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The Five-Year BA/MA

Our combined Bachelor/Master degree program is open to especially qualified students.

- Complete the BA in Theology and Religious Studies and the MA in Theology in an accelerated timeframe of only five years!
- Receive the BA in Theology and Religious Studies at the end of your Senior year!
- Transfer to graduate status in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the end of your Senior year!
- Receive the MA in Theology upon completion of all graduate program requirements at the end of your fifth year of studies!

The Financial Advantage

Expenses for five graduate courses are covered through a combination of undergraduate tuition (up to four courses) and tuition remission awarded by the Dean of Graduate Studies. Thus, you are responsible for paying for seven graduate courses only.

For further information, please explore our web-site, call us, or visit us in person. We look forward to meeting you.

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Programs in Theology & Religious Studies

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Program Structure

Our program permits you to complete the requirements for the BA in Theology and Religious Studies and the MA in Theology in ten regular semesters plus summer coursework.

This timeframe requires taking

- up to four graduate courses in your Junior and Senior years. They replace four undergraduate elective courses and count toward both degrees.
- the graduate Proseminar in the fall semester of your Senior year.
- six graduate courses in the fall and spring semesters of your fifth year of studies.
- two graduate courses in one or two summer semesters (before/after the fifth year).

This course distribution permits you to graduate at the end of the spring semester of the fifth year of studies. However, with the help of your academic advisor you may also develop a different course distribution.

Admission Process

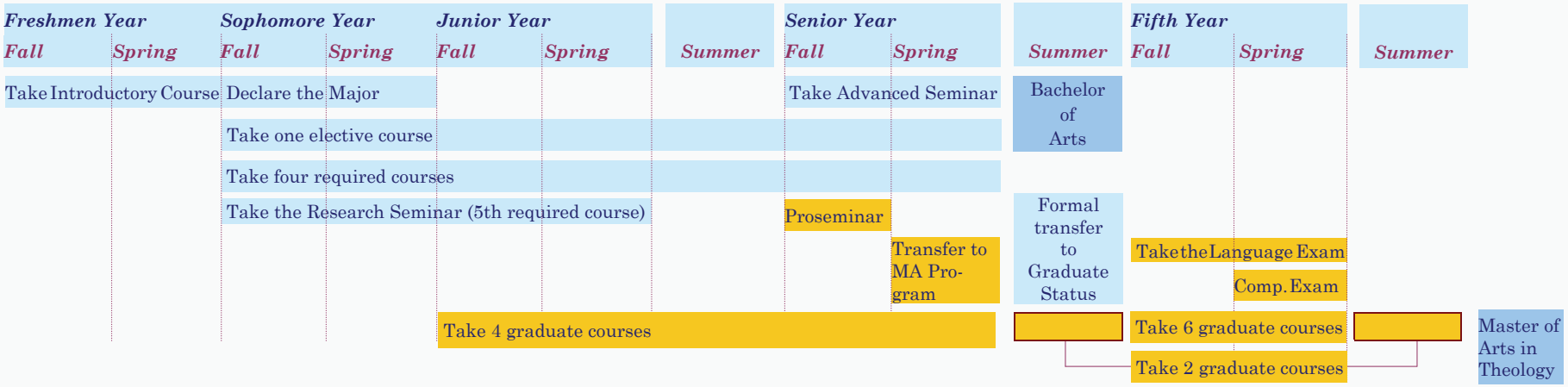
The admission to our 5-year BA/MA program proceeds in two steps.

The first step is informal.

- Inform your academic advisor about your interest in the 5-year program BEFORE you enroll in any undergraduate elective course.
- Your advisor will plan with you four graduate courses that replace four undergraduate elective courses and develop the course distribution of the remaining eight graduate course.

The second step is the formal transfer to the MA program at the beginning of the last semester of your Senior year.

At that point, we require

- the completion (or nearly completion) of all graduate courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better; and
- a 3.3 cumulative GPA in your major and a 3.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA.
- Your academic advisor will submit your program admission material to the Graduate Studies Office.

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