



MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PARADIGM
For Persons under the Bulletins from 2015-2016 and Beyond



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.

First Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Elective	Old Testament 753
Old Testament 752	Church History 751
Church History 750	New Testament 754
Elective	Elective
CM Small Group CM 700 Optional	CM Small Group CM 701 Optional

1st Year Writing Assessment

Second Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>	<i>Spring Semester</i>
Christian Theology 755	Christian Ethics 757
Elective	Directed Study for Final Thesis*
Elective	<i>Ministerial Studies Elective</i>
Elective	Elective

Senior Review of Portfolio

United Methodist Requirements

This degree meets the academic requirements for ordination as a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church when United Methodist doctrine and polity (Parish 777/778), as well as any additional requirements for ordination, are taken as electives. Students are advised to consult with their Annual Conference Boards of Ordained Ministry.

Student Portfolio

MTS students are required to compile and submit a Student Portfolio for review by a faculty member in the last semester of their Senior Year. The contents of the portfolio and timing of the evaluation are described in the Academics section on the Divinity website. Timely completion of the Senior Review of the Student Portfolio is required for conferral of the MTS degree.