



MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS)

Theological Preparation

The Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is intended for persons wishing to obtain a first academic degree in theological studies. The MTS, especially suited for those considering advanced graduate study or called to lay teaching ministries, allows for an area of academic concentration and is not designed in itself to prepare students for ordination. For many students, the MTS culminates in an 18,000-word MTS Thesis. A faculty member familiar with the area of research will be assigned to supervise the proposal, research, and writing of the thesis. The MTS degree generally requires three years to complete.

Program Highlights

- Residential or Hybrid-distance format
- Four areas of concentration offered: Christian theology, church history, Anglican studies, and holy scripture.
- In the Hybrid-Distance program, students attend four one-week sessions on campus each year (late-July, early-November, mid-January, mid-April) to take up residence on our historic lakeside campus for lectures, twice-daily worship, meals eaten in community, and evenings for study and/or fellowship
- Access to all Frances Donaldson Library resources: 110,000 print volumes, 50,000 e-books, and millions of digital journal articles

Transfer Credits

Nashotah House accepts transfer credits earned from other accredited seminaries within the past 10 years. Contact us to find out more: admissions@nashotah.edu

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Master of Theological Studies (60 Credits)

CORE THEOLOGICAL COURSES (24 Cr.)

Old Testament Survey I & II

New Testament Survey I & II

Church History I (Patristic & Medieval)

Church History II (Reformation & Modern)

Systematic Theology I & II

CONCENTRATION COURSES (12/15 Cr.)

MTS students take a series of required courses based upon one of the four concentrations.

CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES (12/15 Cr.)

MTS students take electives in subject areas related to one of the four concentrations.

FREE ELECTIVE COURSES (9 Cr.)

MTS students choose three electives in any subject area.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAM OR THESIS

MTS students finish their degree by either completing a comprehensive exam in their concentration area or writing a thesis. MTS students may petition the faculty to substitute a thesis for six credits of elective coursework. The academic thesis is 18,000 words and written under the supervision of a faculty member.