

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

This 66-credit-hour degree program integrates biblical, historical, and theological studies with cultural and social concerns. This degree program emphasizes theological studies. It is designed to strengthen the religious basis for one’s life and work, whether in a secular career or a church staff position. This degree can be earned 100% by distance learning through RTS Global Education. The English Bible exam is required.

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Category	Course Name	Credit Hours	
Theology - 31 Hours			
Historical Theology	HT5100: History of Christianity I	3	
	HT5200: History of Christianity II	3	
Systematic Theology	ST5100: Introduction to Pastoral & Theological Studies	3	
	ST5150: ST: Scripture, Theology, Anthropology	3	
	ST5200: ST: Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology	3	
	ST5250: ST: Ecclesiology & Sacraments	2	
	ST5300: Covenant Theology	2	
Applied Theology	ST5400: Christian Thought & Philosophy	3	
	ST5500: Pastoral & Social Ethics	3	
	ST5450: Apologetics	2	
	ST5600: Christ, Culture, Contextualization	2	
	PT5000: Orientation Seminar	1	
Pastoral Theology	PT5400: Classics of Personal Devotion	1	
	PT5375: Personal Sanctification	1	
Biblical Studies - 22 Hours			
Old Testament	OT5200: Genesis - Deuteronomy	3	
	OT5000: Genesis - Joshua	3	
	OT5250: Joshua - Esther	3	
	OT5300: Poets	2	
	OT5350: Isaiah - Malachi	3	
New Testament	NT5200: Gospels	3	
	NT5250: Acts & Romans	2	
	NT5300: Pauline Epistles	3	
	NT5350: Hebrews - Revelation	3	
Specified Electives*		9	
Free Electives**		3	
		66 Hours	

* Specified electives include additional master’s-level courses in historical theology (HT), systematic or applied theology (ST), and/or languages.
**Free electives include any additional master’s-level courses.

The admission requirement for the MATS degree program is a completed online MA application and application fee of \$75, three reference letters (pastoral, personal and academic), and college transcripts from a regionally accredited college or university. A 2.6 GPA or higher is ordinarily required.

Master of Arts (Theological Studies) 3 Year Track

Year One	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0PT5000: Orientation Seminar	1	
	Total	1	
	0ST5100: Introduction to Pastoral and Theological Studies	3	
	Total	3	
	0HT5100: History of Christianity I	3	
	Total	3	
	0NT5200: Gospels	3	
	Free Elective	3	
	Total	6	

Year Two	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0ON5100: Hermeneutics	3	
	0ST5150: ST - Scripture, Theology Proper, Anthropology	3	
	Total	6	
	0NT5250: Acts and Romans	2	
	Free Elective	3	
	Total	6	
	0ST5450: Apologetics	2	
	0OT5200: Genesis - Deuteronomy	3	
	Total	5	
	0ST5200: ST - Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology	2	
	0OT5250: Joshua - Esther	3	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	7	

Year Three	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0NT5300: Pauline Epistles	3	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	5	
	0HT5200: History of Christianity II	3	
	0OT5300: Poets	2	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	7	
	0ST5250: ST - Ecclesiology and Sacraments	2	
	0OT5350: Isaiah - Malachi	3	
	Total	5	
	0NT5350: Hebrews - Revelation	3	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	5	

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Master of Arts (Theological Studies) 4 Year Track

Year One	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0PT5000: Orientation Seminar	1	
	0ST5100: Introduction to Pastoral and Theological Studies	3	
	Total	4	
	4 Week Break		
	0HT5100: History of Christianity I	3	
	0ST5150: ST - Scripture, Theology Proper, Anthropology	3	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		
	0NT5200: Gospels	3	
	History of Christianity II	3	
	Total	6	
	4 Week Break		

Year Two	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	OT5200: Genesis - Deuteronomy	3	
	0ST5300: Covenant Theology	2	
	Total	5	
	4 Week Break		
	0ST5200: Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology	3	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		
	0NT5250: Acts and Romans	2	
	0PT5375: Personal Sanctification	1	
	0ST5500: Pastoral and Social Ethics	3	
	Total	6	
	4 Week Break		

Year Three	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0ST5450: Apologetics	2	
	0OT5250: Joshua - Esther	3	
	Total	5	
	4 Week Break		
	Specialized Elective	3	
	0ST5250: ST - Ecclesiology and Sacraments	2	
	0ST5600: Christ, Culture, and Contextualization	2	
	Total	7	
	3 Week Break		
	0NT5300: Pauline Epistles	3	
	0PT5400: Classics of Personal Devotion	1	
	Specialized Electives	3	
	Total	7	
	4 Week Break		

Year Four	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0OT5300: Poets	2	
	0ST5400: Christian Thought and Philosophy	3	
	Total	5	
	4 Week Break		
	0NT5350: Hebrews - Revelation	3	
	Specialized Elective	2	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		
	0OT5350: Isaiah - Malachi	3	
	Specialized Elective	2	
	Total	5	
	4 Week Break		

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Master of Arts (Theological Studies) 5 Year Track

Year One	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0PT5000: Orientation Seminar	1	
	0ST5100: Introduction to Pastoral and Theological Studies	3	
	Total	4	
	3 Week Break		
	0HT5100: History of Christianity I	3	
	0ST5150: ST - Scripture, Theology Proper, Anthropology	3	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		
	0NT5200: Gospels	3	
	0HT5200: History of Christianity II	3	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		
Year Two	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0OT5200: Genesis - Deuteronomy	3	
	0ST5300: Covenant Theology	2	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		
	Total		
	3 Week Break		
	0ST5200: ST - Christology, Soteriology, Eschatology	3	
	0PT5375: Personal Sanctification	1	
	Free Elective	2	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		
Year Three	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0ST5500: Pastoral and Social Ethics	3	
	0NT5250: Acts and Romans	2	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		
	0ST5450: Apologetics	3	
	0OT5250: Joshua - Esther	2	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		
	0ST5250: ST - Ecclesiology and Sacraments	2	
	Specialized Electives	3	
	Total	5	
	3 Week Break		

Year Four	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0NT5300: Pauline Epistles	3	
	0ST5400: Christian Thought and Philosophy	3	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		
	Total		
	3 Week Break		
	0NT5350: Hebrews - Revelation	3	
	Specialized Elective	3	
	Total	6	
	3 Week Break		

Year Five	Course Name	Hours	Completed
	0OT5350: Isaiah - Malachi	2	
	Specialized Elective	2	
	Total	4	
	3 Week Break		
	0PT5400: Classics of Personal Devotion	1	
	Total	1	
	3 Week Break		
	0ST5600: Christ, Culture, and Contextualization	2	
	Specialized Elective	2	
	Total	4	
	3 Week Break		

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