

Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies. NTST525, 635, 684 or 689.

Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from NTST615, 618, 626, 680, 690, 696, OTST614, 625, 626, 627, 654, 659, 690.

Jewish and Muslim Faiths. OTST627. A course is to be chosen from each of the following groups: Apologetics/comparative religion—MSSN530, 650, 660, or CHMN587; History—ANTH478, CHIS630, or HIST450; Language/literature—OTST626, 654, 658, or NTST626; Theology/Ethics—HIST450, OTST620, or THST644.

Mission Studies. MSSN610 or 676. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from MSSN.

New Testament Studies. Students who choose a major or minor in New Testament Studies must demonstrate proficiency in intermediate Greek either by passing the language-proficiency examination or by taking the Intermediate Greek course at Andrews University and earning a grade of B or above.

Old Testament Studies. OTST625; two courses in Exegesis; a course in Archaeology and History of Antiquity. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from OTST courses or GSEM670 or 530.

Theological Studies. Regardless of which sub-section of theological studies is selected for emphasis—Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, or Philosophy and Ethics—the following courses are required: THST550, 619, and 624 or 628. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from THST courses or GSEM534 or 530.

Electives. A student may select courses approved for academic graduate degrees provided there is a correlation with the student's chosen area of study.

PROGRAMS OFFERED AT AFFILIATION AND EXTENSION SITES

Depending on the availability of adequate research library facilities and qualified teaching staff, an affiliated school may be authorized by the seminary faculty to offer some or all of the areas of emphasis listed above with the research orientation or the general academic orientation. Contact the director of the MA program for details on the Affiliation and Extension Programs.

Biblical-Theological Studies. This area of emphasis is available only with the general academic orientation at Affiliation and Extension Centers. In addition to the degree requirements outlined above, the following are required: two NTST courses, two OTST courses, two THST courses, a course from either CHIS or MSSN. Remaining courses to complete the 16 credits must be chosen from any of the above disciplines.

An MA Thesis in lieu of Comprehensive Exams is possible with authorization of the Director of the MA in Religion Program.

Adventist Ministry Minor. A minor in Adventist Ministry is available at Affiliation and Extension centers only. Eight credits may be selected from appropriate CHMN courses.

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The Master of Theology is an academic degree that provides the opportunity for full-time specialized study beyond the Master of Divinity degree. The MTh degree requires a minimum of 32 credits of 500-, 600-, and 800-level courses. The purpose of the MTh degree is to provide specialized training in a major area of study with a cognate area closely related to the major area of emphasis. MTh students are advised by the chair of the department, or his/her appointee, and the director of the MTh Program. The MTh degree is offered in the following areas of emphasis with the required language noted:

Christian Ministry: Greek or Hebrew*

Church History: Greek or Hebrew*

New Testament: Greek

Old Testament: Hebrew

Theology and Christian Philosophy: Greek or Hebrew*

World Mission: Greek or Hebrew*

*If Latin or another ancient language is substituted for Greek or Hebrew, the student must have taken Greek and Hebrew at the MDiv level.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the MTh program is recommended to the program director by the department offering the applicant's desired area of emphasis. To be eligible for admission the student must hold a Master of Divinity degree (or its equivalent) from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary or another approved seminary or university with a final grade point average above 3.00 (on a 4.00 system),

Admission Procedure. Applicants must submit those items specified in the Graduate Programs Admission section of this bulletin on p. 47, and the general Seminary admission requirements on p. 295. In addition, they should submit transcripts of MDiv course work.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the scholarship standards in the Graduate Programs Academic Information section of this bulletin (p. 51), students must fulfill the following requirements for the MTh degree program:

- Complete a minimum of 32 credits (including 8 credits for thesis but not including language prerequisites) with a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or above.
- Take GSEM620 (to be done the first time the course is offered after enrollment in the program if the student has not previously taken this course or its equivalent).
- Select a major area of emphasis from among those listed above and complete 16 credits in that area.
- Select a cognate area from those listed above and complete 6-8 credits in this area which supports the area of emphasis.
- Take sufficient electives, if needed, to complete the 32-credit program.
- Take a 5-to-8-hour written comprehensive examination either toward the end of the student's final semester of course work or during the semester immediately following completion of course work. Normally, this examination is prepared by two faculty members from the department offering the area of emphasis (two sections totaling 75% of the examination) and a faculty member from the department offering the cognate area (one section constituting 25% of the examination). These examiners are appointed by the emphasis-area department: notification of the appointment is sent to the Program Director.
- Complete a 8-credit thesis.

If the student fails to pass the comprehensive examination, he/she is allowed to rewrite the section or sections failed (with new questions) after adequate time for preparation as determined by the chair of the department offering the major area of emphasis in consultation with the examiners. A failed examination may be retaken once. If the student fails a second time, he/she is asked to withdraw from the program.

A report of the examination results (and of any retake results) is sent by the department chair in the major area of emphasis to the MTh Program Director who notifies the Dean of the SMTC of

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Thesis Requirements. All students seeking an MTh degree must

- Complete a 8-credit thesis. The program director, upon recommendation of the department chair in the student's major area of emphasis, appoints an MTh thesis committee consisting of two faculty members, normally from the department in the area of emphasis, to guide the student's preparation of a thesis. of the department chair in the student's major area of emphasis, appoints an MTh thesis committee consisting of two faculty members, normally from the department in the area of emphasis, to guide the student's preparation of a thesis.

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