, as this fundamental moral theology course introduces many teachings that are expanded in the other moral theology courses.
- It is required to take Old Testament before New Testament, and it is a good idea in general to take your Scripture courses early, since "the study of the sacred page is ... the soul of Theology" (Dei Verbum, 24).
- It is a good idea to take THEO 601 before THEO 602 or THEO 603.

Most MA students need to take two or more electives in addition to the required courses. You may choose for your electives any courses that interest you, either the required courses of the other concentrations or other elective courses that are occasionally offered.

# REQUIRED COURSES FOR THE MA DEGREE

## Core Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree and the Apostolic Catechetical Diplomas

PHIL 602: Philosophy of God and Man	THEO 601: God the Father
PHIL 603: Philosophical Errors	THEO 602: Christology
SCRI 606: Old Testament †	THEO 603: Holy Spirit and Ecclesiology
SCRI 607: New Testament †	THEO 604: Moral Theology

## Requirements for the Systematic Theology Concentration\*

HIST 610: Church History, Part I	THEO 712: Patristics
HIST 611: Church History, Part II	THEO 605: Liturgy & Sacraments

## Requirements for the Moral Theology Concentration\*

THEO 720: Theological Anthropology	THEO 724: Sexual & Biomedical Ethics
THEO 721: The Virtues	THEO 802: Catholic Social Teachings

## Requirements for the Sacred Scripture Concentration†‡

SCRI 602: Pentateuch	SCRI 610: Synoptic Gospels
SCRI 701: Prophets	SCRI 710: Johannine Corpus
SCRI 702: Psalms & Wisdom Literature	SCRI 711: Pauline Epistles & Acts of the Apostles

## Requirements for the Evangelization and Catechesis Concentration, & for the Apostolic Catechetical Diplomas

EDUC 602: The Catechetical Tradition	EDUC 604: Methods of Catechesis & Evangelization
THEO/EDUC 606: Apologetics	THEO 605: Liturgy & Sacraments

## Requirements for the Theology of the Consecrated Life Concentration

(Offered only during the residential summer program on campus)

CONL 621: History of the Consecrated Life	CONL 624: The Vows According to St. Thomas
CONL 622: Liturgy and the Consecrated Life	CONL 625: Consecrated Life and Vatican II
CONL 623: Scriptural Foundation of Consecrated Life	CONL 626: Consecrated Life in Canon Law

## Requirements for the Spirituality Concentration

(Offered only during the residential summer program on campus)

SPIR 630: The Spiritual Life	SPIR 633: Christian Asceticism
SPIR 631: The Sacraments in the Spiritual Life	SPIR 634: Virtues and the Spiritual Life
SPIR 632: Christian Prayer and Contemplation	SPIR 635: Spiritual Direction

### Special Notes:

†Students concentrating in sacred Scripture are exempt from the core OT and NT requirements. In lieu of these, they take two additional concentration-specific courses.

\*Competency in Latin is also required for the moral theology and systematic theology concentrations. Please see bulletin for details.

‡Competency in Greek (or another biblical language) is also required for the sacred Scripture concentration. Please see bulletin for details.

## THE CYCLE OF COURSE OFFERINGS

At the Christendom Graduate School, the required courses (both core requirements and special requirements for the concentrations) are divided into four cycles, each containing approximately one-fourth of the requirements. Two cycles are offered every semester, one of them on campus and the other in the online format. Every fall semester, either Cycle A or Cycle C is offered on campus (and either Cycle B or D online), and every spring either Cycle B or D is offered on campus and Cycle A or C online. The summer cycle sequence is independent from the fall-spring sequence: either Cycle A or Cycle C is offered at Front Royal (and either Cycle B or D online) in the summers of odd-numbered years, while Cycle B or D is offered on campus (and either Cycle A or C online) in even-numbered years. The schedule of cycles for upcoming years is listed below. Required courses in the core program are offered online more frequently, either every fall or every spring online, not merely in their cycles. Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin is usually offered on campus in the spring semester and online in the fall, and the prerequisite Introduction to Theology course is offered online every semester. Consecrated life and spirituality courses are offered only in the summer, as part of the *Vita Consecrata* Institute, at the Front Royal campus.

Full-time students normally attend the Christendom Graduate School for four consecutive semesters in order to take all of the required courses for the master's degree: either four consecutive summers or two academic (fall & spring) years. It is possible to accelerate the program by combining on-campus and online courses, and also by attending year-round.

The courses offered during each of the cycles are listed below. Courses marked with an asterisk are only offered on campus, during the summer program at the Front Royal Campus.

### CYCLE A

PHIL 602	Philosophy of God and Man
THEO 601	God the Father
HIST 610	Church History, Part I
THEO 724	Sexual & Biomedical Ethics
SCRI 602	Pentateuch
EDUC 604	Methods of Catechesis & Evangelization
CONL 622	Liturgy & the Consecrated Life*
CONL 626	Consecrated Life in Canon Law*
SPIR 633	Christian Asceticism*

### CYCLE C

THEO 603	Holy Spirit & Ecclesiology
SCRI 606	Old Testament
THEO 712	Patristics
THEO 720	Theological Anthropology
SCRI 610	Synoptic Gospels
SCRI 710	Johannine Corpus
THEO 606	Apologetics
CONL 623	Scriptural Foundations of Consecrated Life
CONL 625	Consecrated Life and Vatican II
SPIR 634	Virtues and the Spiritual Life

### CYCLE B

PHIL 603	Philosophical Errors
THEO 602	Christology
HIST 611	Church History, Part II
THEO 802	Catholic Social Teachings
SCRI 701	Prophets
SCRI 702	Psalms & Wisdom Literature
EDUC 602	The Catechetical Tradition
CONL 621	History of the Consecrated Life*
SPIR 630	The Spiritual Life*
SPIR 631	Sacraments in Spiritual Life*

### CYCLE D

THEO 604	Moral Theology
SCRI 607	New Testament
THEO 605	Liturgy & Sacraments
THEO 721	The Virtues
SCRI 711	Pauline Epistles & Acts of the Apostles
CONL 624	Vows According to St. Thomas Aquinas*
SPIR 632	Christian Prayer and Contemplation*
SPIR 635	Spiritual Direction*

### Schedule of Cycles

campus / online  
 SPRING 2018: D / C  
 SPRING 2019: B / A  
 SPRING 2020: D / C  
 SPRING 2021: B / A

campus / online  
 SUMMER 2018: D / B  
 SUMMER 2019: A / C  
 SUMMER 2020: B / D  
 SUMMER 2021: C / A

campus / online  
 FALL 2018: A / D  
 FALL 2019: C / B  
 FALL 2020: A / D  
 FALL 2021: C / B

## *Schedule of Required Courses to be Offered ON CAMPUS*

Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin is offered on campus every spring semester.

<b>Core</b>	<b>Systematic</b>	<b>Moral</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Evang. &amp; Cat.</b>	<b>Con.L. &amp; Spir.</b>
<u>Spring 2018/2020/2022 (Cycle D)</u>					
THEO 604 SCRI 607	THEO 605	THEO 721	—	THEO 605	
<u>Summer 2018/2022 (Cycle D)—In Front Royal</u>					
THEO 604 SCRI 607	THEO 605	THEO 721	—	THEO 605	CONL 624 SPIR 632 SPIR 635
<u>Fall 2018/2020/2022 (Cycle A)</u>					
PHIL 602 THEO 601	HIST 610	THEO 724	SCRI 602	EDUC 604	
<u>Spring 2019/2021/2023 (Cycle B)</u>					
PHIL 603 THEO 602	HIST 611	THEO 802	SCRI 701 (SCRI 702)	EDUC 602	
<u>Summer 2019/2023 (Cycle A)—In Front Royal</u>					
PHIL 602 THEO 601	HIST 610	THEO 724	SCRI 602	EDUC 604	CONL 622 CONL 626 SPIR 633
<u>Fall 2019/2021/2023 (Cycle C)</u>					
THEO 603 SCRI 606	THEO 712	THEO 720	SCRI 610 SCRI 710	THEO 606	
<u>Summer 2020/2024 (Cycle B)—In Front Royal</u>					
PHIL 603 THEO 602	HIST 611	THEO 802	(SCRI 701) † (SCRI 702) †	EDUC 602	CONL 621 SPIR 630 SPIR 631
<u>Summer 2021/2025 (Cycle C)—In Front Royal</u>					
THEO 603 SCRI 606	THEO 712	THEO 720	(SCRI 610) † (SCRI 710) †	THEO 606	CONL 623 CONL 625 SPIR 634

† Only one Scripture concentration course (TBD) may be offered on campus during the summer term.

## *Schedule of Required Courses to be Offered ONLINE*

The prerequisite course, THEO 590: Introduction to Theology, is available online every semester. Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin is offered online every fall semester.

<b>Core</b>	<b>Systematics</b>	<b>Morals</b>	<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Evang. &amp; Cat.</b>	<b>Con.L. &amp; Spir.</b>
Spring 2018/2020/2022 (Cycle C)					
PHIL 602 THEO 601 THEO 603 SCRI 606	THEO 712	THEO 720	SCRI 610 SCRI 710	THEO 606	
Summer 2018/2022 (Cycle B)					
PHIL 603 THEO 602	HIST 611	THEO 802	SCRI 701 SCRI 702	EDUC 602	
Fall 2018/2020/2022 (Cycle D)					
PHIL 603 THEO 602 THEO 604 SCRI 607	THEO 605	THEO 721	SCRI 711	THEO 605	
Spring 2019/2021/2023 (Cycle A)					
PHIL 602 THEO 601 THEO 603 SCRI 606	HIST 610	THEO 724	SCRI 602	EDUC 604	
Summer 2019/2023 (Cycle C)					
THEO 603 SCRI 606	THEO 712	THEO 720	SCRI 610 SCRI 710	THEO 606	
Fall 2019/2021/2023 (Cycle B)					
PHIL 603 THEO 604 THEO 602 SCRI 607	HIST 611	THEO 802	SCRI 701 SCRI 702	EDUC 602	
Summer 2020/2024 (Cycle D)					
THEO 604 SCRI 607	THEO 605	THEO 721	SCRI 711	THEO 605	
Summer 2021/2025 (Cycle A)					
PHIL 602 THEO 601	HIST 610	THEO 724	SCRI 602	EDUC 604	

## *Online Elective Courses*

### **AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE IN ANY SEMESTER WITH APPROVAL:**

THEO 606: Apologetics (Dr. Robert Matava)

HIST 700: The Crusades (Prof. Steve Weidenkopf)

SCRI 602: The Pentateuch (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 610: The Synoptic Gospels (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 701: The Prophets (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 702: The Psalms and Wisdom Literature (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 710: The Johannine Corpus (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 711: The Pauline Epistles & Acts of the Apostles (Rev. Sebastian Carnazzo, PhD)

SCRI 723: The Gospel of St. John (Prof. Salvatore Ciresi)

SCRI 724: Gospel of Mark (Prof. Salvatore Ciresi)

### **OCCASIONALLY OFFERED BY SPECIAL REQUEST, WITH PERMISSION:**

LATN 502: Intermediate Ecclesiastical Latin (Dr. Robert Matava)

This course may be taken on a pass/fail basis and does not count as graduate credit toward the MA degree. Must be taken for credit; may not be audited.

Current course descriptions may be found at <https://graduate.christendom.edu/academics/course-offerings/>. Descriptions for all courses, both elective and required, are also in the Christendom Graduate School *Bulletin* (<https://graduate.christendom.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/graduate-bulletin.pdf>). The elective courses may not be listed on semester registration forms; however, you may register for them online (<https://christendomgradschool.populiweb.com>) or by calling the office (703-658-4304).

## CHRISTENDOM GRADUATE SCHOOL MA REQUIRED COURSE CHECKLIST

	<u>CORE Courses</u>	<u>Systematic Theo.</u>	<u>Moral Theology</u>	<u>Sacred Scripture</u>	<u>Evangelization &amp; Catechetics</u>	<u>Consecrated Life</u>	<u>Spirituality</u>
	THEO 590 _____						
Cycle A	THEO 601 _____ PHIL 602 _____	HIST 610 _____	THEO 724 _____	SCRI 602 _____	EDUC 604 _____	CONL 622 _____ CONL 626 _____	SPIR 633 _____
Cycle B	THEO 602 _____ PHIL 603 _____	HIST 611 _____	THEO 802 _____	SCRI 701 _____ SCRI 702 _____	EDUC 602 _____	CONL 621 _____	SPIR 630 _____ SPIR 631 _____
Cycle C	THEO 603 _____ *SCRI 606 _____	THEO 712 _____	THEO 720 _____	SCRI 610 _____ SCRI 710 _____	EDUC 603 _____	CONL 623 _____ CONL 625 _____	SPIR 634 _____
Cycle D	THEO 604 _____ *SCRI 607 _____	THEO 605 _____ LATIN _____	THEO 721 _____ LATIN _____	SCRI 711 _____ GREEK _____	THEO 605 _____	CONL 624 _____	SPIR 632 _____ SPIR 635 _____
Electives:	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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\*Scripture Students are exempt from the Old & New Testament core courses.

All courses are 3 credits, except Consecrated Life & Spirituality, which are 2 credits

42 credit hours are needed for the MA degree in addition to THEO 590 & any language courses (i.e., Latin, Greek)