

**REVISED M. DIV. DEGREE
A Typical Curriculum Pattern**

Year	Semester	Course	
			Orientation Academic Advising Begins
I	I	Intro. to the OT	
		Foundations of Theology	
		Fundamental Ethics	
		Intro. to Liturgy	
		History I	
			Meeting with Pastoral Formation Director Spiritual Resources Survey 1 Personal Formation Reflection Paper 1
	II	Trinity	
		Intro. to the NT	
		Ecclesiology	
		OT Course	
		History II	
			Meeting with Pastoral Formation Director
II	I	Theology of Ministry	
		Theological Anthropology	
		History III/Hist. of Catholicism	
		Paul Course	
		Free Elective	
			Meeting with Pastoral Formation Director Spiritual Resources Survey 2 Personal Formation Reflection Paper 2 Begin Field Education Placement
	II	Christology	
		Sacraments	
		NT or OT Course (NB. if OT was taken in Yr. II, Sem. I, then NT must be taken now, and vice versa)	
		Ethics: Human Sexuality and Marriage	
		Pastoral: Canon Law	
			Meeting with Pastoral Formation Director.
III	I	Ethics: Justice Individual and Social	
		Pastoral: Pastoral Care/ Past. Counseling/ Spir Dir	
		Theological Reflection Seminar)	
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		Pastoral Elective (for 72 clock hrs of PSDE's)	
	II		Meeting with Pastoral Formation Director Personal Formation Reflection Paper 3
		Pastoral Elective	
		Free Elective	
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		Preparation Summative Evaluation for Ministry	
	April	Summative Evaluation for Ministry	

The following are explanatory notes to accompany this outline:

- This outline is only “typical” for students and not completely prescriptive, but it does presuppose that students will have met the philosophy prerequisites before being admitted to the M. Div. program.
- The curriculum begins with introductory courses which familiarize students with the method of the subject.
- *SMP 2600: Theology of Ministry*, however, is not to be taken until the first semester of the second year so that students have one year of bible and theology courses beforehand.
- The three introductory history courses are to be taken in the first three semesters so that students will gain an understanding of the historical context for the development of scripture, systematic theology, ethics, and pastoral issues. *SMH2229: History of Catholicism* is to fulfill the History III requirement whenever possible.
- Trinity is taken in the second semester of the first year in order for students to develop the framework for understanding the remaining systematic courses.
- Ecclesiology is taken in the same semester in order to prepare students for the Theology of Ministry course in the first semester of the second year.
- Theological Anthropology is taken in the first semester of the second year as preparation for the remaining ethics courses.
- Canon Law is taken in the second semester of the second year from St. Augustine's Seminary where it is offered only in the second semester.
- Students will complete 35 clock hours of self-selected Pastoral Skills Development Experiences (PSDE) over the course of the total curriculum to be equal to one course unit. They are also to be advised to take other Pastoral Electives, such as Pastoral Care, Pastoral Counseling, Spiritual Direction, Homiletics, etc. to deepen their theoretical and practical pastoral formation.
- Students will only have three courses in the second semester of the third year to provide extra time to prepare for the Summative Evaluation for Ministry to be held in April of their last year.