

# Master of Theological Studies

## OLD CURRICULUM

| <b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b>    | <b>Units</b> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Old Testament Introduction | 3            |
| New Testament Introduction | 3            |
| Old Testament elective     | 3            |
| New Testament elective     | 3            |
| <b>Total Required</b>      | <b>12</b>    |

| <b>CHRISTIAN HISTORY/INTERPRETATION</b>                        |           |
|--|-----------|
| Introduction to Christian Doctrine                             | 3         |
| History of Christianity from the Early Church through the Ages | 3         |
| History of Christianity since the Reformation                  | 3         |
| Christian History elective                                     | 3         |
| Christian Ethics course  | 3         |
| Christian Interpretation elective                              | 3         |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>18</b> |

| <b>CHRISTIAN MINISTRY</b>   |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Christian Ministry elective | 3        |
| Social Context of Ministry  | 3        |
| Christian Ministry elective | 3        |
| <b>Total Required</b>       | <b>9</b> |

| <b>ELECTIVES</b> | <b>21</b> |
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| 1)               |           |
| 2)               |           |
| 3)               |           |
| 4)               |           |
| 5)               |           |
| 6)               |           |
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| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (old curriculum)</b> | <b>60</b> |
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## NEW CURRICULUM

| <b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b>                                      | <b>Units</b> |
|--|--------------|
| Old Testament Literature & History (1 <sup>st</sup> year)    | 3            |
| New Testament Literature & History (1 <sup>st</sup> year)    | 3            |
| Biblical Interpretation & Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> year) | 3            |
| Biblical Theology (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                     | 3            |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>12</b>    |

| <b>THEOLOGICAL STUDIES</b>                       |           |
|--|-----------|
| Systematic Theology 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> year)     | 3         |
| Systematic Theology 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)     | 3         |
| History of Christianity 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> year) | 3         |
| History of Christianity 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> year) | 3         |
| Ethics & Character (1 <sup>st</sup> year)        | 3         |
| Worldview & Spirituality (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)  | 3         |
| <b>Total Required</b>                            | <b>18</b> |

| <b>MINISTRY STUDIES</b>  |          |
|--|----------|
| Ministry Practice & Formation (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                     | 3        |
| Church Leadership in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (1 <sup>st</sup> year) | 3        |
| Mission and Evangelism: Foundations & Strategies (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)  | 3        |
| Spiritual Formation Retreat (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                       | P/F      |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>9</b> |

| <b>FOCUS</b>   | <b>21</b> |
|--|-----------|
| <b>Biblical Studies Focus (7 electives)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four electives in Biblical Studies (must have at least one course from both OT &amp; NT)</li> <li>Three open electives</li> </ul> |           |
| <b>Theological Studies Focus (7 electives)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four electives in Theological Studies</li> <li>Three open electives</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>Ministry Studies Focus (7 electives)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four electives in Ministry Studies</li> <li>Three open electives</li> </ul>   |           |

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| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (new curriculum)</b> | <b>60</b> |
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## Master of Theological Studies (with thesis)

| OLD CURRICULUM   |              | NEW CURRICULUM   |              |
|--|--------------|--|--------------|
| <b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b>  | <b>Units</b> | <b>BIBLICAL STUDIES</b>  | <b>Units</b> |
| Old Testament Introduction                                     | 3            | Old Testament Literature & History (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                | 3            |
| New Testament Introduction                                     | 3            | New Testament Literature & History (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                | 3            |
| Old Testament elective   | 3            | Biblical Interpretation & Application (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)             | 3            |
| New Testament elective   | 3            | Biblical Theology (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                                 | 3            |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>12</b>    | <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>12</b>    |
| <b>CHRISTIAN HISTORY/INTERPRETATION</b>                        |              | <b>THEOLOGICAL STUDIES</b>   |              |
| Introduction to Christian Doctrine                             | 3            | Systematic Theology 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                             | 3            |
| History of Christianity from the Early Church through the Ages | 3            | Systematic Theology 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                             | 3            |
| History of Christianity since the Reformation                  | 3            | History of Christianity 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                         | 3            |
| Christian History elective                                     | 3            | History of Christianity 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                         | 3            |
| Christian Ethics course  | 3            | Ethics & Character (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                                | 3            |
| Christian Interpretation elective                              | 3            | Worldview & Spirituality (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                          | 3            |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>18</b>    | <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>18</b>    |
| <b>CHRISTIAN MINISTRY</b>                                      |              | <b>MINISTRY STUDIES</b>  |              |
| Christian Ministry elective                                    | 3            | Ministry Practice & Formation (1 <sup>st</sup> year)                     | 3            |
| Social Context of Ministry                                     | 3            | Church Leadership in the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (1 <sup>st</sup> year) | 3            |
| Christian Ministry elective                                    | 3            | Mission and Evangelism: Foundations & Strategies (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)  | 3            |
| <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>9</b>     | Spiritual Formation Retreat (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)                       | P/F          |
|  |              | <b>Total Required</b>  | <b>9</b>     |
| <b>ELECTIVES</b>   | <b>15</b>    | <b>FOCUS</b>   | <b>15</b>    |
| 1)   |              | <b>Biblical Studies Focus</b> (5 electives)                              |              |
| 2)   |              | • Three semesters of Greek or Hebrew anchor courses                      |              |
| 3)   |              | • One elective in Biblical Studies                                       |              |
| 4)   |              | • One open elective  |              |
| 5)   |              | <b>Theological Studies Focus</b> (5 electives)                           |              |
|  |              | • Four electives in Theological Studies                                  |              |
|  |              | • One open elective  |              |
|  |              | <b>Ministry Studies Focus</b> (5 electives)                              |              |
|  |              | • Four electives in Ministry Studies                                     |              |
|  |              | • One open elective  |              |
| <b>THESIS</b>  | <b>6</b>     | <b>THESIS</b>  | <b>6</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (old curriculum)</b>                     | <b>60</b>    | <b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS (new curriculum)</b>                               | <b>60</b>    |

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**M.T.S. Program  
Two Year Outline**

**First Year**

*7 anchor courses  
3 electives*

OT Literature & History  
NT Literature & History  
History of Christianity 1  
Systematic Theology 1  
Ethics & Character  
Ministry Practice & Formation  
Church Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Second Year**

*6 anchor courses  
4 electives  
Retreat*

Biblical Interpretation & Application  
Biblical Theology  
History of Christianity 2  
Systematic Theology 2  
Worldview & Spirituality  
Missions and Evangelism: Foundations & Strategies  
Spiritual Formation Retreat

**M.T.S. Program (with thesis)  
Two Year Outline**

**First Year**

*7 anchor courses  
3 electives\**

OT Literature & History  
NT Literature & History  
History of Christianity 1  
Systematic Theology 1  
Ethics & Character  
Ministry Practice & Formation  
Church Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Second Year**

*6 anchor courses  
2 electives\* + thesis  
Retreat*

Biblical Interpretation & Application  
Biblical Theology  
History of Christianity 2  
Systematic Theology 2  
Worldview & Spirituality  
Missions and Evangelism: Foundations & Strategies  
Spiritual Formation Retreat

*\*Biblical Studies focus requires 3 Greek or Hebrew language anchor courses taken as electives.*

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