

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Vocational Calling

To provide a basic understanding of a broad range of theological disciplines at the graduate level for lay ministers, bi-vocational ministers, those who can only pursue graduate theological training in an online format, and others interested in broad-based theological studies. The degree may be used to prepare the student for further graduate theological studies.

However, the MTS is normally not deemed sufficient for admission to DMin or PhD programs without additional graduate work. Those called to engage in full-time pastoral ministry, and those interested in future enrollment in the DMin or PhD degrees are encouraged to seek the MDiv degree.

Foundational Studies Component (34 hours)

Biblical Studies Component (15 hours)

Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours

Theological Studies Component (14 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Christian Apologetics OR Christian Ethics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Worship Leadership Component (5 hours)

Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible**	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum**	2 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*.

Controlled Electives Component (8 hours)

Electives to be taken from Biblical Studies and Theological/Historical Studies.

Free Electives Component (6 hours)

Comprehensive Exam or Summative Assessment (1 hour)

Total Required: 49 hours

For further information, please contact:

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- Dr. Michael H. Edens (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office