SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Theology and Historical Theology

Saint Louis University is a Catholic, Jesuit institution that values academic excellence, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Founded in 1818, the University fosters the intellectual and character development of nearly 14,000 students on two campuses in St. Louis, Missouri and Madrid, Spain. Building on a legacy of nearly 200 years, Saint Louis University continues to move forward with an unwavering commitment to a higher purpose, a greater good.

OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University's Department of Theological Studies' primary focus is the academic study of the Christian tradition in its historical and cultural contexts. In advancing the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of Saint Louis University, the department approaches revealed Christian truth with a special emphasis on its relation to human culture and the requirements of social justice.

M.A. in Theology:

The Master of Arts program offers two tracks: research and religious education. Students desiring to go on to doctoral work should choose the research track. Students seeking careers in schools, parishes, hospitals, non-profit organizations or other religious institutions should choose the religious education track. Each track requires 36 hours of study and comprehensive exams. Students on the research track must write a 50-70 page thesis and demonstrate proficiency in one or two foreign languages. Students on the religious education track must complete an internship under the supervision of a mentor. Students in either track may choose to concentrate in constructive theology, historical theology or theological ethics.

Ph.D. in Historical Theology:

The Doctor of Philosophy in historical theology degree is based upon the Catholic tradition and approaches theology from an historical perspective. This comprehensive way of examining theological issues takes a double thrust, namely studying the issues within their own context of time and place while also relating them to the broad developments within the tradition of Christian theology from the early church to the present day. The doctoral program has three areas of specialization: early Christianity, medieval Christianity and modern Christianity. Recognition:

30 faculty have degrees from top universities in the U.S. and Europe (including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Paris, Cambridge University, the University of Chicago, Notre Dame and Boston College). In the last five years, faculty members published 27 books, 56 articles, nine edited books and 30 book chapters. Many have won prestigious awards for teaching at SLU, research grants (NEH, Dumbarton Oaks, Humboldt, Mellon and the Wabash Center) and book awards (AAAR, CTS, Alpha Signu Nu, Louisville Institute and the Catholic Press Association).

Career Paths:

Past graduates have gone on to pursue advanced study in theology at graduate schools across the country. Many work as high school teachers or ministers in schools or churches. In the St. Louis area, eight graduates teach religion in Catholic high schools and several are department chairs. Other graduates work in health care ethics, Christian publishing, social work and political advocacy.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

M.A. Ph.D.

FALL: Feb 1 Jan 1
SPRING: N/A N/A
SUMMER: N/A N/A

DEADLINES FOR ASSISTANTSHIPS ARE LISTED ONLINE.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

M.A.:

An undergraduate major in theology is the standard prerequisite for the M.A. in Theology. Each master's student should have the basic knowledge and skill set to succeed in a graduate theology program.

Ph.D.:

• M.A. degree in Historical Theology or the equivalent
• 9 credit hours of undergraduate and/or M.A. philosophy course
• 9 credit hours of undergraduate and/or M.A. history courses
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FACULTY

Bernhard A. Asen, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Hebrew Scriptures
Christopher Collins, S.J., Th.D.: Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology
Mary Dunn, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Modern Christianity
Daniel J. Finucane, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Systemic Theology
James R. Ginther, Ph.D.: Professor of Medieval Christianity
Jay M. Hammond, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Medieval Christianity
Steben Hawkes-Teeples, S.J., S.E.O.D.: Assistant Professor of Medieval Liturgy
J. A. Wayne Hellmann, Dr. Theol.: Professor of Medieval Christianity
Grant Kaplan, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
Edwin L. Lisson, S.J., S.T.D.: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Peter W. Martens, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Early Christianity
Michael Mcclymond, Ph.D.: Professor of Modern Christianity
David Meconi, S.J., Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Early Christianity
Ronald Mercier, S.J., Th.D.: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Geoffrey D. Miller, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Hebrew Scriptures
J. J. Mueller, S.J., Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
Francis W. Nichols, D. Es Th.: Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
William P. O’Brien, S.J., S.T.L.: Assistant Professor of Modern Christianity
Tomás O’Sullivan, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Medieval Christianity
David Oughton, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of World Religions
Kenneth Parker, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Modern Christianity
G. John Renard, Ph.D.: Professor of Medieval Islam
Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Systematic Theology
Julie Hanlon Rubio, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics
Daniel Smith, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of New Testament
Kenneth B. Steinhauser, Dr. Theol.: Professor of Early Christianity
Matthew Thiessen, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of New Testament
Jeffrey Wickes, Ph.D.: Assistant Professor of Early Christianity
Tobias L. Winright, Ph.D.: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics

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M.A.

• Application Form and Fee
• Transcript(s)
• 3 Letters of Recommendation
• GRE scores
• Résumé
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

M.A.

Students pursuing a non-research M.A. who plan to work in religious education or parish ministry are eligible for a 60 percent tuition discount. Research M.A. students are eligible for scholarships and teaching/research assistantships.

Ph.D.

The department matriculates no more than five students each year. All students accepted into the program will receive a funding package, detailed here: theology.slu.edu.

DEGREES OFFERED

Master of Arts (M.A.) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)