

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

INTRODUCTION

The program leading to the degree of Master of Theological Studies (MTS) is open to any qualified student who has a bachelor's degree or its equivalent from an accredited college or university. This program is designed primarily for students who seek graduate study of the various disciplines of Orthodox theology, but who are not candidates for ordination in the Orthodox Church. The program may serve as part of the preparation for further studies in theology or religion. The program requires a minimum of two years of full-time study.

MTS LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Demonstrate a broad familiarity with Orthodox theology and history as expressed in the various fields of Church history, dogmatics, ethics, scripture, patristics, and canon law.
2. Demonstrate basic competence in New Testament Greek.
3. Articulate a concentrated understanding of the Orthodox religious heritage and cultural context of one of the basic areas of theological education:
 - o Biblical (Old and New Testaments)
 - o Historical (Church history and patrology)
 - o Systematic (dogmatics and ethics)
 - o Practical (liturgics, canon law, and pastoral theology)
4. Think theologically and critically about the Orthodox Christian tradition both historically and within contemporary Church and society

The Master of Theological Studies degree is awarded to students in regular standing who have satisfactorily completed the two-year course of study with an average grade not lower than C (2.0). The MTS program consists of 60 credit hours of coursework, which includes 15 required courses (45 credits) and 5 elective courses (15 credits).

Semester I (Fall)		Semester II (Spring)	
Year 1			
Old Testament Introduction	3 cr.	Old Testament Exegesis	3 cr.
Biblical Greek I	3 cr.	Biblical Greek II	3 cr.
Church History I	3 cr.	Church History II	3 cr.
Patrology	3 cr.	Liturgics	3 cr.
Elective	3 cr.	Elective	3 cr.
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	15 cr.		15 cr.
Year 2			

New Testament	3 cr.	New Testament	3 cr.
Introduction		Exegesis	
Dogmatics I	3 cr.	Dogmatics II	3 cr.
Ethics	3 cr.	Ecumenism/World	3 cr.
		Religions	
Canon Law	3 cr.	Elective	3 cr.
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	<u>15 cr.</u>		<u>15 cr.</u>

Total Credits 60

NOTE: A student who already has a Master of Theological Studies degree from Holy Cross and who wishes to enroll in the Master of Divinity degree program may receive a maximum of 30 credits advanced standing towards fulfillment of the Master of Divinity degree requirements. In consultation with the faculty, the Dean will determine which requirements need to be satisfied. A minimum additional residency of one and one-half years is required.