



MDiv-MTS Worksheet

Master of Divinity / Master of Theological Studies

Requirements: The dual degree between Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies requires 96 semester hours (SH) of required and elective courses, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7. Students have seven years in which to complete the dual Master of Divinity/ Master of Theological Studies degree unless an extension for special circumstances is granted by the Academic Council.

Gateway Courses (15 hours)

To be taken in the first two years of a student's M.Div. studies.

- Gateway to Theological Education and Formation
- Gateway to the Practice of Interpreting the Bible
- Gateway to the Practice of Interpreting Christian Tradition
- Gateway to Theological Reflection
- Gateway to the Practice of Entrepreneurial Leadership

Core Courses (MDiv Practices and MTS General Distribution Studies)

In order to complete the dual degree in 96 hours, the student must take at least 3 hours of MDiv Practice in MTS-Adapted form, to be counted towards both MTS requirements and MDiv requirements. Up to 9 additional hours of MTS-adapted Practice courses (a total of 12 hours) may be applied to both areas, leaving degree hours available for elective courses.

Students completing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may apply the 6 credit hours in one of the following ways: (a) 3 hours in the LOVE practice area and 3 hours in the LIVE practice area; (b) 3 hours in either the LOVE or LIVE practice area and 3 hours in Electives; or (c) all six hours in Electives. None of the CPE courses count as fulfilling the distribution requirements for the M.T.S.

MDiv Practices (45 hours)

Three courses for each practice, selected from designated course offerings.

INSPIRE: Worship, Preaching and Interpreting the Christian Faith (9 hours)

- INSP:XXX _____
- INSP:XXX _____
- INSP:XXX _____

LEAD: Leading and Guiding Organizational Life (9 hours)

- LEAD:XXX _____
- LEAD:XXX _____
- LEAD:XXX _____

SERVE: Leading and Guiding Opportunities for Mission (9 hours)

- SERV:XXX _____
- SERV:XXX _____
- SERV:XXX _____



LOVE: Caring for the Community (9 hours)

- LOV:XXX _____
- LOV:XXX _____
- LOV:XXX _____

LIVE: Living and Modeling a Life-Giving Faith (9 hours)

- LIV:XXX _____
- LIV:XXX _____
- LIV:XXX _____

General Distribution Studies

Students must apply at least 3 credit hours and may apply as many as 12 credit hours of MDiv Practice courses taken in "MTS Adapted" form toward fulfilling their general distribution requirements.

Area I: Scripture and Sacred Tradition

- 1. _____ ***

Area II: Theology and Critical Reflection on Practice

- 1. _____ ***

Area III: Society, Religion, and Culture (9 courses)

- 1. Engages a Non Christian Religion, such as Judaism, World Religions, Yoga.
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- 2. Engages a Secular Approach, such as art, philosophy, science, ethics, psychology, etc.
_____ ***
- 3. _____ ***

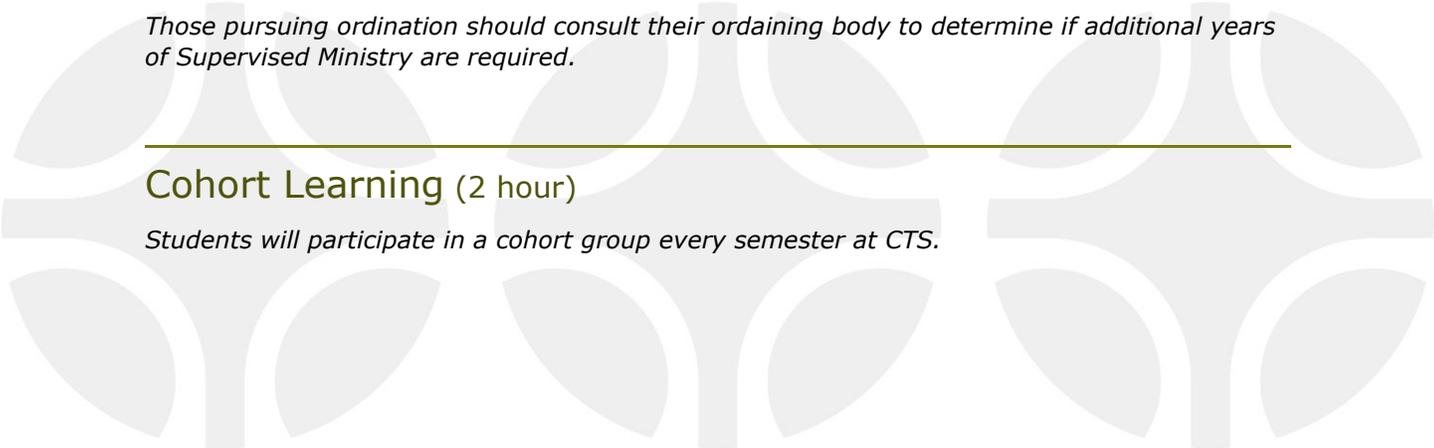
Supervised Ministry Internship (1 hour)

Students will serve in a one-year Supervised Ministry Internship. Ministry sites will include a range of opportunities—congregations, denominational and judicatory settings, and community agencies—and provide students with a breadth and depth of experience in the particularities of that ministry site and its context.

Those pursuing ordination should consult their ordaining body to determine if additional years of Supervised Ministry are required.

Cohort Learning (2 hour)

Students will participate in a cohort group every semester at CTS.





Focused Research for MTS (9 hours)

These courses may be taken as regular courses or as Guided Research (up to 6 credits).

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Colloquia and Thesis (12 hours)

- X-820 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-821 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-825: M.T.S. Thesis /Project (6 SH)
- X-825: M.T.S. Thesis

(Note: Requires approved proposal. If the thesis is not completed during the semester(s) in which the student registers for X-825, the student must register for X-826, Thesis Continuation, each semester until the thesis requirement is met.)

Electives (0-9 hours as required to complete 96 hours for the degree)

- General Elective _____
- General Elective _____
- General Elective _____

LIMITATIONS

A maximum combined total of 9 hours of Zoom and/or Guided Research classes may be applied to the dual degree. Of these, not more than 6 hours may be applied towards MTS requirements.





Thesis and Oral Examination

There are two options for fulfilling the final project.

OPTION 1: An M.T.S. student may write a thesis with a clear focus that demonstrates the student's capacity to do independent research, to work creatively and discerningly with the major materials relevant to the thesis topic, and to write in an appropriate, scholarly and engaging style. The thesis should be at least 50 and no more than 100 typed double-spaced pages.

OPTION 2: An M.T.S. student may create a final integrative project as educational presentations, artwork, or a portfolio of interrelated papers written for focus area courses, but these "alternative" formats should include a written statement of at least 10 pages demonstrating an integrated understanding of focus area issues.

In all cases, the student will present the project to the advisor and two other faculty members, who will, on the basis of an oral conversation with the student about the project, assign the grade for it.

At least four weeks prior to the end of the semester the student must submit a final draft to the advisor for final critique and decision as to whether to recommend the thesis to committee.

At least two weeks prior to the end of the semester three copies must be submitted to the thesis /project committee.

