

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Purpose

The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is a twenty-credit program that provides flexibility to create a program of study to suit your academic interests. Electives may be used to construct either a ‘survey’ (non-specialized) or specialized program of study. The MTS is designed especially for anyone who is interested in a vocation in lay theological leadership and further study at the doctoral level.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the MTS, graduates will:

Religious Faith and Heritage

- Demonstrate knowledge of the Christian heritage, and articulate clearly their own theological positions.
- Interpret scripture and Christian texts using a variety of methods, sources, and norms.
- Identify and respect the diversity of theological viewpoints and practices within the Christian tradition.

Culture and Context

- Demonstrate critical understanding of the relationship between faith practices and cultural contexts.
- Employ diverse methods of contextual analysis.
- Give evidence of critical self-awareness with regard to their own and other faith perspectives and practices.

Spiritual/Vocational Formation

- Demonstrate understanding of the variety of callings and spiritual practices within the Christian tradition, and an ability to reflect critically on their own sense of call to leadership and service.
- Attend to the intellectual and scholarly development of self and others.
- Display capacity for self-reflexive and spiritual practices within communities of learning.

Practices of Theological Scholarship

- Demonstrate initiative, responsibility, and accountability in personal relationships and group contexts.
- Demonstrate knowledge of theories and practices relevant to leadership in scholarly settings.
- Show ability to integrate theory and practice.

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Summary

10 courses in each of Levels I and II, for a total of 20 credits, with required Emmanuel College Core Courses, Electives and additional requirements in each Level. Electives may be used to construct either a “survey” (non-specialized) or specialized program of study. The degree may be completed purely on a part-time basis and up to eight years are allowed for completion.

Preparation & Orientation

Preparatory work and entrance Orientation event are required for all entering students.

<u>Level I</u>	<u>Level II</u>
EMB 1003 Old Testament I EMB 1501 New Testament I --H 1010 History of Christianity I Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated)	EMT 2902 Christian Ethics in Context ¹ EMT 3451 Mission and Religious Pluralism ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated)
EMB 2004 Old Testament II ¹ or EMB 1506 New Testament II EMT 1101 Theology I ¹ --H 2010 History of Christianity II ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated)	EMT 2102 Theology II ¹ Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated) Elective (Open or Designated)
Colloquium I.	Colloquium II.

¹ prerequisite(s) required, or permission of the instructor. See course descriptions and Glossary for specific requirements.

Three (3) of the Core courses in the first group will normally be offered in the fall session of each year; 3 of the courses in the second group will normally be offered in the winter session of each year.

Where prerequisites permit (or permission is granted), Level II courses may be taken before Level I courses.

Of the 11 Electives, 7 are Open (or undesignated), 4 are Designated and must include courses in each of the following areas:

- History
- Theology
- Ethics
- Spirituality (at Emmanuel)

Students may use Open electives for biblical languages (Hebrew I and II; Greek I and II). Two electives from Level II may be used to write a thesis.

Students in this program must consult carefully with their faculty advisors to select the courses that fulfill their program goals. Consultation is especially important for students concentrating on a particular area with a view to applying for admission to a doctoral program.

Emmanuel College M.T.S. Program Checklist

Name: _____ Student #: _____ Date Admitted: _____

Checklist Updated by: _____ Date Updated: _____

Course or Activity	Transfer or Advanced Standing Credit, or Approved Alternative	Term Completed
Required Courses and Activities		
Level 1		
Orientation		
EMB 1003 Old Testament 1		
EMB 1501 New Testament 1		
___H 1010 History of Christianity 1		
<input type="checkbox"/> EMB 2004 Old Testament 2 <i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> EMB 1506 New Testament 2		
EMT 1101 Theology 1		
___H 2010 History of Christianity 2		
Colloquium 1		
Level 2		
EMT 2902 Christian Ethics in Context		
<input type="checkbox"/> EMT 2102 Theology 2 <i>or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> KNT 3271 Doctrines of Reconciliation		
EMT 3451 Mission and Religious Pluralism		
Colloquium 2		
Designated Electives		
	History	
	Theology	
	Ethics	
	Spirituality (at Emmanuel)	
Open Electives		

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES: THESIS

The goal of a MTS thesis is for a student to demonstrate the ability to complete a substantial research project. The thesis is ordinarily text-based research on a defined body of literature; has a clearly stated research issue or problem; provides a careful description of the field; and offers a concise analysis that proposes a creative response to the issue or problem. The thesis should be clearly written, well organized and show evidence of good to excellent critical skills.

Ordinarily students will need to have a minimum overall average of 80% in courses taken to the time of the request to write a thesis, will have completed at least two courses in the area of the thesis with a minimum grade of 83% in each, and will have demonstrated research skills appropriate to the subject area of the thesis.

Standards

1. The thesis will be 50 - 75 pages, including the bibliography.
2. The proposal and thesis should follow standard academic form and style.
3. Grading will be according to the TST basic degree grading scale.
4. The submission date is March 24.

Procedures to Register MTS Thesis

1. The thesis counts as two credits in the MTS program, and is to be completed in the winter session of the final year. There are two ways to register for the thesis option:
 - (i)As a two-term course in the student's last two consecutive terms before graduation, using the course designator TSX3334YY or
 - (ii)As a one-term course in the student's last term before graduation, using the course designator TSX3334YS.
2. Near the completion of courses for the **first credit group** of the MTS program the student chooses a subject area (Bible, History, Pastoral, or Theology) for the thesis and finds a TST professor (normally from Emmanuel) who agrees to act as thesis advisor. After due consultation with the thesis advisor, the student submits to the Basic Degree Committee, **no later than May 30**, a thesis proposal form signed by the student's proposed thesis advisor and a proposal of no more than five pages plus a preliminary bibliography of approximately three pages. He/she includes with the proposal a recommendation for a second faculty reader.
3. The Basic Degree Committee, after examining the student's transcript and ascertaining that he/she has the background to undertake the thesis, appoints the thesis advisor, approves the thesis proposal and the second faculty reader.
4. The thesis advisor consults with the student through to completion of the thesis.
5. The thesis advisor and second reader evaluate the thesis, and provide a written report to the student. Each submits a grade to the Emmanuel College Registrar, who averages them for the final thesis grade.