

### GRADUATE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Catholic institution dedicated to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in the theoretical and applied fields through quality graduate education that is comprehensive and responsive to the needs of society.

We are committed to the formation of scholars and high level professionals who are ethical, competent, compassionate and committed to the service of the Church, the Nation and the Global Community.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

We envision a Graduate School that stands for excellence and innovation and that will be globally identified for the distinction of its programs and quality of its research.

### GRADUATE SCHOOL GOALS

To realize this mission-vision, the Graduate School commits itself within the next five (5) years:

- To develop the intellect and creativity through excellence in instruction, research, and extension work.
- To form scholars and high level professionals in the arts and humanities, the natural and allied health sciences, the social and management sciences who are ethical and who demonstrate competencies functional in both the local and global workplace.
- To hone the professional and social skills, and critical capabilities of students enabling them to become responsible leaders in their careers and community.
- To provide students opportunities to serve the larger community through extension work and community service.

- To produce quality research in the various fields of knowledge that is internationally recognized.
- To recruit Faculty who are acknowledged experts in the field and to complement the teaching staff by inviting international scholars in the various disciplines.
- To build partnerships and linkages between the Graduate School and academic institutions, industry and government entities at the local and international level.
- To enhance the image and visibility of the Graduate School and its work in both the local and global community.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

- A. Application for admission to the UST Graduate School is until October 15 for October enrollees, April 5 for Summer enrollees and May 25 for June enrollees.
- B. Application forms for Admission are available at the UST Graduate School, UST Admissions Office & at the UST Graduate School Web Site – <http://graduateschool.ust.edu.ph>

### REQUIREMENTS:

Certified true copy of Transcript of Records, one (1) colored passport size, recent photo (if any) document(s) attesting to passing a Bar/Board Exam, or being a scholar of any agency.

Two (2) Referral Forms: One(1) for the current (immediate) superior (or Dean, in the case of a school); and the other, for the professor in one specialization (major) subject.

### For Foreigners:

**All of the above and;**

TOEFL English Proficiency and Student Visa Requirements.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Bachelor's Degree in Higher Religious Studies, Theology, Religious Education or

related courses with a general average of at least 2.0/85% or B.

2. Complete accomplished application and referral forms.

### PHILOSOPHY & OBJECTIVES

To develop high-level professionals, expert in certain areas of Theology and Social/Pastoral Communication and capable of imparting their knowledge through creative and critical works to the life of a Christian.

1. To provide students a deeper knowledge and experience on the communication dimension of Church in pastoral ministry.
2. To develop in students the ability to critically reflect on the need to integrate faith, social and pastoral communication into cultures in the Philippines and Asia.
3. To provide opportunities for the development of the facility for research and creative works necessary in the various fields of culture, social communication/ /pastoral ministry & communication in relation to society and the church.

### CURRICULUM

#### **Master of Arts in Theology major in Social/Pastoral Communication**

#### PREREQUISITE SUBJECTS: 6 UNITS

#### **GS 500 - St. Thomas on Critical Thinking**

As the philosophical foundation of Research Methodology, it is a study of the principles of and skills in critical thinking according to St. Thomas Aquinas in the three areas of mental cognition: simple apprehension, judgment, and reasoning; and of common fallacies towards the acquisition of the art of argumentation.

#### **GS 501 - Research Methodology**

The student is introduced to research concepts relevant to theology. Discussions center on how to prepare a thesis emphasizing choice of title,

statement of the problem, sources of data, analysis and evaluation of information gathered among others. Course output is a thesis proposal. Reviews the UST-GS Thesis Writing Guide Booklet.

#### CORE SUBJECTS: 12 UNITS (mandatory subjects)

#### **MAT-SPC 606 - Introduction to Social Communication**

The course introduces the concept of social communication as proposed by Vatican II for the Church's involvement in Communication. It outlines and discusses the different levels, ways, means and expressions of communication in society under a theological perspective.

#### **MAT-SPC 607 - Church and Social Communication: Documents and Structures**

Introduction to the official documents of the Church on social communication, their history, content and teaching. The church structures flow from these documents and are realized on world, regional, national and diocesan levels.

#### **MAT-SPC 608 - Communicating in Pastoral Ministry I**

The course considers pastoral care as communication and helps to equip the student with the basics of human and modern communication in pastoral ministry. The role of Mass Media in ministry and pastoral planning are considered as well as the education for critical use of them (Media Education).

#### **MAT-SPC 609 - Communicating in Pastoral Ministry II**

#### MAJOR SUBJECTS: 12 UNITS

#### **MAT-SPC 701 - Communication Theology: An Introduction (mandatory major subject)**

This course introduces a new approach to theology where communication is seen as a basic theological principle: Different fields of Theology are studied under the perspective of God's communication with humankind. (seminar)

#### **MAT-SPC 702 - Communicating between Cultures: A Missiological Approach**

Introduction to the ways of communicating between people from different cultures, considering beside others non-verbal, verbal communication, the

role of social structures, World View, values and the importance of intercultural communication for the Church.

#### **MAT-SPC 703 - Faith in a Mass-Mediated Culture**

The course reflects on the challenges for the Church by a culture which is to quite an extent determined and partly created by modern mass media but also how the Church can employ these media for her mission in this world.

#### **MAT-SPC 704 - Communication Trends in Religious Education**

The course studies the relation between Religious Education & communication and how to make this useful for the pastoral worker and modern evangelization today.

#### **MAT 705 - Faith and Film**

Introduction to the art of reading a film and how to dialogue between theology and film studies.

#### **MAT 706 - Religious Journalism**

The course introduces into the basics of writing for newspapers in the service of the Church and the pastoral responsibilities of the Church for journalists.

#### **MAT-SPC 707 - Church and Broadcasting**

The basics and possibilities of radio and TV/Video broadcasting for pastoral ministry.

#### **MAT-SPC 708 - Church and Public Communication/Relations**

How does the Church relate to the public and which image does she project to the people outside? Is it positive? How to maintain and improve it?

#### **MAT-SPC 709 - Church and New Media**

The course discusses modern communication technologies like the internet, satellites, cable and their possibilities for the mission of the Church.

#### **MAT-SPC 710 - Communicating in Mission: Introduction to Evangelizing Communication**

The evangelizing mission of the church has important communication dimensions. What are the communication needs and possibilities for the mission work of the Church?

#### **COGNATE SUBJECTS: 3 UNITS**

Any subject which has substantial bearing on thesis.

#### **OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Written Comprehensive Examinations (WCE)  
TW I - 3 units (*Thesis Proposal*)  
TW II - 3 units (*Research Colloquium*)  
TW III - 3 units (*Thesis Defense*)

**Total = 42 Units**

#### **UST GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS AND FACULTY SET-UP**

LILIAN J. SISON, Ph.D.  
*Dean*

JOSÉ ANTONIO E. AUREADA, O.P., S.Th.D.  
*Regent*

MICHAEL ANTHONY C. VASCO, Ph.D.  
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UST Graduate School Science Laboratories*

ROMUALDO DEL ROSARIO, Ph.D.  
*Supervising Scientist, UST Botanical Garden*

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#### **PROFESSORIAL STAFF**

FR. RODEL ALIGAN, O.P., S.Th.D.  
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#### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The University of Santo Tomas follows an Academic Year Calendar of two (2) semesters and a summer term.

Summer Term: April-May

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**GRADUATE PROGRAM**

AY 2008 – AY 2010



**THEOLOGY**

MA in Theology major in  
Social/Pastoral Communication

España, Manila