



ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE REQUEST FOR ADVANCED STANDING

Advanced Standing without Credit

Advanced standing without credit (no reduction in the total hours required for a degree) may be granted for core courses to candidates in the M.A. in Theology or the M.A. in Church Ministries upon the decision of the Dean.

- Such advanced standing is based on undergraduate credits in theology or religious studies that were earned within the past 10 years and completed with a B or better.
- For each course waived, the student must substitute an elective course in the same department (as guided by the Dean).
- The maximum number of credits that may be replaced with electives on the basis of advanced standing without credit is 12.
- A student who desires advanced standing without credit should complete the form below, petitioning the Dean for a transcript evaluation before registering for the first class.

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The policy below is based on the requirements of the Association of Theological Schools.

Advanced standing with credit (reduction in the total hours required for a degree) may be granted for core courses to candidates for the M.A. in Theology or the M.A. in Church Ministries who have an undergraduate major or similar significant undergraduate work in theology or religious studies after formal assessment in the course(s) they have pursued and for which the credit is desired.

- Such advanced standing with credit is based on undergraduate credits that were earned within the past 10 years and completed with a B or better.
- The maximum number of credits of advanced standing with credit that can be granted is 9.
- A student who desires advanced standing with credit should petition the Dean for a transcript evaluation, and for formal assessment in the course for which credit is desired before registering for the first course.

Request for Advanced Standing (Choose one and be sure to check applicable boxes.)

I request a transcript review for advanced standing without credit.

- My transcript does contain a significant number (18 hours or more) of undergraduate credits in theology and/or religious studies that were earned within the past 10 years and completed with a B or better. *(If you cannot check this box, you cannot petition.)*

I request transcript review for advanced standing with credit.

- My transcript does contain a significant number (30 hours or more) of undergraduate credits in theology and/or religious studies that were earned within the past 10 years and completed with a B or better. *(If you cannot check this box, you cannot petition.)*
- I will submit prior papers and/or undergo testing or other formal assessment to verify competency in the relevant core courses. *(If you cannot check this box, you cannot petition.)*

Name

Date