

## 21. Master of Theology (MTH)

This program can also be completed solely by taking courses in the evening and Saturday or taking courses solely in English.

### a. Program Goals

The Master of Theology degree program is an advanced study specialized in any field of Christian theology. After completion, the student will acquire: i) an advanced understanding of a focused area or discipline; ii) the capacity to use research methods and resources in the focused area or discipline; iii) the ability to formulate productive questions, and to relate the focused area or discipline to the social and cultural context of the student.

### b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a Master of Divinity or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS. Or, a person with a Master of Arts in Theology (MA-T) at LTS or equivalent, and another academic master's degree can apply for the MTH program, the GPA of the required degrees should both be 3.00 or above; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

### c. Language Requirement

- i) Persons enrolled in this program must have sufficient English knowledge to study at a graduate-level.
- ii) For a student who takes an emphasis in the area of New Testament or Old Testament, 9 credits of Biblical Greek (for NT) or 9 credits of Biblical Hebrew (for OT) are required if the student has not already taken them. However, these credits will not be counted for graduation.

### d. Area of Emphasis

In the following table, students are required to select an "Area" under a particular "Field" as the study emphasis (e.g. New Testament).

Fields	Areas
Biblical Theology	Old Testament New Testament Jewish Studies
Systematic Theology	Dogmatics Church History and Historical Theology Lutheran Studies Christian Ethics

Practical Theology	Pastoral Ministry and Leadership Christian Counseling Christian Education Diakonia Christian Spirituality Worship and Liturgy Mission and Culture
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### e. Program Content

There are two streams in the program:

#### Stream A (Thesis):

If a student wishes to present a research paper or thesis in partial fulfillment of the requirement, it shall be assigned 12 credits. In addition, 20 coursework credits are required, which must include at least 12 credits in the area of the thesis. The MTH thesis will be evaluated by both the adviser and a second reader.

	credits
3 Guided Electives on Area of Emphasis	12
2 Free Electives	8
Thesis	12
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>32</b>

#### Stream B (Non-Thesis):

A student who seeks the degree without the presentation of a thesis is expected to pursue 32 total coursework credits, which must include at least 20 credits in the area of emphasis. The courses in the area of emphasis should include writing short papers.

	credits
5 Guided Electives on Area of Emphasis	20
3 Free Electives	12
<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>32</b>

### f. Advanced Studies Colloquium

All MTH students must attend at least six meetings of the advanced studies colloquium in their own field. Each student is required to present a paper or part of the thesis, participate in the discussion, and respond to other members' papers in the colloquium.

### g. Credits

Full-time students in the MTH program normally take a maximum of 16 credits in each semester. In exceptional cases, permission to take additional credits may be granted.

**h. Duration**

This program requires one academic year if taking courses at all times; two academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only, and it depends on the area of emphasis. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed four years.

**i. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 3.00 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.
- iii) The graduation diploma will be shown as Thesis Based or Non-Thesis Based for different streams.

**j. Further Study**

The MTH degree (with thesis) can be a basis for further study in the Doctor of Theology (DTH) program at LTS.