

CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY (M.A.)

Overview

The Master of Arts degree (M.A.) in Christian spirituality provides preparation for work in general Christian ministry, campus and retreat ministry settings, mission offices, in spiritual direction, or in preparation for an academic career in teaching. The program can also assist those wishing to complement their spiritual journey with an academic foundation in scripture, theology, and spirituality. Graduates of the program will have a competent understanding of methods of studying Christian spirituality along with its biblical, scriptural, and theological foundations.

Each student must pick one of three concentrations: spiritual direction, generalist, or research. Students in any concentration may complete their degree entirely online, on campus, or as a hybrid program. Intensive summer courses are also available. Scholarships and grants are available for qualified applicants.

Programs in Christian spirituality are also available at the advanced certificate and Doctor of Ministry levels.

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate facilities with methods of research in specific theological disciplines for post-graduate and doctoral studies.
2. Students will communicate the Christian story competently to make it accessible through a variety of means (e.g. teaching, writing, dialogue, personal consultation).
3. Students will articulate the relationship between the Christian tradition and their professional practice and spiritual development.
4. Students will articulate a well-rounded knowledge and critical appropriation of Jesuit Spirituality and the Catholic intellectual tradition.
5. Students will use tools of literary, cultural, historical, and social analysis in the interpretation of various cultures and their relationship to the Christian tradition.

CIP Code

39.0705 - Lay Ministry.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.