

Student: _____
 Advisor: _____

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL
Master of Theological Studies
General Plan of Study
 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE 2018-2019 YEAR
 48 semester hours

Required Common Courses (21 hours)

_____ 5000 First Semester Orientation Course [3, P/F] *First year-first semester*

_____ 6500 Hebrew Bible [3] *First year-first semester*

_____ 6600 New Testament [3] *First year-second semester*

An approved course [3] in Historical Studies (courses designated in YES) *May be taken at any point.*

Sem / Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours

An approved course [3] in Theological Studies. (Students are encouraged to take 6801 Introduction to Christian Theology.) *Typically second year*

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An approved course [3] in Ethics (courses designated in YES) *May be taken at any point.*

Sem / Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours

An approved course [3] in Religion, Personality and Culture (courses designated in YES) *May be taken at any point*

Sem / Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours

Focus

___ **Focus statement** submitted. *By August 1.*

By the beginning of their second year, M.T.S. students are required to provide to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and their advisor a statement about the focus of their studies as it relates to their vocation.

One of the following:

___ **MTS Project/Thesis (3 hours)** *Typically during final semester.*

Students in the Concentration option complete a program project or thesis as directed by a faculty member. The project/thesis will be a 30-50 page research project giving evidence of original investigation in the area of their Concentration(s). When students have completed more than one Concentration, they may choose which one to focus on, or with their advising teams' consent write a thesis that bridges the Concentrations' subject matter.

Sem/Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours
	7999	Master of Theological Studies Degree Thesis	3

_____ Thesis First Reader/Director
 _____ Thesis Second Reader

___ **MTS Portfolio** *Due one month prior to graduation.*

The portfolio should contain a graded assignment, with instructor comments, from each of the required common classes. Artifacts should be chosen that demonstrate a high degree of competence or mastery of the MTS program learning goals, especially in the student's chosen focus. The portfolio must also contain an opening integrative statement (500-1250 words) that addresses how the supporting artifacts and the students' educational experience have met the degree program goals.

Electives (27 hours Portfolio Option or 24 hours Thesis Option):

Student will select the remaining 27/24 credit hours based on their interests and in discussion with their adviser. [9 credit hours of graduate level courses (5000+) may be taken outside the Divinity School. Cross-listed course do not count against these outside hours.]

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___ Completion of "ATS Graduating Student Questionnaire" *By commencement*