

**MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PARADIGM
For Persons on the Bulletins from 2006-2007 and Beyond**

This two year (four semesters) general academic degree is designed to provide an introduction to the theological disciplines as (1) foundation for a graduate research degree (Ph.D.); (2) preparation for lay religious careers; (3) grounding for teaching, research or practice in another field (e.g., history, psychology, music); (4) enhancement of institutional leadership roles.

Students without background in theological or biblical studies (e.g. non-undergraduate majors in bible or theology; students with four or fewer undergraduate courses those areas; or bible/theology courses taken over ten years ago) are strongly encouraged to follow this suggested paradigm.

First Year

Fall	Spring
Elective	Old Testament I2
Old Testament I1	Church History I4
Church History I3	New Testament I8
Elective	Elective
CM Small Group CM I Optional	CM Small Group CM 2 Optional

Second Year

Fall	Spring
Christian Theology 32	Christian Ethics 33
Elective	Elective*
Elective	Ministerial Studies Elective
Elective	Elective

In consultation with the M.T.S. Director and the relevant division chairs, students may be considered for an alternative configuration of coursework, to include two courses in biblical studies, two courses in theological studies, two courses in historical studies, one course in ministerial studies, and nine open electives.

Students in the M.T.S. program could avail themselves of graduate level courses of the university open to Divinity School students and cognate to their programs and offerings of the Divinity School.

*The MTS final paper is to address itself to the coherence, learnings, or major emphases of the individuals program. It is however, to be undertaken within and considered part of the requirements of a course. Its design and direction must be worked out with the instructor. When the title has been determined, the student should submit it, in writing, to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs so that it may be entered on the transcript. Notification must occur before the grading period of the final semester.

United Methodist Requirements. This degree meets the academic requirements for consecration as a diaconal minister in the United Methodist Church when United Methodist doctrine and polity (Parish I59/I60) are taken as electives. Students are advised to consult with their Conference Boards of Diaconal Ministry.