

PASTORAL FORMATION COURSES (PF)

Course number, credits, and name

PF 510	0	Introduction to Pastoral Formation
PF 620	1	Sacramental Rites Practicum I: Baptism, Marriage
PF 625	1	Sacramental Rites Practicum II: Eucharist, Paraliturgical
PF 630	1	Sacramental Rites Practicum III: Eucharist, Reconciliation
PF 650	3	Integrating Seminar

SUPERVISED FIELD EDUCATION (FE)

Course number, credits, and name

FE 535	2	Summer Pastoral Placement I (w/ integrated Theological Reflection and focus on evangelization & on the poor)
FE 540	2	Summer Pastoral Placement II (w/ integrated Theological Reflection and focus on catechesis & on the poor)
FE CPE	3	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
FE 625	1	Diaconal Preaching Placement

If the Summer Pastoral Placement courses are not possible, a seminarian can pursue the following alternatives:

Course number, credits, and name

FE 520	1	Concurrent Field Placement I (with Theological Reflection): Evangelization
FE 525	1	Concurrent Field Placement II (with Theological Reflection): Evangelization

FE 555	1	Concurrent Field Placement I (with Theological Reflection): Catechesis
FE 560	1	Concurrent Field Placement II (with Theological Reflection): Catechesis

CERTIFICATE IN PRIESTLY FORMATION

Sacred Heart offers a **Certificate in Priestly Formation** candidates whose sponsors may not wish them to pursue an undergraduate degree. The Certificate Program consists of the same four components as the Master of Divinity Program: human formation, spiritual formation, intellectual formation, and pastoral formation. Admission requirements are the same as for the Master of Divinity Program except for the requirement of an undergraduate degree. The certificate is conferred upon completion of all the required program components. To be eligible, the candidate must be at least 30 years old and have at least 60 undergraduate credits from accredited institutions.

INDIVIDUALIZED ORDINATION TRACK

An individual program through the four dimensions of Priestly Formation is designed for candidates who enter the seminary as Permanent Deacons or have previous seminary formation. Plans are based on the prior coursework and life experience of the candidate in conversation with the sponsoring diocese.

Modified M.Div. Curriculum

SHSST continues to form men for the priesthood whose life experiences and trajectories do not conform to the standards assumed in the PPF6. The standard M.Div. track above (117 credits) reflects the norms of the PPF6 and common practice of other Roman Catholic seminaries. At the same time, SHSST's accreditor, the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), requires only a minimum of 72 credits to award a M.Div. degree. Beginning in 2025, SHSST will offer a Modified Track for the M.Div. degree that requires only 72 credit hours (the ATS minimum) for non-traditional seminarians who meet specific qualifications:

- The seminarian must be admitted to SHSST's Program of Priestly Formation.
- The seminarian must be 50 years of age or older upon matriculation.
- The sponsor must formally request this track upon admission, providing a documented justification based on prior experience and special formation needs.
- The sponsor must assume in writing all canonical responsibilities for dispensing from the intellectual formation norms of the PPF6.
- The seminarian must meet basic prerequisites for the configuration stage, including: a sufficient introduction to



Catholic Doctrine and Sacred Scripture (PPF6, no. 289); at least one year of philosophical studies (and a minimum of 15 credits); and possession of a baccalaureate degree (or an equivalent).

- The seminarian must be in residence at SHSST for at least five semesters.
- The pathway plan must include at least 11 credits in Pastoral Formation.

Finally, in addition to these eleven credits in Pastoral Formation, the seminarian must complete seven credits in electives and a minimum number of credits in each configuration subject. All selections are subject to prerequisites.

The following Modified M.Div. Curriculum tables outline credit requirements and conditions for each subject:

► SCRIPTURE	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Minimums</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
Scriptural Foundations	2	10 credits selected	Must include Scriptural Foundations, one NT course, and one OT course
Pentateuch	3		
Historical Books	2		
Synoptic Gospels & Acts	3		
Prophetic Literature	2		
Psalms & Wisdom	2		
Pauline & Catholic Epistles	3		
Johannine Literature	3		

► CHURCH HISTORY	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Minimums</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
History of the Universal Church I	3	6 credits selected	—
History of the Universal Church II	3		
Patrology and Patristics	3		
The Catholic Church in America	3		

► SYSTEMATICS	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Minimums</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
Fundamental Theology	3	9 credits selected	Must include Fundamental Theology <i>and</i> either Trinity <i>or</i> Christology/Soteriology
Trinity	3		
Christology and Soteriology	3		
Ecclesiology and Mariology	3		
Ecumenism & World Religions	3		
Creation, Anthropology & Eschatology	3		
Fundamental Moral Theology	3	6 credits selected	—
Biomedical Ethics	3		
Sexual Ethics	3		
Catholic Social Teaching	3		

➤	SYSTEMATICS <i>(continued)</i>	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Minimums</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
	Liturgy and Sacramentology	3	8 credits selected	Must include Liturgy/ Sacramentology and Holy Orders
	Baptism and Confirmation	2		
	Reconciliation & Anointing	2		
	Marriage and Theology of Family	2		
	Eucharist: History and Theology	2		
	Holy Orders & Spirituality of the Priesthood	2		

➤	PASTORAL STUDIES	<i>Cr.</i>	<i>Minimums</i>	<i>Conditions</i>
	Foundations in Spirituality	3	15 credits selected	Must include at least one course in Canon Law and one course in Preaching
	Canon Law I	2		
	Canon Law II	2		
	Canon Law III (Marriage)	2		
	Fundamental Preaching Skills	2		
	Preaching the Word of God	3		
	Liturgical Preaching	2		
	Pastoral Care & Counseling	3		
	Parish Administration	3		
	Sacred Music Roman Rite	2		
	Pastoral Formation	11	+54 credits selected	= 72 TOTAL CREDITS
	Electives	7		

Please consult the SHSST Registrar for further details and questions.

See Core Course descriptions beginning on page 61.

See Elective descriptions beginning on page 77.

See Financial Information beginning on page 87.