



Master of Theological Essentials

The Essentials degree, while similar to our M.A.T.S program, only requires 42 credit-hours for graduation. Unlike the M.A.T.S., Master of Theological Essentials students are not required to complete a thesis or the biblical languages sequence. This allows for a lighter load, generally 9 hours per term.

This degree is most suitable for those who want to learn the basis of Christian thought, be better equipped to serve in general ministry roles (lay or vocational), have an earned undergraduate degree, and want to pursue advanced theological education without the thesis or language requirements. Barring an exception from the Academic Dean, the following courses are required: AT 500, HT 500, NT 550, HT 550, OT 600, AT 600, OT 650, and NT 650.

	Old Testament	Applied Theology	Historical Theology	New Testament	Field Practicum	Total hours per term (suggested)
Term 1	OT 500: The Torah / Pentateuch (3 hrs)	AT 500: Philosophy of Ministry & Spiritual Leadership (3 hrs)	HT 500: Patristics, The Trinity, and Christological Controversy (3 hrs)	NT 500: The Synoptic Gospels (3 hrs)		9
Term 2	OT 550: The Former Prophets / Primary History	AT 550: The Ministry of the Word (3 hrs)	HT 550: Reformers, Rome, & Soteriological Clarity	NT 550: Acts and the Pauline Corpus (3 hrs)		9
Term 3	OT 600: The Writings / Psalms, Wisdom, & Post-Exilic Histories (3 hrs)	AT 600: Missiology (3 hrs)	HT 600: Great Awakening, the Holy Spirit, & Evangelical Identity (3 hrs)	NT 600: Hebrews and General Epistles (3 hrs)		9
Term 4	OT 650: The Latter Prophets / The Major & Minor Prophets (3 hrs)	AT 650: Ethics, Cultural Apologetics, & Exegesis (3 hrs)	HT 650: The Confessing Church, Revelation, Evil, & Eschatology (3 hrs)	NT 650: Johannine Literature (3 hrs)		9
Term 5					FP 700: Field Practicum (Overseas) (6 hrs)	6
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