



MCC-MA Program Alignment Guide

How does the Master Catechist Certification align with the requirements of the MA degree in Theological Studies at Christendom?

The Master Catechist Certification (MCC) comprises six courses in total: a four-course nucleus and two supplementary courses. Each of the four nuclear courses tracks one of the four parts of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. These courses are offered every spring and fall on a two-year cycle on campus and online. Students in the MCC also take one supplementary online course each summer to round out the six-course curriculum in two years. One supplementary course is a survey course in sacred Scripture and is required of all students in the MCC. For their second supplementary course, students in the MCC choose between Fathers of the Church and Apologetics.

Courses in the MCC can be taken for 500-level academic credit. These are upper-level crossover credits that may be counted by some transfer institutions toward an undergraduate degree or toward a graduate degree. MCC courses can be counted toward the graduate credits required for the Master of Arts (MA) degree in Theological Studies at the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College (NDGS). To earn academic credit for MCC courses, a student must fulfill certain extra requirements specified in the syllabus for each MCC course. Each MCC course counts for two credits.

MCP Year 1

MCP Curriculum		Credit value	MA correlate
Spring 1	MCC 501/The Profession of Faith	2 cr.	EDUC 604
Summer 1	MCC 505/Introduction to the Bible (online)	2 cr.	SCRI 607
Fall 1	MCC 502/The Celebration of the Christian Mystery	2 cr.	Elective (2 of 9 cr.)

MCP Year 2

MCP Curriculum		Credit value	MA correlate
Spring 2	MCC 503/Life in Christ	2 cr.	Elective (2 of 9 cr.)
Summer 2	MCC 506/Fathers of the Church (online)	2 cr.	THEO 712
	or MCC 507/Apologetics (online)	2 cr.	THEO 606
Fall 2	MCC 504/Christian Prayer	2 cr.	Elective (2 of 9 cr.)

The MA degree requires 42 graduate-level credits in theological studies. Program details can be found in the Graduate School *Bulletin*, especially §5, which concerns the curriculum. This document is available on the Graduate School website. The matrix on the following page illustrates how MCC credits can be applied toward the MA degree.

Taking advantage of the academic credits offered through the MCC is a marvelous idea because you kill two birds with one stone: It gives you a serious head start through our MA program at significant cost savings to you. This is especially true if you decide to pursue the degree concentration in Evangelization and Catechesis (this is where the greatest impact lies). Please contact us at any time if you have specific questions about your individual path.

For more information, including language requirements, specific details on core exemptions for the Scripture concentration, and program details on the Spirituality and Consecrated life concentrations (including course credit values), please review the Graduate School *Bulletin*, §5.

Courses covered by the MCC	Remaining MA courses
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THEO 590/Introduction to Theology

MA Core Curriculum

PHIL 602/Philosophy of God and Man	THEO 601/God the Father
PHIL 603/Philosophical Errors	THEO 602/Christology
SCRI 606/Old Testament	THEO 603/Holy Spirit & Ecclesiology
SCRI 607/New Testament	THEO 604/Moral Theology

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MA Concentration Requirements

<i>Systematic Theology</i>	or	<i>Moral Theology</i>	or	<i>Sacred Scripture</i>	or	<i>Evang. & Catechesis</i>	or	<i>Spirituality</i>	or	<i>Consecrated Life</i>
HIST 610/Church History Part 1		THEO 720/Theol. Anthropology		SCRI 602/Pentateuch		EDUC 602/Catechetical Tradition		SPIR 630/Spiritual Life		CONL 621/History of the Consecrated Life
HIST 611/Church History Part 2		THEO 721/The Virtues		SCRI 701/Prophets		EDUC 604/Methods of Catechesis & Evang.		SPIR 631/Sacraments & the Spiritual Life		CONL 622/Liturgy & the Consecrated Life
THEO 605/Liturgy & Sacraments		THEO 724/Sexual & Biomedical Ethics		SCRI 702/Psalms & Wisdom Literature		THEO 605/Liturgy & Sacraments		SPIR 632/Christian Prayer & Contemp.		CONL 623/Scriptural Found. of the Cons. Lif.
THEO 712/Patristics		THEO 802/Catholic Social Teachings		SCRI 610/Synoptic Gospels		THEO 606/Apologetics		SPIR 623/Christian Asceticism		CONL 624/Vows According to Thos. Aq.
				SCRI 710/Johannine Corpus				SPIR 634/Virtues and the Spiritual Life		CONL 625/Consecrated Life and Vatican II
				SCRI 711/Pauline Epistles & Acts				SPIR 635/Spiritual Direction		CONL 626/Consecrated Life in Canon Law

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6 Credits of Elective Coursework	and	3 Additional Elective Credits
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