

Master of Divinity Major in Systematic Theology

The offering of a Master of Divinity major in Systematic Theology is a response to the need of Bachelor of Theology degree holders who want to upgrade their degree with specialization in theology. Certainly, this program addresses the need of the church for more theologians.

Second, this program also addresses the faculty development need of seminaries, Bible Schools, church-related schools and institutions. Faculty members of these schools will now have a place to study and specialize in theology.

Third, while the Divinity School is a UCCP-related seminary, students from other Christian church denominations and groups have come to its doorsteps to study. An offering of a specialized training in theology will be a boon to these groups that need to professionalize their clergy and church personnel.

The Viability of the Program

With the offering of masters' degree with major in systematic theology, the Divinity School expects to attract more students from different directions and denominations to come and enroll in the program. This new program makes the Divinity School become one of the very few Protestant seminaries, if not the only one in the Philippines that offer Master of Divinity major in Systematic Theology.

Faculty

The Divinity School is capable of offering this new major field of study for the Master of Divinity. It has faculty members, both resident and visiting professors who hold Ph.D. and D.Theol. in theology. One member of the faculty is about to start his doctoral program (Th.D) in systematic theology in 2007 and is expected to finish in 2011.

Objectives for each level

- During the first year the students are expected to focus on the intensive studies on advance Christian Education courses.
- In their second year, the students will do research and write a thesis.

FIRST YEAR (23 units)

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
THE 441	Seminar in Christologies	3
THE 443	Ecofeminism and Earth Spiritualities Around the World	3
THE 445	Ecumenism and Inter-Faith Dialogue	3
DBI 445	Wisdom Literature	3
EL 33	Critical Essay Writing	3
		15

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
THE 442	Readings in Christian Spiritualities	3
THE 444	Depth Psychology and Theology	3
THE 446	Fundamentalism & New Religious Movements	3
DCM 442	Intimate & Domestic Violence as Social, Pastoral, Theological and Ethical Issue	3
DS 2	Research and Thesis Proposal Writing 2	3
	Total	15

SECOND YEAR

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
THE 447	Theology in Film and Mass Media	3
THE 449	The Impact of Post-modern and Post-colonial Theories in Contemporary Theologies	3
DBI 449	Cross-Cultural Reading of the Sacred Texts in Asia	3
DS 2	Research 2	3
	Total	12

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
DS 3	Thesis Writing	6