

Master of Theological Studies Degree

Entering Students of the 2023-2024 Academic Year

The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is designed for personal enrichment for lay ministry and for various church staff positions. This degree may also serve those who desire to continue their studies toward a doctoral degree. Although this degree is not designed for pastoral ministry, it can be used in a variety of church ministries. The MTS is a two-year (full-time is 14-18 credits per semester) graduate program that results in the conferring of a master's level degree. A bachelor's degree is required for entrance into the MTS program.

The MTS degree is granted to seminary students upon the completion of 60 credits with a grade point average of not less than 2.0 and upon the recommendation of the faculty.

Program Outcomes

- A. Interpret the Bible in its parts and in its whole through use of appropriate exegetical and hermeneutical methods.
- B. Articulate and apply the doctrinal teachings as set forth in the Scriptures and confessed in the CLB Statement of Faith.
- C. Proclaim God's saving work in Jesus Christ through the public and private ministries of the Word.
- D. Demonstrate and apply knowledge and skills for leadership.
- E. Demonstrate capacity for faithful involvement in God's mission through His Church.
- F. Demonstrate personal integrity and love for God, His Church, and the world.

Seminary Year 1

PT 900 Intro to Seminary Education 1

Total Credit 1

Fall

EB 635 New Testament Introduction I 2
HT 715 Church History 3
ST 821 Systematic Theology I 3

Total credits 8

Spring

EB 611 Torah and Covenant History 3
EB 636 New Testament Introduction II 2
HT 722 Survey of American Christianity 3
ST 822 Systematic Theology II 3

Total credits 11

Seminary Year 2

Fall

EB 613 OT Poetry & Wisdom 3
ST 823 Systematic Theology III 3
WM 757 World Religions & New Religious Movements 3

Total credits 9

Spring

EB 612 OT Prophets 3
PT 932 Theology & Practice of Evangelism 3
ST 836 Ethics 3
WM 755 Cross Cultural Communication in Mission 3

Total credits 12

Biennial Course

Offered every other year

PT 911 Teaching Ministry of the Congregation 2

Offered:

Spring 2025

Total required credits 43

Total Elective credits (not listed above) 17

PT Elective credits 6
Other elective credits 11

Total Program credits 60