



Hispanic Ministry Preparation

In many of our sponsoring dioceses, half or more of the Catholics are Hispanic. Throughout the United States, the number of Latino Catholics continues to grow, resulting in changing needs of the Church. Therefore, Sacred Heart offers a program in Hispanic studies which has been designed to prepare seminarians and other students for effective ministry in the diverse Hispanic cultures present in the U.S. Church today.

The Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program for seminarians reaches across the pillars of Spiritual Formation, Human Formation, Intellectual Formation and Pastoral Formation. Additionally,

students become aware of how language opens up another worldview, appreciate how difficult it is for people, especially adults, to acquire another language, and value the richness of other cultures.

Seminarians in the Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program will receive a course plan based on the expectations of the sponsor. Course plans may be modified as needed during the student's time at Sacred Heart. Seminarians may also initiate enrollment into the program with the sponsor's consent. This allows both non-Hispanics and native Spanish speakers to minister among U.S. Hispanics. This component

is designed to benefit both Latino and non-Latino seminarians. The Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program is also open to non-seminarians.

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Program Components

COMPONENT 1:

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

Component one includes the introductory courses which are foundational to the Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program, providing the fundamental knowledge needed for Hispanic ministry. Students acquire an awareness of the social, economic, cultural, and religious realities of U.S. Hispanics by focusing on and applying the social teachings of the Church in Hispanic ministry through theological reflection. This component

helps to foster an appreciation of the diverse and complex ministerial needs of Hispanics in the U.S. Catholic Church.

COMPONENT 2:

PASTORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

Component two centers on language acquisition. Coursework will build upon student's existing language skills leading to proficient conversational skills in pastoral contexts. Students will be paired with Language Partners and encouraged to participate in "Almuerzo," an on-campus lunch during which only Spanish is spoken. A language and pastoral-cultural immersion experience in a Spanish-speaking country is strongly encouraged. Those with a limited facility in Spanish may receive an intensive language immersion experience during the summer.

COMPONENT 3:

PASTORAL PREPARATION

Component three focuses on preparation for Hispanic ministry. Students learn to preside at Eucharistic liturgies, are introduced to how Hispanics draw conclusions and communicate values so as to be able to choose topics and styles for effective preaching, learn how to preside at weddings using Hispanic rituals, are introduced to "popular religiosity" (popular expressions of faith) and learn how to preside at quinceañeras, presentaciones, velorios,

etc. These experiences expose students to possibilities for inculturation of the faith as they value the richness of symbols and sense of the sacred found in Hispanic religious experience. Seminarians may complete a pastoral field placement in a Hispanic community in the United States.

Hispanic Ministry Preparation Course Listings

Course number, credits, and name

LS 571	2	Presiding and Preaching in the Hispanic Community
PS 571	2	Hispanic Presence: Challenge and Commitment
PS 572	2	Hispanic Devotional Practices
LSP 570	3	Pastoral Spanish Fundamentals
LSP 575	3	Beginning Pastoral Spanish Conversation
LSP 580	3	Intermediate Pastoral Spanish Conversation I
LSP 585	3	Intermediate Pastoral Spanish Conversation II

LSP 670 2 Advanced Conversational Pastoral Spanish I
(Independent study)

LSP 675 2 Advanced Conversational Pastoral Spanish II
(Independent study)

All courses offered through the Hispanic Ministry Preparation Program are electives. Additional for-credit programs dealing with topics such as Hispanic spirituality, sociology, history, theology, and liturgy will be offered from time to time. These may include study tours, intensive short courses, lectures and workshops, and approved independent study.

See Hispanic Preparation for Ministry course descriptions beginning on page 79.

Tuition and fees are the same as those for the Master of Divinity Program. See Financial Information beginning on page 87.