CHRISTENDOM GRADUATE SCHOOL Registration for the Comprehensive Exam- Summer 2026

Name: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Concentration: _____

1) Please select the date on which you would like to take your written exam:

Option 1: For local and on-campus students in the DMV area

☐ Mon 7/13 ☐ Tues 7/14 ☐ Wed 7/15 ☐ Thurs 7/16 ☐ Fri 7/17

Option 2: Out-of-state students attending Graduation:

☐ Tues 7/28 ☐ Wed 7/29

2) The oral portion of the exam will be held **on Saturday morning, July 18 (Option 1),** or **Thursday afternoon, July 30 (Option 2)**. All exams must be taken on Christendom's campus in Front Royal, Virginia.

3) Please use the attached checklist to make sure that you qualify to take the Comprehensive Exam. As stated in the Graduate School *Bulletin,* §6.3.3: "A student may take the comprehensive exam when he or she has successfully completed all the required courses for his or her degree program, both core and concentration requirements; he or she need not have completed all electives or his or her master's thesis." **I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, I have completed all core requirements for the MA in Theological Studies, as well as all requirements for my area of concentration. I understand that it is my responsibility to know the requirements for my degree, and that final determinations regarding my graduation status may be made by the Graduate School up until the date of graduation.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4) Please note: all students are required to take the Comprehensive Exams in person, in Virginia. As stated in the Graduate School Bulletin, §3.1: "Degree requirements are the same for on-campus students and for distance students. At the end of their course of studies, distance students must travel to Virginia to take the comprehensive exam." **I understand that I am required to take my comprehensive exam in Virginia, and that I may not complete the exam at a distance.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

5) Please note: The exam registration is $100.00 (non-refundable). Please email this form to mary.castano@christendom.edu for registration and to vladimir.rudenko@christendom.edu to be billed on Populi. **I agree to pay the $100.00 fee for the Comprehensive Exam, and I understand that this fee is non-refundable.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

No registration forms will be accepted after June 1, 2026

Room & Board Request Form: Week of July 27-August 2nd

Housing Request Details

Please indicate your housing needs for the comprehensive exam period:

- Arrival Date: _____
- Departure Date: _____

Housing Period: July 27, 2026-August 2, 2026
(Students may remain on campus through 10:00 AM of August 2 to accommodate travel arrangements following the August 1 graduation.)

Cost of Room & Board is $58 per night

- Do you require housing for the full period?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If no, please specify requested dates: _____

Special Requests / Accommodations

(Please include any dietary restrictions, accessibility needs, or other considerations.)

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Acknowledgment & Signature

I understand that housing is provided for the purpose of participating in comprehensive exams and related academic activities, including graduation events. I agree to follow all campus housing policies during my stay.

- **Student Signature:** _____
- **Date:** _____

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Checklist of Required Courses for the MA Degree

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

- ☐ PHIL 602: Philosophy of God & Man
- ☐ PHIL 603: Philosophical Errors
- ☐ SCRI 606: Old Testament[t]
- ☐ SCRI 607: New Testament[t]
- ☐ THEO 601: God the Father
- ☐ THEO 602: Christology
- ☐ THEO 603: Holy Spirit & Ecclesiology
- ☐ THEO 604: Moral Theology

*All students are also required to complete six elective credits or MA thesis.

Requirements for the Systematic Theology Concentration**

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

Requirements for the Moral Theology Concentration**

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

Requirements for the Sacred Scripture Concentratin [t T]

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

Requirements for the Evangelization & Catechesis Concentration & for the Apostolic Catechetical Diplomas

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

Requirements for the Mariology Concentration

- ☐ SCRI 810: Mary in Sacred Scripture
- ☐ THEO 820: Marian Spirituality & Devotion
- ☐ THEO 833: Theology of Mary and Joseph
- ☐ THEO 874: Mary in the Fathers and Doctors of the Church

Requirements for the Theology of the Consecrated Life Concentration

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

Requirements for the Spirituality Concentration

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

Requirements for the Sacred Liturgy Concentration***

- ☐ LITG 701: Salvation, the Human Person, & the Eucharistic Liturgy
- ☐ LITG 702: Ritual, Symbol, and Language
- ☐ LITG 703: Principles of Sacramental Theology
- ☐ LITG 704: Liturgical History: from the Last Supper through the Liturgical Movement
- ☐ LITG 705: Liturgical Traditions of the Catholic East
- ☐ LITG 706: The Sacraments of Initiation
- ☐ LITG 707: Sacraments of Healing and of Service
- ☐ LITG 708: Sacramentals and Popular Piety
- ☐ LITG 709: Liturgical Time: The Calendar and Divine Office
- ☐ LITG 710: Music and Sacramental Aesthetics
- ☐ LITG 711: Liturgical Law and Norms
- ☐ LIG 712: Liturgical Participation and Spirituality

Special Notes:

*Unless students have significant prior theological study, THEO 590/ Introduction to Theology is a required prerequisite course. It does not count towards the 42 credits needed for the MA degree.
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. Language courses do not count towards the 42 credits needed for the MA degree. Please see bulletin for details.

[T]Competency in Greek (or another biblical language) is also required for the Sacred Scripture concentration. Language courses do not count towards the 42 credits needed for the MA degree. Please see bulletin for details. or details.

***Competency in Latin, Greek or Hebrew is also required for the sacred liturgy concentration. Language courses do not count towards the 42 credits needed for the MA degree. Please see the bulletin for details.