16. Master of Arts in Lutheran Studies (MA-LS)

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Lutheran Studies degree program aims to equip students to reflect upon Lutheran heritage and theology and become competent in leadership in serving Lutheran churches. After completion, the student: i) will acquire an adequate knowledge of Lutheran heritage, history and theology; ii) can reflect critically and constructively upon theological issues in Lutheran churches and traditions amidst a pluralistic denominational context.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a Bachelor of Theology degree or other bachelor's degree major in Christianity or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

i) Guided Electives (choose 4 courses)   credits

HT2001/DM2001 Theology of Martin Luther
HT2002/CT2002 Ethics of Martin Luther
WL2003 Lutheran Worship: History and Theology
HT3000/DM3008 Contextual Luther Studies in Asia
HT3001/DM3015 Luther Interpretations
HT3002/DM3000 Lutheran Confessions
HM3000 Law and Gospel Distinction in Preaching

subtotal	12

ii) Free Electives

4 courses	12

Total Credits Required for Graduation	**24**

d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-LS program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

e. Duration

This program requires two academic years. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

f. Requirements for Graduation

i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

g. Further Study
If a MA-LS degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program at LTS, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.