

Application to the Program

Application Period & Deadlines: Students may apply for admission in either semester. Procedures, required documents and deadlines for application are posted on the website of the Loyola School of Theology (www.lst.edu/admission/procedures).

Entrance Tests: All applicants are required to take the Ateneo de Manila University Graduate School Entrance Exam and the LST English Proficiency Test. Fees are charged for these exams.

TOEFL: The Test of English as a Foreign Language is required by the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School for international students who come from countries where English is NOT the medium of instruction. It is best that they take the TOEFL in their home countries BEFORE coming to the Philippines. The test result should form part of their application documents to the Ateneo de Manila Graduate School.

Screening and Acceptance: Applicants are accepted by the LST Dean upon the recommendation of the Admissions Committee which evaluates the applicants on the basis of their academic records, entrance test results, essays, bio-data, etc. On the recommendation of the committee, some students may be required to take propaedeutic courses as a condition for their acceptance.

For complete information regarding admission procedures, deadlines, and required documents, visit:
<http://www.lst.edu/admission/procedures>

LST Student Handbook (2007):
<http://www.lst.edu/academics/downloads>

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*Civil Degree
Program in
Pastoral Ministry*

*Master of Arts in
Pastoral Ministry*



LST

Loyola School of Theology

Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry

major in

**Family Ministries and Counseling
Spirituality and Retreat Direction
Pastoral Ministry**

The MA in Pastoral Ministry (MA-PM) program aims to help priests, pastors, catechetical coordinators, religious educators, social action leaders, and various ministerial workers to acquire the knowledge and skills requisite for effective work in their chosen field of service. Rather than concentrating on a sharply and narrowly focused degree, the program offers a variety of courses, electives and practicum-seminars that directly touch the work of pastoral workers and educators. This program requires no thesis writing.

This professional degree program has the following areas of specialization: Family Ministries and Counseling; Spirituality and Retreat Direction; Pastoral Ministry, with further concentration in any of the following: Biblical Theology, Systematic and Sacramental Theology, Moral Theology, and Pastoral Theology.

Academic Prerequisite: To get accepted to the MA in Pastoral Ministry program the applicants must have a government-recognized (civil) bachelor's degree with at least 12 units of undergraduate (college) theology courses. Moreover, they must have attained at least a general undergraduate average of B (2.5 or 85).

The MA-PM Family Ministries and Counseling program is jointly run by Loyola School of Theology and the Center for Family Ministries (CEFAM). Hence, to get accepted to this program, the applicants must be accepted as well by CEFAM which has its own admission requirements.

MA-PM Course Work: This program requires at least four semesters of course work in which the student must complete successfully fifteen (15) master's level courses or 45 units. In the MA-PM Spirituality and Retreat Direction and MA-PM Pastoral Ministry, the fifteen courses must belong to the following categories:

[a] Foundation Courses (15 units): The five core courses are: Revelation-Faith, Christology, Ecclesiology, Fundamental Moral Theology, and Christian Worship. [b] Professional Courses (15 units): Five courses or seminars in the student's area of specialization or concentration. [c] Electives (15 units): Five elective courses chosen from outside the student's area of concentration. Courses in excess of the minimum requirements under Professional Courses may count as electives.

The MA-PM Family Ministries and Counseling program requires seven professional courses in the field of family ministries and counseling (two of which should be practicum courses) and three elective courses from any field of theology. These professional courses are taken in their proper sequence.

The modular courses of the Center for Ignatian Spirituality (CIS), if duly registered for MA credit in LST, can count as professional courses in the MA-PM Spirituality and Retreat Direction program.

MA-PM Comprehensive Examination: After completing his/her course work, the student must pass a written comprehensive examination. The two-part examination is given on two successive Saturdays: Part I covers the foundation courses and Part II covers the courses the student has taken in his/her area of concentration.