



Certificate Program in Sacred Arts

In order to draw attention to the sacred arts program in a manner that provides direct service and outreach to the local church, we have designed a set of four courses that would serve as a specialization certificate for people who are practicing artists. The approach to this certificate program assumes the “cross-disciplinary approach” between philosophy and theology that suffuses the DSPT environment.

As with the sacred arts concentration in the MA Theology program, the certificate program assumes a working knowledge of a specific fine art medium (visual arts, music, etc.) or architecture. The outcomes are the same, namely to:

- imbue students with an understanding of sacred art and its relationship to sacred liturgy;
- provide students with the philosophical and theological foundations for the anthropological as well as the transcendent aspects of art;
- provide basic principles for using the fine arts as a vehicle for “preaching the gospel” to the contemporary culture.

One specific difference between the certificate and MA program is a focus on the integration of theory with praxis, particularly as it applies to Catholic worship and culture.

The DSPT Certificate in Theological Studies requires four courses. To fulfill the requirements for the concentration in sacred arts certificate, students must take the following:

1. RAHS 1604, “Christian Iconography”
2. LSRA 2xxx, “Foundational Principles of Catholic Liturgy and Worship”
3. LSRA 3xxx, “Liturgical Piety: Anthropological Foundations of Catholic Worship”
4. One Elective offering from any advisor-approved RA course.

Delivery format for all courses is once per week for just under 3 hours. Courses are typically offered during the weekday. However, the faculty is open to weeknight and/or Saturday scheduling options if the number of applicants warrants.

Application Process. Must complete the DSPT Certificate of Theological Studies application (found at the DSPT website), including a statement of purpose, official transcript, and two letters of recommendation. Application is on a rolling admission process.

Tuition and Fees. Tuition rate for 2016-2017 academic year is \$715 per semester unit (all courses are 3 units).

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