



MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES



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THE M.T.S. AT PTS

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary offers a **hybrid** Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) degree where our customizable curriculum engages scriptural study and features theological research courses. Students focus their studies on one or more theological disciplines to prepare for future graduate study, Christian education careers, or general education purposes. To further customize their seminary degree, a Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry can be incorporated into the curriculum. At the end of the theological studies program, each student completes a final project that deeply explores a chosen area of concentration.

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The M.T.S. degree program provides maximum flexibility to define a customized course of study as the basis for further study or general enrichment.

“Rather than trying to give us answers, my professors have invited us along on a journey.”

KARRIS JACKSON, STUDENT

Our Master of Theological Studies program offers two tracks: General or Focused. Within the Focused Track, students can specialize in Scripture and Its Interpretation or Christian Theology and Traditions. At Pittsburgh Seminary, our M.T.S. degree is designed to be both academically rigorous and flexible by offering significant electives throughout the theology curriculum. Students in the M.T.S. program can select the courses that will best benefit their theological research. Additionally, courses are offered in a hybrid format, so classes meet synchronously online and in person twice per semester.

ABOUT THE MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Our Theological Studies hybrid program can be taken either part or full time with day and evening classes available. Aligning with our commitment to affordable and flexible seminary education, merit scholarships and need-based financial aid are available.

Stay in your context while learning in our neighborhood.

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary features the largest theological library in the tri-state area and a low student-to-faculty ratio; both serve as ideal resources to nurture theological research skills in our MTS courses.

Our seminary students have the opportunity to cross-register with local colleges and universities for individual courses or even earn a **joint law degree through Duquesne University** or a **joint social work degree through the University of Pittsburgh**.



CAREERS WITH A MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

M.T.S. graduates often choose to become:

College or seminary professors

Pastors

Religion teachers

Journalists

Missionaries

Doctoral program students





48
CREDIT HOURS

2
YEARS

16
COURSES

M.T.S. REQUIREMENTS

- Contextual Analysis
- M.T.S. Research Seminar
- M.T.S. Final Project

The final project and the elective courses allow students to specialize their theological research in a chosen focus area, which can be interdisciplinary.

Sample focus areas include:

- Practical Theology
- Biblical Theology
- American Religious History
- History of Christian Mission
- Liturgical Studies
- Ecumenical Studies
- Theological Ethics
- Christian Leadership
- Church History
- The Bible and Urban Ministry
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Historical Theology
- Christian Spirituality
- Theology and Education
- Missional Theology
- History of Biblical Interpretation
- Systematic Theology
- Reformation Studies

M.T.S. SEQUENCE

M.T.S. STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

LEARN MORE ABOUT PITTSBURGH SEMINARY’S HYBRID M.T.S. PROGRAM

At Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the Master of Theological Studies degree equips students to engage with biblical texts in context and perform theological research. Our flexible coursework empowers seminary students to delve into the theological questions and traditions that interest them most. This academic Master of Theological Studies degree is comparable to the master of arts in theological studies or master of arts in religion offered at other institutions. And because it's a hybrid degree program, you will learn from your context and ours.

REQUEST INFORMATION

* First Name

Preferred Name

* Last Name

* Address

* City

* State

* Zip

* Phone

* E-mail

* Program of Interest

Please Select

- Masters Program of Interest:
- ☐ Master of Divinity
 - ☐ Master of Divinity Emphasis in Forming New Faith Communities
 - ☐ Master of Theological Studies
 - ☐ Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies
 - ☐ Masters Degree with Urban Ministry Certificate
 - ☐ Joint Degree (Social Work)
 - ☐ Joint Degree (Law)
 - ☐ Non-Degree

- Certificate Program of Interest:
- ☐ Graduate Certificate in Adaptive and Innovative Ministry
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Faith, Work, and the Common Good
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Ministry
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
 - ☐ Graduate Certificate in Urban Ministry

- Doctor of Ministry Program of Interest:
- ☐ Bridging Divides: In Church, Community, and Country
 - ☐ Christian Spirituality Focus
 - ☐ Creative Writing and Public Theology Focus
 - ☐ Eastern Christian Focus
 - ☐ Intergenerational Black Church Studies Focus
 - ☐ Missional Leadership Focus
 - ☐ Reformed Focus with University of Edinburgh (Scotland) Focus

- Desired Year:
- ☐ 2025
 - ☐ 2026
 - ☐ 2027
 - ☐ Undecided

- Desired Semester:
- ☐ Fall
 - ☐ Spring
 - ☐ Summer
 - ☐ Winter
 - ☐ Undecided

- Desired Modality:
- ☐ Weekly Online Courses with In-person Gatherings at PTS (4/year)
 - ☐ Mostly In-Person Courses

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