



www.icseminary.edu
SEMINARY OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**COURSE
OFFERINGS
SPRING 2012**

HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK



Master of Arts Program

GENERAL INFORMATION

MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM: The Master of Arts is a Graduate Program designed as an academic preparation for those preparing for various professional, religious, or ministerial careers, or as part of an enrichment program for those already established in such careers.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS: Applicants for matriculation must have a Bachelor's degree. Students who have not completed undergraduate credits in Theology, Philosophy, and/or related subjects are required to enroll in the Graduate Level Introductory Studies Program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: Both the M.A. in Theology and the M.A. in Pastoral Studies require 39 credits of graduate study. Those studying to earn an M.A. in Theology must complete nine 3-credit courses which are devoted to a well-integrated core curriculum. The remaining four courses allow students to specialize according to their personal goals. At the end of their course work, all students are required to fulfill a Summative Requirement.

Those studying to earn an M.A. in Pastoral Studies must complete eight 3-credit courses, a curriculum much like the M.A. in Theology core curriculum. The remaining four courses are required pastoral courses selected to prepare students for pastoral work. Course work is brought to completion with a ministerial internship/seminar.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULES: The school offers fall, spring and summer study options, three and six-week summer courses, and day and evening classes.

AUDITING COURSES: Students who possess an M.A. degree in Theology or an M.Div. degree may audit M.A. courses. Auditors attend class sessions but are not subject to examinations or other written requirements. They are expected to remain current with course readings. The number of auditors in any given class will be determined by the Academic Dean in consultation with the professor.

APPLICATION: New candidates for the Master of Arts Programs must complete the application process prior to registering for a course. Applications for admission to the Spring 2012 term must be completed by January 25, 2012. For further information and application forms, please call or write:

Academic Office
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington, New York 11743
631-423-0483 x112 • or visit our website: www.icseminary.edu

REGISTRATION: Registration for the Spring 2012 term must be completed by January 13, 2012 for PD courses and by January 25, 2012 for all other courses. Late Registration Fee is \$25.00.

TUITION & FEES:

Application fee.....	\$75.00	Registration fee.....	\$50.00
Tuition (per credit)	\$450.00	Audit (per credit)	\$150.00
Summative Requirement	\$450.00	Graduation Fee	\$200.00

1/3 Payment due upon registration

ACCREDITATION: The Seminary is chartered by the Board of Regents of The University of the State of New York. It is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the Association of Theological Schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

Rev. Msgr. Peter I. Vaccari, *Rector*
Sr. Mary Louise Brink, S.C., Ph.D., *Academic Dean*

January 30 - May 10, 2012

EVENING COURSES

- 1500 **Introduction to the Old Testament** Wednesday 7:15 – 9:30 p.m. Dr. Katherine Hayes
This course offers an introduction to the theological witness of the Old Testament. It begins with God's creation of humankind in the divine image and follows the spiritual journey of the community of Israel as they grow in their call to be people of God through times of challenge, failure, and grace. The historical, literary and theological dimensions of these writings are brought to bear on the interpretation of their significance for Christian faith and practice. (3 credits)
- 2015 **Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior** Monday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Mr. David Bonagura, Jr.
This course focuses first on the death and resurrection of Jesus as presented and interpreted in scripture, tradition, and contemporary theology. It then deals with the Christian understanding of the natures and the person of Jesus as unfolded in scripture and classical theology. Finally, it deals with contemporary theological efforts to present and to understand the natures, person, knowledge, and freedom of Jesus, as well as his presence and saving work in today's Church and world. The content and development of this course presumes and requires the treatment of the content and method of Biblical Christology as presented in Theology 2000. **(Prerequisite: Introduction to Theology)** (3 credits)
- 2070 **The Trinity: Mystery of Grace** Wednesday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Dr. Michael Hoonhout
This course will first guide students to a renewed understanding of the Trinity as the basis of Christian faith, lived out by human persons in the life of grace. Examination of the biblical revelation of the creating and saving God will lead to how the Church came to confess in doctrine and express in theology the mystery of the Trinity. In its second half the course examines the anthropological implications of what God has done under the three theological dimensions of the human person as created in the image of God, fallen and damaged by sin, and redeemed and renewed in grace. To show the connection between both halves of the course the professor will draw out the implications of the truths about God for the mystery of the human person, and the truths of the human person for the mystery of God. **(Prerequisites: Introduction to Theology, Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior, and The Church)** (3 credits)
- 2082 **Benedict XVI in dialogue with Other Believers** Monday 7:15 - 9:30 p.m. Rev. James Massa
Seminar-style class, open to students seeking credit and those who want to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Pope Benedict XVI's theology in light of ecumenical and interreligious issues. (3 credits)
- 2250 **The Truth of the Gospel: an Introduction to the Thought of René Girard** Wednesday 7:15 – 9:30 p.m. Dom Elias Carr
"Scandals must come" (cf. Mt.18:7); Jesus' reading the signs of his times is true of all times: every human community is imperiled; chaos and violence threaten. We see it plainly as divisions multiply in our society as different groups jockey for power and position. How can peace be secured? "Scapegoating" replies the innovative Catholic thinker, René Girard. His answer, called "Mimetic Theory", proposes a powerful instrument for social analysis that can significantly help the Catholic Church confront contemporary culture and assist Christians and in particular, the homilist, in the proclamation of the Gospel. Girard offers compelling explanations for the origins of human culture, the problem of violence and the unique and decisive truth of biblical revelations that changed the world and earned him esteem as one of the great contemporary Catholic apologists. (3 credits)
- 2442 **Introduction to Pneumatology** Thursday 7:15 – 9:30 p.m. Rev. Nicholas Zientarski
Increased study of the Holy Spirit in the Roman Catholic Church in recent decades has been a fruit of twentieth-century *ressourcement* and the theological teachings of the Second Vatican Council. This seminar in pneumatology will present scriptural, patristic, medieval, modern, and contemporary contributions which will lead students toward a comprehensive understanding of the third Person of the Holy Trinity. Applications will be made to other areas of theology which will show the influence of the Holy Spirit in all areas of Christian life. (3 credits)

SATURDAY COURSES

- PD 4500 **Introduction to the History of the Church** Saturday 9:00 - Noon Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaccari
This course traces the development of major themes in Christian thought in order to examine the meaning of tradition and the development of doctrine. In addition to the course lectures, an extended required bibliography familiarizes students with important primary as well as secondary sources. (3 credits)
There will be ten Saturday sessions – **January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 31; April 14, 21, 28; May 5—Snow date May 12**
- PD 6510 **Leadership Skills in Ministry** Saturday 9:00 - Noon Dr. Larry Boone
This course focuses on the various dimensions of the leader's role in the Christian ministries. Special attention will be given to the role of the minister in the areas of program organization and administration; selection and development of personnel; group participation in decision-making; basic planning and evaluation skills; financial management; identification and utilization of resources. (3 credits)
There will be ten Saturday sessions – **January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 31; April 14, 21, 28; May 5—Snow date May 12**

DAY COURSES

- 1010 **The Synoptic Gospels: An Introduction to the New Testament** Tuesday 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. & Wednesday 9:15 – 10:35 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning
This course begins with an introduction to the New Testament: its historical, geographical and cultural background; its texts and manuscripts and the formation of canon. After a review of the history of interpretation of the synoptics, the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke will be studied in their entirety. Emphasis will be given to the ways in which the individual evangelists and the early Christian communities represented events and teachings from Jesus' life and applied them to the life of the early church. (3 credits)
- 1030 **Pauline Literature** Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 – 9:50 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Richard Henning
The thirteen epistles that are associated with Paul are read and critiqued in conjunction with discussion of Paul, the development of early missionary communities, authorship, epistolary genre, and the use of rhetoric. Particular emphasis is given to the character of the Pauline communities and the ways in which the epistles respond to their needs. (3 credits)
- 1101 **Old Testament - Prophecy** Tuesday & Friday 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. Dr. Katherine Hayes
The prophetic books witness to God's ongoing leadership of his people. This course focuses on the pre-exilic prophets Amos, Hosea, First Isaiah, and Jeremiah in relation to the biblical narratives that trace the history of Israel from the settlement in the land up to the Babylonian exile (Joshua through 2 Kings). Attention is given in the course to the various forms of the prophetic word; the nature of the prophetic vocation; and the reception of the prophetic message. (3 credits)
- 4010 **Church History II** Tuesday & Friday 8:30 – 9:50 a.m. Rev. Msgr. Peter Vaccari
This course studies the Church in history from the Reformation Era to the present time. The course seeks to highlight each major aspect of the Church's experience: the Church and the world, outstanding personalities, ecumenical relations, developments in theology, the emergence of ecclesiastical structures and forms of spirituality. (3 credits)
- 4241 **Patristics** Monday 8:30 – 9:50 a.m. & 10:05 – 11:25 a.m. Brother Owen Sadlier, OSF.
The Patristics/Patrolgy course introduces the student to the life and the times, as well as the doctrine and writings, of the Fathers of the Church and of the ecclesiastical writers of Christian antiquity. This course highlights the richness and challenge of the Patristic Era in its ability to create an organic unity of the many aspects of the life and mission of the Church. (3 credits)

WORKSHOPS OF THE PASTORAL FORMATION INSTITUTE OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Realizing that formation is an important component in theological education, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, in collaboration with the Office of Faith Formation's Pastoral Formation Institute of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, has made arrangements to grant our Master of Arts students one credit for each of the following workshops. Weekend workshops include presentations, materials and overnights Friday and Saturday at the Seminary, meals on Saturday and Sunday morning. Upon your Friday arrival, participants should report to the Seminary's D-Wing Meeting Room by 6:30 p.m. for sign-in. You must register for these workshops through the Pastoral Formation Institute. Please call Patricia Schreck at 516-678-5800, ext. 536 or e-mail pschreck@drvc.org to request a registration form.

If you are taking a workshop for credit, a payment of \$350.00 is to be made to the Pastoral Formation Institute. A separate registration and payment of \$100.00 for processing of credit is to be made to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. The total cost of the workshop is equal to that of a one-credit course.

- PFI 002 **Designing Prayer Weekend Workshop** February 3 - 5, 2012
Recognizing that prayer is at the root of our Christian lives, this weekend will broaden the participant's personal appreciation and application of daily prayer in conjunction with the rhythm and symbols of the liturgical life of the Catholic Church; will provide practical, engaging models, methods and skills to lead prayer for small and large groups in a variety of situations and for all ages. (1 credit)
- PFI 003 **Parish Systems Weekend Workshop** March 16 - 18, 2012
Building on concepts developed during the Family Dynamics weekend, participants will explore the complex web of systems i.e. family, parish, diocesan, socio-economic and cultural systems that impact all ministers. Concrete strategies for working in ministerial systems will be developed. (1 credit)
- PFI 004 **Prayer Weekend Workshop** April 20-22, 2012 or May 18 - 20, 2012
This weekend presents different forms of prayer including the Liturgy of the Hours, *lectio divina*, traditional devotional prayer, meditation, contemplation and journaling. The weekend builds upon the lessons learned about personality type and helps participants discern the prayer forms they find most beneficial, and invites them to enter into prayer forms different from the comfort level of their preference. Participants are encouraged to recognize that ministry will call them to pray in many different ways. (1 credit)
- PFI 005 **Collaborative Skills Weekend Workshop** May 18 - 20, 2012
Participants learn and develop leadership skills: how to plan and run more effective meetings; how to empower others through delegation; and conflict management skills. (1 credit)
- PFI 006 **Family Dynamics Weekend Workshop** January 20 - 22, 2012
This weekend workshop guides participants in understanding and experiencing the dynamics of family relationships and systems in order to better understand their own past and current roles in their families, and to use the insights gained to help shape their own families, parishes and larger society according to the Christian vision of family presented in the United States bishops' document *A Family Perspective in Church and Society*. (1 credit)

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

CORE CURRICULUM

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Introduction to Theology
- Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior
- The Church
- Trinity: Mystery of Grace
- Introduction to the History of the Church
- Introduction to Moral Theology
- Introduction to Worship

ELECTIVES

Four courses chosen by student according to specialization

SUMMATIVE REQUIREMENT

There are now two options available to complete this requirement: a summative seminar and Master's paper (available during the fall semester only), or, in certain limited circumstances, the writing of a focused research thesis. Those who have completed course work and have not yet fulfilled the summative requirement, should contact the Academic Office for further information.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL STUDIES

CORE CURRICULUM

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Introduction to Theology
- Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior
- The Church
- Introduction to the History of the Church
- Introduction to Moral Theology
- Introduction to Worship

REQUIRED PASTORAL COURSES

- Leadership Skills in Ministry
- Pastoral Issues in Canon Law
- Pastoral Counseling for Parish Ministers
- Elective of Choice (three credits)

MINISTERIAL INTERNSHIP AND SEMINAR

For more detailed information on either program, please contact the Academic Office.

CALENDAR NOTES

- Last Day of Classes
May 10, 2012
- Final Examinations
May 11, 14 – 16, 2012
- Convocation
May 17, 2012



BOOKLISTS AND SEMESTER CALENDAR ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE: WWW.ICSEMINARY.EDU

REGISTRATION SPRING 2012

Please mail this form with payment to the attention of the Registrar in the Academic Office, Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Ph# (H) _____ (B) _____

Please Check One:

- M.A. in Theology M.A. in Pastoral Studies Advanced Certificate Audit

For Credit Cards: Credit Card No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

Amount to be Charged: \$ _____ MC VISA AMEX DISC

NEW A 4.0% service charge will be assessed to both credit and debit cards.

Signature: _____

Registration closes January 25, 2012
Registration for PD courses closes January 13, 2012
Late Registration Fee is \$25.00

Course Number	Course Name
Payment Due	
Tuition	\$
Workshop for Credit Fee	\$
Total Tuition	\$
Registration	\$
TOTAL	\$

Three Payment Plan Option