

LEMI: Choosing a University for your Master's Degree – 2024

St. Leo University, M.A. Theology, LEMI Cohort at Diocesan Pastoral Center

- Course Requirements: 36 Credits (12 three-credit courses)
- Class structure: In-person professor from St. Leo University teaches LEMI cohort at Diocesan Pastoral Center in Richmond one Saturday a month for four months. Students generally take three courses per year:
Spring Semester: January, February, March, April
Summer Semester: May, June, July, August
Fall Semester: September, October, November, December
- The benefits of a cohort with an in-person professor include the ability for you to build rapport with your professor and get answers to questions easily in person. You will build relationships with other ministry leaders in our diocese and be part of a “learning community” that offers you networking and support. You will also grow your vision of the “church of Richmond” by interacting with leaders from parishes of varying sizes and cultural makeup.
- Online classes also available – While it is preferred that you participate in the in-class LEMI cohort, St. Leo online theology classes are available should you need to take a break from the in-class program and take an online class.
- COST: Fall tuition costs \$1,185 per-credit course. LEMI pays tuition subsidy: \$800 per class. Student pays \$385 per class.
- Go to <https://www.saintleo.edu/theology-masters-degree> to visit the Saint Leo University website.
- To apply: You will receive an application packet in the mail from Jesse Prater. Application fee is waived for LEMI students.

Saint Joseph's College of Maine, M.A. in Pastoral Theology

- The pastoral theology specialization will serve those involved with parishes, religious education, diaconal preparation, diocesan agencies, hospitals, retreat and spiritual centers, and social service agencies.
- Course Requirements: **36 credits (12 three-credit courses)**
- Since 1976, Saint Joseph's College of Maine has been offering distance education to serve the needs of adult learners who want to earn a degree through off-campus study.
- Saint Joseph's College offers courses over four terms per year. Courses are twelve weeks with start dates of January 2, April 3, July 3, and October 2 for 2023. Students can enter any program in any term.
- Our special tuition rate for our diocese partners is \$1,020 per class. After the \$800 LEMI tuition subsidy is applied, students pay \$220 per class.

- Click here to visit <https://www.sjcme.edu/academics/online/programs/master-of-arts-theology/>.
- To apply, go to <https://www.sjcme.edu/apply> and select Online Program. On the Employment Section of the Application, please answer yes to the question “Are you a member or employee of an organization that is an educational partner with Saint Joseph's College?” Then select the Diocese of Richmond under “Educ Partner”.
- Contact Tracy Brookmire, LEMI Coordinator, (804-622-5157) to be directed to our diocesan partnership admissions counselor.

Franciscan University of Steubenville, Online Theology Programs

Master of Arts in Catechetics and Evangelization

Master of Arts in Theology and Christian Ministry

- Course Requirements: You will be required to have two background classes or their equivalent to enter the Program. The Program itself requires 10 foundational classes and two electives for a total of 12 required courses, equaling 36 credits. Required program courses may vary, depending on your previous studies.
- The Online Program classes are offered in three 15-week sessions each year (spring, summer, and fall), and rolling admissions means you can start in any session. Small class size—fewer than 20 students—assures personal attention from the professor.
- Cost: Our diocese’s discounted rate is currently \$1,320 per class. After the \$800 LEMI tuition subsidy is applied, **student pays \$520 per class.**
- For more information, visit <https://www.franciscan.edu/ma-theology/>

To Apply: Contact **Victoria Vas, Graduate and Online Enrollment Counselor**

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Augustine Institute, Online Theology Program

Master of Arts: Theology

Master of Arts: Pastoral Theology

Master of Arts: Catholic Education

- [MA Theology](#): You will be required to take 12 classes and a comprehensive exam to earn a Master of Arts in Theology. Concentration in Sacred Scripture with Fifth Gospel elective (Holy Land pilgrimage) available.
- [MA Pastoral Theology](#): This degree program is intended for men and women who are active participants in the Church’s mission of evangelization and catechesis or seek to become such. You will be required to take 12 classes and complete a final applied project. Students will benefit

from cohort-based instruction, dedicated faculty advisors, retreat opportunities, and peer mentors. Concentration in Catechetics available.

- [MA Catholic Education](#): This master's program forms men and women who will teach in schools across the United States and internationally. You will be required to take 12 classes and complete a final applied project. Students can choose from specializations in catechetics, humanities, classical pedagogy, science and mathematics, and grammar school.
- Cost: The rate is currently \$1,850 per class. **Students associated with LEMI** are eligible to apply for the [St. Paul Scholarship](#) which offers 25% off classes at the Augustine Institute. The reduced cost is \$1,387.50 per class and after the \$800 LEMI tuition subsidy is applied, **students pay \$587.50 per class.**
- For more information, visit the [Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology Website](#)
- To learn more and discuss your goals, contact Anna Wessel, the admissions counselor admissions@augustineinstitute.org, 303-937-4420 x969.
- To Apply: Contact Tracy Brookmire, LEMI Coordinator, (804-622-5157) to be directed to our diocesan partnership admissions counselor.