

13. Master of Arts in Christian Spirituality (MA-CS)

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Christian Spirituality degree program aims to equip pastors and Christian leaders in the ministry of Christian formation. After completion, the student will acquire: i) a foundational knowledge of Christian spirituality based on Scripture, church tradition and theology in the light of recent psychological studies; ii) experiential learning to grasp the transformational dynamic in spiritual formation; iii) capacities for critical theological reflection and integration of knowledge and experience; iv) effective applications of knowledge and skills in the ministry.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least one year prior to application for study; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

i) Core Courses

credits

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
SW1002 Spiritual Formation	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
SW2000 Paths of Prayer	3
SW2027/PT2062 Spirituality Workshop and Silent Retreat*	3
SW2029 Ignatian Spirituality and Discernment	3
subtotal	24

ii) Guided Electives on Christian Spirituality (SW)

3 courses 9

iii) Free Electives

3 courses 9

Total Credits Required for Graduation

42

* Students are required to pay extra fees for retreats apart from the tuition.

d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-CS program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
i) graduate of graduate certificate or graduate diploma or a master's degree programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above
ii) a bachelor's degree holder with a major in Christianity	a maximum of 18 credits on the foundational theological training

e. Duration

This program requires two academic years. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

f. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

g. Further Study

If a MA-CS program student wishes to transfer to the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program at LTS, with or without applying for the conferral of the degree, a maximum of 27 credits may be counted toward that degree. If the degree is conferred, exemptions cannot exceed one-half of the credits earned for that award. Students are required to undertake a minimum of two and a half academic years of study in the MDIV program. For the relevant application, see VI. I. Changes in Registration.

If a MA-CS degree holder with a Bachelor of Theology degree continues to study for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program at LTS, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.

If a MA-CS degree holder continues to study for the Master of Arts program in a specific emphasis (MA-BS/MA-CC/MA-CM/MA-SD) or Master of Arts in Theology (MA-T) program at LTS, a maximum of 18 or 21 credits can be exempted respectively.