

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL STUDIES

ONLINE BILINGUAL (SPANISH) MAPS DEGREE

This exclusively online Bilingual MA in Pastoral Studies program will support the formation of Spanish-speaking persons for pastoral work in Christian or similar mission-oriented contexts, such as churches, schools, hospitals, hospice, and community organizations who plan to work in linguistically and culturally diverse communities. Most of the instruction is in Spanish and the curriculum centers voices and concerns from within the Spanish-speaking community. The program will prepare you to serve and lead in diverse and plural communities in the U.S. and beyond. The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) provides a transformative educational experience for individuals already involved in or aspiring to faith-based leadership in professional ministry settings, non-profit venues, service-oriented professions, and social justice agencies.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree is only available part-time in a cohort model. Summer start only.
Time to completion: 2 years including one course each summer.

This is the ONLY IPS program that is a cohort model.

This program requires fluency in English and Spanish languages. 75% of curriculum courses will be delivered in Spanish, 25% will be delivered in English.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Graduates of this program will be prepared for leadership in pastoral ministry, and to be agents of communion and transformation, serving and integrating diverse communities. Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools. We continue the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, a personal and community approach to education, and social relevance.

STUDENT LIFE

- ACTS: A proud member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS), IPS partners with 11 Chicago-based theological schools whose courses will be available for you to take as you fulfill your elective credit requirements.
- STUDY ABROAD: We encourage all students to widen their pastoral education with an international immersion via the IPS Summer Rome Program that is offered every year.
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS: As an IPS student, you are encouraged to participate in the IPS Student Engagement Committee.

FACULTY

Our faculty members are respected leaders in their fields, integrating research and practical experiences in the classroom. They value interdisciplinary approaches and reflect expertise in a wide array of areas including narrative interpretive methods, Caribbean theologies of liberation, theology and political economy, pedagogies of storytelling, science and theology, ecological approaches to spiritual human development, theologies of pilgrimage, community organizing, integral formation for counseling practice, theologies of immigration, and more. Faculty participate in a number of professional organizations and conferences including the American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, Catholic Theological Society of America, Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, Catholic Association of Theological Field Education, Karl Rahner Society, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling.

For more on our faculty visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/faculty](https://luc.edu/ips/about/faculty).

ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATION

As a part of Loyola University Chicago, the Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and affiliated with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU). In addition, the IPS is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Those accreditations along with our mission to form students as leaders in diverse fields has led to the development of several additional memberships and affiliations. The IPS is a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, the AJCU Conference for Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Education, the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, and the Association of Professional Chaplains among many more.

For more on our accreditations, memberships, and affiliations visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/affiliations/](https://luc.edu/ips/about/affiliations/).

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. Those accepted into the online Bilingual MAPS degree program will enjoy an automatically discounted tuition rate of \$500 per credit hour. IPS has limited funds available for additional financial assistance. The full range of options include sponsored matching grants, the Loyola Mission Grant, Loyola University Campus Ministry Assistantship, the Chicago Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program, and/or graduate student worker positions at IPS. Learn more at [LUC.edu/ips/admission/finaid](https://luc.edu/ips/admission/finaid).

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
AND DEADLINES

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