



Master of Theological Studies (Track I) Curricular Paradigm
Duke Divinity Bulletins from 2017-2018 to Present

This two year (four semesters) general academic degree is designed to provide an introduction to the theological disciplines as (1) foundation for a graduate research degree (Ph.D./Th.D.); (2) preparation for lay religious careers; (3) grounding for teaching, research or practice in another field (e.g., history, psychology, music); (4) enhancement of institutional leadership roles.

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Old Testament 752	Old Testament 753
Church History 750	Church History 751
Elective	New Testament 754
Elective	Elective
Optional- CM 700 Spiritual Formation Group	Optional- CM 700 Spiritual Formation Group

1st Year Writing Assessment

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Christian Theology 755	Christian Ethics 757
Elective	Directed Study for Final Thesis*
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Senior Review of Student Portfolio due April 1st

Writing Assessment

Students are required to complete a writing assessment at the start of their first semester. This assessment is evaluated by an instructor, who then meet with students to provide feedback on the students' strengths and weaknesses, to explain the types of theological writing they will be expected to master for their classes, and to acquaint them with the services of the Writing Center.

Student Portfolio

M.T.S. students are required to compile and submit a Student Portfolio for review by a faculty member. The review is due in the final semester of the senior year. Timely completion of the portfolio reviews is required to continue in the M.T.S. degree program and for conferral of the M.T.S. degree.

Pass/Fail Grading

Students are limited to no more than 25 percent of a student's total curriculum at Duke to be graded as pass/fail.