WHY SCRANTON?
Flexible programming. Jesuit values. Successful outcomes. You’ll find all of this – and more – when you choose The University of Scranton for your Master of Arts in Theology. Our dedicated faculty will work alongside you as you pursue a higher level of education at The University of Scranton.

JESUIT VALUES
• A strong emphasis on ethics, social justice & environmental responsibility
• Corporate social responsibility
• Develop well-rounded & thoughtful contributors to society
• Dedication to excellence in education & care for the entire person
• Highlighting global perspectives

AT A GLANCE
• Well-balanced program of rigorous study in key theological areas, with possibility of specialization.
• Emphasis on small-group discussion and reading of primary texts.
• Classes scheduled to permit participation by working adults.

REAL WORLD RESULTS
Filling a Growing Need
Program graduates have gone on to work in parishes and Catholic schools and to doctoral-level study.

TUITION
The rate of tuition for the master’s degree program in Theology will be set at one-half of the regular graduate tuition. No other discounts will apply.

GETTING RECOGNIZED
Results, reputation & ethics drive our education.

Top 10 “Best Colleges” for 25 consecutive years
— U.S. News & World Report

Among the “10 top master’s universities in the North”
— U.S. News & World Report

PERSONAL ATTENTION
• Learn from an incomparable faculty who will challenge and inspire you.
• Work with a faculty mentor who will assist with your personal academic planning throughout the program.

ONE-TO-ONE LEARNING
Faculty Engagement
CURRICULUM

Programs of Study

30 credits required for awarding of degree

CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 credits required):
(The following courses are required of all students in addition to one from Moral Theology, Systematic Theology, & History):
T/RS 500: Old Testament Exegesis
Or a special-topics course in scripture

MORAL THEOLOGY (1 of the following):
T/RS 540: Sources of Christian Moral Thought
T/RS 541: The Development of Catholic Moral Theology
T/RS 542: Readings in Moral Theology
T/RS 543: Catholic Social Thought
Or a special-topics course in a moral area

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (1 of the following):
T/RS 527: Doctrine of Grace
T/RS 535: The Sacraments of Initiation
T/RS 544: Liturgical and Sacramental Development
T/RS 550: Christology
T/RS 552: Eastern Christian Spirituality
T/RS 553: Theology of the Byzantine Churches
T/RS 554: The Trinity in Early Christian History
Or a special-topics course in a systematic area

HISTORY (1 of the following):
T/RS 520: Doctrine of Grace
T/RS 521: The Sacraments of Initiation
T/RS 522: Liturgical and Sacramental Development
T/RS 526: Christology
T/RS 536: Eastern Christian Spirituality
T/RS 537: Theology of the Byzantine Churches
Or a special-topics course in a historical area

* As a final requirement, all students must complete a capstone experience prior to graduation. To fulfill this capstone requirement, the student may select a thesis or non-thesis option.

* Students take 15 elective credits. In the thesis option, nine credits are taken in elective courses and six credits are devoted to the thesis. In the non-thesis option, all 15 elective credits are taken in courses. Selection of courses for the elective part of the program should be made in consultation with a faculty mentor. By judicious selection of courses, students may form a concentration in such areas as Eastern Christian Studies, Scripture, Systematic Theology or Moral Theology.

The Theology graduate program allows students the opportunity to participate in short-term travel courses during intersession and the summer to the Holy Land, Germany, southeast Europe and Uganda.

WHAT NEXT? HOW TO PROCEED FROM HERE

APPLY NOW
Admission to the Master of Arts in Theology program is based on a combination of indicators: previous academic performance resulting in a bachelor’s degree, three professional letters of recommendation, and an essay submission. We welcome applications on a rolling basis for all available terms. To apply to the Theology program or for additional application and admission information, please visit scranton.edu/gradapply.

CONTACT THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
You are encouraged to contact the Program Director, Dr. Michael Azar, for information on the academic components of the Theology program. To contact Dr. Azar, please email michael.azar@scranton.edu or call 570.941.4418.

For additional information on international student support and services, please visit: Scranton.edu/international

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ADMISSION

Admission Criteria for Acceptance
While not required, an important prerequisite for admission to the Theology graduate program is a solid preparation in the humanities. Such a background would almost certainly be assured with at least 9 credits in philosophy and 15 credits in theology. Test scores are not uniformly required, but may be requested in certain cases. Students who lack the necessary undergraduate preparation may be provisionally accepted with the requirement that certain undergraduate courses be taken.

English Proficiency can be submitted as one of the following:
• Minimum TOEFL 80ibt (internet-based test)
• Minimum IELTS overall band score of 6.5
• Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic score of 53
• Successful completion at a participating English language center in the USA
• Duolingo (score of at least 105)

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Graduate Assistantships
Graduate assistantships are available on a competitive basis to graduate students who seek to strengthen the breadth and quality of the educational experience. Graduate assistants work with faculty and staff in the areas of teaching, research and/or administration. The graduate assistant is awarded a tuition scholarship as well as a stipend. More at: scranton.edu/ga.

Career Development Services
Theology students have full access to the services of the Gerard R. Roche Center for Career Development, which include resume and cover letter writing, interview and job search techniques, and participation in employer on-campus recruiting visits and Career Expos. Students and alumni can access a wide range of employment opportunities through the office's online job posting system. The career team is available to consult for advice and support throughout your career. More at: scranton.edu/careers.