

MASTER OF DIVINITY/MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Requirements: The dual degree between Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies requires 96 semester hours (SH) of required and elective courses, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7. Students have seven years in which to complete the dual Master of Divinity/ Master of Theological Studies degree unless an extension for special circumstances is granted by the Academic Council.

General Requirements: 96 semester hours and 2.7 cumulative GPA

REQUIRED COURSES [45 hours]**FORMATION IN MINISTRY (4 SH)**

- FORM-M501 Formation I Ministry One – 1.5 SH (must be taken first year)
- FORM-M502 Formation in Ministry Two – 1.5 SH (must be taken second year)
- FORM-M503 Formation in Ministry Three – 1 SH (must be taken third year)

BIBLE (9 SH)

- BIBL-B501 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible – 3 SH (must be taken first year)
- BIBL-B502 Introduction to the New Testament – 3 SH (must be taken first year)
- BIBL-Bxxx Exegesis elective – 3 SH

THEOLOGY (6 SH)

- THEO-T500 Introduction to Theology – 3 SH (must be taken first year)
- THEO-T626 Systematic Theology – 3 SH

HISTORY (6 SH)

- HIST-H505 Christian Tradition and History – 3 SH
- HIST-H707 Christianity in Pluralistic America – 3 SH

ETHICS (3 SH)

- an ethics course approved by your advisor – 3 SH

ARTS IN MINISTRIES (15 SH)

- MIN/COUN-P500 Intro to Pastoral Care and Counseling – 3 SH
- MIN-M510 Worship and Liturgy – 3 SH
- MIN-M520 Intro to Preaching – 3 SH
- MIN-M530 Creative Contextual Leadership – 3 SH
- MIN-M540 Teaching and Learning in Community – 3 SH

SUPERVISED MINISTRIES (2 SH)

Students will serve in a one-year Supervised Ministry Internship. Ministry sites will include a range of opportunities- congregations, denomination and judicatory settings, and community agencies- and provide students with a breadth and depth of experience in the particularities of that ministry site and its context. Those pursuing ordination should consult their ordaining body to determine if additional years of Supervised Ministry are required.

- SMIN-500: Supervised Ministry One – 1 SH
- SMIN-501: Supervised Ministry Two – 1 SH

GENERAL ELECTIVES [21 hours]

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ADDITIONAL MTS DISTRIBUTION STUDIES [9 hours]

"MTS Adaptable, Area I, II, or III" (each designated course will list which one of the Areas of the MTS that the course will fulfill.)

Students may apply up to 24 credit hours of their MDIV courses taken as "MTS Adaptable" courses toward fulfilling their general distribution requirements.

AREA 1: Scripture and Sacred Tradition (0 additional hours needed)
(fulfilled by Bible and History courses)

AREA II: Theology (3 additional hours in addition THEO-T500 and THEO-T626)

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AREA III: Society, Religion, and Culture (6 additional hours in addition to Ethics)

- 1. Engages a Non-Christian Religion, such as Judaism, ELECT C580 Introduction to World Religions, ELECT C678 Yoga and Spirituality.

- 2. _____

FOCUSED RESEARCH FOR MTS [9 hours]

These courses may be taken as regular courses or as directed studies (up to 6 credits).

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- 2. _____
- 3. _____

COLLOQUIA AND THESIS [12 hours]

- X-820 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-821 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-825A: M.T.S. Thesis/Project (3 SH)
- X-825B: M.T.S. Thesis/Project (3 SH)

(Note: Requires approved proposal. If the thesis is not completed during the semester(s) in which the student registers for X-825, the student must register for X-826, Thesis Continuation, each semester until the thesis requirement is met.)

Thesis and Oral Examination – THERE ARE TWO OPTIONS FOR FULFILLING THE FINAL PROJECT.

OPTION 1: AN M.T.S. STUDENT MAY WRITE A THESIS WITH A CLEAR FOCUS THAT DEMONSTRATES THE STUDENT'S CAPACITY TO DO INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, TO WORK CREATIVELY AND DISCERNINGLY WITH THE MAJOR MATERIALS RELEVANT TO THE THESIS TOPIC, AND TO WRITE IN AN APPROPRIATE, SCHOLARLY AND ENGAGING STYLE. THE THESIS SHOULD BE AT LEAST 50 AND NO MORE THAN 100 TYPED DOUBLE-SPACED PAGES.

OPTION 2: AN M.T.S. STUDENT MAY CREATE A FINAL INTEGRATIVE PROJECT AS EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS, ARTWORK, OR A PORTFOLIO OF INTERRELATED PAPERS WRITTEN FOR FOCUS AREA COURSES, BUT THESE "ALTERNATIVE" FORMATS SHOULD INCLUDE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF AT LEAST 10 PAGES DEMONSTRATING AN INTEGRATED UNDERSTANDING OF FOCUS AREA ISSUES.

In all cases, the student will present the project to the advisor and two other faculty members, who will, on the basis of an oral conversation with the student about the project, assign the grade for it.

At least four weeks prior to the end of the semester the student must submit a final draft to the advisor for final critique and decision as to whether to recommend the thesis to committee.

At least two weeks prior to the end of the semester three copies must be submitted to the thesis /project committee.