



ADMISSION PROCESS FOR SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (MAT, AUDIT OR NON-MATRICULATING)

An application will not be considered until we have received all elements.

The degree of Master of Arts in Theology (MAT) is a theological program of Eastern Christian studies at the graduate level through the School of Theology. It prepares students for lay leadership by providing a systematic theological framework and is seen as a necessary prerequisite for future doctoral level studies. The MAT degree program prepares candidates for further study, research and teaching who will be able to:

- read the primary sources of Byzantine Catholic Tradition contextually and critically;
- employ appropriate methodologies in the study of Sacred Scripture, Dogmatics, Theology, Liturgical Theology and Pastoral Theology;
- undertake independent theological research;
- engage in clear theological discourse both in writing and in speech;
- integrate various theological disciplines and methods into a coherent and relevant vision of Byzantine Catholic faith.

Application for the Master of Arts in Theology (either degree or non-matriculating) includes:

- Completed application form
- Completed essays (see below)
- Professional resume (if applicant is working)
- Sealed original transcripts of undergraduate degree and all other undergraduate or graduate studies.
- Miller Analogies Test (not required if applicant has earned a Master's degree from an accredited institution)
(http://www.pearsonassessments.com/postsecondaryeducation/graduate_admissions/mat.html; should be submitted directly from examiners)

- Two letters of recommendation (one from pastor/priest preferred)

Essays for School of Theology application:

Please attach your responses to the following questions (typed or word processed). Two paragraphs per question are sufficient.

1. What attracted you to the Byzantine Catholic Seminary as a school of theology?
2. What do you seek to accomplish by your studies at the Byzantine Catholic Seminary?
3. Name at least two personal strengths and two personal weaknesses you bring with you to the study of theology. How will they affect the realization of your goals?

Application to audit credit courses via the School of Theology

Those wishing to audit credit courses through the School of Theology for their own personal enrichment should provide the following:

- Completed application form
- Professional resume
- Completed essays (questions below)
- Sealed original transcripts of undergraduate degree and all other undergraduate or graduate studies.

Address all application materials to:

Registrar
Byzantine Catholic Seminary
3605 Perrysville Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Contact the Registrar with questions or concerns at: 412-321-8383 or office@bcs.edu

