Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D)
Admission Requirements

- Completion of the Application Packet. This packet includes a Required Immunization Information Form which is mandated by the State of Illinois, Acts 85-1315. All this material can be obtained from the Office of Registrar or the website.

- An S.T.L. Degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.7.

- Official transcripts of all undergraduate and post-graduate work.

- Three letters of recommendation:
    - from the ecclesiastical superior (for clergy or religious) or from the proper pastor (for laity) confirming the applicant's good standing in the church
    - one letter each from two of the applicant's professors or academic instructors in theology or a related field.

- Language competency must be demonstrated in both a classical language, Latin or Greek, and a modern research language, ordinarily French, German, Italian, Spanish, before final acceptance into the program.
    - There are three ways to fulfill the classical language requirement.
        - Present a transcript with 6 university level credits of Latin/Greek with at least an A- average. The courses must have been taken within the last ten years.
        - Complete 6 credits of Latin/Greek at Mundelein Seminary with at least an A- average.
        - Pass the USML language translation exam with a minimum score of 86%.
    - There are two ways to fulfill the modern research language requirement.
        - Present a transcript with 6 university level credits of a Modern Research Language with at least an A- average. The courses must have been taken within the last ten years.
        - Pass the USML language translation exam with a minimum score of 86%.
    - Language exams are administered at the University twice a year, at the beginning of each semester. If a student fails to pass both exams by the start of the second semester of the program, the provisional acceptance will be withdrawn, and the student will be required to reapply. Samples of the language exams may be requested from the Registrar. Aspirants to the S.T.D. program are encouraged to sit for the exams before submitting the application.

- Submission of a copy of the applicant's Licentiate paper for evaluation by the Graduate Board.

- Completion of all requirements must be submitted to the Coordinator of Student Services by:
    - Fall Semester, the preceding July 15
    - Spring Semester, the preceding October 16

- Final acceptance into the doctoral program is granted when the dissertation proposal is accepted by the Graduate Board.