



INTERNATIONAL MARIAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

2018-19 PROGRAM GUIDE

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Programs in Marian Studies

To facilitate and encourage Marian studies in the United States and abroad, the International Marian Research Institute (IMRI) was founded in 1975 at the University of Dayton in affiliation with the Pontifical Theological Faculty Marianum in Rome.

Since its approval by the Congregation for Catholic Education on Nov. 5, 1975, which was renewed on July 26, 2008, and definitively approved by the Congregation for Catholic Education on July 26, 2013, IMRI has organized annual graduate-level courses to promote the programs of Marian studies established by the *Marianum*.

The IMRI program may lead to the following academic degrees: the Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.); the Doctorate in Sacred Theology with specialization in Mariology (S.T.D.); the Master of Arts (M.A.) in religious studies with specialization in Mariology, offered jointly by IMRI and the University of Dayton's Religious Studies Department; the certificate in Marian studies. *IMRI is no longer accepting new students into the S.T.L. or S.T.D. degree programs.*

Program Cycle

Courses for this year and subsequent years are being offered according to the needs of current degree-seeking students, and are no longer scheduled according to the 3-year program cycle. Course requirements for the S.T.L. and S.T.D. degrees remain the same, as listed in the Academic Guide (Internal Norms).

Clarifications/ Requirements

The following remarks are intended to facilitate the organization of your coursework:

1. All useful information regarding requirements, programs and organization of studies can be found in the Academic Guide (Internal Norms) and in this annual Academic Program.
2. The S.T.L. comprises the required course work (70 credits), a major research paper (minimum of 30 pages) for each year of the program cycle, comprehensive exam (written and oral) and the licentiate thesis.
3. For those students who have an S.T.L. without specialization in Marian studies, the required coursework is at least 36 quarter credits. Students may choose courses that will help their research.
4. During fall, spring, and summer sessions, students may take guided study courses, depending on professor availability..
5. The S.T.L. thesis and the S.T.D. dissertation can be presented and defended almost any time during the year when the University is open.

Clarification of requirements for comprehensive exams:

1. Under normal circumstances, comprehensive exams are offered at one fixed time per semester. Students will complete three written exam questions of one hour each, and three oral exam questions of 30 minutes each. It is recommended to take the exam over a period of two days rather than one day. A list of potential exam questions with recommended bibliography will be provided to the student in advance, upon completion of all coursework and required cycle papers.
2. Each exam question is given a letter grade of equal weight, using the standard grading scale of the University of Dayton. If students do not receive a passing grade, they will have one opportunity to retake the exam that must be scheduled the next term.

Grading scale of the University of Dayton:

- A = 93-100
- A- = 90-92
- B+ = 87-89
- B = 83-86
- B- = 80-82
- C = 70-79
- F = 69 or below

Clarification of requirements for the S.T.L. thesis and S.T.D. dissertation:

1. An S.T.L. thesis should be a minimum of 100 pages in its entirety, including footnotes and bibliography.
2. For the S.T.L. thesis and S.T.D. dissertation, use 8.5x11 inch pages, double-spacing, Times New Roman 12 point font, with 1 inch margins on all four sides. More detailed information on formatting is found in the documents, [Dissertation Guide](#) and [Thesis Guide](#).
3. Students no longer need to submit copies of their thesis or dissertation to ProQuest. A copy will be automatically submitted to ProQuest once the thesis or dissertation has been posted to OhioETD. Ordinarily, a librarian from the Marian Library will post the full text of the thesis or dissertation to OhioETD on behalf of the student after receiving written permission from the student.
4. The six printed and bound (that is, self-published) copies of the S.T.L. thesis or S.T.D. dissertation are all that is needed to satisfy the requirement to publish the thesis or dissertation. It is the student's responsibility to provide the six bound copies of the S.T.L. thesis or S.T.D. dissertation, plus a digital copy, to IMRI.

5. In addition, it is the student's responsibility to send one printed and bound copy, plus digital copy on CD, of the S.T.L. thesis to the Marianum, or six printed and bound copies, plus digital copy on CD, of the S.T.D. dissertation to the Marianum, using the following dimensions: 6.5x9.5 inch pages, single or double-spaced, no font size specified. More detailed information on formatting is found in the documents, [Dissertation Guide](#) and [Thesis Guide](#).

Additional Information

TUITION

Credit, per quarter hour — \$475.00

Audit, per quarter hour — \$237.50

OTHER FEES

Comprehensive exam — \$200.00

S.T.L. defense — \$300.00

S.T.D. defense — \$500.00

REGISTRATION

The process of registering for IMRI courses is now handled through the University of Dayton Registrar's Office. Students should register for their classes [online](#). (University of Dayton login is required.) From Porches, select Flyer Student Services, then select Search and Register for Classes.

Course availability cannot be guaranteed after the end of Summer 2018, and certain courses are scheduled to be offered in only one term through Summer 2019. Therefore, students are strongly encouraged to seek advice on registering from the Academic Secretary of IMRI at the address below, to ensure that all coursework can be completed by the requisite deadline.

Please note the following dates which are the deadlines for registering for IMRI courses:

- Fall 2018: March 20, 2018 – **August 21, 2018**
- Spring 2019: Deadline is **January 11, 2019**
- Summer 2019: Deadline is **May 17, 2019**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for financial aid should be submitted using the guidelines on the [financial assistance form](#) located in the Financial Assistance section on the [Current Students](#) page on our website.

HOUSING

Please contact Residence Life at housing@udayton.edu or 937-229-3446.

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

For additional information regarding the academic program:

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FALL 2018 PROGRAM

MRI 600 INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY MARIOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

Sept. 17 – 21 | 2–4 p.m.

Designed for students who are new to the program or who simply have an interest in Mariology, this course explores the basic Marian issues within the framework of contemporary theology and emphasizes the major developments in Mariology since Vatican II.

MRI 601 RESEARCH AND BIBLIOGRAPHY 1 qtr. credit

Sept. 17 – 21 | 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

This course introduces students to the resources and bibliography for theological studies, with attention to research in Mariology. It offers suggestions for organization and information management.

MRI 602 METHODS IN THEOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

Sept. 17 – 21 | 8:10–10 a.m.

This course deals with various methods used in the study of contemporary theology. It points to their specific focus and philosophical foundation, as well as to advantages and limitations. Their application to research in Mariology will be examined.

MRI 611 MARY AND THE NEW TESTAMENT 3 qtr. credits

Sept. 24 – Oct. 5 | 8–10:30 a.m.

Study of the principal New Testament texts with reference to Mary as person, as Mother of the Redeemer, as figure of the Church and associate of Christ in the history of salvation.

MRI 620 CHRIST IN THE PATRISTIC PERIOD 3 qtr. credits

Sept. 24 – Oct. 5 | 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Study of selected patristic texts regarding the person and redemptive work of Christ.

MRI 628 MARY IN THE MODERN PERIOD II 3 qtr. credits

Sept. 24 – Oct. 5 | 2:30–5 p.m.

Developments in Marian devotion, liturgy and doctrine traced through the 18th century Enlightenment, the French Revolution and the Catholic Restoration, as well as the 19th century theologians (Newman, Scheeben, Terrien), the Scholastic revival, the Mariological Movement, the dogma of the Immaculate Conception and the significance of the Marian Apparitions.

MRI 629 MARY IN THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD I 3 qtr. credits

Oct. 8 – 19 | 8–10:30 a.m.

Study of the development in Marian doctrine, devotion and culture from the beginning of the 20th century to the eve of the Second Vatican Council.

MRI 632 MARIAN SPIRITUALITY 3 qtr. credits**Oct. 8 – 19 | 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

This course studies the various historical expressions and methods of Marian spirituality, Mary's role as model of Christian spirituality and devotion, her virtues, and her active presence in the life of the Church and that of the faithful.

MRI 638 MARY AND THEOLOGICAL ANTHROPOLOGY 3 qtr. credits**Oct. 8 – 19 | 2:30–5 p.m.**

This course presents an anthropological approach to the understanding of Mary and examines its challenges and limitations in light of a theological study of the human person as paradox and mystery. Special emphasis is given to the relationship between theological anthropology and Marian dogmas.

MRI 790 DISSERTATION GUIDANCE 1–12 qtr. credits**Guided study with no set dates**

Doctoral students register for 12 credits of dissertation guidance. With permission, students may instead register for 1, 2, 3 or 6 credits per term over multiple terms.

MRI 946 GUIDED STUDY 1–3 qtr. credits**Guided study with no set dates**

The Marian Research Institute (IMRI) offers remedial courses in the form of guided studies for those who need to satisfy a minor requirement in the area of general theology or to take IMRI courses outside of their place in the academic program schedule with special permission.

FALL 2018 SCHEDULING CHART

	September		1–5	October	
	17–21	24–28		8–12	15–19
8–10:30 a.m.		MRI 611		MRI 629	
8:10–10 a.m.	MRI 602				
10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	MRI 601				
11 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.		MRI 620		MRI 632	
2–4 p.m.	MRI 600				
2:30–5 p.m.		MRI 628		MRI 638	

Note: Guided studies are available during this session.

SPRING 2019 PROGRAM

MRI 600 INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY MARIOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

Feb. 4 – 8 | 2–4 p.m.

Designed for students who are new to the program or who simply have an interest in Mariology, this course explores the basic Marian issues within the framework of contemporary theology and emphasizes the major developments in Mariology since Vatican II.

MRI 601 RESEARCH AND BIBLIOGRAPHY 1 qtr. credit

Feb. 4 – 8 | 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

This course introduces students to the resources and bibliography for theological studies, with attention to research in Mariology. It offers suggestions for organization and information management.

MRI 602 METHODS IN THEOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

Feb. 4 – 8 | 8:10–10 a.m.

This course deals with various methods used in the study of contemporary theology. It points to their specific focus and philosophical foundation, as well as to advantages and limitations. Their application to research in Mariology will be examined.

MRI 612 MARY AND THE APOCRYPHA 3 qtr. credits

Feb. 11 – 22 | 8–10:30 a.m.

Study of the place and role of Mary in the apocryphal literature of the Old and New Testament, this course prepares students for the understanding of Marian symbols and topics in devotion, religious culture and art.

MRI 622 MARY IN THE PATRISTIC PERIOD 3 qtr. credits

Feb. 11 – 22 | 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Study of initial developments of Marian doctrine and devotion in Greek, Latin and Oriental patristics.

MRI 627 MARY IN THE MODERN PERIOD I 3 qtr. credits

Feb. 11 – 22 | 2:30–5 p.m.

Study of the development of Mariology from the Renaissance to the age of Enlightenment, highlighting especially the time of the Reformation and Counter Reformation.

MRI 790 DISSERTATION GUIDANCE 1–12 qtr. credits

Guided study with no set dates

Doctoral students register for 12 credits of dissertation guidance. With permission, students may instead register for 1, 2, 3 or 6 credits per term over multiple terms.

MRI 946 GUIDED STUDY 1–3 qtr. credits

Guided study with no set dates

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SPRING 2019 SCHEDULING CHART

	February		
	4–8	11–15	18–22
8–10:30 a.m.		MRI 612	
8:10–10 a.m.	MRI 602		
10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	MRI 601		
11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.		MRI 622	
2–4 p.m.	MRI 600		
2:30–5 p.m.		MRI 627	

Note: Guided studies are available during this session.

SUMMER 2019 PROGRAM

MRI 600 INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY MARIOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

June 17 – 21 | 2–4 p.m.

Designed for students who are new to the program or who simply have an interest in Mariology, this course explores the basic Marian issues within the framework of contemporary theology and emphasizes the major developments in Mariology since Vatican II.

MRI 601 RESEARCH AND BIBLIOGRAPHY 1 qtr. credit

June 17 – 21 | 10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.

This course introduces students to the resources and bibliography for theological studies, with attention to research in Mariology. It offers suggestions for organization and information management.

MRI 602 METHODS IN THEOLOGY 1 qtr. credit

June 17 – 21 | 8:10–10 a.m.

This course deals with various methods used in the study of contemporary theology. It points to their specific focus and philosophical foundation, as well as to advantages and limitations. Their application to research in Mariology will be examined.

MRI 612 MARY AND THE APOCRYPHA 3 qtr. credits

June 24– July 5 | 2:30–5 p.m.

Study of the place and role of Mary in the apocryphal literature of the Old and New Testament, this course prepares students for the understanding of Marian symbols and topics in devotion, religious culture and art.

MRI 630 MARY IN THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD II 3 qtr. credits

July 8 – 19 | 11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Study of the teaching of Vatican II about the Blessed Virgin Mary, especially in chapter VIII of *Lumen Gentium* and its implications and developments in contemporary Marian doctrine and devotion. The study includes magisterial pronouncements, theological reflection and historical developments in Marian thinking since Vatican II.

MRI 632 MARIAN SPIRITUALITY 3 qtr. credits

June 24– July 5 | 8–10:30 a.m.

This course studies the various historical expressions and methods of Marian spirituality, Mary's role as model of Christian spirituality and devotion, her virtues, and her active presence in the life of the Church and that of the faithful.

MRI 640 ECCLESIOLOGY 3 qtr. credits

July 8 – 19 | 8–10:30 a.m.

Study of the self-understanding of the Church through the ages, its scriptural and doctrinal foundation and historical realizations. Special attention is given to the history and theology of the 20th century magisterial documents leading to Vatican II's *Lumen Gentium* and the ecclesiological reflection preceding and following the Council.

MRI 642 SPIRITUALITY 3 qtr. credits**July 8 – 19 | 2:30–5 p.m.**

Study of historical and systematic aspects of Christian spirituality. The study includes the presentation of various schools of spirituality, with special emphasis on the French School of spirituality. It also attempts an evaluation of contemporary trends in spirituality.

MRI 656 MARY IN MUSIC 1 qtr. credit**July 1 – 5 | 11 a.m.–12:50 p.m.**

Study of the place of Mary in music with a concentration on Marian Hymnody.

MRI 790 DISSERTATION GUIDANCE 1–12 qtr. credits**Guided study with no set dates**

Doctoral students register for 12 credits of dissertation guidance. With permission, students may instead register for 1, 2, 3 or 6 credits per term over multiple terms.

MRI 946 GUIDED STUDY 1–3 qtr. credits**Guided study with no set dates**

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Elective 1 qtr. credit**June 24 – 28 | 11 a.m.–12:50 p.m.****SUMMER 2019 SCHEDULING CHART**

	June		1–5	July	
	17–21	24–28		8–12	15–19
8–10:30 a.m.		MRI 632		MRI 640	
8:10–10 a.m.	MRI 602				
10:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.	MRI 601				
11 a.m.–12:50 p.m.		Elective	MRI 656		
11 a.m.–1:30 p.m.				MRI 630	
2–4 p.m.	MRI 600				
2:30–5 p.m.		MRI 612		MRI 642	

Note: Guided studies are available during this session.

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