

DIVINITY

MDiv DEGREE • DUAL DEGREES

ALSO OFFERED ENTIRELY ONLINE

The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) educates people for faith-based leadership and 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.

The MDiv program is designed to educate lay leaders for professional ministry roles. While focused primarily on preparing lay people for ministerial leadership, the Loyola MDiv program also welcomes members of religious communities, clergy, and participants from other communions committed to an academic and formative experience attuned to the diversity, mutuality, and collaboration that will characterize tomorrow's church.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers full- and part-time enrollment.

Average time to completion (full time): 3 years

Average time to completion (part time): 6 years

Aside from one course that requires one weekend of travel to Chicago, the entire MDiv may be completed online.

The MA in Pastoral Studies curriculum is the core curriculum of the MDiv degree. Courses from the MA in Pastoral Studies can be transferred in full to the MDiv program up to 6 years after completing the MA in Pastoral Studies.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will work with the IPS Faculty Coordinator of Contextual Education to complete six credit hours of Contextual Education and one unit of CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education).

In addition, you will complete an integration project that synthesizes your learnings at the end of your studies.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Once you complete your studies, you will have built a strong resume for a career in a variety of ministerial settings: parish leadership, diocesan administration, campus ministry, or chaplaincy positions in hospitals and long-term health care settings.

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.

The MDiv can also be pursued in tandem with other Loyola master's degrees.

- THE MDiv/MA IN PASTORAL COUNSELING equips you with a comprehensive background in ministerial leadership and specialist competencies in faith-based counseling.
- THE MDiv/MSW provides you with a comprehensive background in ministerial leadership and the competencies to become a licensed social worker.
- THE MDiv/MASJ prepares you for leadership in faith-based organizations that promote justice, foster global awareness, and develop professional programs committed to excellence.

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 you to widen your pastoral experience with an international immersion. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. Courses in Rome are scheduled for every summer.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** As an IPS student, you are welcome 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.

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/.

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

The Institute of Pastoral Studies has limited funds available for financial assistance. Options include merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, sponsored matching grants, Mission Grants, 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.

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

gpem.LUC.edu/apply

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