Dogmatic/Systematic Theology

**DVDT 501   Fundamental Theology (3 cr.)**
This course examines the principles and foundations of Catholic theology regarding its nature and method, the relationship between philosophy and theology, theology as the science of ecclesial faith, and its sources in Sacred Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 502   Theology of the Church (3 cr.)**
*MAT Core Course*
Provides an in-depth scriptural and historical examination of the mystery of the Church. Students will explore the historical origins of contemporary issues in ecclesiology such as universal salvation, Christian unity, authority and collegiality, the role of laity and infallibility. Additional topics include the mission, membership and ministries of the Catholic Church in the world, and its relationship to other churches. Prerequisite: M.Div. Students - DVDT 501 or permission of instructor.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 503   Theological Anthropology (3 cr.)**
Presents a systematic consideration of the human person as disclosed in the Christian tradition. The course includes an examination of the Catholic understanding of creation, evolution and scientific views of humanity, original sin and existential evil, grace and sanctification, and the telos of human existence. Prerequisite: M.Div. Students - DVDT 501.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 504   Christology (3 cr.)**
This course investigates the fundamental principles that govern the Catholic understanding of the person of Jesus Christ and his redemptive work. It considers the controversies and councils of the early Church, the thought of ST. Thomas Aquinas, and contemporary theology. Prerequisite: M.Div. Students - DVDT 501.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 505   Creation, Imago Dei, and Original Sin (3 cr.)**
This course examines the origins and meaning of human existence from the perspectives of creation, original sin, grace, and redemption in Jesus Christ. The course focuses on the unity and dignity of the human person created in the image of God, the relationship between grace and freedom, and the relationship between each person's supernatural vocation and role in the world. Prerequisite: DVDT 501.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 530   Nature and Mission of the Church (3 cr.)**
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*
Studies the origins of the Church as reflected in the Christian Scriptures. The course examines the nature and mission of the Church as it develops in history and implications for our understanding of issues such as universal salvation, ecumenism, ministry, authority and women.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 561   Christian Theology of God and the Human Person (3 cr.)**
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*
Presents an understanding of God based on Scripture and the historical tradition, with special attention given to interpretation. Central is the belief that Jesus fully reveals both God and what it means to be fully human. This course emphasizes key conciliar texts and the direction they give to the development of Christology and Trinitarian theology and their implications for Christian anthropology. Students will have an opportunity to apply their learning to catechetical and pastoral ministry topics.  
*Last Updated: July 2016*

**DVDT 661   Christian Theology of God (3 cr.)**
*MAT Core Course*
Presents a Christian understanding of God based on Scripture and the historical tradition, with attention given to questions of interpretation. This course emphasizes careful reading of key magisterial texts, their implications for the development of Christology and Trinitarian theology, and contemporary questions and issues.
DVDT 700  Grace and Eschatology (3 cr.)
This course examines the mystery of divine grace as the self-gift of God to the human person and the means by which fallen humanity is restored and elevated to friendship with God. It explores the nature of grace and its anthropological and ecclesiological effects. Among the fundamental questions considered are the relationship between grace and human freedom, the notion of merit, and the Catholic understanding of predestination. Prerequisites: DVDT 501.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVDT 702  Theology of Mary (3 cr.)
Presents an historical and systematic survey on Catholic teaching about Mary as understood within the mystery of Christ and of the Church. The course also considers Mary in the interfaith context, Latin American devotion, apparitions, the development of Marian dogmas, writings by recent popes and Mary in contemporary theology. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 501.

DVDT 706  Theology of the Trinity (3 cr.)
Explores the theological development of the doctrine of the Trinity, from its source in Revelation through its refinement by the first seven ecumenical councils and its ongoing theological articulation. Students will identify the underlying philosophical bases of contemporary issues and problems for belief and gain an appreciation of the soteriological, ecclesiological and anthropological significance of Trinitarian belief. Prerequisites: M.Div. Students - DVDT 501 and DVDT 504; Dual degree students substitute for DVDT 661.

DVDT 707  Theology of the Holy Spirit (3 cr.)
Examines the pneumatological dimension of theology in God's creative, redemptive and sanctifying activity in salvation history as it is witnessed to in Scripture and Tradition. Topics include the role of the Spirit in various fields of theological concern: Trinity, Christology, ecclesiology, ecumenism, eschatology, sacraments and grace. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 504.

DVDT 708  Christ and the Religions (3 cr.)
Explores various approaches undertaken today by several representative Christian theologians and movements in their attempts to account for the relevance and importance of Christ in the context of other world religions. The course will introduce and evaluate some proposals for integrating the fruits of interreligious dialogue with a Christian understanding of Jesus Christ. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVDT 661; M.Div. Students - DVDT 504.

DVDT 712  Theology since Vatican II (3 cr.)
Considers contemporary questions confronting theology in the period after the Second Vatican Council. Topics and focus areas may include the rise of liberation and feminist theologies, historical consciousness, science and theology, the threat of doctrinal relativism, ecumenical theology, and the place of Jesus Christ and the Christian church in a non-Eurocentric world. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVDT 502 and DVDT 504.

DVDT 731  Readings in Aquinas: Summa theologiae, prima pars (3 cr.)
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the Prima pars of the Summa Theologiae. Last Updated: May 2013

DVDT 732  Readings in Aquinas: Summa theologiae, prima secundae (3 cr.)
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the Prima secundae of the Summa Theologiae. Last Updated: May 2013

DVDT 733  Readings in Aquinas: Summa theologiae, secunda secundae (3 cr.)
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the Secunda secundae of the Summa Theologiae. Last Updated: May 2013
Readings in Aquinas: *Summa theologiae, tertia pars* (3 cr.)
This course examines the method, thought, and personality of Aquinas as well as the historical context and contemporary relevance of his work. The course emphasizes careful reading of selected texts of the *Tertia pars* of the *Summa Theologiae*. Last Updated: May 2013

Topics in Dogmatic/Systematic Theology (2-3 cr.)
 Seminar in Dogmatic/Systematic Theology (3 cr.)
 Thesis: Dogmatic/Systematic Theology (3 cr.)

Historical Studies

Church History Part I: The Patristic and Medieval Eras (3 cr.)
This course studies the history of Christianity from its origins to the late Middle Ages of the fifteenth century. It requires a critical analysis of primary source documents, examining the historical origins of church institutions, practices, and doctrines. Attention is given to the interaction of social, political, cultural, and theological factors that shaped and influenced the Christian tradition throughout the Patristic and Medieval eras. Last Updated: July 2016

Church History Part II: Renaissance to the Present (3 cr.)
This course studies the history of Christianity from the fifteenth century to the present time. It surveys major events and developments, including the Protestant and Catholic reformations, Church/state relations in the eras of absolutism and revolution, the councils of Vatican I and Vatican II, and the complexity and diversity of global Christianity. Prerequisite: DVHS 501. Last Updated: July 2016

Patristics (3 cr.)
*MAT Core Course*
Introduces the literature and theological themes of the patristic period, from the first to the seventh centuries. The course emphasizes reading and discusses primary sources in translation. Themes may include the formation of Christian doctrine, the Church, spiritual life broadly construed, the interpretation of the Bible, the relation of faith and culture, and the emergence of a Christian consciousness of history. Pre-requisite: M.Div. Students - DVHS 501.

American Church History (3 cr.)
Explores religious life and thought in the United States primarily among Protestants and Catholics. The course introduces religious pluralism, church-state relations, revivalism, fundamentalism, ethnicity and religion, the emergence of the African-American churches, selected American theologians, social justice, bigotry and anti-Semitism, as well as ecumenism and interfaith relationships, civil religion and the quest for religious identity. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

Reformation Christianity (3 cr.)
Investigates the origins of the Protestant tradition through the writings of Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ulrich Zwingli and the Radical reformers, among others. The course examines the Roman Catholic response, especially as articulated by Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Avila and the Council of Trent. Among the theological topics the course considers are marriage and family life, religious and political authority, and the status of women. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601 or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

Judaism and Christianity in Dialogue (3 cr.)
Examines the theological, historical and practical relationships between Christianity and Judaism with special reference to fundamental shared beliefs and differences, the relationship of Jesus and the early Church to Israel, the history of Jewish-Christian relations, anti-Semitism, the Holocaust from Jewish and Christian perspectives, comparisons and contrasts in liturgy and spirituality, the implementation of Jewish-Christian relations on the congregational level, and current relations between Jews and Christians. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

Christianity in the Middle Ages (3 cr.)
Introduces how Christians of the Middle Ages reflected upon revelation, particularly addressing Augustinianism
and the development of scholasticism. Students read and discuss translated texts from the period to gain an understanding of the historical context of the medieval reflections and to acquire theological appreciation for the texts. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601 or permission of instructor; DVHS 501.

**DVHS 712 Eastern Christianity (3 cr.)**
Focuses on various branches of Christianity whose ancient roots are in the eastern half of the Roman Empire or beyond. These churches include Eastern Orthodoxy, the non-Chalcedonian or "Oriental Orthodox" Christian churches, the Assyrian Church of the East and Eastern Catholic churches. Topics will vary, but may include the history of a particular church, the history of a group of churches in a particular area (e.g., Eastern Europe or the Middle East), or a particular period in the history of Eastern Christianity. Significant attention will be given to the relations of these churches to the Roman Catholic Church both in the past and in the present. The specific topic will be announced in the schedule when the course is offered. Prerequisite: M.A.T. Students - DVHS 601; M.Div. Students - DVHS 501.

**DVHS 714 Christianity since the Enlightenment (3 cr.)**
Examines Christianity's interaction with the world in the modern era (17th-20th centuries) and its response to major social, political and philosophical developments that have presented considerable challenges to Christian theology. Topics may include: the Enlightenment, natural sciences, historical and social sciences, political and philosophical systems hostile to religion, and the secularization of society. Prerequisite: MAT. Students - one core course or permission of instructor; M.Div. Students - DVHS 502.

**DVHS 800 Topics in Historical Studies (2-3 cr.)**
**DVHS 900 Seminar in Historical Studies (3 cr.)**
**DVHS 902 Thesis: Historical Studies (3 cr.)**

**Moral Theology**

**DVMT 601 Moral Theology (3 cr.)**
*MAT Core Course*
Enables students to think systematically about the Christian moral life within the framework of the Catholic tradition, while more broadly engaging current debates in Christian ethics and moral theology. Following the Second Vatican Council's call for a renewal of moral theology, the course draws on the sources of Scripture and tradition, as well as theology, philosophy and ecumenical conversation. Students will gain a broad theological understanding of human freedom and human nature, conscience, moral norms and systems, sin, the virtues and the Catholic understanding of moral goodness.

**DVMT 602 Fundamentals of Moral Theology and Catholic Social Teaching (3 cr.)**
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*
Provides the fundamentals of Catholic moral theology as it addresses topics like a Christian understanding of freedom and conscience and what it means to "think with the church" on ethical matters. This course also provides an overview of Catholic Social Teaching as reflected in Sacred Scripture, papal encyclicals, and other church documents. Students will have an opportunity to apply their learning to selected moral issues, such as sexual and biomedical ethics and Catholic social teaching on war and peace, economic justice, and human rights.

**DVMT 610 Sexual Morality (2-3 cr.)**
Presents an historical and systematic inquiry to the origins and development of contemporary Church doctrine in the areas of sex and marriage. The course examines the current debate over questions of sexuality in light of traditional sources, norms and methods of Catholic moral theology. MAT students receive an additional credit for completing a research project. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.

**DVMT 703 Biomedical Morality (2 cr., for students matriculating before fall 2016)**
Explores the historical development of Catholic thinking about biomedical ethics through an interdisciplinary approach. The course provides a method and forum for the discussion of practical cases in bioethics, including the beginning of human life and abortion, human experimentation, justice and the allocation of medical resources, patient rights and confidentiality, care for the aging, euthanasia and physician-assisted...
suicide. MAT students receive one additional credit for completing a research project. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.

DVMT 703  Biomedical Morality (3 cr., for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
This course presents essential Catholic theological principles that inform the Church’s teachings on issues of biomedical morality. Students examine the major documents relevant to the field and consider how to apply them in a pastorally effective manner. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVMT 704  Christian Virtues (3 cr.)
Analyzes the virtue tradition for Christian living. The course shows how the cardinal virtues of prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance relate to the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. It presents a virtue-based perspective that illuminates practical aspects of the life of faith.
Prerequisite: M.Div. Students - DVMT 601 and at least one dogmatic/systematic theology course at the DVDT 600 level or higher.

DVMT 706  Principles of Stewardship & Sustainability (3 cr.)
This course will provide the occasion to consider the complex issue of “environmental stewardship” from the perspectives of traditional Catholic theses concerning the meaning of creation and the status of the human person within it. Special emphasis is given to the Thomistic categories of natural philosophy and theology. The seminar course will include common readings to be discussed at each class in light of fundamental themes developed throughout the whole.  Last Updated: May 2013

DVMT 709  Authority and Sources for Moral Theology (3 cr.)
Explores issues of interpretation and development in the Church's teaching as Christians appropriate the two major authorities for Christian moral reflection - Sacred Scripture and Tradition - with special attention to New Testament ethics and the role of the magisterium.
Prerequisite: DVMT 601.

DVMT 710  Contemporary Moral Issues (3 cr.)
Considers various moral problems encountered in ministry. The course examines the tradition of the Church's teaching on topics such as sexual morality, communal and individual conscience formation, professional ethics and abortion. For M.Div. students, stress is placed on developing methodical competence in order to provide sound pastoral guidance. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.

DVMT 725  Catholic Social Teaching (2 cr., for students matriculating before fall 2016)
Provides an overview of the Church's social teaching as reflected in Sacred Scripture, papal encyclicals and other documents, while applying Catholic social teaching to an illustrative selection of contemporary issues. Issues include poverty, immigration, business ethics, racism, the environment, globalization, rural economies, war and peace, terrorism, economic justice and human rights.
Prerequisite: MAT students - DVMT 601 & permission of instructor.

DVMT 725  Catholic Social Teaching (3 cr., for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
This course provides an overview of the Church’s social teaching as found in Scripture and ecclesial documents. It promotes the vision of the common good that unites the principles of Catholic social thought and their implications for contemporary issues and life in community. Finally, it explores ways to integrate the vision and principles in the preparation of homilies. Prerequisite: DVMT 601.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVMT 800  Topics in Moral Theology (2-3 cr.)
DVMT 900  Seminar in Moral Theology (3 cr.)
DVMT 902  Thesis: Moral Theology (3 cr.)

Pastoral Theology

Homiletics
DVPT 612  Prayer Leadership for Lay Ministry (3 cr.)
MAPM Core Course/MARE Core Practica
Focuses on leadership of the community's prayer. This practicum course includes preparation for rites
other than Eucharist, such as ministry to the sick and for presiding and preaching the Liturgy of the Hours, catechumenate rites, wake and graveside services, and services of Word and Communion. Students prepare and videotape several services for critique.

DVPT 620  Introduction to Homiletics (3 cr.)
Introduces the theory and practice of homiletics. Students develop the ability to integrate Scripture, personal experience and congregational needs in a homily. They write, present and critique videotaped homilies, use narrative principles in sermons and build self-confidence in preaching. Prerequisite: DVPT 515.

DVPT 704  Scriptural Preaching Workshop (1 cr., for students matriculating before fall 2016)
Develops skill in preaching on selected biblical texts following intensive exegetical study. Students apply methods in exegesis and hermeneutics to prepare and deliver Sunday and weekday homilies that are videotaped. Students must be registered in a Scripture course in order to enroll in this workshop. Prerequisite: DVPT 620.

DVPT 704  Jerusalem Seminar (1 cr., for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
This seminar offers students a J-term experience in the Holy Land to study its historical, biblical, and ecumenical importance. The focus of this immersion experience is on the practice of preaching with special attention to incorporating historical-critical, textual, liturgical, and theological methods of exegesis.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 705  Special Occasion Preaching Workshop (1 cr.)
Develops an appreciation for the role of preaching at significant moments in people’s lives. Students apply sermon preparation techniques to special occasion preaching and deliver videotaped homilies designed for specific rites, such as baptisms, reconciliation, marriages and funerals. Prerequisite: DVPT 515 and permission of instructor.

DVPT 718  Preaching the Catholic Social Tradition (2 cr.)
This course is designed as a seminar to explore ways to integrate the Catholic Social Tradition with homiletic preaching. Special attention is paid to both rationale and method for preaching the Catholic Social Tradition.

DVPT 754  Advanced Homiletics (2 cr.)
This course expands on methods of preparation and delivery essential for homiletics, focusing on the preaching that accompanies baptisms, weddings, and funerals. Attention is given to preaching with ecumenical sensitivity and special occasions such as times of communal crises. Prerequisite: DVPT 620.  Last Updated: July 2016

Pastoral Ministry
DVPT 509  Pastoral Ministry: Evangelization of Culture (2 cr.)
The course provides an overview of the context of Roman Catholic ministry with special attention given to the organization and resources of the dioceses of students in the class. It entails grasping the meaning of evangelization, understanding the importance accorded by the Church to the impact of culture on ministry, and exploring how to become effective pastoral leaders in varied ministerial circumstances.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 510  Theology of Pastoral Ministry (3 cr.)
MAPM/MARE Core Course
Examines the Church’s teaching on the call to pastoral ministry and the complementary but distinctive roles of priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers in work of the church. The course focuses on the theological foundations of pastoral ministry and the context for ministry in the contemporary American Church. In addition, students will learn methods of faith sharing and theological reflection in order to begin to construct their own theology of ministry. For M.A.R.E. students, special attention is given to catechetical documents that provide the foundation and guiding principles for the ministry of catechesis and faith formation.
DVPT 512  Community Leadership (2 cr.)
This course provides an introduction to the basic skills of community leadership necessary for priestly ministry. It presents principles and practices necessary for public speaking, leadership, and teaching in diverse settings. The course includes acquiring skills to build community and to provide effective catechetical formation in multicultural parish contexts.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 513  Diocesan Practicum (1 cr.)
This practicum provides an opportunity to gain basic knowledge of and practical experience in a seminarian’s own diocese. Time will be spent in the diocese with guided activities and regular reflection designed to introduce the seminarian to the particular context in which he will exercise pastoral charity as a priest. Attention will be given to the unique character of each diocese in five areas: culture, history, spirituality, organizational structures, and pastoral issues. Prerequisites: DVSP 501, DVPT 512.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 602  General Principles of Church Law (3 cr.)
Presents the Code of Canon Law as a resource for responding to canonical issues and questions arising in pastoral ministry. The course surveys the antecedents and status of law in the Church, norms governing the interpretation of law, the rights and obligations of all members of the Church, and legal provisions regarding the teaching, sanctifying and governing ministries of the Church. Prerequisite: DVDT 502.

DVPT 605  Canon and Civil Law for Pastoral Ministry (3 cr.)
MAPM/MARE Core Course
Surveys the antecedents and status of law in the Church, norms governing the interpretation of law, the rights and obligations of all members of the Church, and legal provisions regarding the teaching, sanctifying and governing ministries of the Church. The course presents the Code of Canon Law as a resource for responding to canonical issues and questions arising in pastoral ministry, such as annulments and remarriage, encumbrances to the reception of the sacraments, and the roles and functions of parochial structures. It also addresses some civil law questions related to employment of personnel and protection of children and vulnerable adults.

DVPT 618  Community and Mission in a Diverse Church (3 cr.)
MAPM Core Course/MARE Core Practica
Explores the challenge of building community and ministering in a Church and society that is culturally, religiously and ethnically diverse. The course emphasizes the skills for developing community by fostering individual gifts and cultivating the leadership and service of the laity. It also gives attention to the ways that people from various ministries can work together to achieve common goals. Through visits to sites in the local community, students will experience the diversity among Catholic parishes, schools and outreach organizations. They also will have an opportunity to investigate some ecumenical and interfaith communities. The course includes a social justice practicum that involves outreach to the poor through work with local agencies.

DVPT 625  Rural Ministry/Practicum (2 cr.)
This course explores the issues, rewards, and challenges of ministry in rural settings. Based on insights from Laudato Si’, it focuses on the meaning and development of an integral ecology in a Catholic context. An onsite practicum fosters theological reflection and pastoral responses to concerns in diverse rural communities through engagement with priests, lay leaders, and others in rural ministry and service. Prerequisite: DVPT 509 or permission of instructor.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 635  Teaching: A Reflective Process (2 cr., for students matriculating before fall 2016)
Combines reflection and practice to offer insight into the art of teaching. The course develops skills for the teaching-learning process. Students design and teach a class session or seminar that is videotaped and critiqued.

DVPT 635  Catechesis in a Global Setting (1 cr., for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
This immersion experience introduces the life, thought, and importance of key ecclesial figures and movements that exhibit the transformative power of the Gospel in a particular setting. It emphasizes the Church’s catechetical engagement and the vision of the Church and the priesthood as a catalyst for social transformation. It introduces strategies that enable students to apply this learning in their own diocese. Last Updated: July 2016
DVPT 712  Ministry to Families (3 cr.)
Introduces family systems theory, explores the dynamics that contribute to healthy and unhealthy families, examines family life within the diverse cultural framework of American society, and presents a theology of family based on Church documents. Through lecture, discussion and limited fieldwork, students will gain an awareness of pastoral strategies for working with families. Prerequisite: DVPT 509 or permission of instructor.

DVPT 713  Pastoral Counseling for Ministry (3 cr. for students matriculating before fall 2016)
Provides a theoretically focused and practical approach to counseling in the diversity of encounters experienced in ministry. Distinctions between various types of counseling, such as pastoral counseling, psychological counseling and spiritual direction, will be highlighted. The course also addresses crisis intervention, domestic violence, needs of special groups, referral sources, and differences between urban and rural situations. The pastoral encounter is studied clinically, theologically and experientially. Training and development of the professional pastoral person is the focus of the course. Prerequisite: DVPT 509 or permission of instructor.

DVPT 713  Pastoral Counseling (2 cr. for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
This course develops the skills and perspective needed for the priest in his role as pastoral counselor. Drawing upon the contributions of psychology and Catholic anthropology, it develops skills needed for effective counseling interactions with attention given to the issues of appropriate boundaries and resources for referral. Prior field experience is presumed. Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 714  Multicultural Ministry Practicum (3 cr.)
Emphasizes integration of practical skills with previous internship experience and interaction with pastoral agents working in Hispanic ministry in the field. The course explores pastoral issues central to Hispanic ministry and the development of intercultural parish communities. Students engage in practica in presiding and preaching at intercultural baptisms, quinceaferas, weddings, presentaciones, and planning and presiding at intercultural and Spanish Eucharistic liturgies. Students reflect on the integration of life and ministry, and on their individual strengths and challenges in intercultural ministry. Students are required to do some of their inquiry in local parish communities and neighborhoods.

DVPT 721  The Person’s Call to Beatitude (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on the person’s call to beatitude through sessions on virtue, self-knowledge, and development of a prayer life. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection, and spiritual direction. Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 722  The Life of Virtue (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on virtue in the personal life through sessions on the practice of virtue, discipline, and maintaining a balanced lifestyle. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection, and spiritual direction. In addition, students complete the ministry placement proposal in preparation for the placement the following fall. Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 723  The Call to Community (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on the human orientation toward community through sessions on personality types, leadership, and service. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection, and spiritual direction. Students begin the first semester of the ministry placement and complete monthly reporting for this experience. Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 724  Living in Community (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on the person’s call to live in community through sessions on dealing with conflict, personal and professional boundaries, and the emotional life. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection and spiritual direction. Students finish the final semester of the
ministry placement and complete monthly reporting and a final evaluation on this experience in May. In addition, students complete the integrative internship project proposal in preparation for the project the following fall.  Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 726  Rome Seminar (1 cr.)
This course addresses the Church’s engagement in missiology, evangelization, and ecumenism. Special attention is given to the relevant documents of the Second Vatican Council and recent encyclicals. To gain understanding of missionary activity and its relationship to diocesan ministry, the course includes on-site visits with selected dicasteries of the Roman curia, discussions with Church leaders, and encounters with international religious and lay communities active in the missionary apostolate.  Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 728  Catechetical Leadership (3 cr.)
MARE Core Practica
Examines principles of leadership and organizational theory with application to the ministry of catechesis and faith formation. The course includes skill development in communication and conflict resolution, and collaborative leadership. It emphasizes liturgical catechesis, lectionary-based catechesis, and developing the teaching and leadership skills required for sacramental preparation of parishioners in collaboration with catechetical leaders, youth ministers and religious educators in schools. The course includes coordinating programs for evangelization and lifelong faith formation.

DVPT 730  Church Administration (2 cr.)
Treats the prescriptions of the 1983 Code of Canon Law governing the acquisition, ownership, administration and alienation of church property, personnel policies of various dioceses and parishes, personnel management and collaborative leadership skills.
Prerequisite: DVPT 602.

DVPT 738  Administration and Stewardship (3 cr.)
MARE Core Practica
Treats issues related to responsible stewardship of parish staff and resources, coordination of the work of Parish Pastoral Councils and parish committees, and the promotion of ministerial relationships beyond the local church community. Depending on their ministerial needs, students will develop techniques for recruitment, supervision and professional development of staff and parish committees, and learn skills that foster accountability of parish staff and volunteers. They will examine issues related to accountability in the management of the Church’s annual budget and its other material resources. Students will be encouraged to develop and refine a theology of stewardship that directs and motivates their treatment of these administrative concerns.

DVPT 800  Topics in Pastoral Ministry (2-3 cr.)
DVPT 900  Seminar in Pastoral Theology (3 cr.)

DVPT 930  Curriculum Development (3 cr.)
MARE Core Practica
Broadens the definitions of curriculum for catechesis. The course involves the process of evaluating, planning and organizing curriculum, principles for design and analysis, and evaluation of a course of study. It also identifies learning styles and motivation patterns and their use in planned instruction.

DVPT 982  Master of Divinity Integrative Seminar (3 cr., for students matriculating before fall 2016)
Provides the opportunity for students to draw on their experience in supervised ministry as they address the relationship between pastoral practice and the theological disciplines. This course is a capstone seminar for M.Div. degree candidates.

DVPT 982  Master of Divinity Integrative Seminar (2 cr. for students matriculating fall 2016 and after)
The capstone seminar guides seminarians in a final review of their theological formation for future pastoral practice. The course utilizes case studies and assessment instruments to hone practical skills necessary for priestly ministry. Prerequisite: Capstone Course.  Last Updated: July 2016
DVPT 991  The Pastoral Leader in the Parish Context (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on leadership in the parish context through sessions on personal and professional boundaries, personal balance, and figures in the Catholic tradition who exemplify service and leadership. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection, and spiritual direction. Students begin the first semester of the integrative internship project and complete monthly reporting and reflections on this experience. Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 992  Becoming a Bridge to Christ (1 cr.)
MAPM Core Course
Focuses on the pastoral minister’s call to serve as a bridge to Christ through sessions on recollection and presence, the sacrament of the present moment, and individual gifts and limitations. Sessions alternate from week to week between spiritual formation, human formation, ministry reflection, and spiritual direction. Students finish the final semester of the ministry placement and complete monthly reporting, a written report, and a final evaluation for this experience in May. Last Updated: September 2014

DVPT 999  MARE Core Practica Internship/Project (2-3 cr.)
Supervised Ministry
DVPT 500  Teaching Parish 1 (1 cr.)
Provides an opportunity at a parochial site for students to examine the mission and spirituality of a parish by attending Sunday liturgies and prayer opportunities for the people, interviewing parishioners, attending parish council meetings, reading parish documents and working in the parish office. Through classroom time and meetings with the pastor/supervisor, the student develops an understanding of the format for theological reflection. A teaching parish committee of parishioners is formed to guide and support the student over the course of their studies. Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 501  Teaching Parish 2 (1 cr.)
Provides the opportunity to continue developing pastoral care skills according to the Roman Catholic tradition. Gives the student a foundation for Catholic sacramental care of the sick; teaches listening skills; and prepares for a summer pastoral program. In the teaching parish the student continues to meet with the committee; does theological reflections; attends Sunday liturgies and participates in parish life; may begin visiting the homebound, nursing homes, or hospitals; and in conjunction with the supervisor may assist with funeral preparation, wake services, and funeral liturgies. Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 511  Summer Pastoral Program 1 (Non-credit Requirement for seminarians)
The program provides an opportunity to integrate theological studies with pastoral experiences involving ministry to the sick and dying. Both didactic and practical elements are included in one of three options: Spiritual Pastoral Ministry (SPM), based in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis; Directed Spiritual Pastoral Ministry (DSPM), arranged at institutions in the student’s home diocese; and Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at an accredited medical facility. Last Updated: July 2016

DVPT 511.01 Spiritual Pastoral Ministry (SPM)
Immerses the student more fully in the Roman Catholic Church’s spirituality and ministry of pastoral care. The spirituality portion starts the course with a week-long retreat, then teaches rules for discernment of spirits, assists the student to understand natural and spiritual gifts, and equips to serve in accordance with temperament. The pastoral ministry portion discusses the Church’s approach to sickness, addiction, suffering, death, and ministry to grieving families. Under the mentorship of a Catholic hospital chaplain, each student spends several half-days and a few full days visiting hospital patients, refining skills, and strengthening pastoral presence. Prerequisite: DVPT 501. Last Updated: May 2013

DVPT 511.02 Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
Integrates theological studies with pastoral experience at an accredited medical facility. Under the direction of a site supervisor the student participates fully in the facility’s pastoral care by visiting patients, relating to staff, and cooperating with other ministers. The student does theological reflections and receives
participate fully in their formation, including human and spiritual growth, intellectual development, and pastoral service in the local church. This course introduces students to diocesan priesthood by reflecting on the call that requires a life of celibacy, obedience, simplicity of life, and pastoral service in the local church. Prerequisite: DVPT 501. Last Updated: May 2013

DVPT 600 Supervised Ministry: Youth Faith Formation (1 cr.)
Introduces the student to how a parish passes on the “Good News of Jesus Christ” in the parish. The student visits and assists in teaching parishioners of all age groups who participate in various programs, including sacramental preparation sessions, religious education, and school programs. In the classroom the student examines how rural, urban, and suburban parishes pass on the “Good News.” Theological Reflection continues with the pastor/supervisor and teaching parish Committee as well as involvement in liturgies and parish life. Prerequisite: DVPT 501.

DVPT 601 Supervised Ministry: RCIA (1 cr.)
Applies the theory of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults that is being studied in the classroom to the parish setting. Students are involved in weekly meetings of catechumens, candidates and sponsors and participate in the rites during Lent, the Triduum and the Mystagogia. In the classroom the students examine how various parishes approach the RCIA in rural, urban and suburban settings. The students focus on RCIA in theological reflections with the pastor and Teaching Parish Committee, at Sunday liturgies and within the parish life of the community. Prerequisite: DVPT 600.

DVPT 660 Supervised Multicultural Ministry
Provides an opportunity for students to be involved in Hispanic ministry in parish settings in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis or Latin America. Students live in the communities for six to ten weeks to engage in various aspects of parish ministry and are involved in individual and group theological reflection. The emphasis is on skills needed for students to minister to communities that are culturally different from their own backgrounds, as well as on the gifts Hispanic communities bring to the universal church. Prerequisite: DVPT 601. Noncredit requirement.

DVPT 740 Supervised Ministry: Ministerial Relationships (1 cr.)
Provides an opportunity for students to examine the relationships of parish personnel, staff and volunteers, to compare job descriptions by interviewing staff, and to observe hiring and staff support. Students review the pastoral relationship with administration by examining the finances, budgeting system and property management. In the seminar, students examine the differences in personnel and administration in rural, urban and suburban settings. Theological reflections on this subject are presented to the pastor/supervisor and to the Teaching Parish Committee. Students continue to participate in the liturgical and community life of their teaching parish. Prerequisite: DVPT 601.

DVPT 790 Supervised Ministry: Leadership and Administration (1 cr.)
Examines leadership roles and means to promote advocacy and outreach in the parish, local, regional and global communities by presiding at liturgies, attending parish meetings, deanery meetings, ecumenical gatherings and diocesan meetings, and by participating in local and city gatherings that deal with social justice issues. When possible, preparation for baptisms and marriage occur in the parish. In the seminar, the students will draw up job descriptions for pastors and associates, analyze the systems within which parishes exist to discover means of working toward justice, and examine their own leadership styles in view of the rural, urban and suburban church. With the pastor/supervisor and the teaching parish committee, the student continues discussions of liturgical, educational and spiritual leadership. Prerequisite: DVPT 740.

Spirituality

DVSP 501 Diocesan Priesthood (2 cr.)
This course introduces students to diocesan priesthood by reflecting on the call that requires a life of celibacy, obedience, simplicity of life, and pastoral service in the local church. It prepares seminarians to participate fully in their formation, including human and spiritual growth, intellectual development, and pastoral readiness to serve a multi-faceted Church. Last Updated: July 2016
DVSP 510  Foundations and History of Spirituality (3 cr.)
Provides an introduction to the field of Christian spirituality and investigates central issues in spirituality through biblical and historical surveys of the field. By acquainting students with important principles and figures, the course grounds them in concepts useful for their future ministry.

DVSP 800  Topics in Spirituality (2-3 cr.)
DVSP 900  Seminar in Spirituality (3 cr.)

**Sacred Scripture**

DVSS 501  Old Testament (3 cr.)
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*
Surveys the major genres of the Hebrew Scriptures and the Deuterocanonical books of the Bible, addressing questions of historical and literary context and their theological themes. Introduces various approaches to the study of the Old Testament and focuses on Catholic views of canon, inspiration and interpretation. Gives attention to the use of the Old Testament in ministerial settings and as a source for the teaching and worshipping ministries of the Church.

DVSS 505  New Testament (3 cr.)
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*

DVSS 511  Pentateuch and Historical Books (3 cr.)
This course studies the Pentateuch and Historical Books using the principles of Catholic hermeneutics. It examines and critiques a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter and addresses texts dealing with theological themes such as promise, election, covenant, and fidelity. *Last Updated: July 2016*

DVSS 521  Synoptic Gospels (3 cr.)
This course examines the Synoptic Gospels in light of the theological themes appropriate to each evangelist. It provides insight into each Gospel’s unique and complementary role in revealing the person of Jesus Christ. Issues related to hermeneutics and pastoral ministry are integrated into the exegetical study of the Synoptic Gospels. *Last Updated: July 2016*

DVSS 525  Survey of Old Testament Literature (3 cr.)
*MAT Core Course*
Surveys the major genre within the Old Testament canon and examines the principles of interpretation employed in the analysis of the texts. Stresses a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter, while teaching the classical methods of biblical interpretation. The course also introduces Catholic views of canon, inspiration and interpretation.

DVSS 530  Survey of New Testament Literature (3 cr.)
*MAT Core Course*
Surveys the major genre within the New Testament canon and examines the principles of interpretation employed in the analysis of the texts. Stresses a plurality of approaches available to the interpreter, while teaching the classical methods of biblical interpretation. The course also introduces Catholic views of canon, inspiration and interpretation.

DVSS 701  The Psalms (3 cr.)
Investigates the Psalms with focus on exegesis, theology and spirituality. The course begins with the notion of genres appropriate to various liturgical settings in ancient Israel. It explores their significance for contemporary study and worship. Attention is given to recent approaches to the study of the
Psalter, including relationship to individual and communal prayer, worship and the lectionary. The course attends to the diversity of biblical interpretation and its significance for ecumenism, interfaith relations and inculturation. Prerequisite: DVSS 511 or DVSS 525.

DVSS 704 Luke/Acts (3 cr.)
Introduces students to the third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, their composition, structure and theology. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 705 The Pauline Epistles (3 cr.)
Introduces students to the Pauline letters. Preference is given to the following: 1 Thessalonians, Galatians, Philippians, Philemon, 1 and 2 Corinthians, and Romans. The course examines Paul's life, the letter genre and major themes of the letters. The course may also include the deuteron-Pauline letters to show the ways in which the Pauline traditions continued within the primitive church. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 707 Johannine Literature (3 cr.)
Presents the literary composition, structure, and theology of the fourth Gospel, with additional attention to the Epistles of John. The course also attends to issues of interpretation of the fourth Gospel, particularly as they relate to interreligious dialogue. Prerequisite: DVSS 521 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 721 Apocalyptic Literature (3 cr.)
Presents a historical-critical analysis of biblical apocalyptic literature. The course introduces the literary genre of apocalyptic with special focus on Daniel and Revelation, read within the context of Jewish apocalyptic, and teaches students to analyze complex visions and symbols of Jewish apocalyptic in their various interpretations. Prerequisite: DVSS 511, DVSS 521, DVSS 525 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 740 Prophets (3 cr.)
Introduces students to the literary prophets and the role of prophetic traditions in Judea-Christian thought. Students exegete selected passages. Prerequisite: DVSS 511, DVSS 521, DVSS 525 or DVSS 530.

DVSS 741 Wisdom and Deuterocanonical Literature (3 cr.)
This course examines Old Testament wisdom literature and the deuterocanonical books, focusing on their composition, structure, theology, and implications for ecumenical dialogue. In addition, it treats how Second Temple Judaism influences the development of the New Testament. Prerequisite: DVSS 511. Last Updated: July 2016

DVSS 745 Wisdom Literature (3 cr.)
Examines Old Testament Wisdom literature, focusing on Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom and Sirach. The course examines the composition, structure and theology of the Wisdom books as well as issues related to multiculturalism, ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. Prerequisite: DVSS 511 or DVSS 525.

DVSS 800 Topics in Sacred Scripture (2-3 cr.)
DVSS 900 Seminar in Sacred Scripture (3 cr.)
DVSS 902 Thesis: Sacred Scripture (3 cr.)

Sacramental Theology and Liturgy

DVST 501 Introduction to Sacraments and Worship (3 cr.)
This course introduces the concepts and categories that form the basis for sacramental theology and liturgy. It considers these topics from biblical, historical, dogmatic, and ritual perspectives. The course provides the foundation for more extensive study of each of the sacraments in subsequent courses. Last Updated: July 2016
DVST 601  Eucharist (3 cr.)
*MAT Core Course*
Examines the sacramental theology of the Eucharist through its liturgical history, doctrinal declarations and the writings of theologians. It explores the relationship between the Eucharistic tradition and Christology, ecclesiology and eschatology, and provides a foundation for sound pastoral practice and teaching. Prerequisite: M.Div. students – DVDT 504. DVST 501 is recommended.

DVST 602  Sacraments of Initiation and Reconciliation (3 cr.)
Examines the theological meaning of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist as initiatory rites and of penance as sacramental reconciliation, so that the students will be prepared to enrich the contemporary Church with pastoral action formed by the Tradition. Prerequisite: DVST 601.

DVST 605  Catholic Sacramental Worship (3 cr.)
*MAPM/MARE Core Course*
Presents the sacramental and ecclesial principles of Catholic liturgical worship, beginning with the Catholic understanding of the world, salvation and faith. The course examines Catholic sacraments primarily through a survey of the historical development and theology of the Eucharist (Mass) and initiation (Baptism and Confirmation). The other sacraments will be related to these. Finally, the ecclesiological and spiritual implications of the sacraments will be addressed.

DVST 701  Christian Marriage (3 cr.)
Studies the fundamental theology, doctrine and liturgical history that undergirds the Roman Catholic under• standing of Christian sacramental marriage, Roman Catholic Canon Law regarding marriage and pastoral preparation of couples for Christian marriage. Includes an overview of the marriage rite and the pastoral application of the canonical norms governing marriage in parish ministry. Prerequisite: DVPT 602 and DVST 501.

DVST 702  Liturgical Theology (3 cr.)
Addresses the ways that contemporary theology understands the interaction of liturgy and theology and the place of the liturgy in the Church's tradition. The course examines how the liturgy is structured, surveys a spectrum of liturgical patterns, and proposes methods for disclosing the theology inherent in the Church's liturgical rites. It leads to the application of structural principles in liturgical celebrations. Prerequisites: DVST 601.

DVST 704  The Liturgical Year (2 cr.)
Presents the theology and anthropology of Christian festival. A general survey of the origins and historical development of the major elements of the liturgical year in East and West. Pays particular attention to the liturgical theology implicit in Christian seasons and feasts. Prerequisite: DVST 501.

DVST 715  Liturgical Planning (2 cr.)
Explores the principles and methods for pastoral ministers and clergy who take an active role in planning, celebrating and evaluating parish worship. Emphasis is placed on planning liturgy according to how liturgy expresses and shapes Christian faith, the form of the liturgy and its symbols, the rhythms of the Church year and the relations of liturgy to culture. Elements of worship considered include: word, music, gesture and movement, and art and architecture. Prerequisite: DVST 501.

DVST 800  Topics in Sacramental Theology and Liturgy (2-3 cr.)
DVST 900  Seminar in Sacramental Theology and Liturgy (3 cr.)
DVST 902  Thesis: Sacramental Theology and Liturgy (3 cr.)

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