

BASIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
FOR THE ONLINE OR IN CLASS MACD PROGRAM

Q: When will Marquette begin to offer the MACD program on line?

A: During the second summer session (July 6 to August 14, 2010), the Theology Department will offer Theology 6110 (Introduction to Old Testament Method) online. The entire course, a requirement for the MA and MACD degrees, can be taken from wherever you are during the summer. After the summer of 2010, other MACD required courses will be available online.

Q: What are basic requirements for admittance into the MACD program at Marquette?

A: One needs a BA, but the degree does not have to be in theology or philosophy, even though those degrees would be helpful. Years of fruitful experience in some profession or business is a good indicator of readiness for this MACD degree.

Q: Is taking the GRE test essential for admittance to the MACD?

A: The GRE scores are not essential to admittance if other indicators (letters of recommendation, previous experiences, and articulated personal reasons for taking the degree) are positive. In some cases, moreover, the GRE test can be waived if there are strong reasons for doing so.

Q: How do the online classes “work”?

A: After students are admitted to the MACD program, they can sign up for online courses through Marquette’s Theology Department and the Graduate School. As soon as students are signed up they are enrolled in the online course.

Students can participate in online courses from computers in their residences.

Students are required to do readings assigned on the course syllabus, and to discuss online with their classmates and the professor the assigned texts. Professors usually provide questions to get the discussion going. The discussion is carried on by written responses from students and faculty.

In most classes, students are also required to write papers and put them in the “dropbox” in the online course. The professor then responds to the papers and grades them.

Examinations, too, are taken on line with immediate feedback and grading after the exams are completed.

Throughout the course, students can discern their progress in the course by viewing the online grading system, which keeps an account of the accumulated grade totals.

Q: Who are the instructors for the MACD program, regular Marquette faculty or part time adjuncts?

A: The online courses are all taught by full time, regular Marquette faculty.

Q: How much time during a week should a student anticipate it will take to do the assignments and participate in the course?

A: The amount of time depends on the student and the specific course requirements. Although it is difficult to determine, one could generally anticipate that it would take a student six to nine hours per week per course, approximately the same as a regular course.

Q: What is the cost of the MACD program?

A: Tuition costs at the present time (2010) is \$865.00 per credit hour; other costs for books and materials vary.

Q: Is financial aid available to online students?

A: At the present time we have the Sinsinawa Dominican Scholarship for women religious, the competitive Catholic schools scholarships for teachers in the Milwaukee diocese (both of these scholarships are offered through the graduate school), and a competitive scholarship for those teaching in all Catholic schools, in parishes, and in diocesan educational programs (this scholarship is offered through the Department of Theology) .

Q: Where can one find more information about the MACD program?

A: View the Marquette Theology Department's web site: <http://www.marquette.edu/theology/>  
Click on graduate programs.

Q: How can I apply to the program?

A: One can apply on line. See in particular Marquette's Graduate School web site, where instructions on applications are provided: <http://www.marquette.edu/grad/>