



SUMMARY OF REQUIRED COURSE WORK FOR MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS) - GENERAL STUDIES

The MTS Program is, at a minimum, a two year course of study.

REQUIRED COURSES

54 credit hours make up the MTS Program (equivalent to eighteen 3-credit courses)
Of the 18 courses, ten 3-credit courses are required (30 credit hours), plus eight electives

Required Biblical Courses

Three 3-Credit Courses Minimum, with at least one OT and one NT Course:

1. *Old Testament Courses* : BL231 Pentateuch: **OR** BL224 Psalms; **OR** BL228 Isaiah and the Prophets
2. *New Testament Courses* : BL276 **OR** 277 **OR** 278 The Gospels, **OR** BL272 Galatians **OR** BL275 Romans, **OR** BE155 Early Christian Scriptures I **OR** BE156 Early Christian Scriptures II **OR** BE156DLA **OR** BE161DLA
3. One other Biblical Course

Required Church History and Historical Theology Courses

Three 3-Credit Courses Minimum:

1. HA/HL111 The Story of Christianity, Part 1: Early and Medieval
2. HA/HA112 The Story of Christianity, Part 2: Reformation and Modern
3. SL120 Lutheran Confessions **OR** SL121 The Augsburg Confession (if student is pursuing a Lutheran vocation) **OR** an approved course in the student's religious tradition

Required Systematic Theology and Ethics Courses

Three 3-Credit Courses Minimum:

1. SL/PL155 Globalization/Ethics **OR** SA152 Introduction to Christian Ethics **OR** DIAC129 Diaconal Theology and Practice **OR** SL334 Contemporary Theologians **OR** SL366 Indigenous Intercultural Relations
2. SL210 Theology I /SL210DLA
3. SL211 Theology II /SL211DLA (**OR** advanced systematic theology elective, approved by Dean of Studies)

Required Pastoral Theology Courses

One 3-Credit Course Minimum:

1. PL115 Introduction to Liturgy
2. PL215 Introduction to Homiletics
3. PL230 Pastoral Care and Counselling **OR** PL233DLA Introduction to Spiritual Care
4. PL260 Christian Education: Faith Formation **OR** Faculty Advised Pastoral Theology Elective

Electives

24 Credit Hours (Equivalent to Eight 3-Credit Courses):

Electives can be taken in any area, as long as the requirements for the major and minor areas of study are also satisfied.

Elective Summary	If Doing Thesis			If Doing Comprehensive Exam		
		# of credits	Equivalent # of Courses		# of credits	Equivalent # of Courses
	1. Thesis	6	2	1. Comp Exam	3	1
2. Electives	18	6	2. Electives	21	7	
Total	24	8	Total	24	8	

REQUIREMENTS FOR MAJOR AND MINOR AREAS OF STUDY

Note: Pastoral care is not an approved Major or Minor area of study

MAJOR AREA OF STUDY

Disciplines: 1) Biblical or 2) Systematic Theology & Ethics, or 3) Church History and Historical Theology

A major field of study shall consist of no less than **six courses** (18 credits) in one of the three disciplines, inclusive of the required courses in each department (as per courses to the left).

MINOR AREA OF STUDY

Disciplines: 1) Biblical or 2) Systematic Theology & Ethics, or 3) Church History and Historical Theology

A minor field of study shall consist of no less than **four courses** (12 credits) in one of the three disciplines, inclusive of the required courses in each department (as per courses to the left).

OTHER REQUIRED EXPERIENCES

Students who plan to serve as a minister in their denomination and plan to do a denominational internship, are required to take Boundaries Workshop 1 and 2 (typically held at LTS, onsite).

THESIS and COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OPTIONS

MTS students must either 1) write a Thesis, or 2) take an additional elective course and write a Comprehensive Exam.
The Thesis option is only available to students who have achieved a minimum GPA of 75%.

SUMMARY OF REQUIRED 3-CREDIT COURSES

Biblical	Church History and Historical Theology	Systematic Theology, Ethics	Pastoral Theology	Electives <small>(includes major and minor electives, open electives, comp exam or thesis)</small>	Total
3	3	3	1	8	18

Each 3-credit course is 36 contact hours, with flexibility within that time on how the course is to be delivered.

Learning Formats

See annual *Course Offerings* to determine available learning formats for courses offered in a given academic year.

asynchronous: Students log into the course (online) when it suits them best, to complete the course requirements.

Course assignments have scheduled deadlines throughout the term. Asynchronous classes are semester-long.

Course numbers end with a **DLA** suffix.

synchronous: Students attend classes with other students at a certain time and/or place.

Synchronous classes are typically 2 week intensives held onsite or by streamed distance learning, or by a mix of the two. If the course is offers a distance learning option, than a the course number will end with a **DL** suffix.