

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MATS)

Program Description

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies seeks to promote the spiritual, moral, intellectual, cultural, and social formation of the Theology-Religious Education teachers. The graduate program also seeks to provide a basic and integrated knowledge of scriptural revelation and religious doctrine considered in the light of problems and issues of the times, in a manner adapted to the local culture. It is also envisioned to nurture and equip the teachers to communicate the truth of Scripture in the educational, prophetic and missionary dimension within the context of culture and society.

Program Objectives

Specifically, the MATS program is geared toward:

- (1) the deepening of students' intellectual grasp of the Christian faith so that they will be capable, not only of knowing and understanding their faith, but also of analyzing and sharing their faith with those entrusted to their care in the school and in the church as well. Such knowledge of their Christian faith finds concrete expression in their active living out of what they believe in as manifested in their daily moral choices and decisions and worship-life and loving service of others;
- (2) the deepening of students' capability to conduct workshop, seminars and in-service training to parochial and leaders of their Christian community;
- (3) the development of students' skill in theological research so that they will be able to produce scholarly and publishable articles/materials;
- (4) the deepening of students' commitment to the University's mission which affects and effects Christian formation of UA community and the awakening of social consciousness and responsibility which is capable of responding to the needs of their fellow humans;
- (5) the deepening of students' commitment to the mission of the Church of proclaiming the Good News through their oral preaching and life-witnessing; and,
- (6) the deepening of students' knowledge of Mary which is hoped to lead to deeper love and imitation of Mary's character and traits.

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Basic Courses (6 units)

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
G-THEORES	Methods of Research	3
GSTATCom	Statistical Principles and Methods with Computer Application	3

Required/Major Courses (any six courses equivalent to 18 units)

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
G-MATS 01	Worship and Sacraments	3
G-MATS 02	Revelation and Faith	3
G-MATS 03	Fundamental Moral Theology	3
G-MATS 04	Sacred Scriptures (Hermeneutics)	3
G-MATS 05	Mariology	3
G-MATS 06	Religious Education	3
G-MATS 07	Missionary Spirituality	3
G-MATS 08	Pastoral Management	3

Core Courses (6 units)

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
GMATS Core1	Christology	3
GMATS Core2	Ecclesiology	2

G-MATS SYNTH

Synthesis (3 units)

GTS WRIT

Thesis Writing (6 units)

Enrichment Courses

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Description</u>	<u>Units</u>
G-MATS P1	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
G-MATS P2	Introduction to the New Testament	3
G-MATS P3	Catholic Doctrines	3