



Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) is designed for students wishing to study theology but do not intend to pursue the path of ordained clergy. The M.T.S. is a two year program designed to meet the needs of non-clergy leaders in the church, individuals wishing to pursue further graduate work, teaching, and writing in theology, and laity seeking a deeper personal understanding of theology.

Admission Requirements:

- Completion of a B.A. or B.S. degree from an accredited undergraduate institution
- Completion of the application form
- three recommendations from individuals with knowledge of likely academic performance
- Official undergraduate transcripts must be sent directly to ILT
- (International applicants only) International applicants are required to submit a score on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); the score must be 80 or above, and cannot be more than one year old

Language Requirement:

There is no language requirement for students specializing in Theology and Church History or in Ethics and Philosophy of Religion. Students enrolled in the Biblical Studies program are expected to have two full semesters of undergraduate level Biblical Greek. Biblical Studies Students are required to complete the Greek requirement by the end of their first year of full-time enrollment or equivalent (24 credits). Applicable courses from an accredited undergraduate program are acceptable. The ILT Academy also offers Biblical Greek courses that fulfill this requirement.

Program Requirements:

The M.T.S. requires completion of 48 credits of coursework. Courses must be M.Div/M.T.S. level (3xx-4xx). Students are required to meet the following distribution requirements:

- BT 301: Lutheran Biblical Interpretation (3 credits)
- EPR 301: Faith, Knowledge, and Reason (3 credits)
- 6 credits in Biblical Studies (courses with a BT prefix)
- 6 credits in Church History (HST 301-304, 310, 350, 351)
- 6 credits in Theology, Ethics, or Philosophy of Religion (HST 401-3, 450, courses with an EPR prefix)
- 12 credits in one of the three areas of specialization:
 - Biblical Studies (courses with BT prefixes)
 - Theology and Church History (courses with HST prefixes)
 - Ethics and Philosophy of Religion (courses with EPR prefixes)

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