



DOMINICAN SCHOOL  
OF PHILOSOPHY & THEOLOGY

## OUR PROGRAMS

### DEGREE PROGRAMS

#### Master of Arts Philosophy

A two-year program allowing students to work with faculty trained in classical philosophy and to pursue the dialogue between this tradition and the questions/challenges posed by contemporary thought. Students gain a solid foundation in the history of Western philosophy and in classical philosophy, with opportunities to study non-Western philosophies as well. Two options are available: a thesis track (requiring a written thesis and foreign language exam) and a non-thesis track (requiring two additional courses and a written comprehensive exam).

#### Master of Arts Theology

Our two-year MA Theology program is unique in that it provides students with the fundamental knowledge of theology while emphasizing the relationship between philosophy and theology. Students gain the ability to communicate that knowledge effectively to others, and the research tools needed for advanced academic research. Students choose an area of concentration. A written thesis and foreign language exam are required.

#### Concurrent MA Option

Unique on the continent, this intensive three-year option allows students to earn both an MA Philosophy and an MA Theology in three years. This option emphasizes the close relationship between philosophy and theology and takes full advantage of the particular strengths of DSPT. Students choose an area of concentration. A written, 120 page thesis and foreign language exam are required.

#### AREAS OF CONCENTRATION: [dspt.edu/areas](http://dspt.edu/areas)

- Religion and the Arts
- Sacred Arts
- Aesthetics
- Thomistic Studies
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Moral Theology and Christian Ethics
- Systematic and Philosophical Theology
- Cultural and Historical Studies in Religion
- History
- Biblical Studies
- Biblical Languages
- Spirituality

Learn more:



## **PHD PREPARED:**

Our alumni have been accepted into top doctoral programs including UC Berkeley, UCLA, University of Notre Dame, Catholic University of America, St. Louis University, The Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, The University of Fribourg in Switzerland, and more.

## **LIBRARIES:**

Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, the largest theological library in the Western United States

University of California, Berkeley library system

Santa Clara University Library

## **GTU MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:**

Access to faculty and classes at the other 7 schools and 12 centers of the Graduate Theological Union as well as UC Berkeley.

## **INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS:**

Angelicum, Rome

Blackfriars, Oxford

## **Master of Theological Studies**

This program is designed for working people who have at least two years of professional experience and intend to remain in their chosen profession. The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is built around a series of four Saturday seminar courses in which students discuss the pros and cons of integrating their faith and professional lives. Other core classes occur during the week, engaging with the wider community of students in other programs. Our MTS program is unique because it takes seriously the professional experience of its students and weaves that experience into the ongoing philosophical and theological conversations of the DSPT community.

## **GTU Common MA**

This two-year program encourages course work in the various traditions of the member schools of Graduate Theological Union (GTU) drawing on the ecumenical and interfaith resources of the GTU. Applications are sent to the GTU Admissions Office, and applicants may apply to affiliate with DSPT. The GTU Common MA program may be pursued concurrently with the DSPT MA Philosophy.

## **NON-DEGREE OPTIONS**

### **Certificate of Theological Studies**

This semester long Certificate option is designed for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic theological tradition without enrolling in a degree program. It requires a total of four courses chosen in consultation with a faculty advisor. Students may choose to focus their studies in any of the areas of concentration available to MA Theology students. At least three of the required four courses must be taken at the DSPT. In most cases, courses may be transferred into a degree program later.

### **Special Student Status**

Special Students receive academic credit without being enrolled in a degree program. This is a good option for those who are not sure of their program of interest, or for those who have no formal philosophical or theological training. In most cases, courses may be transferred into a degree program later.