

MTS Integrative Academic Essay

As part of the Master of Theological Studies Program at Holy Cross, students are required to write an Integrative Academic Essay that serves as a capstone to their theological education. The MTS Integrative Academic Essay gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to integrate various sources of the Orthodox theological tradition in conversation with contemporary concerns. The essay is used as a learning tool, to assist students in synthesizing the various aspects of their theological education prior to graduation, and as an assessment tool, as evidence of the extent to which students have achieved the goals of the degree program, and the extent to which Holy Cross has met the goals it has set out for teaching and learning in the MTS program.

Students submit their Integrative Academic Essay during the final semester of the MTS degree program. To facilitate the completion of the essay, students will register for the MTS Integrative Academic Essay course, INDS 7050 (1.5 credits) during their final semester. Students must submit their essay to their academic advisor by November 15 for fall completers, and by April 15 for spring completers. Further details regarding the Integrative Academic Essay are available in the Office of the Deans and the Office of the Registrar.