



MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY (STM)

Deep Theological Engagement

Whether preparing for a PhD program or simply pursuing further engagement in theological study, a Nashotah House STM (Sacrae Theologiae Magister) degree – the seminary equivalent to a ThM in the university setting – is uniquely designed to provide a solid foundation in classical Christian theology from the Anglican perspective while enabling students to dig deeper into their particular area of theological interest. The first 18 credits (three years) are earned through the advanced degree elective courses. The fourth and final year (the final 6 credits of the 24-credit program) is for researching and writing a thesis on a topic the student has refined through engagement in the elective courses and personal study.

Program Highlights

- Classes meet in one-week residential intensive sessions in January and July, during which time students are immersed in the beauty and community of Nashotah House: twice-daily worship, shared meals, challenging academics, and warm collegiality. The remainder of the coursework is completed online and/or in the student's ministry context.
- Access to all Frances Donaldson Library resources: 110,000 print volumes, 50,000 e-books, and millions of digital journal articles
- Academic advisor familiar with student's particular area of research assigned to assist and supervise the proposal, research, and writing of the 25,000-35,000 word thesis

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the Master of Sacred Theology degree program will normally hold an MDiv or equivalent theological degree from a theological seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a four-point scale. For students lacking the MDiv, the educational equivalent for admission consists of the following graduate-level credits: 15 cr. of Biblical Studies, 12 cr. of Church History and/or Historical Theology, 12 cr. of Systematic and/or Moral Theology, plus 21 additional credits in graduate theological studies (biblical, theological, ascetical, pastoral, etc.).

Master of Sacred Theology (24 credits)

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES - 700 OR 800 LEVEL

18 credits: Students choose electives from a set of high-level academic courses taught by experts in the field. Coursework is normally completed in three years.

STM THESIS

6 credits: The STM thesis is a research project intended to prepare students for PhD work. The thesis is 25,000 - 35,000 words, and it is completed with the help of a supervisor. The thesis is normally written in the student's fourth year.

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3 credits: May be completed as a reading course (independent study) on a topic directly related to the student's research