



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Master of Divinity with a Certificate in Faith-Based Social Transformation

Eligibility

This Certificate is open to all Master of Divinity students as part of the degree program. Students must complete all requirements of both the Certificate in Faith-Based Social Transformation program and the M.Div. degree in order to receive the Certificate. Students in the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies and other Non-Degree Students, as well as MACM and MTS students are not eligible to participate in this certificate program.

Description

This certificate is for students seeking to engage in advocacy work, community organizing, ecclesial transformation, and related forms of social, political, and economic witness from a Christian basis. Such work can either be a part of congregational ministry; local, national, or international nonprofit work; social justice activism; or involve the delivery and governance of public education, health, welfare, prison injustice, food scarcity, or housing. This certificate provides an opportunity for students to build the networks needed for this work with others outside of the McAfee community who share a similar sense of vocation and a framework for students seeking to learn how to address the political dimensions of cultivating thriving communities.

Required Courses

Students will complete 9 hours of advanced electives (beyond the 69 core hours of the M.Div.) from the following courses:

THET 602 Christian Ethics and War
THET 800 Special Topics: Feminist & Womanist Ethics
THNT 800 Special Topics: The Bible and Critical Theories
THNT 800 Special Topics: Womanist/Feminist Biblical Hermeneutics unto Preaching
THOT/ET 702 Social Justice & the Old Testament
THOT 704 The Theology of Exile
THPT 503 Spiritual Care Through Crisis Ministry
THPT 605 Why did the Buddha Cross the Road? Asian Worldviews, Religions, and Philosophies

THPT 608 Mission Methodology & Practice
THPT 614 Why Can't We All Just Get Along? Interreligious Dialogue and Christian Faith
THPT 680 Change & Conflict
THPT 800 Special Topics: Proctor Conference
THPT 800 Prophetic Preaching
THTP 601 Christian Theology & Culture
THTP 602 Suffering & Evil
THTP 709 Theology & Ethnography
THTP 710 Theology & Economics
THTP 714 Political Theology
*Other courses approved by Advisor

Professional Formation

Students will complete one experience in each of the following areas of professional formation:

- A community-based collaborative research project in a local church and/or community using critical theoretical concepts.
- At least one semester of contextual education in a church or community organization setting where the student can engage in advocacy and non-profit work.
- A professional activity where the student presents a paper at a regional AAR/SBL, speaks in chapel, leads a workshop, or other presentation as approved by advisor.