

CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

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Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for the reason for your hope... (1 Peter 3:15)

St. John Paul II reminded us of the importance of knowing what the Church teaches as we convey that treasure to others. The Latin phrase “Nemo dat quod non habet” (No one gives what she or he does not have) can be applied to how we convey faith and the knowledge necessary to understand it more fully. Loyalty to the faith and the God who gives it calls us to know why and what we believe.



The Certificate was developed by the Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Grand Rapids and the Aquinas Theology Department for lay people engaged in ministry and those persons who want to further their theological education. Courses are intended to build on what one already knows and prepare participants for further study if that is one's desire.

Following Pope Benedict XVI's exhortation to re-appropriate the treasures of the Catholic tradition in a profound way, the Certificate in Theological Studies focuses on providing students insight into the foundations of the Catholic faith so that they might witness joyfully to the truth of God's love and the beauty of human dignity in their efforts to evangelize both the Church and the world.

Whether you are a parish catechetical leader or catechist, pastoral associate, youth minister, parish musician, Catholic school administrator or teacher, or an interested adult Catholic seeking a deeper understanding of your faith, Aquinas' Certificate in Theological Studies will enhance your preparation and help you bring a new level of understanding and knowledge to your life and your ministry.



COURSES:

The program consists of these required courses:

- TY120 Sacraments
- TY131 Bible as Story
- TY147 The Catholic Vision
- TY211 Jesus
- TY212 Vatican II and the American Catholic Experience
- TY250 Christian Morality

These six courses in theological studies meet the credit requirements for Master Catechist certification by the Diocese of Grand Rapids. They would also fulfill the theological requirements for a minor in theology, so interested students should inquire.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS AND MORE INFORMATION ARE AVAILABLE AT:

aquinas.edu/theology/certificate-theological-studies

Courses are offered at times convenient for working adults. Evening quadmester classes meet one night a week for eight weeks. Hybrid courses typically meet five times per semester on Saturday mornings or afternoons. Traditional sixteen-week classes are also available. Attending part time (one course per semester and one during the summer), participants should complete the certificate in two academic years.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Aquinas College, given its commitment to the local Church, provides a 50% tuition scholarship to all participants for required course work.



For course descriptions, the brochure, the application and more, visit aquinas.edu/theology

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