

[b] passing a proficiency test administered by LST in any or all of these languages. The language requirements must be fulfilled before writing the tesina.

**Curriculum.** The program requires at least three semesters of course work in which the student must successfully complete seven courses on migration (21 units), two of which must be guided reading courses. Four other courses (12 units) on migration are taken by the student from a list of available migration electives to complete his or her studies. With the permission of the Dean, the student may take other courses closely related to the study of migration.

Apart from the courses required in the certificate program, the following courses are also offered at the Loyola School of Theology for licentiate students:

- Spirituality in an Age of Mobility
- Justice and Migration
- Ecclesiology and Ministries in Migration Context
- Pastoral Care of Migrants
- Body, Sexuality and Gender in Migration: A Reading Course
- The Human Rights of Migrants
- History of the Church in Asia
- Pastoral Psychology and Counseling
- Pastoral Counseling Practicum

The student must pass an oral comprehensive examination after the successful completion of all courses. The exam matter covers the courses he/she has taken in his/her area of concentration. He/she must also write a licentiate tesina and defend it in public before a panel of professors.

For complete information regarding admission procedures, deadlines, and required documents, visit:  
<http://www.lst.edu/admission/procedures>

LST Student Handbook (2007):  
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# Migration Theology Program

Certificate Program in  
Pastoral Care of Migrants

Licentiate in  
Sacred Theology (STL)



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Migration is a growing phenomenon in Asia, and all indications suggest that it will remain an important aspect of the region's landscape. The local churches in countries of origin and destination in Asia are called to promote theological reflection and studies on this phenomenon.

The instruction *Erga Migrantes Caritas Christi* states: "Episcopal Conferences will likewise entrust to Catholic university faculties in their territories the task of studying the various aspects of migration more thoroughly for the benefit of concrete pastoral service for migrants. Compulsory courses of theological specialization could also be programmed for this purpose" (EMCC, 71).

To answer this call, Loyola School of Theology, the Episcopal Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples (CBCP-EMCI), and the Scalabrini Migration Center (SMC) have established a special program in Migration Theology. The program is tailored to meet the different needs of lay pastoral workers, religious, and ordained persons involved in this ministry. It also aims to train students of theology in addressing this important concern of the Church today.

### **Certificate Program in the Pastoral Care of Migrants**

The requirements for enrolling in the Certificate Program are the following:

- proof of proficiency in the English language through the LST English Proficiency Test
- accomplished application and registration forms
- a letter of recommendation from the superior, bishop, or official of the applicant's institution
- at least 2 years of college (or its equivalent) and a basic theology course

The required five courses for this program are offered during the first semester of each academic year (from June to October). Four courses are compulsory; one subject is chosen from a list of elective migration courses. All courses are open to auditors.

- MTP01 Introducing Theologies of Migration
- MTP02 The Bible and People of God on the Move: A Reading Course
- MTP03 Migration in the Catholic Social Teaching
- MTP04 Management of Pastoral Programs in Migration
- MTP One course may be chosen from the other migration course offerings

### **Licentiate in Sacred Theology (STL)**

**Application.** For admission into the Licentiate in Sacred Theology Program with a field of specialization in Migration Theology, applicants must hold a Bachelor's degree in Sacred Theology (STB), issued by an ecclesiastical faculty of theology. They must also have at least a general average of 2.0 (B+). Those who have finished four years of theology from a school of theology that does not offer the S.T.B. may still qualify for the STL program provided they have the same average grade as above and can offer some proof of their capacity to write a tesina (e.g., a research paper they have written in their seminary course).

Licentiate applicants must pass an Entrance Exam administered by the Ateneo de Manila and an LST English Proficiency Test. They are admitted to the STL program upon the recommendation of the Standards & Degrees Committee and the approval of the Dean.

**Language Requirements.** Besides English, the licentiate student needs to have a reading knowledge of one modern language in which significant theological writing has been done (e.g., German, French, Spanish, Italian). He/she must also have a working knowledge of Biblical Hebrew or Greek, and Latin. The requirements may be satisfied either by [a] taking language courses of two semesters each language in any language institute or university; or by