

Master of Theological Studies

The Master of Theological Studies degree is offered in two tracks:

- **Thesis Track** for students preparing to enter Ph.D. or Th.D. programs.
- **Non-Thesis Track** for other students.

The Master of Theological Studies degree does not provide adequate preparation for pastoral ministry. Students who are preparing for ordained ministry are encouraged to enroll in the Master of Divinity degree.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Complete the process of formal admission to the School of Theology, including satisfaction of all entrance requirements.

For the Thesis Track:

1. Achieve an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
2. Write an academic paper according to Guidelines available from the Office of Student Services.
3. Interview with a full time faculty member (in either Bible, Church History, Theology, or Mission), and receive that faculty member's written recommendation that this degree is an appropriate one given the prospective student's vocational and educational goals.
4. Complete all Admission Requirements by August 1 (for Fall admission) or December 1 (for Spring admission).

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

- Remove, within the first 12 hours of graduate work, any undergraduate academic deficiencies identified at the time of admission to the School of Theology.
- Complete the Orientation and Testing Program.
- Complete a minimum of 48 graduate-level semester hours, as listed below.
- Achieve a grade of C- or higher in all required courses.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

THESIS TRACK

THST 5200 Constructive Theology I
BIST 5110 Literature and History of the Old Testament I
BIST 5330 Hebrew I or BIST 55340 Greek I
BIST 5120 Literature and History of the Old Testament II
THST 5250 Constructive Theology II
BIST 5430 Hebrew II or BIST 5440 Greek II
BIST 6210 Literature and History of the New Testament I
THST 6200 Constructive Theology III
HCUS 6000 History of the Christian Church

BIST 6220 Literature and History of the New Testament II
HCUS 6010 Church of God Reformation Movement
 or – HCUS 6020 Denominational History and Background
HCUS 7200 Biblical Foundations of Mission
THST 7330 Theological Ethics
THFE 7500 Capstone Integrative Project
BIST/CHIS/INTC/THST 7900 Thesis Research and Writing
BIST/HCUS/THST 7950 Thesis

NON-THESIS TRACK

THST 5200 Constructive Theology I
BIST 5110 Literature and History of the Old Testament I
BIST 5120 Literature and History of the Old Testament II
THST 5250 Constructive Theology II
BIST 6210 Literature and History of the New Testament I
THST 6200 Constructive Theology III
HCUS 6000 History of the Christian Church
BIST 6220 Literature and History of the New Testament II
HCUS 6010 Church of God Reformation Movement
 or – HCUS 6020 Denominational History and Background
HCUS 7200 Biblical Foundations of Mission
THST 7330 Theological Ethics
THFE 7500 Capstone Integrative Project
FOUR ELECTIVES selected by the student based on professional and educational interests and needs