

REQUIRED: 56 semester hours and 2.50 cumulative grade point average

	ES-100	Educated Spirit	2
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BIBLICAL STUDIES

	HB-110	Intro Hebrew Bible	3
	NT-110	Intro New Testament	3
	HB/NT-2XX	200-level HB or NT course	3
	HB/NT-XXX	Any HB or NT course	3

HISTORICAL STUDIES

	CH-1XX	100-level Church History	3
	CH-XXX	Any Church History course	3

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

	CT-149	Intro to Theology	3
	CT-2XX	200-level Theology course	3
	CE-101	Intro to Christian Ethics	3
	CE-2XX	200-level Ethics course	3

STUDY OF RELIGION & INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS

	SR-XXX	Any SR course	3
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CONCENTRATION

	XX-XXX	see note at right	3
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ELECTIVES

	Elective	any from HB,NT,CH,CT,CE, SR	3
	Elective	any course, any division	3
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TOTAL REQUIRED SEM. HRS. 56

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please read the degree requirements for each program as listed in the Academic Catalog. Students are responsible for tracking and checking their own degree requirements in consultation with their advisors. The Registrar's Office will complete degree audits annually.

EDUCATED SPIRIT

ES-100 - Educated Spirit is required within the first two semesters.

THESIS OPTION

A student in the MTS degree program may contract with a faculty member to write a thesis as a course in the student's field of concentration. Following the approval of a proposal for a thesis, the student may enroll in the three-semester hour thesis course (HB-600, NT-600, CH-600, CT-600 or CE-600). The thesis must have prior approval of the student's academic advisor and thesis director. The thesis or exam will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

CONCENTRATION

The MTS concentration is comprised of 12 semester hours numbered 200 or above in any one of these divisions: Biblical Studies, Historical Studies, or Theological Studies. MTS students must declare a concentration after completing 18 credit hours in the program.

ELECTIVES

MTS electives are 9 semester hours at any level in any of the divisions, but not more than 6 semester hours in the Practical Theology division.

MID-PROGRAM REVIEW

Midway through the degree program, students are required to go through a review process with their advisors. The process involves reflection and assessment of academic and vocational goals.

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

MISSION AND GOALS

The MTS provides a broad foundation in the basic theological disciplines: Bible, Church History, Theology and Ethics. Beyond the introductory levels of these disciplines, MTS students are required to concentrate in one field and achieve sufficient depth to read its literature with understanding, to intelligently discuss the major topics of that discipline, and to conduct relevant research, writing and nonprofessional teaching at a competent level.

1. Graduates will understand basic issues of biblical authority, hermeneutics and exegetical method, and acquire knowledge of particular biblical content.
2. Graduates will have developed a functional and effective appreciation for the evolution of the Christian tradition in its councils, creeds, institutions, formative figures and insights of faith.
3. Graduates will understand the distinctive character of theological study, its methods, its traditions and some current proposals for reinterpretation.
4. Graduates will be able to reflect upon the principles of Christian character and conduct as they have evolved in dialogue with other approaches to ethics and as they apply to contemporary problems.