



SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

**Master of Theological Studies/Master of Sacred Music (M.T.S./M.S.M.) Curriculum
2026-2027**

Master of Theological Studies

Theology Core: 24 hours

Philosophy for Theological Thought	THTP 501	3	_____
Foundations in Old Testament	THOT 500	3	_____
Foundations in New Testament	THNT 500	3	_____
Foundations in Church History	THCH 500	3	_____
Foundations in Theology	THTP 500	3	_____
(Prerequisite: THCH 500 recommended)			
Ethics	THET 500	3	_____
(Prerequisites: THCH 500; THTP prerequisite or concurrent)			
Research Methodology	THEO 713	2	_____
Thesis Writing 1	THEO 714/MUS 690a	2	_____
Thesis Writing 2	THEO 715/MUS 690b	2	_____

Church Music Concentration: 24 hours

The Theology and Art of Gathering God's People	THPT 507	3	_____
Directed Elective from Theology (cultural context elective)	_____	3	_____
*Directed Electives from Music (see below)		18	_____

Master of Sacred Music

Major Area: 13 hours

*Music in Christian Worship	TMI 632	3	
*Song of the Church	TMI 631	3	
Music Theology	TMI 622	2	
Sacred Music Administration and Philosophy	TMI 621	2	
Choose two:		2	
Music and Ethics in the Church	TMI 611		
Music and Race in the Church	TMI 612		
Congregational Music Research Methods	TMI 613		
Popular Music and American Christianity	TMI 614		
Choose one:		1	
Spiritual Formation for Ministry 1	TMI 701		
Spiritual Formation for Ministry 2	TMI 702		

Other Studies in Music: 13 hours

Thesis Writing 1	THEO 714/ TMI 690	0 see above
Thesis Writing 2	THEO 715/TMI 690	0 see above
Thesis Defense	TMI 691	1-3
Applied Voice/Piano/Organ/ Harpsichord/ Instrumental/Conducting	APM 521/522/523/545/524/CON 610/CON 614	2-4
Introduction to Graduate Studies in Music	MAC 610	3
Historical Study of Musical Styles and Literature	MAC 620	3
Analytical Techniques I	MAC 640	3

Elective Studies in Supportive Areas: 4 hours

See Graduate Student Handbook.

The M.T.S./M.S.M. combined degree requires a minimum of 60 semester hours of graduate credit. To meet degree requirements for the M.T.S., the student must complete a minimum of 48 hours (24 core hours from Theology, 6 hours in concentration electives from theology, and 18 hours from the School of Music). In order to meet degree requirements for the M.S.M., the student must complete a minimum number of 30 hours (13 major hours from Sacred Music, 17 hours from other studies and electives in Music)

Hours from Theology: 30 hours

Hours from Music: 30 hours

Total Hours: 60 hours