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HISTORY
Saint Louis University is the oldest university west of the Mississippi River and is the second oldest Jesuit university in the United States. Theology has been the centerpiece of the University’s mission since its founding in 1818, and theology still forms the central core.

The Department of Theological Studies seeks to impart the depth of the Christian tradition against the backdrop of the diversity of the world’s religions, cultures and ethical frameworks.

FACULTY
Faculty works closely with graduate students by mentoring them through all stages of their degrees. Our faculty is well-rounded, with experienced teachers and groundbreaking scholars in every major theological discipline — including scripture, theological ethics, sacramental theology, patristic theology, medieval theology, comparative theology and systematic theology. In addition, the department’s faculty members have received many book awards as well as numerous distinguished fellow- ships and research awards.

DEGREE TRACKS
At the Masters level the Department of Theological Studies offers two tracks:

(1) Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE): geared toward students who want to earn a degree that will prepare them to work as a religious educator in a parish setting or a teacher of theology in Catholic schools. This program offers students an introduction to the major fields of theological study, pedagogical training, and practical experience in a joint-degree with the School of Education.

(2) Master of Theological Studies (MTS): geared toward students who want to pursue focused scholarship, prepare for future doctoral work, or receive a depth of knowledge in the Christian doctrinal tradition.

FINANCES
Financial aid for MTS students is primarily given in the form of tuition scholarship. Students may receive partial or full tuition scholarship. A small number of research assistantship awards are also available.

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All students who apply to the program will be considered for financial aid. No separate application is required.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION
Year-round admission to the MARE Program. The application deadline for the MTS program is: January 1

An undergraduate degree in theology or religious studies is optimal, but we welcome all applicants with a strong background in history, philosophy, or other humanities field. Our program provides a strong foundation in theology, orienting students to the major fields of theological study, including biblical studies, the history of Christianity, theological ethics, and constructive theology.