

9. Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T)

a. Program Goals

The Master of Divinity with theological degree program aims to enhance pastors/ministers in their pastoral leadership. Students can choose a particular concentration in the study based on their ministerial context, interest or talent. After completion, students would acquire: i) the capacity for critical and constructive theological reflection regarding the content and processes of the areas of emphasis; ii) skill in the design, implementation, and assessment of ministry in that emphasis area; iii) an understanding of the various disciplines that undergird the area of emphasis; and iv) growth in personal and spiritual maturity. This program also prepares students to study advanced programs oriented to theological or ministerial research (Master of Theology or Doctor of Ministry).

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a Bachelor of Theology degree 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) proficiency in both English and Chinese; iv) having appropriate indicators of the intellectual, personal, and vocational aptitude for leadership in the specialized area; v) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Area of Emphasis

Biblical Studies and Teaching*
Systematic Theology
Christian Counseling
Spirituality and Worship
Mission and Diakonia

* Prerequisite for 6 credits of Biblical Hebrew or 6 credits of Biblical Greek; otherwise, the admitted student should fulfill the requirement via the courses at LTS on an extra-credit basis.

d. Program Content

Students should not take introductory courses.

i) Courses on Area of Emphasis	credits
10 courses on Area of Emphasis:	30
Biblical Studies and Teaching (BS/OT/NT/JS/LHb/LGk/HM/CE)	
Systematic Theology (CH/HT/DM/CT)	
Christian Counseling (CP)	
Spirituality and Worship (SW/WL)	
Mission and Diakonia (DK/MC/RC)	

ii) Courses on Leadership (LD)	credits
2 courses	6
iii) Free Electives	credits
12 courses	36
Total Credits Required for Graduation	72

e. Language Requirement

Students are expected to have sufficient English knowledge for studying at a graduate-level.

f. Credits

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

Conditions	Credit Exemption
Bachelor of Theology degree holder which is commenced by LTS	a maximum of 12 credits

g. Remarks

Student in the MDIV-T program, may be completed solely by taking evening and Saturday courses, or solely by taking courses offered in English, both subject to the study emphasis.

h. Duration

This program requires two academic years if taking courses at all times; six 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 nine years.

i. Requirements for Graduation

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

j. Further Study

The MDIV-T degree can be a basis for further study in the Master of Arts (MA) in specific emphasis or Master of Theology (MTH) or Doctor of Ministry (DMIN) programs at LTS.