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Students who apply to the M.A. in Theology and Society will be required to submit the following documents:

- A completed Saint Joseph’s University graduate application. Available at www.sju.edu/gradapply.
- Official sealed transcript(s) of undergraduate/graduate coursework with a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) from an accredited institution of higher education.
- Personal statement—a letter of intention outlining the candidate’s professional goals and education objectives in pursuing the Master of Arts in Theology and Society.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- A current resume or curriculum vitae.
- $35 application fee—waived if applicant attended a Graduate Studies Open House or is a SJU graduate.
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- Directed reading and assessment.
- Students with an undergraduate GPA below 3.0 or no discernible theological preparation for coursework may be admitted on a provisional basis.

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- Law and Ethics in the Hebrew Bible
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- The Psalms
- The Gospels and Discipleship
- The Letters of Paul: Conversation across the Centuries

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- The Christian Tradition and Trajectory
- Christianity Today
- God, Gender, and Christian Spirituality

### Systematic Theology

- Jesus through the Centuries
- The Triune God: The Relational Nature of the Divine

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- Dignity, Rights, and Duties: The Many Facets of the Human Person
- Theology with and for the World
- Religion, Violence, and Terrorism

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