MTS Focus Program
Divisional Concentration Requirements

Note: Students enrolled in a dual degree program are not eligible for MTS Focus. Such students will be MTS Core.

All students-
- 4 core courses total. One core course from each of the following areas:
  - History - CH 750 or 751
  - Bible (Old Testament) – OT 752
  - Bible (New Testament) – NT 754
  - Theology and Ethics - XTIANTHEO 755 or XTIANETH 757
- 1 core course requirement can be fulfilled by earning Advanced Placement in one of the above listed core courses. An upper-level elective must then be taken in place of the core course.
- Students may petition to have Religious studies courses fulfill specific requirements for the concentration, when courses are not available inside the Divinity school.

Biblical Division
- 8 courses for a concentration
- Concentration can be in Bible, Old Testament, or New Testament
- Reading course (NT or OT 701) is recommended, but is not required towards concentration
- If students have sufficient competence in Hebrew or Greek, they may request permission to take Hebrew or Greek exegesis courses in place of the introductory language courses.
- If students place out of OT 753, they must take an OT or NT elective in its place.

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Updated 2019
• 6 courses for a concentration
  • Core courses count towards the concentration
  • Need to be courses designated as CHURHST, HISTTHEO, AMXTIAN and/or WXTIAN, with the option of petition for certain courses from other divisions to count
  • Supportive of history courses from schools with which we have a cross-registration policy (e.g., UNC-CH)
• 2 options for a concentration:
  1. General History concentration in which “History” appears on the transcript: the student is strongly advised to pursue a broad formation and take classes that cover a variety of time periods, geographical regions, and methodologies; flexibility is allowed for the student to discern a focus or particular interest
  2. A more specifically named historical concentration
     ▪ from the following options: Early Christianity, Early Modern Christianity, American Christianity, World Christianity or Eastern Christianity
     ▪ this requires at least 3 courses in the specific historical concentration and 3 other CHURHST, HISTTHEO, AMXTIAN and/or WXTIAN, courses

Theological Division
• 6 courses for the concentration, named Theology & Ethics (no option for a more specific concentration)
• Core courses count towards the concentration
• On top of XTIANTHEO and XTIANETH courses, HISTTHEO courses may also count on a case-by-case basis through petition to the division chair.

Basic Degree Requirements: Maintenance of 2.5 GPA; 16 credits

Student Portfolio: M.T.S. students are required to compile and submit a Student Portfolio for review by academic advisor. The review is due in the final semester of the senior year.

Thesis (final term): Thesis proposal due Feb 15 (or Oct 15 for Fall graduates); final submission with advisor-signed cover page due Noon of first day of Reading Week.

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.

Transfer Credit: Students are limited to no more than 2 non-DIV courses.

Before registering for their final term, students are encouraged to access the M.TS. Graduation checklist on the For Students/Academic Resources/Forms and Paradigms page and their unofficial transcript in Duke Hub and review courses taken and left to take to inform final registration.