

16. Master of Arts in Theology (MA-T)

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Theology degree program aims to equip students to become competent in leadership and effective in Christian witnessing. The program aims: i) to provide a foundational training in knowledge and understanding in the Scriptures, theologies, church histories and ministerial skills; ii) to provide a stimulating environment for faith development and critical reflection; iii) to help students develop a wide range of intellectual and practical capacities in preparing for future ministry or service.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) baptized Christian; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

i) Biblical Theology credits

Core Courses

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament 3

NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament 3

Guided Electives

1 course on OT 3

1 course on NT 3

Electives (2 courses) 6

subtotal 18

ii) Systematic Theology credits

Core Courses

CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics 3

DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A) 3

Guided Electives

1 course on CH/HT 3

Electives (3 courses) 9

subtotal 18

iii) Practical Theology credits

Guided Electives

1 course on CP 3

1 course on DK 3

1 course on CE 3

1 course on SW 3

1 course on WL 3

1 course on MC	3
subtotal	18

iv) Free Electives	credits
4 courses	12

Total Credits Required for Graduation	66
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d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-T program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
graduate of graduate certificate or graduate diploma or a master's degree programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above

e. Remarks

Student in the MA-T program, may be completed solely by taking evening and Saturday courses, or solely by taking courses offered in English.

f. Duration

This program requires two academic years if taking courses at all times; four academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

g. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

h. Further Study

If a MA-T program student wishes to transfer to the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program at LTS, with or without applying for the conferral of the degree, a maximum of 27 credits may be counted toward that degree. If the degree is conferred, exemptions cannot exceed one-half of the credits earned for that award. Students are required to undertake a minimum of two and a half academic years of study in the MDIV program. For the relevant application, see VI. I. Changes in Registration.

If a MA-T degree holder with a Bachelor of Theology degree continues to study for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program at LTS, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.

If a MA-T degree holder continues to study for the Master of Arts program in a specific emphasis (MA-BS/MA-CC/MA-CM/MA-CS/MA-SD) at LTS, a maximum of 18 credits can be exempted.