Gannon University~ 109 University Square, Erie PA 16541 (814)871-7000

St. Mark Seminary Program

Very Rev. Scott W. Jabo, *Rector*
Rev. David Renne, *Vice-Rector*

In cooperation with the Diocese of Erie, Gannon University offers a variety of academic degree programs to students training for the diocesan priesthood in the Formation Program of St. Mark's Seminary. The immediate aim of the college level formation for the candidate for the priesthood is to help him to mature as a liberally educated human person, committed to Christ and to the service of his neighbor.

Bishop Lawrence Persico, Ordinary of the Erie Diocese, responding to the aims and objectives of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, continues a tradition begun by the University's founder, Archbishop John Mark Gannon. The seminarian's academic life at the University is complemented by programs of personal and spiritual development in residence at St. Mark's Seminary.

College seminarians matriculate as full-time students in one of the three colleges of the University. The wide-range of academic programs enables the seminarians to have close contact with their peers and University professors.

Academic Requirements

A. Seminarians must be full-time students in good standing at Gannon University in a bachelor's degree program or in the two-year pre-theology studies program.

B. While Philosophy remains a highly recommended major for preparation for graduate studies in theology, most other majors offered by Gannon University are deemed appropriate. The choice of an undergraduate major as well as a change from one to another must have specific approval of the St. Mark's Faculty.

C. Regardless of major, all seminarians beginning as freshmen are required to include in their four-year programs of study the following courses.

1. Philosophy . . . . .30 credits required as a minimum

Introduction to Philosophy (LPHI 131)	3
Philosophy of God (LPHI 233)	3
History of Medieval Philosophy (PHIL 273)	3
Logic (PHIL 210)	3
Philosophy of Knowledge (LPHI 235)	3
Philosophy of Ethical Responsibility (LPHI 237)	3
Introduction to Metaphysics (PHIL 350)	3
History of Ancient Philosophy (PHIL 271)	3
History of Modern Philosophy (PHIL 280)	3
History of Contemporary Philosophy (PHIL 286)	3

Total: 30 credits

2. Theology . . . . . .12 credits

(a.) Sacred Scripture (LTHE 121)	3
(b.) The Catholic Tradition (LTHE 223)	3
(c.) Theology of Moral Responsibility (LTHE 227)	3
(d.) Theology Elective (one course)	3

Total: 12 credits

3. Latin . . . . . .12 credits

(a.) Introductory Latin I (LATN 111)	3
(b.) Introductory Latin II (LATN 112)	3
(c.) Intermediate Latin I (LATN 121)	3
(d.) Intermediate Latin II (LATN 122)	3

Total: 12 credits

D. All students pre-register twice per year after consulting with the St. Mark Academic Advisor.

E. All students must be full-time to a maximum of nineteen (19) semester hours unless specific approval for more than nineteen (19) hours or less than fifteen (15) hours is secured from the St. Mark's Academic Advisor. A fifteen (15) hour load is the norm for seminarians.

F. Students are not permitted to take late afternoon or evening classes without the specific approval of the St. Mark's Academic Advisor. The normal time for all classes to be finished is 3:00 p.m.

Two Year Pre-Theology Program

A program of studies is designed for each man entering the two-year pre-theology program. Consideration is given to his undergraduate degree and any graduate work which he has done and his needs in preparation for theological studies, especially with regard to the minimum hours of philosophy and theology.

Spiritual Formation

The Formation Program through seminary life at St. Mark's might best be described as both a place and a process for men to explore the possibility that Christ might be inviting them to make a lifelong commitment to priesthood. This decision cannot be made alone. It is the decision of the individual, but it is also the decision of the Church. The individual comes together with others who understand and share in that search in a directed way called the Formation Program.

Information/Application

Inquiries for additional information and/or to apply for seminary status may be directed to:

Very Rev. Scott W. Jabo
Vocation Director and Rector
St. Mark Seminary
429 East Grandview Boulevard
Erie, PA 16504
Day Phone: 814-824-1200
Evening: 814-824-1198
vocations@eriercd.org or seminary@eriercd.org