

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND LEADERSHIP (MA)

The Department of Religious Studies at Gonzaga University offers the Master of Arts in Theology and Leadership degree to meet the needs of persons seeking greater understanding and practical knowledge of theology and leadership. This program is designed as a terminal degree. Students enter the program as members of a cohort and progress through the program together. Students gather on campus during the summer for two residency experiences. Courses usually required for a degree can be waived by a Graduate Program Director when these areas have been previously studied in depth.

This program provides graduate theological education and leadership formation for teaching, consulting, research, and development of theological resources for ministry, adult education programs, and other services to the church and the wider civic community. Graduates of these programs have combined their theological work with diverse career commitments, including church ministry, journalism, medicine, community service, chaplaincy, business, and law, among others.

Admissions

1. Students applying to Gonzaga University must submit Gonzaga's Graduate Application, which can be accessed online at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply> (<https://www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply/>)
2. Along with the application for graduate study, each program at Gonzaga has distinct admission requirements. Please refer to the table below to view that detailed information.

Program Name	How to Apply Link
Master of Arts in Theology & Leadership	https://www.gonzaga.edu/online-graduate-programs/online-programs/m-a-theology-leadership/how-to-apply (https://www.gonzaga.edu/online-graduate-programs/online-programs/m-a-theology-leadership/how-to-apply/)

Prerequisites

An application is not complete and will not be evaluated until all materials have been received by the Office of Graduate Enrollment Management. Materials or fees submitted to another party do not constitute application to the program. Applicants must fill out the application online at www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply (<https://catalog.gonzaga.edu/programs/master-arts-theology-leadership-ma/www.gonzaga.edu/gradapply/>)

Applicants should have a B.A. in Religious Studies, Theology, or related area. Applicants with a B.A. in other areas should show some experience in a religious or mission-related organization, such as, for example, volunteer work.

Applicants may be eligible for advanced standing of up to 6 credits for related graduate work as determined by the graduate Program Director(s). Applicants seeking advanced standing must petition the graduate director(s) in writing at the time of application.

Program Requirements

Students enter the program as members of a cohort and register for six credits per semester.

All work accepted toward a degree is to be completed within a five year period from the date of acceptance into the program, or from the date of the earliest course accepted transfer credits, whichever occurs first.

Only authorized courses for a degree will be counted in computing the grade point average. Courses not authorized will appear on the transcript with a letter grade awarded but will not affect the graduate grade point average.

Residency Experiences

- Students will participate in two residency experiences during the summer.
- During the first residency experience students will participate in the intensive residency portion of the 3-credit Christian Leadership foundational course.
- During the second residency experience students will participate in a 1-credit Leadership Seminar.

Electronic Portfolio

- Students who have completed their main courses will take a comprehensive exam.
- Students will be required to create a comprehensive electronic portfolio integrating their academic work.

Financial Aid

The department has a limited amount of financial aid available in the form of scholarships. They are awarded based on financial need and academic performance.

Program Outline

Code	Title	Hours
RELI 505	Introduction to Christian Leadership	3
RELI 506	Systematic Theology I: God, Humanity, and Christ	3
RELI 507	Systematic Theology II: Spirit, the Church, and the World	3
RELI 510	Hebrew Bible: Old Testament	3
RELI 519	New Testament: Special Topics	3
RELI 530	Christian Moral Theology	3
RELI 545	Church History	3
RELI 581	Ignatian Integration	2
RELI 606	Mission Leadership Seminar	1
ORGL	Two elective courses in Organizational Leadership	6
Total Hours		30

Note: Students may take an additional Thesis course or independent study. This will entail additional credits. See your Academic advisor for more information. If students are seeking board certification as a chaplain with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, they should speak to the program director about taking an additional 2-credit independent study course to meet the minimum credit requirement for NACC board certification.