

**Pastoral School of the Diocese of Chicago & Mid-America  
Program of Studies for those Entering in 2016-2017 and Later**

**First Year Courses – Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies**

**Fall Semester**

History and Principles of the Orthodox Church (3 units) - *Psarev*

Byzantine History (3 units) - *Psarev*

Survey of Scripture I – Old Testament (3 units) - *Whiteford*

**Spring Semester**

The Russian Church (3 units) - *Cassens*

- Prerequisite: Byzantine History

The Mysteries of the Church (3 units) - *Novikov*

- Prerequisite: History and Principles of the Orthodox Church

Survey of Scripture II – New Testament (3 units) - *Whiteford*

- Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I

**Summer Semester**

SEE BELOW

**Second Year Courses – Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies**

**Fall Semester**

Orthodox Apologetics (3 units) - *Alekseyenko*

- Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

Dogmatic Theology (3 units) - *Joyce*

- Prerequisite: Mysteries of the Church

Survey of Canon Law (3 units) - *Viscuso*

- Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

**Spring Semester**

Survey of the Fathers (3 units) - *Vereshak*

- Prerequisite: Survey of Scripture I & II

The Orthodox Church in the 20th & 21st Century (3 units) - *Ganson*

- Prerequisite: The Russian Church & Byzantine History

The Church and the Pastor – Pastoral Theology (3 units) - *Joyce*

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The Church and the Layworker – Orthodox Studies (3 units) – *Joyce*

- Prerequisites: Orthodox Apologetics, Dogmatic Theology, Survey of Canon Law

**Summer Semester**

SEE BELOW

## Third Year Courses – Pastoral Theology and Orthodox Studies

### Fall Semester

Thesis (3 units) - *Joyce*

Practicum (3 units) - *Joyce*

### Spring Semester

Thesis (3 units) - *Joyce*

Practicum (3 units) - *Joyce*

Comprehensive Examination & Thesis Defense - *Joyce*

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### Summer Semester Courses

Required for Graduation

- PASTORAL THEOLOGY MAJORS: Church Slavonic (3 units)\* - *Kondrashova*
- PASTORAL THEOLOGY MAJORS: Liturgics (9 units)\* - *Andreev*
- PASTORAL THEOLOGY -&- ORTHODOX STUDIES MAJORS: Non-Profit Small Business/Parish Management (3 units)\*- *Temidis/Pyrozhenko/Hantel*

Recommended Courses

- Homiletics (3 units) - *Genig*
- New Testament Latin (3 units) - *Longan*
- New Testament Greek (3 units) - *Davis*
- Thesis Writing Workshop (3 units) - *Hill*
- Advanced Byzantine Canon Law (3 units) - *Viscouso*

It is recommended that the summer courses be taken in the following order, although none of the summer courses have prerequisites so one could take them in any order over the course of multiple summers:

Summer Semester Year 1: Liturgics, Church Slavonic

Summer Semester Year 2: Non-Profit Small Business/Parish Management, Thesis Writing Workshop

Summer Semester Year 3 (following graduation): Latin or Greek, Homiletics or Advanced Byzantine Canon Law

\*These courses can be taken via the Summer Residency Program at Holy Trinity Seminary in Jodanville, NY and this is the ideal if at all possible, or via the Pastoral School's e-campus. These course are not required for those in the Orthodox Studies Program.

## **First Year Courses – Catechist Program**

The one-year Catechist Program consists of a cadre of students and mentor/instructors that utilize the e-Classroom for their course to cover topics important for catechists to master in order to successfully prepare candidates for baptism, baptism sponsors, and those who will be wed in the Church. Topics include, but are not limited to: the Holy Scriptures, Theology of the Orthodox Church, Orthodox Cosmology and Anthropology, Orthodox Soteriology and Ecclesiology, History of the Church, the Liturgical Life of the Church, Comparative Theology, Orthodox Family Life, the Mystery of Baptism, the Mystery of Marriage, as well as other pertinent topics.