

# **MASTER OF ARTS**

## **Major in RELIGIOUS STUDIES**

### **Program Description**

The Master of Arts in Religious Studies provides the students with a systematic body of knowledge centered upon the inquiry of a Faith seeking understanding through human reason guided by Divine Revelation on the subject matter involving the Relationship between the Human Person and God. The courses deal with new theological problems that arise in the contemporary context and seek to show the mutual interrelation of the Christian mysteries, their bearing upon the total human way of life here and hereafter and their relationship to other areas of human knowledge.

The program seeks to build a community of mature, critical and informed thinker, believers and witnesses of God through their lives and specific ministries, inviting people to faith and developing future leaders towards the transformation of society and the coming of the Kingdom of God. It provides students with an updated religious education content and methodology through a solid foundation in the sources of Christian Faith: Sacred Scriptures, Sacred Tradition, and the Teachings of the Magisterium.

### **Program Educational Objectives**

In line with the University Mission statement, the program is designed to:

1. promote the spiritual, moral, intellectual, cultural and social formation of the students.
2. provide a basic and integrated knowledge of scriptural revelation and religious doctrine considered in the light of problems and issues of the times in a manner adapted to the local culture.
3. demonstrate adequate skills in planning and implementing formational and instructional materials, pastoral counseling skills and basic ecclesial community building techniques.
4. demonstrate basic research skills especially in the field of theology or religious studies; and
5. nurture and equip believers to communicate the truth of the Scripture in the educational, prophetic and missionary dimensions within the context of culture and human society.

## Admission Policies

A student seeking admission to the program must comply with the following:

1. hold a bachelor's degree with at least the 12 units in Theology or Religious Studies courses;
2. have to take the entrance test of critical thinking and Intelligence;
3. have to pass the panel interview; and
4. have to submit other required documents for admission as prescribed by the Graduate School.

