# THEOLOGY, M.A.

Learn to meet the pastoral faith needs of communities within an intellectual and creative atmosphere. The curriculum fosters intensive study in various areas of scripture and theology. Our faculty challenge students to engage in critical analysis of different aspects of theology.

## Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program of studies for Theology, the student will receive an M.A. in Theology and will have given evidence of the following outcomes and goals:

- Knowledge of the principal methods used in theological study, and an in-depth study of the Catholic Theological Tradition within the areas of biblical, theological, and pastoral studies.
- Competency in exegesis: reading and interpreting primary theological texts through course assignments, directed research, and theological reflection.
- Skill and ability to communicate theological knowledge concerning pastoral situations through case study and theological reflection on current praxis.

## Admission
## Requirements for Admission

- Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Undergraduate grade point average of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale
- Completed self-managed application packet, including:
  - Completed application for admission
  - A check or money order for $40 (nonrefundable) payable to Georgian Court University
  - A statement of objectives discussing applicant's academic and vocational goals
  - Sealed and signed envelopes containing the official transcripts of each undergraduate and graduate institution applicant has attended. If the original seal has been broken, the transcript is then considered to be unofficial and cannot be accepted for use toward the application
  - One letter of recommendation written by a person who can comment from personal knowledge on applicant's academic and/ or professional qualifications for graduate study
  - Accepted students will receive a health form that must be completed and submitted to the Office of Health Services

## Requirements
## Program Tracks
### The General Master of Arts

This program is designed for students who teach in religious education programs and religion in the schools and those who minister in churches or related fields or work in another field but are interested in formal studies in theology.

### Degree Requirements

- Successfully complete 30 credits, including TH500 Introduction to Theological Study and 3 credits each in three areas: Biblical, Theological, and Pastoral Studies
- 18 credits in electives

- Maintain a B (3.0) average.
- Complete degree requirements within six years of formal admission.
- During the last semester, the student will assemble a portfolio of four research papers, one from each area of study and a fourth in an area of the student's choice. The student will defend two of these papers before a committee of professors. Portfolios must be submitted either October 1 or March 1.

## M.A. in Theology (Mercy Spirituality Track)

This program provides the student with a grounding in the academic study of spirituality and an opportunity for personal spiritual formation. The focus is on the spirituality of mercy.

| Code | Title | Credits |
| --- | --- | --- |
| TH500 | Introduction to Theological Study | 3.0 |
| TH662 | Foundations of Mercy Spirituality | 3.0 |
| TH663 | Journey of Mercy: History & Spirituality | 3.0 |
| TH664 | Comparative Mercy Spirituality | 3.0 |
| TH665 | Mercy Praxis: Spirituality & Ethics | 3.0 |
| TH666 | Toward a Theology of Mercy | 3.0 |
| Electives | | |
| Select 12 credits | | 12.0 |
| Total Credits | | 30.0 |

## M.A. in Theology (Pastoral Ministry Track)

This program is designed for those who intend to work in lay ministry in the Catholic tradition or in other Christian communities.

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| TH500 | Introduction to Theological Study | 3.0 |
| TH501 | Hebrew Bible Selections | 3.0 |
| TH502 | New Testament: Selections | 3.0 |
| TH533 | The Christian Community | 3.0 |
| TH551 | The Sacraments | 3.0 |
| TH552 | Canon Law:Intro to Pastoral Perspectives | 3.0 |
| TH556 | Theology of Pastoral Mininstry | 3.0 |
| TH650 | Christian Formation Ministry | 3.0 |
| TH651 | Counseling: Pastoral Applications | 3.0 |
| Elective | | 3.0 |
| Total Credits | | 30.0 |