

THEOLOGY, M.A.

The M.A. in Theology (44 credit hours) provides students with a course of graduate theological study in an interdisciplinary, liberal arts context. The M.A. in Theology trains students to engage theological ideas in the world today through a strong biblical, evangelical foundation, mastery of our diverse theological heritage, and familiarity with contemporary, global developments in theology. The concentration seeks to equip students to become responsible interpreters of Scripture and faithful stewards of Christian thought through critical graduate study leading to church service and teaching or an advanced Ph.D. program. Students choosing this degree concentration must select one of four available degree concentrations: Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, Ecclesial Theology, or the Open concentration.

Faculty

Program Director, Franklin S. Dyrness Professor in Biblical and Theological Studies, Jennifer Powell McNutt

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Adjunct Professors, James Arcadi, Joel Chopp, Jeremy Lundgren

Requirements

Master of Arts in Theology

The M.A. in Theology requires the completion of 44 hours. The degree requires:

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
BITH 533 or BITH 638	Exploring the Old Testament Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 555 or BITH 648	Exploring the New Testament New Testament Theology	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
BITH 578	Global Church History	4
BITH 627	World Religions	4
BITH 675	Advanced Systematic Theology	4
Systematic Theology Concentration		
BITH 676	Seminar Systematic Theology (take 8 total credits)	8
Electives (any 500 or 600 level BITH course)		8
Historical Theology Concentration		
BITH 679	Seminar in Historical Theology (take 8 total credits)	8
Electives (any 500 or 600 level BITH course)		8
Ecclesial Theology Concentration		
BITH 685	Seminar in Ecclesial Theology (take 8 total credits)	8
Electives (any 500 or 600 level BITH course)		8
General Concentration		

Electives (any 500 or 600 level BITH course) 16

Capstone Elements		
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam	0

Master of Arts in Theology for Psy.D. Degree Candidates

NOTE: *This program is not admitting students at this time.*

Candidates for the Psy.D. degree may complete the MA Theology degree in the Systematic Theology emphasis by completing the following requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
Biblical Theology		
BITH 638	Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 648	New Testament Theology	4
Historical Theology		
BITH 653	Historical Theology: Patristic	2
BITH 654	Historical Theology: Medieval Christianity	2
BITH 655	Historical Theology: Reformation	2
BITH 656	Historical Theology: Modern	2
Systematic Theology		
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 573	Scripture and Theology	4
Interdisciplinary and Global Christian Thought		
BITH 674	Theology and the Liberal Arts	4
BITH 577	World Christianity	4
Systematic Theology emphasis		
BITH 623	The History of Pastoral Care	2
BITH 675	Advanced Systematic Theology	4
CFM 538 Spirituality (course no longer offered)		
PSYC 801	Theological and Religious Issues in Psychotherapy	2
PSYC 861	Spiritual Direction and Care of the Soul	3
PSYC 862	Advanced Integration of Psychology & Christian Theology	3
Comprehensive Exam		
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam (required of all students in the M.A. in Theology)	0
BITH 698	Thesis (with advisor approval only; oral defense required; students must also pass the comprehensive exam)	4