Mission

Founded in 1962, the Graduate Theological Foundation is an ecumenical and interreligious institution providing advanced educational opportunities to practicing ministry professionals. GTF degree programs allow students the option of following a set curriculum developed and offered by our faculty, or of designing their own curriculum based on their preference of degree specialization, venue location, course delivery method, and time and financial commitment.

Defining Ministry

The GTF defines ministry as social service with a nurturing quality. Individuals who define their professional activity as being service to the improvement and nurture of society and the world community are recognized by the GTF as being in ministry.

Student Body & Alumni

- 2,000+ alumni and current students
- Average annual enrollment of approximately 400
- Professional fields of alumni include parish ministry, education, administration, counseling and chaplaincy, among other fields.
- Alumni represent Protestant denominations, Roman Catholic and Orthodox traditions, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and secular belief systems.
- Average age of student body: 51
- Alumni teach at over 200 colleges, universities
- Over 60 countries and all 50 U.S. states are represented in the student body and alumni.

Graduate Center for Pastoral Logotherapy

The GTF offers the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.), the Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Pastoral Logotherapy for students seeking specific training in the theory and practice of logotherapy for application in a ministry setting. The Graduate Center is an Accredited Member of the International Association of Logotherapy and Existential Analysis at the Viktor Frankl Institute in Vienna, Austria.

Sacred Music

The GTF offers graduate degrees in the field of sacred music designed for professionals in parish music ministries. The GTF offers the Master of Sacred Music (M.S.M.) and the Doctor of Sacred Music (D.S.M.) under the instruction of several professors who are also accomplished sacred music professionals. Students may pursue online or on-site study (or a combination), and complete a final project with a focus that is academic, performance-based, or administrative/ministerial.

Oxford University

Department for Continuing Education (OUDCE)

Formalized in 1994, the GTF’s affiliation with Oxford University allows students at the GTF the opportunity to complete part or all of their graduate studies during the Oxford Theology Summer School of the OUDCE hosted at Christ Church College, Oxford University.

Centro Pro Unione - Rome

For the past two decades, the GTF has enjoyed an affiliation with the Centro Pro Unione in Rome, an ecumenical institution engaged in education and the ecumenical repository of all documents generated by the Vatican and the World Council of Churches. The Rev. Fr. James Puglisi, SA, is Director of the Centro Pro Unione, Minister General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, professor at the Angelicum, and Francis Joseph Cardinal Spellman Professor of Catholic Theology at the GTF.

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Tribunal Studies

The GTF offers an academic Master of Tribunal Studies (M.Tr.S.) and Doctor of Tribunal Studies (D.Tr.S.) online. The Tribunal Studies online program is directed by The Rev. David Mulvihill, J.C.D. (Gregorian/Rome), Ph.D. (GTF) and the The Rev. John Mulvihill, S.T.D. (Gregorian/Rome), Ph.D. (GTF), of the Archdiocese of Chicago, both members of the GTF’s Canon Law faculty. Students also have the option of taking a professional M.Tr.S. or D.Tr.S. through our affiliation with the International Institute of Theological and Tribunal Studies in Los Angeles, California. The IITTS is directed by Monsignor Charles Chaffman, J.C.D. (Angelicum/Rome), Judicial Vicar, Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and Professor of Theological and Tribunal Studies at the GTF.
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Graduate Degrees

The GTF offers both professional and academic degrees in a wide range of fields. Professional degrees are praxis-oriented and service-based, and academic degrees are research-oriented.

Professional Degrees

- Master of Mediation (M.Med.)
- Master of Pastoral Counseling (M.P.C.)
- Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.)
- Master of Sacred Music (M.S.M.)
- Master of Tribunal Studies (M.Tr.S.) - residential
- Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)
- Doctor of Mediation (D.Med.)
- Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
- Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.)
  - Pastoral Logotherapy option
  - Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy option
- Doctor of Sacred Music (D.S.M.)
- Doctor of Tribal Studies (D.T.R.S.) - residential

Academic Degrees

- Master of Tribal Studies (M.T.R.S.) - online
- Master of Theology (M.Th.)
  - Islamic Studies option
- Doctor of Tribal Studies (D.T.R.S.) - online
  - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
    - Islamic Studies option
    - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
      - Research
    - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
      - Foundation House
    - Doctor of Theology (Th.D.)
      - Denominational Studies

All But Dissertation Ph.D. degree completion

The Foundation offers an "All But Dissertation" Ph.D. degree completion option for individuals who have an uncompleted Ph.D. through another institution.

Tuition & Fees

Information on tuition and fees of the GTF can be found online. Please visit the website at www.gtfeducation.org.

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