**Master of Science in Bioethics at St. Thomas University**

**Miami Gardens, Florida**

The program is four contiguous terms: starting in the Fall, or starting in the Spring. Students starting this Fall, graduate by December of 2024, and those starting in Spring of 2024 graduate in May of 2025. It is two courses per semester, to a total of 30 graduate credits –no thesis involved. Classes are taught on Saturday mornings, and there are three possible modes of participating:

* I teach live to the students who show up live at STU, using audio-visuals in the classroom.
* But, I am also linked to a professional online service that allows you to connect to the computer in my classroom –audio and visual- so that, if you can’t travel to STU that Saturday, you may connect remotely and still participate fully in the lecture.
* At the same time, each lecture is recorded and stored online, so that, if you are unable to participate live, you can always see and listen to the lecture sometime during the week, at your convenience.

So, you can see that the weekly participation is very flexible, and the student always has the lecture material available via youtube. Grades are based mostly on lecture summaries; very doable. Again, this program is now also doable remotely.

Regarding costs, it is about $550 per credit, times 30 credits, the whole programs comes to about $16,000; divided into four semesters, this comes to about $4,000 per semester. A person with a Bachelor’s who obtains a Master’s, typically, that represents a pay raise. Plus, if you enroll in the program, you probably qualify for a federal student loan, which has a low interest rate.

One of the courses in the last semester is an internship, in an area of best interest for the particular student. If the student has no particular place for doing her/his internship, I will be happy to assist in the process. The internship can also be broken up into various locations.

The basic academic requirement for applying is to have completed a Bachelor degree in an accredited field of study; I provide all the biological and theological background necessary for student success within the program.

Also, if an interested person doesn’t want/need the degree, each course may be just audited, for the simple cost of one credit, which currently is $550. Since the persons auditing are not getting a grade or a degree, they don’t have to do any of the homework, summaries, etc.; they still have full access to all the powerpoints, videos, references, etc. and can participate fully in all the lectures.

Please feel free to email me any questions or comments that you may have. Or, feel free to give me a call, so that I may give you more details about this innovative program: 786-489-9369.

Many blessings,

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