



# De La Salle University

## Applied Theology Program

The **Applied Theology Program (ATP)** aims at providing Christians with a solid theological background which in accord with the Lasallian spirit, is both faithful to the Judaeo-Christian Tradition and responsive to the exigencies of our times, as well as appropriate to ministerial and personal needs.

### **Primarily Lay in Character**

The ATP is responsive primarily, though not exclusively, to the needs of the laity. Academic excellence will be coupled with purposeful study aimed towards and contributes to the enrichment of Christian life in the world, the growth of the local Church and the transformation of society.

### **Praxis Oriented**

It utilizes contextual approaches and methodologies which will enable students to “do theology” in situations and areas of endeavor they find themselves ministering.

### **Incultured.**

The program regards culture as a primary source to understand appropriate and express the Judaeo-Christian Tradition.

### **Interdisciplinary.**

Today’s complex human realities require a more holistic comprehension of human realities and experiences. The ATP considers as its dialogue partners those disciplines which are aimed at the creation of a society worthy of human beings.

## DIPLOMA COURSE

Consisting of 18 units, this is intended for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the Christian Faith for personal enrichment and to those who want to update their theological knowledge.

### **Foundations of Applied Theology I**

3 units

### **The Bible from A Cultural Perspective**

3 units

### **A Lay Centered Church**

3 units

### **Trends in Biblical Studies**

3 units

### **Electives**

6 units

Selections from M.A. in Applied Theology Curriculum



## Master of Arts in Applied Theology

With or without thesis, this 36 unit course is aimed at equipping practitioners of various ministries in the Church and interested persons with an advanced background in theology as officially envisioned in the Second Vatican Council, the documents of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences and the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines.

**Prerequisite:** Bachelor's Degree

**Philosophy Requirement:** 12 units of Philosophy

### Basic Courses – 9 units

#### Foundations of Applied Theology I

3 units

#### The Bible from A Cultural Perspective

3 units

#### Methods of Theological Research

3 units

### Major Courses – 12 units

#### Trends in Biblical Studies – Old and New Testament

3 units

#### A Lay Centered Church

3 units

#### Doing Christology in a Cultural Context

3 units

#### Foundations of Moral Life

3 units

### Required Seminars – 6 units

#### Applied Theology Seminar

3 units

#### Elective Theology Seminar

3 units

### Elective Courses

6 units for thesis program / 9 units for non-thesis program

### Comprehensive Exam

### Thesis Writing

6 units



## PH. D IN APPLIED THEOLOGY AND DOCTOR IN APPLIED THEOLOGY

In continuity with the goal of the M.A. courses, these 60 units are aimed particularly at training persons who would provide expertise in theological matters and leadership in theological issues in their own contexts. The **PH. D IN APPLIED THEOLOGY** is geared more towards the ministry of applied theological research, while the **DOCTOR IN APPLIED THEOLOGY** is intended more for practitioners of specific ministries.

Both programs require a major in either Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology or Spirituality and a minor in the area of Justice and Peace Studies, Cultural Studies or the Study of Religion.

**Prerequisite:** A Master's degree in Applied Theology or its equivalent

**Philosophy Requirement:** 18 units of graduate or undergraduate Philosophy

**Language Requirement:** Any language other than English and Ecclesiastical Latin or Biblical Greek

### Basic Courses – 12 units

**Foundations of Applied Theology II**

**Methods of Interpreting the Bible**

**Workshop on Writing the Doctoral Dissertation**

**Structural Principles in Theological Formulation of the Christian Faith**

### Required Seminars – 12 units

**Applied Theology Seminar**

3 units

Selections from any seminar bearing Biblical Studies, systematic and Historical Theology, Moral Theology, or Spirituality

### Elective Courses- 9 units

Selections from 3 unit subjects Biblical Studies, systematic and Historical Theology, Moral Theology, or Spirituality

**Comprehensive Exam**

**Dissertation**

12 units