



# MDiv-MTS Worksheet

## Master of Divinity / Master of Theological Studies

**Requirements:** The dual degree between Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies requires 96 semester hours (SH) of required and elective courses, with a cumulative grade point average of 2.7. Students have seven years in which to complete the dual Master of Divinity/ Master of Theological Studies degree unless an extension for special circumstances is granted by the Academic Council.

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### Gateway Courses (15 hours)

*To be taken in the first two years of a student's M.Div. studies.*

- Gateway to Theological Education and Formation
- Gateway to the Practice of Interpreting the Bible
- Gateway to the Practice of Interpreting Christian Tradition
- Gateway to Theological Reflection
- Gateway to the Practice of Entrepreneurial Leadership

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### The Practices (45 hours)

*Three courses for each practice, selected from designated course offerings.*

**INSPIRE: Worship, Preaching and Interpreting the Christian Faith (9 hours)**

- INSP:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
- INSP:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
- INSP:XXX \_\_\_\_\_

**LEAD: Leading and Guiding Organizational Life (9 hours)**

- LEAD:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
- LEAD:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
- LEAD:XXX \_\_\_\_\_

**SERVE: Leading and Guiding Opportunities for Mission (9 hours)**

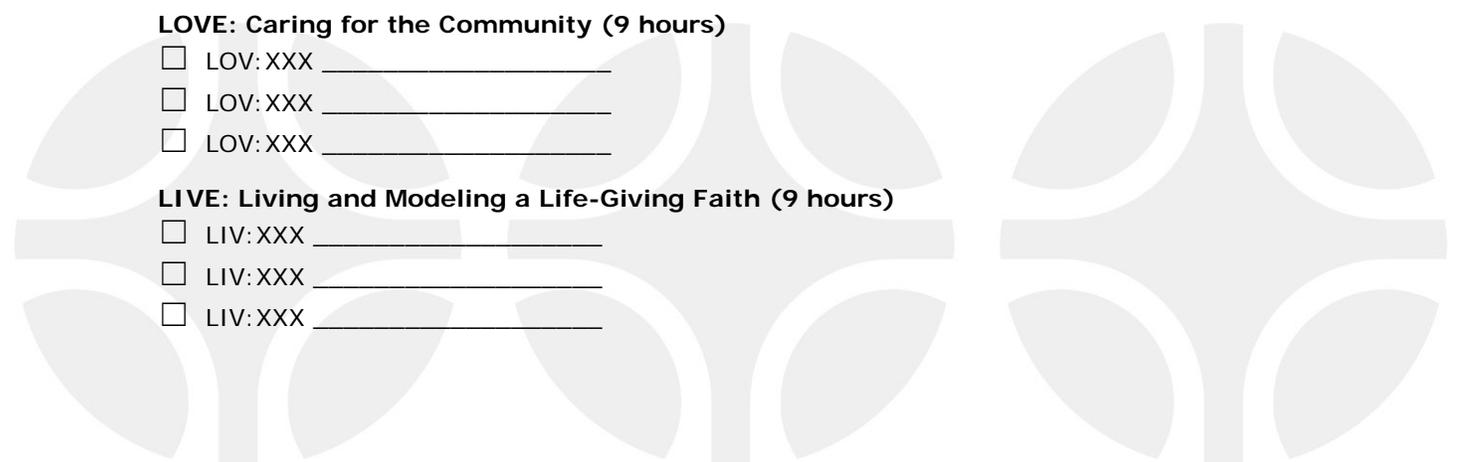
- SERV:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
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**LOVE: Caring for the Community (9 hours)**

- LOV:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
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**LIVE: Living and Modeling a Life-Giving Faith (9 hours)**

- LIV:XXX \_\_\_\_\_
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## Supervised Ministry Internship (1 hour)

*Students will serve in a one-year Supervised Ministry Internship. Ministry sites will include a range of opportunities—congregations, denominational and judicatory settings, and community agencies—and provide students with a breadth and depth of experience in the particularities of that ministry site and its context.*

*Those pursuing ordination should consult their ordaining body to determine if additional years of Supervised Ministry are required.*

## Cohort Learning (2 hours)

*Students will participate in a cohort group every semester at CTS.*

The focus of the cohorts is the development of the Master of Divinity assessment portfolio to include:

1. Spiritual biography/Vocational reflection A (first year) and B (third year)
2. Academic paper A and B (first year) and A1 and B1 (third year) – four total papers showing growth in two fields (history, bible, theology, ministry)
3. Ministry incident report (second year)
4. Video of homily or teaching opportunity with reflection from student (second or third year)

## Additional MTS General Distribution Studies

These courses may be taken from all general courses including all Practice of Ministry courses with designation **"MTS Adaptable, Area I, II, or III"** (each designated course will list which one of the Areas of the MTS that the course will fulfill). Practice courses will be adapted to the M.T.S. student's practice of critical reflection, research, etc, in consultation with the instructor.

*Students may apply up to 15 credit hours of their MDIV courses taken as "MTS Adaptable" Practice courses toward fulfilling their general distribution requirements.*

### Area 1: Scripture and Sacred Tradition

1. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

### Area II: Theology and Critical Reflection on Practice

1. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*

### Area III: Society, Religion, and Culture (9 courses)

1. Engages a Non Christian Religion, such as Judaism, World Religions, Yoga.  
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2. Engages a Secular Approach, such as art, philosophy, science, ethics, psychology, etc.  
\_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\*



### Focused Research for MTS (9 hours)

*These courses may be taken as regular courses or as directed studies.*

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Colloquia and Thesis (12 hours)

- X-820 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-821 M.T.S. Colloquium (3 SH)
- X-825: M.T.S. Thesis /Project (6 SH)
- X-825: M.T.S. Thesis

*(Note: Requires approved proposal. If the thesis is not completed during the semester(s) in which the student registers for X-825, the student must register for X-826, Thesis Continuation, each semester until the thesis requirement is met.)*

\*\*\* = course may count once both in MDiv and in MTS degree

*Students completing Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) may apply the 6 credit hours in one of the following ways: (a) 3 hours in the LOVE practice area and 3 hours in the LIVE practice area; (b) 3 hours in either the LOVE or LIVE practice area and 3 hours in Other Course Offerings; or (c) all six hours in Other Course Offerings. None of the CPE courses however may count as fulfilling the distribution requirements for the M.T.S.*

### Other Course Offerings (6 hours)

*These credit hours may be selected from among those designated under The Practices or from other course offerings.*

- General Elective \_\_\_\_\_
- General Elective \_\_\_\_\_





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## Thesis and Oral Examination

There are two options for fulfilling the final project.

**OPTION 1:** An M.T.S. student may write a thesis with a clear focus that demonstrates the student's capacity to do independent research, to work creatively and discerningly with the major materials relevant to the thesis topic, and to write in an appropriate, scholarly and engaging style. The thesis should be at least 50 and no more than 100 typed double-spaced pages.

**OPTION 2:** An M.T.S. student may create a final integrative project as educational presentations, artwork, or a portfolio of interrelated papers written for focus area courses, but these "alternative" formats should include a written statement of at least 10 pages demonstrating an integrated understanding of focus area issues.

- In all cases, the student will present the project to the advisor and two other faculty members, who will, on the basis of an oral conversation with the student about the project, assign the grade for it.
- At least four weeks prior to the end of the semester the student must submit a final draft to the advisor for final critique and decision as to whether to recommend the thesis to committee.
- At least two weeks prior to the end of the semester three copies must be submitted to the thesis /project committee

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Total Credit Hours: 96 hours

