

Course Selection Information for Basic Degree Students 2020 – 2021 Academic Year

1. Please review the requirements for your program before choosing your courses for this year. **A copy of the courses offered at the Faculty of Theology in 2020-2021 is included in this package.**
2. The definition of full-time enrollment is a minimum of four (4) courses in any one semester. A student who enrolls in anything less than four (4) courses in any one semester is considered part-time. This information is important in determining the incidental fees for any term. Please refer to www.fees.utoronto.ca for a breakdown of fees.
3. Students who plan to complete all or part of their program requirements on a part-time basis should note that some courses are only offered on a rotating cycle. **As much as possible, students should take required courses when they are offered.**
4. Students who normally study on the main Toronto campus may register for courses offered in the Halton region simply by including the proper section code information at the time of registration. Conversely, cohort students may take courses on the main Toronto campus by including the proper section code information at the time of registration. Since our Fall courses will be offered via remote learning, we will not be offering a course specifically in the Halton region. This may change for the Winter term as restrictions ease, so please continue to check with the Programs Coordinator regarding this matter.
5. Please note that the Toronto School of Theology uses special section codes for courses to indicate courses that are being held in-person or online. This year, due to COVID-19, the codes will be slightly different. Normally, the codes would be as follows: “4000” section codes mean that the course is being offered off - campus; “6000” section codes mean that the course is being offered online. For example, in L4102, the “4000” digit (highlighted) indicates that the course is being offered off the main campus; in L6101, the “6000” digit (highlighted) indicates that the course is being offered online. This is important because, according to regulations, no more than one half of a student’s courses for their program can be taken off the main campus, of which no more than one third of a student’s total courses can be taken online. **Please pay close attention to this** as you choose courses. Remotely taught courses will not be considered as being taught off-campus or online but will be given the same consideration as in-person classes.

6. The new section codes will be as follows: section codes starting with either “0” or “4” will be “**in-person**,” i.e. requiring attendance at a specific location and time; section codes starting with “9” will be “**online-synchronous**,” i.e. online attendance at a specific time; section codes starting with “6” will be “**online-asynchronous**,” i.e. no requirement for attendance at a specific time. Please note that our courses for the Fall will all be “**online-synchronous**.” A decision will be made closer to the end of the Fall term regarding Winter course delivery.
 7. Intersession and Summer session 2021 courses are available on the Toronto School of Theology website at the same time as the Fall 2020 and Winter 2021 courses. That means students can plan their courses for the entire year (September 2020 – July 2021) in September 2020. Please check back periodically as new courses may be added.
 8. All students registered with **the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute** should check the requirements with the Executive Director, Fr. Alexander Laschuk.
8. The following St. Michael’s courses offered during the Fall term are required for some or all Basic Degree programs. Normally all courses would take place on St. Michael’s campus, in Muzzo Alumni Hall, located at 121 St. Joseph St. Due to COVID-19, the Faculty of Theology has decided to run all Fall term courses remotely, i.e. online synchronous. This means that students will be required to sign-in at the designated date and time the course will be running.

Courses required for the MDiv, MTS and MRE programs:

SMT1101 HF Foundations of Theology

During the Fall semester, one section of this course will be offered, on Thursdays from 17:00-19:00.

SMT1904 HF Fundamental Themes in Christian Ethics

This required course will be offered on Tuesdays from 17:00-19:00.

SMB1007 HF Introduction to the Old Testament

This course is a pre-requisite for all other Old Testament courses. This course will be offered on Thursdays from 14:00-16:00.

SMH1010 HF History of Christianity I

History I is required for MDiv students. For MTS students, History I is considered as the Foundational History requirement. MRE students have the option of taking History I, II, or III. This course will run on Mondays from 14:00-16:00.

SMB2223 HF Mystery of the Triune God

This course is required for both MDiv and MTS students, and MRE students have a choice between Trinity or Christology. This course will run on Wednesdays from 11:00-13:00.

Courses for MRE students

SMP3421 HF Faith Development Across the Lifespan

This course will run in the Fall semester on Tuesdays from 19:00-21:00. This course is a required religious education elective.

9. The following Winter semester courses are required in various basic degree programs:

All Basic Degree Program students – MDiv, MTS, MRE

SMB1501 HS Introduction to the New Testament

This course is a prerequisite for all other New Testament courses. This course will be offered on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00.

SMT3931 HS Ethics: Sexuality & Marriage

This course is required for MDiv students and can be used as an ethics course for MTS students. This course will run on Wednesdays from 11:00-13:00.

For Students in the MDiv and MRE programs:

SMT3433 HS Sacramental Life

This course fulfills the Sacraments requirement. It will be offered Wednesdays from 17:00-19:00. This course is required for MDiv students; MRE students may take Sacraments OR Liturgy. (MRE students: Liturgy is currently scheduled to be offered either in the intersession or Summer 2021 term).

SMT3925 HS Catholic Social Teaching

This required course will be offered on Tuesdays from 19:00-21:00. For MDiv students, this course can be taken in place of Justice: Indiv/Social.

For MDiv Students:

SMP2501 HS Pastoral Care: Theory and Practice

This required course will be offered on Tuesdays from 17:00-19:00.

All MDiv and MRE students, as well as MTS students intending to complete field education:

SMP2600 HF Theology of Ministry

This course is a prerequisite for those intending to do field education. This course will run Monday evenings from 17:00-19:00. It is recommended that students take this course after some of their foundational courses.

ALL students who have completed their field education placements:

SMF3010 HS/YS Theological Reflection Seminar

This course is the final seminar for all students who have recently finished their supervised field education placements. Students who completed a 100 -hour placement should register for SMF 3010 **HS**. Students who completed a 250-hour placement should register for SMF 3010 **YS**. This course will be held in the Winter semester on Thursdays from 19:00-21:00.

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- i. Students who successfully complete SMB 1007 HF *Introduction to the Old Testament* in the Fall are eligible to register for other Old Testament courses in the Winter.
- ii. Students who successfully complete SMT 1101 HF *Foundations of Theology* in the Fall are eligible to register for other systematic theology courses in the Winter.

Philosophy Courses: MDiv students who have philosophy courses to complete as part of their program must normally complete all philosophy requirements within the first year of studies. This year, St. Michael's will not be offering philosophy courses in the Faculty of Theology, but students may draw upon other offerings in TST and U of T. See the Programs Coordinator for details.

Please Remember:

As a rule of thumb, **students should choose required courses before electives**, especially if registering on a part-time basis. Check carefully when courses are offered on the rotation schedule.

Continuing students who checked in with the Programs Coordinator in the Spring or Summer 2020 term for course approval will enter the approved registration data on ACORN. Remember that until you pay your fees, your course enrollment is not official, and you will not appear on a class list.

Newly admitted students as well as students who were unable to meet with the Programs Coordinator in the spring or summer must meet with Anthony De Feo before entering courses on the computer. You may phone or e-mail for an appointment at a mutually agreeable time. If students are unable to or have hesitations with coming onto campus, appointments via phone or Zoom can take place. Your advisor will review your course selection in the Fall and advise the Director of Basic Degree Programs of any difficulty. Please be as careful as possible when entering data on ROSI. The responsibility for proper data accuracy rests with you.

Meeting with the Programs Coordinator ensures that you are taking your required courses when they are available and ensures that you are completed all required courses for your program of study.

You are eligible to take any 1,000, 2,000, or 3,000 level course so long as you can fit it into your requirements, pending any pre-requisites.

Best wishes for a rewarding and enjoyable academic year.