

MTSO INFO

Methodist Theological School in Ohio is a graduate institution preparing transformational leaders for lives of service to the church and the world. Located in Greater Columbus, MTSO sits on 70 wooded acres, a campus where stately, traditional structures house 21st century technology and a rigorous academic environment. Founded in 1958, we've also been fondly known as Methesco by our more than 3,000 graduates.

CHURCH AFFILIATION: MTSO is one of 13 seminaries and theological schools affiliated with the United Methodist Church, though our campus is enriched by students and faculty of many denominations.

STUDENTS: Of MTSO's 224 enrolled students, two-thirds are United Methodists, with 20 other denominations represented. The student body is 58 percent female; 17 percent of those studying here are minority and international students.

FACULTY: Seventeen full-time and 25 part-time faculty members teach at MTSO; 94 percent of our faculty members have completed doctoral-level studies. The faculty-student ratio is 1 to 9.

DEGREE PROGRAMS: MTSO offers five graduate degrees: the **Master of Divinity** prepares students for ordained ministry; the **Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries** provides an education in counseling, with tracks in chemical dependency and pastoral counseling; the **Master of Theological Studies** offers concentrated study in academic areas of theology; the **Master of Arts in Christian Education** serves students planning educational and youth ministry; the **Doctor of Ministry** is an advanced degree program for professionals in ministry.

COURSE OFFERINGS: MTSO offers many courses you might expect, and some you might not, from "Intermediate Biblical Hebrew" and "Women in the New Testament World" to "Christian-Muslim Relations" and "Theology and Film."

LIBRARY: The Dickhaut Library, whose white-columned portico greets visitors to the campus, contains more than 133,000 volumes onsite. Borrowers have access to more than 360,000 volumes from this and other libraries thanks to a unified electronic catalog system.

WORSHIP: During the academic year, chapel services are held Tuesday through Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the Alford Centrum. Services generally last 30 minutes, and the public is welcome.

OUTDOOR FACILITIES: Our campus features a mile-long walking path, an outdoor chapel, a community garden, a pond graced by a gazebo and a labyrinth, and, hidden under a canopy of trees near a quiet stream, the Dee Ann Chiles Memorial Garden.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID: MTSO's tuition is \$510 per semester hour. Full-tuition scholarships are among the many financial-aid options we offer.

HOUSING AND DINING: We offer a range of student accommodations, from small apartments for those who are on campus only a few nights per week to townhome apartments for married students and families. Students also are served by the Dunn Dining Hall, which provides three meals a day in a dining room overlooking the campus.

ACCREDITATION: MTSO is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

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