

Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.)

Pursue your calling at Perkins

Are you looking to enrich your theological knowledge? Our M.T.S. Program is designed to provide a basic understanding of theological disciplines as a foundation for further graduate study, for enhancement of lay leadership roles or for personal enrichment.

The Program comprises 48 academic credit hours. Key elements of the Program are:

- Distinctive design according to your own interests and goals and highly flexible in its choice of study
- Constructive theological and ethical reflection
- Thesis or Summative Project that is supervised by a leader in the field, exclusively for the enrichment of your understanding of a particular subject, and can be used as a writing sample for certain doctoral programs

Some of the courses you will be taking in the M.T.S. Program are:

Basic Ministerial Studies, Church and Music Colloquium and elective courses in the Meadows School of the Arts

The M.T.S. Program is designed as a foundation for enhancement of lay leadership roles or for personal enrichment. This degree may be earned for someone wanting to teach theology, further their insight in their workplace or community, as well preparing for future doctoral study.



At Perkins School of Theology, you will gain a balance of academic preparedness and hands-on learning to equip you for ministry and leadership in the church of the 21st century.

Learn more about the M.T.S. degree program at smu.edu/mts

Focus: Designed to provide a basic understanding of the theological disciplines as a foundation for further graduate study, for enhancement of lay leadership roles or for personal enrichment

Credit Hours: 48

Ministry Paths: Step toward Ph.D. education, personal enrichment, music or choir director at a church or agency or Deacon



"When I first came to Perkins, it was for my own, personal enrichment. I never anticipated how much it would enrich my work."

Dodee Frost Crocket
2003 Perkins
M.T.S. Graduate

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AREAS OF STUDY	CREDIT HOURS	COURSEWORK
Foundational Coursework Credit Hours: 15	6	OT 6301 Interpretation of the Old Testament I OT 6302 Interpretation of the Old Testament II NT 6301 Interpretation of the New Testament I NT 6302 Interpretation of the New Testament II
	3	HX 6305 The Christian Heritage I
	3	ST 6301 Interpretation of the Christian Message I
	3	XS 6301 The Church in Its Social Context
Concentration* Credit Hours: 12	12	Biblical Studies Church History World Christianity and World Religions Systematic Theology Moral Theology and Moral Culture Practical Theology and Christianity and Society
		Church Music and Worship**
Elective Credits Credit Hours: 21	21	Select Course from your field of interest

* Ordination requirements are determined by ordaining bodies and will require students to be familiar with the needs (if any) of their affiliated denomination and may influence concentration selection.

** This concentration has a list of its own requirements posted online.



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(both in-person and virtual).



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prospective students here.