

Program Overview

The Master of Divinity in Theological Studies is our flagship degree and offers the greatest depth and breadth of theological training at the master’s degree level. It prepares students for pastoral and ministry leadership in churches, seminaries, and nonprofit leadership positions. This comprehensive degree equips students with the knowledge, character, skills, and vision required for a lifetime of ministry. The MDiv is subject to the same entrance requirements as other MCS programs in that an undergraduate degree is required for admission. Prospective students without an undergraduate degree may qualify for admission by fulfilling MCS protocols.

Curriculum Overview

Tuition & Fees Overview

72 Academic Hours	\$7200 Total Cost of Tuition
<i>There are 36 required classes.</i>	<i>The student is not charged for the combined total of 18 Credit hours for Internship and Mentorship.</i>
18 Field-Based Ministry Formation Hours	\$3635 Total Cost of all Fees
<i>Practical application in supervised environments. (This includes 540 experience hours and 60 mentored hours.)</i>	<i>This estimated cost includes all books, technology costs, one-time fees, and per-class fees.</i>
90 Total Credit Hours	\$10,835 Total Cost of Entire Program

Program Timeline

MCS is committed to delivering all required courses for each program within a four-year window. If a student misses a required course, they may talk with an MCS staff member to discuss possible solutions. Students are individually responsible for the completion of their Field-Based Ministry Formation hours. Each student, regardless of their chosen program of study, receives a Certificate of Biblical Studies upon their completion of 30 credit hours.

MCS will offer an estimated 10-14 courses a year as follows:

- **Every Fall** - 4 to 5 courses
- **Every Spring** - 4 to 5 courses
- **Every Summer** - 2 to 3 courses

Program Learning Objectives

Knowledge

- **Original Language Exegesis** - Students will apply a working knowledge of the original languages to exegete all genres of Scripture to provide hermeneutically precise homiletics.
- **Theological Analysis** - Students will use graduate-level research, interpretation, and writing skills to analyze theological, cultural, and historical themes in a persuasive manner.
- **Cultural Engagement** - Students will critically evaluate models for cultural and global awareness, intelligence, and engagement in light of Reformed theology, dominant cultural assumptions, and minority perspectives.
- **Reformed Theology** - Students will demonstrate a biblical, covenantal perspective on historical and cultural theology, biblical and systematic theology, and exegetical and practical theology – including content required for ordination, as appropriate.

Character

- **Spiritual Growth** - Students will examine and assess areas of personal spiritual growth and weakness in light of classroom assignments and discussions, according to each student's field-based ministry track.
- **Ethical Decision Making** - Students will evaluate current ethical issues in light of biblical and theological teaching and will present biblical perspectives in response to issues faced by those they lead.
- **Christ-like Character** - Students will demonstrate Christ-like character formation in spiritual maturity, emotional intelligence, and compassionate leadership through extensive engagement with mentors (6 credit hours) and internship (12 credit hours) supervisors.

Skills

- **Leadership Skills** - Students will complete a ministry internship wherein they implement pertinent ministry skills learned from mentors, professors, and classroom assignments, according to each student's field-based ministry track.
- **Ministry Skills** - Students will plan and oversee initiatives in cultural and practical theology and demonstrate best practices within the boundaries of servant leadership as part of their ministry internships.
- **Research and Communication Skills** - Students will prepare and deliver various oral presentations, including sermons, lectures, and exercises on biblical texts, as applicable to their ministry context.

Vision

- **Ministry Vision** - Students will refine their ministry vision and determine their next steps in ministry after seminary through spiritual direction, hands-on service alongside experienced mentors and coaches, and ordination preparation, as appropriate.
- **Ministry Philosophy** - Students will formulate their philosophy of ministry in light of a kingdom vision for the church locally and globally.