

Degree Programs

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program at Nashotah House is normally completed over three years. It is a first professional theological degree primarily intended for persons who are postulants or candidates for holy orders in the Episcopal Church, but welcoming members of other denominations as well.

Recognizing that God has poured His gifts abundantly upon the church making some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ, the purpose of this degree program is to prepare ordained ministers who are:

Skilled in:

- Preaching Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life
- Administering faithfully the sacraments and pastoral offices in the Catholic Tradition
- Preparing and leading God's people in public worship
- Exercising effective leadership in the parish and the wider church
- Providing godly counsel and spiritual direction
- Guiding persons in their spiritual development
- Fostering healthy growth in the church through evangelism and discipleship
- Relating the redemptive mission of the church to society
- Leading the church in carrying out Christ's Great Commission

Informed by:

- The study of Biblical languages
- The Classical disciplines of Old and New Testament, History, Liturgy and Music, Systematic, Ascetical and Moral Theology
- An understanding of the Anglican heritage and global mission

Committed to:

- A life of prayer and study
- A vocation of holiness, simplicity, and self-denial
- An ever-deepening exploration of the Christian tradition
- A ministry of witness and service

- The formation and up-building of Christ-centered communities

In order to qualify for the M.Div. degree, a student must:

1. Possess a Bachelor of Arts degree, or the equivalent from an accredited college or university.
2. Complete the required curriculum as outlined in the Student Handbook and as determined by the Dean and Faculty.
3. Maintain at least a "C" (2.0) grade point average in each year's work.
4. Complete three (3) years as a resident student at the House. (This requirement may be reduced in case of unusual circumstances.) Full-time students are expected to attend daily chapel services and to share in other aspects of community life as described in the Student Handbook.
5. Be free of indebtedness to Nashotah House.

The Association of Theological Schools, our accrediting organization, allows for some exceptions to the prerequisite of a baccalaureate degree. A limited number of students, who do not possess a bachelor's degree may be admitted to the M.Div. degree program, provided they can demonstrate that they possess the knowledge, academic skill, and ability generally associated with persons who hold the bachelor's degree.

CURRICULUM

Junior Year

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 1	Ascetical Theology 1
Church Music	Greek 2
Greek 1	Historical Theology 1
Liturgy 1	New Testament 2
New Testament 1	Parish Ministry 1

Summer

Clinical Pastor Education (C.P.E.) or another Field-Based elective.

Middler Year

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 2	Hebrew 2
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theology 2
Hebrew 1	Homiletics 1
Old Testament 1	Old Testament 2
Parish Ministry 2	Systematic Theol. 1

Summer

Teaching Parish Program (T.P.P.), or another Field-Based elective.

Senior Year

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 3	Ascetical Theology 2
Ethics and Moral Theology 2	Homiletics 2
Liturgy 2	Elective
Parish Ministry 3	Elective
Systematic Theology 2	Elective

One-Year M.Div. Completion - For students who have already completed 60+ hours in a M.Div. program at another accredited seminary. The student will be required to complete the following 10 courses and to earn a total of 96 M.Div. program credit hours including 6 hours of Field-Based elective course.

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Anglican Ch.Hist. (CH4)	Ascetical Theology 1
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theology 1
Liturgy 1	Historical Theology 2
Liturgy 2	Homiletics 1
Parish Ministry 4	Angli'n. Choral Trad. (CM10)
	Ascetical Theology 2

Note: In the Michaelmas Term, with the approval of the Academic Dean, Systematic Theology 2 or Church Music 1 could be substituted for EMT1. In the Easter Term choose 5 of the 6 courses listed with the approval of the Academic Dean.

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) degree program is normally of two years duration (full-time status), and it is intended for persons who wish to obtain a basic first professional degree in theological studies. Candidates for M.T.S. must hold a Bachelor of Arts degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited college or university.

Students in this program must successfully complete a minimum of sixty credit hours of work, six of which may consist of thesis research and preparation. The first year of coursework is a foundational year identical to the first year of the M.Div. degree program. The second year of the two-year M.T.S. program has five possible foci: Anglican Studies; Biblical Studies and Church History; Biblical Studies and Theology;

Pastoral Studies, Liturgy and Spirituality; or General Studies. All foci incorporate core curriculum courses from the M.Div., but the particular curriculum in the second year of the program depends upon the focus of the candidate. Suggested curricula for the various foci are presented below. Because of inevitable scheduling conflicts, the course recommendations are somewhat flexible. Reading courses may be substituted for courses with conflicting schedules. While some participation in community life is expected, M.T.S. students will have considerable flexibility regarding the extent of that participation.

Students will have the option of writing a thesis during their second year. Because a significant component of the M.T.S. program consists of studies related to a field of concentration, as well as possible thesis preparation, it is advisable that the student select a field of concentration as soon as possible, and no later than the first term of his or her first year. When a concentration is selected, the student is to inform the Dean and Faculty, who will appoint an advisor or a thesis director in the area of concentration.

If a student selects the Thesis Option, six credit hours of the second year of the M.T.S. Curriculum will be registered as "Thesis Research and Preparation." These credits may be substituted for any course listed in the curriculum, although it is suggested that Elective credits be used for this purpose. By the end of the second year, those selecting the Thesis Option must submit an acceptable thesis. Approximate length expected for a thesis for this degree is 18,000 words. The faculty must approve a brief thesis proposal developed in consultation with the thesis director no later than December 1 of the second year of the program. The Dean and Faculty shall also appoint a second reader no later than March 15 of the academic year in which the student plans to complete the program.

Students not selecting the Thesis Option must fulfill the 60 credit hour requirement for the degree, must fulfill the specified curriculum for the focus selected and must pass a comprehensive final examination in order to qualify for the degree.

First Year, all foci

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 1	Ascetical Theology 1

Church Music	Greek 2
Greek 1	Historical Theology 1
Liturgy 1	New Testament 2
New Testament 1	Parish Ministry 1

Second Year, Anglican Studies focus

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Anglican Ch. Hist (CH4)	Ascetical Theology 2
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theol. 2
Liturgy 2	Elective
Parish Ministry 3	Elective
Systematic Theol. 2	Elective

Second Year, Bible and Church History focus

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 2	Hebrew 2
Church History 3	Historical Theology 2
Hebrew 1	Old Testament 2
Old Testament 1	Elective
Elective	Elective

Second Year, Bible and Theology focus

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 2	Hebrew 2
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theology 2
Hebrew 1	Old Testament 2
Old Testament 1	Systematic Theol. 1
Systematic Theology 2	Elective

Second Year, Pastoral, Liturgy, and Spirituality focus

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Liturgy 2	Ascetical Theology 2
Parish Ministry 2	Historical Theology 2
Parish Ministry 3	Elective
Elective (from M.Div.	Elective
Elective curriculum)	Elective

Second Year, General Studies focus

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Church History 2	Hebrew 2
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theology 2
Hebrew 1	Homiletics 1
Old Testament 1	Old Testament 2
Parish Ministry 2	Systematic Theol. 1

Note: If writing a thesis, any two electives may be registered as "Thesis Research and Preparation."

Students choosing not to write a thesis must pass a comprehensive final examination in order to qualify for the degree.

CERTIFICATE IN ANGLICAN STUDIES

Nashotah House offers a one-year program in Anglican Studies designed for those people who have been trained or ordained in another tradition and who are now seeking ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church. It is also available for Episcopalians who have done some preparation for ordination in non-Episcopal seminaries or alternative programs. The program offers a basic course of studies designed to ground students in Anglican theology, method, and devotion. Those enrolled in this program meet the same requirements as regularly enrolled students in terms of academic work and participation in the life of the community. Persons not having the M.Div. degree may integrate Anglican Studies into the M.T.S. degree. Those who are not seeking a degree will receive a Certificate in Anglican Studies.

Anglican Studies Curriculum

<u>Michaelmas Term</u>	<u>Easter Term</u>
Anglican Ch. Hist. (CH4)	Ascetical Theology 1
Ethics and Moral Theology 1	Historical Theology 1
Liturgy 1	Historical Theology 2
Liturgy 2	Homiletics 1
	Anglican Choral Trad. (CM10)
Parish Ministry 4	Ascetical Theology 2

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MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY

The Master of Sacred Theology (STM) program is an academic, interdisciplinary, graduate-level degree in Anglican studies, intended to enable students to deepen their theological understanding through advanced study in a specialized area. There are two separate tracks to the STM degree with different goals and requirements. During their course of study for the degree, qualified students may elect to pursue the thesis track. Application to the STM program requires submission of a five-page sample of previously completed academic research or writing.

STM level courses are offered during the Petertide term, which is normally scheduled for four weeks in July and is designed to encourage parish clergy (and others) to use continuing education time and vacation time to complete the requirements for this degree over a period of several years. Faculty in the summer program include faculty of Nashotah House and visiting scholars.

The Non-Thesis Track

This track offers an opportunity to candidates for extending theological understanding in the light of their pastoral experience. Completion of this track entails a residency requirement of four Petertide terms or one full academic year including at least one Petertide term.

In order to qualify for the STM degree in the non-thesis track, a student must:

1. Possess, in addition to a Bachelor of Arts Degree (or the equivalent), the first professional degree (B.D., M.Div., or the equivalent).
2. Complete a minimum of twenty-four (24) credit hours of course work and pass an oral comprehensive examination.
3. Maintain at least a "B" (5.0) grade point average for each term of academic work.
4. Satisfy the residency requirements.
5. Be free of indebtedness to the House.

Further details regarding the degree requirements will be found in the Student Handbook.

The Thesis Track

This track offers persons contemplating an academic career in theology study an opportunity to test such a vocation before making a commitment to a doctoral program. After a minimum of one term of course work, students interested in writing a thesis may apply to the STM committee indicating their intent.

The thesis track requires the student to be in residence for at least one Petertide term but the remaining course work may be done either in the regular academic year or in two additional Petertide terms.

In order to qualify for the STM degree in the thesis track, a student must:

1. Possess, in addition to a Bachelor of Arts Degree (or the equivalent), the first professional degree (B.D., M.Div., or the equivalent).

2. Complete eighteen (18) credit hours of course work and six (6) hours of thesis research and preparation. The thesis (approximate length 25,000 words) must be on a topic approved by the Faculty and the candidate must successfully sustain an oral examination on the thesis topic. The thesis does not have to be completed during the student's residence at the House, but the candidate must return for the oral examination.
3. Students in the thesis track may also be required by the faculty to pass a proficiency examination in any foreign languages deemed to be relevant to the field of specialization.
4. Satisfy the residency requirements.
5. Maintain at least a "B" (5.0) grade point average for each term of academic work.
6. Be free of indebtedness to the House.

Further details regarding the degree requirements will be found in the Student Handbook.