

# MTS DEGREE MAP 2023

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**CONCENTRATION IN THEOLOGY & RELIGION—Christian Theology & Ethics.** Complete all 20 half-courses in the degree, unduplicated, from Areas 1 to VI below. You should have a Final Mark on each row.

## Area I: Biblical Studies (Sacred Texts)

Courses to complete (2.0 courses)	Course chosen/notes	Final Mark
Biblical Studies 5110a/b		
Biblical Studies 5116a/b		
Biblical Studies 5120a/b		
One further half-course from <a href="#">Area I</a>		

## Area II: Theological Studies

Courses to Complete (3.5 courses)	Course chosen/notes	Final Mark
Systematic Theology 5103a		
Theological Ethics 5203a/b		
5 further half-courses from <a href="#">Area II</a>		

## Area III: Historical Studies

Courses to Complete (1.5 courses)	Course chosen/notes	Final Mark
Church History 5104a/b		
Church History 5106a/b		
One further half-course from <a href="#">Area III</a>		

## Area IV: Public Leadership & Ministry

Courses to Complete (0.5 courses)	Course chosen/notes	Final Mark
One half-course from <a href="#">Area IV</a>		

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**Area V: Contextual & Formational Studies**

Course to Complete (1.0 courses)	Course chosen/notes	Final Mark
Field Education 5110a		
Pastoral Theology 5213a/b		

**Area VI: Comparative & Cultural Studies**

Courses to Complete (0.5 course)	Course Chosen/notes	Final Mark
Religious Studies 5134a/b		

**General Electives**

Courses to Complete (1.0 course)	Course Chosen/notes	Final Mark
Two half-course electives from any of the 6 Areas		

**Multireligious Engagement Requirement**

One of your courses above (not an additional course)	Course Chosen/notes	Completed
At least one half-course (from any area or from among electives) above must focus on a religious tradition other than Christianity. This is not an additional course.	Enter here the name of the course which you have taken above in any of the 6 Areas, that satisfies this requirement.  _____	

**Further Notes**

Two intensive courses (indicate dates attended):

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## COURSES IN THE SIX ACADEMIC AREAS

### AREA I: SCRIPTURAL STUDIES—HEBREW BIBLE, NEW TESTAMENT, & RELATED STUDIES QUR'ANIC STUDIES, AND LANGUAGES (INCLUDING ARABIC, GREEK, HEBREW)

**Arabic 1070a/b Quranic Arabic for Beginners**, see bachelor's calendar for details  
May be taken toward MTS/MDiv with permission of Dean.

**Arabic 2080a/b Intermediate Quranic Arabic**, see bachelors calendar for details  
May be taken toward MTS/MDiv with permission of Dean.

**Arabic 5260a/b Readings from the Qur'an**  
A study in classical Arabic. Its main focus is the vocabulary frequently encountered in the Qur'an. The course objective is to equip the student with the skills necessary to understand the grammar, vocabulary, and syntactical and morphological structure of the Qur'an.  
Prerequisites: Intermediate Arabic (or equivalent).  
Please contact instructor if you are unsure of your level.  
3 hours. 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5110a/b Introduction to the Bible as Scripture**  
An introduction to the reception and interpretation of the biblical writings as Scripture in historical and theological perspective.  
Antirequisite: Biblical Studies 5101a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5116a/b (N.T.) The New Testament Writings**  
An introduction to the New Testament writings in their historical and religious/cultural contexts.  
Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5103a or Biblical Studies 5110a/b; or permission of the instructor  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5119a/b: Studies in the Sunnah and Hadith**  
An exploration of the meaning of the Sunnah (the normative example of the Prophet Mohammed) and the development of the corpus of Hadith (narrations of these reports) and their role in diverse schools of Islamic thought and in the lives of Muslims.  
Antirequisite: RS 3100f/g  
Prerequisite: Any university level course in Islamic Studies; 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5120a/b – Gods, Empires, Kings, & Rebels: The Hebrew Bible in Context**

This course will introduce students to the texts of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament, paying particular attention to the historical and cultural environment of the ancient Israelites. The course will cover major texts from the Torah, historical books, prophetic books, and wisdom literature.  
Antirequisites: Religious Studies 2420a/b, the former Biblical Studies 5112a/b, former Bib Stud 5114a/b  
3 hours (0.5 course)

**Biblical Studies 5190a/b: Biblical Exegesis in a Post-Colonial Setting**

Exegetical study of selected passages from the post-colonial perspective—specifically, Mark and John, Genesis and Exodus.  
Two hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5192a/b: Scriptural Foundations of Social Justice**

An exploration of material from the Hebrew Bible, New Testament, and Qur'an as it addresses individual and collective longing for justice. Attention will be paid to details of historical, social, and political context in the composition and reception of these texts, and their influence on social movement.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5204a/b (O.T.) Studies in Wisdom Literature**

Studies in Proverbs, Job, Qoheleth/Ecclesiastes, Sirach/Ecclesiasticus, and/or Wisdom of Solomon.  
Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5205a/b (N.T.) The Major Letters of Paul**

The composition and theology of Paul's letters to the Romans, Corinthians, and Galatians in their historical setting.  
Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5103a and the former Biblical Studies 5106b; or Biblical Studies 5110a/b and Biblical Studies 5116a/b; or permission of the instructor  
Antirequisite: Biblical Studies 5403a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5210a/b (O.T.) Studies in the Pentateuch**

Studies focused on one or more of the first five books of the Bible.

Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5212a/b (O.T.) Studies in the Deuteronomistic History**

A study focused on one or more of the following books: Joshua, Judges, 1 or 2 Samuel, 1 or 2 Kings.

Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5214a/b (O.T.) Studies in Chronicles, Ezra, and Nehemiah**

A study focused on 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, and/or Nehemiah.

Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5220a/b (N.T.) New Testament Theology**

Patterns of belief and practice in the first Christian century.

Prerequisite: Biblical Studies 5110a/b and 5116a/b or the former Biblical Studies 5103a and 5106b

Two hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5221a/b (N.T.) Hebrews, Catholic Epistles and Revelation**

Varieties of Christian expression in the sub-apostolic period.

Prerequisite: Biblical Studies 5110a/b and 5116a/b or the former Biblical Studies 5103a and 5106b

Two hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5222a/b (O.T.) Studies in Prophetic Literature**

Studies focused on one or more of the major or minor prophets.

Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5104b; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5223a/b (N.T.) Further Studies in the Epistles of the Pauline Corpus**

This course will focus on the Ephesians, Colossians, and the Pastoral Epistles.

Prerequisite: Biblical Studies 5110a/b and 5116a/b or the former Biblical Studies 5103a and 5106b

Two hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5224a/b (N.T.) Studies in the Gospels**

The composition and distinctive emphases of the four canonical Gospels and their sources, and of other early Christian gospels.

Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5103a/b; or Biblical Studies 5110a/b and Biblical Studies 5116a/b; or permission of the instructor

Antirequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5106b;

Biblical Studies 5201a

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5225a/b (N.T.) The Death and Resurrection of Jesus**

A historical, literary, and theological study of the Gospel Passion Narratives and the narratives and traditions about the resurrection of Jesus.

Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5103a and the former Biblical Studies 5106b; or Biblical Studies 5110a/b and BS 5116a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5226a/b (O.T.) The Psalms**

The interpretation of selected psalms in light of their literary forms and their functions in ancient Israel and early Judaism.

Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Biblical Studies 5230a/b Preaching the Parables of Jesus**

This course studies the parables of Jesus of Nazareth in their social and literary contexts, as well as their history of interpretation, with a particular focus on their interpretation for preaching. The course includes a one-hour weekly homiletics lab.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 3230a/b

Prerequisites: Biblical Studies 5116a/b or equivalent or permission of instructor.

3 hours lecture, 1 hour lab. 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5236a/b (O.T.) Studies in Old Testament Theology**

An examination of some of the reconstructions of the religion of ancient Israel and the theologies of the Old Testament.

Prerequisite: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and the former Biblical Studies 5222a; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b; or permission of the instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5240a/b (O.T./N.T.) Apocalyptic Literature**

An investigation of the development of apocalyptic thought and the genre of "apocalypse" in post-exilic Judaism. Jewish and Christian apocalyptic writings will be examined.

Prerequisites: Biblical Studies 5114a/b and Biblical Studies 5116a/b; or the former Biblical Studies 5104b, the former Biblical Studies 5106b, and the former Biblical Studies 5222a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5250a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available in the office of the Dean of Theology.  
3 hours; 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5255a/b: Special Topics Course**

Topic is available in the office of the Dean of Theology.  
3 hours; 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5310a/b (O.T.) Guided Reading and Research**

The student will select a topic in the field of Old Testament studies and will pursue a course in reading and research in consultation with the instructor.

Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and one elective course in Old Testament; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5312a/b (O.T.) Guided Reading and Research**

The student will select a topic in the field of Old Testament studies and will pursue a course in reading and research in consultation with the instructor.

Prerequisites: the former Biblical Studies 5104b and one elective course in Old Testament; or Biblical Studies 5112a/b and Biblical Studies 5114a/b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5314a/b (O.T.) Old Testament Thesis**

A thesis for M.Div. and MTS students.

Prerequisite: Biblical Studies 5310a/b and/or Biblical Studies 5312a/b and permission of the Dean.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5315a/b (N.T.) Guided Reading and Research**

The student will select a topic in the field of New Testament studies and will pursue a course in reading and research in consultation with the instructor.

Prerequisites: Biblical Studies 5116a/b and one elective course in New Testament; or the former Biblical Studies 5106b and one elective course in New Testament

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5316a/b (N.T.) Guided Reading and Research**

The student will select a topic in the field of New Testament studies and will pursue a course in reading and research in consultation with the instructor.

Prerequisites: Biblical Studies 5116a/b and one elective course in New Testament; or the former Biblical Studies 5106b and one elective course in New Testament

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5318a/b (N.T.) New Testament Thesis**

A thesis for M.Div. and MTS students.

Prerequisite: Biblical Studies 5315a/b and/or Biblical Studies 5316a/b and permission of Dean.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Biblical Studies 5320 a/b: New Scholarship in Qur'anic Studies**

Readings of recent scholarship on the Qur'an with a focus on two areas: the historical context of the moral and theological concerns of the Qur'an, and, recent trends in Qur'anic hermeneutics. Prerequisites: Religious Studies 5310a/b or permission of the instructor.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **Greek 5103a Introductory Grammar**

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 1029

Four hours

**Greek 5104b Continuation of Grammar and New Testament Readings**

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 1029  
 Prerequisite: Greek 5103a/b or by permission  
 Four hours

**Greek 5223a Readings in New Testament**

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2129  
 Prerequisite: Greek 5104a/b or Religious Studies 1029 or by permission  
 Two hours

**Greek 5224b Readings in Jewish and Christian Greek**

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2129  
 Prerequisite: Greek 5223a/b or Religious Studies 1029 or by permission  
 Two hours

**Greek 332a/b Advanced Greek Reading**

Selections from the Septuagint, Philo, and Josephus.  
 Prerequisite: Greek 5224a/b or Religious Studies 129 or by permission  
 Two hours, 0.5 course

**Greek 5333a/b Advanced Greek Reading**

Selections from the Apostolic Fathers and Greek Apologists.  
 Prerequisite: Greek 5224a/b or Religious Studies 129 or by permission  
 Two hours, 0.5 course

**Hebrew 5040a/b Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**

An introduction to the writing system and grammar of Biblical Hebrew for those with no previous knowledge of the language. Special attention will be paid to the noun, adjective, and participle.  
 Antirequisites: Hebrew 1040a/b, Hebrew 005 or Grade 4 Hebrew (or Grade 2 in Israel); the former Hebrew 003a/b  
 4 hours, 0.5 course

**Hebrew 5041a/b Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**

Continuation of Hebrew 5040a/b. An introduction to the grammar of Biblical Hebrew for those with little previous knowledge of the language. Special attention will be paid to forms of the verb.  
 Antirequisites: Hebrew 1041a/b, Hebrew 005 or Grade 6 Hebrew (or Grade 3 in Israel); the former Hebrew 004a/b  
 Prerequisite: Hebrew 5040a/b, the former Hebrew 003a/b, or permission of the Instructor  
 4 hours, 0.5 course

**Hebrew 5240a/b Intermediate Biblical Hebrew: Prose**

Reading, translating, and analysing the grammar of selected prose passages from the Hebrew Bible with the aid of a lexicon.  
 Antirequisites: Hebrew 2240a/b, Grade 7 Hebrew (or Grade 4 in Israel); the former Hebrew 021a/b  
 Prerequisite: Hebrew 5041a/b, Grade 6 Hebrew (Grade 3 in Israel), the former Hebrew 004a/b, or permission of the Instructor  
 4 hours, 0.5 course

**Hebrew 5241a/b Intermediate Biblical Hebrew: Poetry**

Reading, translating, and analysing the grammar of selected passages of poetry from the Hebrew Bible with the aid of a lexicon.  
 Antirequisite(s): Hebrew 2241a/b, the former Hebrew 020, Hebrew 022a/b, Grade 7 Hebrew (or Grade 4 in Israel)  
 Prerequisite(s): Hebrew 5041a/b or the former Hebrew 004a/b or Grade 6 Hebrew (or Grade 3 in Israel), or permission of the instructor  
 4 hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5310a/b Interpreting the Qur'an**

This course explores passages in the Qur'an that have shaped classical and contemporary Islam, particularly regarding the tensions between text, context, and community. In addition to textual analysis, the course covers the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.  
 Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2310F/G  
 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course



## AREA II: THEOLOGICAL STUDIES—PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY, SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY, THEOLOGICAL ETHICS

### Religious Studies 5202a/b Spirituality of Muslim Women

A study of the way in which Muslim women, past and present, have understood and expressed themselves as spiritual beings through their engagement with Islamic texts, traditions and practices.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 3131a/b

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5103a Introduction to Systematic Theology

An introduction to systematic theology, its sources, methods, and authorities. Particular attention will be

given to the content of Christian understanding of God, creation and humanity, and to the philosophical context in which these ideas are formulated.

Two or three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5201a/b Contextual Theology

An exploration of the importance of context in the formulation of theological discourse globally. Attention will be given to such contextual factors as culture, gender, ethnicity, politics and economics.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5202a/b Philosophical Foundations for Christian Theology

A study of major traditions in Christian philosophical theology, together with selected themes of contemporary interest and importance.

Antirequisite: the former Philosophical Theology 5102A

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a, or permission of the Instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5206a/b Christ, Salvation, and Trinity

A survey of the development of Christian understanding of the person and work of Jesus Christ, and of the Trinitarian theological framework within which it is classically located.

Antirequisite: the former Systematic Theology 5106b;

Systematic Theology 5112b

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5208a/b Key Issues in Islamic Theology

A study of the major theological issues addressed by traditional and modern Muslim theologians, such as the attributes of God, revelation, human freedom and responsibility, suffering and religious pluralism.

Prerequisite: Any university level course in Islamic Studies

Antirequisite: RS 3110.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5210a/b Spirit, Church, and Sacraments

A survey of Christian pneumatology, ecclesiology and sacramental theology. Particular attention will be given to controversial and confessional aspects of historical approaches and to constructive contemporary developments.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5222a/b Theology of Karl Barth

A detailed study of some aspect of the theology of Karl Barth.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5223 a/b Anti-Religious Thought

A study of selected anti-religious thinkers from the beginnings of modernity to the present day.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5225 a/b Christian Theology in the 19th Century

An historical survey of 19th-century theology, undertaken through a study of representative theologians, philosophers, issues, and themes.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Systematic Theology 5226 a/b Christian Theology in the 20th Century

An historical survey of 20th-century theology, undertaken through a study of representative

theologians, philosophers, issues and themes.  
Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5227 a/b The Christian Doctrine of God**

A study of major writers, works and themes in the Christian doctrine of God.

Antirequisite: Systematic Theology 5212b  
Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5228 a/b Theology and Religious Pluralism**

A study of the problem of religious pluralism for theological students, with particular attention to major contemporary authors in the theology of religions and in comparative theology. Sources from a variety of religious traditions will be encountered.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5229 a/b Themes in Modern Anglican Theology**

A survey of selected themes or developments in Anglican theology in some particular period and through major texts, such as the controversy over evolutionary theory from Darwin's Origin of Species to Gore's Lux Mundi, or the emergence of Anglican religious socialism from F.D. Maurice to William Temple.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5230a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5231a/b, 5232a/b, & 5234a/b Special Topics Course(s)**

Topics available in office of the Dean.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5235a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5240a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean  
0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5242a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5250a/b Theology of the Reformation**

A detailed study of the thought of the leading figures of the European Reformation of the Sixteenth Century and of their theological legacy.

Antirequisite: the former Systematic Theology 5350a/b  
Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5252a/b**

A detailed study of major traditions in Trinitarian theology, with special attention to recent theological developments.

Antirequisite: the former Systematic Theology 5352a/b  
Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5290a/b Ecumenism**

The history, theology and prospects of the modern ecumenical movement, with particular reference to pivotal events, leading figures, major themes and

representative texts.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Antirequisite: Systematic Theology 5512b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Systematic Theology 5292a/b Missiology**

A study of major texts, issues and movements in missiology, with attention to the nature of mission as well as to historical, contemporary and global models of evangelism, witness and action.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Systematic Theology 5343a/b Guided Reading and Research**

Prerequisite: Any 2 5200-level courses in System-atic Theology, permission of instructor & Dean.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Systematic Theology 5344a/b Guided Reading and Research**

Prerequisite: Any two 5200-level courses in Systematic Theology and permission of the instructor and Dean

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Systematic Theology 5345a/b Thesis**

A thesis for M.Div. and MTS students.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5343a/b and/or 5344a/b and permission of the Dean

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5190a/b: Introduction to Islamic Law and Legal Theory**

A study of the history, practice and principles of Islamic law as understood by the major schools, with a focus on their ethical and theological foundations and their adaptations to changing times.

Prerequisite: Any university-level course in Islamic Studies

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5203a/b A Critical Investigation of Theological Ethics**

An introduction to basic themes in theology and ethics. This course will address themes in current areas of ethical and theological debate.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5210a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available in the office of the Dean of Theology.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5211a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology.

0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5212a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology;

0.5 course

### **Theological Ethics 5213a/b Islamic Ethics: Theory and Application**

An examination of principled reasoning in classical Islamic jurisprudence, the theological status of reason in Islam, the principles and priorities of traditional ethical reasoning, the arguments for a goal-oriented approach to ethics, the contemporary emphasis on the context of the ethicist and the construction of religious authority, and the importance of individual moral formation.

3 hours, 0.5 course

### AREA III: HISTORICAL STUDIES—STUDIES IN CHURCH HISTORY, ISLAMIC HISTORY, RELIGIOUS HISTORY, HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT, & OTHER HISTORICAL STUDIES OF CHRISTIANITY

#### **Church History 5104 a/b The Early Church to the Late Middle Ages**

The history of the Christian Church from its origin to the late Middle Ages  
3 hours. 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5106a/b The Late Middle Ages to the Modern Period and Contemporary World**

The history of the Christian Church from the Late Middle Ages through to the modern period and contemporary world.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5108 a/b Gender and Identity in Christian History**

A study of gender and identity in the History of Christianity  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5111a/b: History of Christian-Muslim Relations**

A survey of the history of Christian-Muslim Relations from the origins of Islam to contemporary times including imperial encounters, polemics, the “dialogue of life,” modern developments, ecumenical and interfaith movements.  
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5210B A History and Theology of Ministry**

A history and theology of ministry, with attention given to the history of Anglican ministry.  
Prerequisite: Church History 5106a/ b  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5223a/b The Christian Tradition in Canada**

An examination of the contributions of major denominations in Canadian history.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5226a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual faculty member concerned.  
Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor and Dean of

Theology;  
0.5 course

#### **Church History 5227a/b History of Anglicanism**

A study of the Anglican ecclesial tradition from the Reformation to the present.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5230a/b Independent Study**

Individual reading and research under faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5231a/b Independent Study: History of Spiritual Care**

An independent study of the history of spiritual care, chaplaincy, and pastoral care movement. Students will contribute research on key historical movements and figures in Christian, Islamic, and Jewish spiritual care to an OWL project site.  
0.5 course

#### **Church History 5232a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available in the office of the Dean.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5233a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available in the office of the Dean.  
Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Church History 5234a/b History of Christian Social Thought and Practice**

This course will expose the student to the rich and diverse traditions of Christian social teaching and practice, with particular consideration given to implications for contemporary outreach and evangelism.

Prerequisite: Church History 5104a/b  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Church History 5240a/b Guided Reading and Research**

Prerequisite: Church History 5104a/b and 5106a/b; or the former Church History 5101a, and one of Church History 102b or 203b  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Church History 5320a/b Thesis**

A directed major research project in an area of Church History.

Prerequisites: Church History 5104 a/b and Church History 5106 a/b and permission of the Dean  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Church History 5350a/b: Eastern & Orthodox Church History**

This course will survey the history of Eastern Christianity in its great diversity. Reviewing the geography, theology, liturgy, and art of Greek- and Syriac-speaking Christianity, students will have an introduction for further study or for greater understanding of the complexity of the Middle East today.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 3350a/b  
3 hours; 0.5 course

**Pastoral Theology 5250A/B: Human Development and Group Process**

An overview of lifespan human development and group process theory as CRPO competencies. Students integrate knowledge of human development across the lifespan. Students apply group techniques to structure and facilitate the therapeutic process, with focus on core conditions for therapy and safe and effective use of self.

Antirequisites: None

Prerequisites: none  
3 hours, 0.5 Credit

## AREA IV: PUBLIC LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY STUDIES—STUDIES IN THE WORK OF THE CHURCH, IN PARTICULAR CONDUCTING LITURGY AND PREACHING, AND OF THE VARIOUS FORMS OF MINISTRY, PASTORAL CARE AND PUBLIC LEADERSHIP

### Church Music 5222a/b Theology & Practice of Music in the Church

The course combines a survey of the important theological, philosophical, and cultural notions of music and its use in the church with practical instruction in pastoral music (choosing appropriate hymns, music for special occasions, working with professional and amateur church musicians, employment issues).

Antirequisite(s): Theological Studies 3330F/G  
3 hours, 0.5 course (Huron)

### Church Music 5223a/b Liturgical Music

A study of the role and function of music in its liturgical contexts (Eucharist, Daily Office, Service of the Word) throughout the church year. It includes a historical and practical survey of the principal genres and types of liturgical music.

Antirequisite(s): Theological Studies 3331F/G  
3 hours, 0.5 course (Huron)

### Homiletics 5204a/b The Theology & Practice of Preaching

An introduction to the theology, art, and practice of preaching God's word. Students will read extensively in the discipline, preach regularly, and submit their sermons for critique and comment.

Prerequisites: Biblical Studies 5110a/b, 5120a/b, & 5116a/b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Homiletics 5206a/b Independent Studies

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

### Homiletics 5305a/b Communicating the Gospel in Contemporary Cultures

After consideration of the nature of language and how it functions as a carrier of meaning, this course will help students develop effective ways of interpreting and communicating the Christian gospel in ways which are accommodated to, and appropriate for, particular cultures and audiences.

Prerequisite: Homiletics 5204a/b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Liturgics 5204a/b Liturgical Theology: An Introduction

Common worship and its use of words, objects, space and time is a primary site for theology. This course explores what are we doing when we worship through close readings of primary sources interpreting liturgy from the Patristic, Medieval and (post-)Modern Periods, attending to theological method.

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Liturgics 5221a/b Selected Topics in Liturgics

Three hours, 0.5 course

### Liturgics 5223a/b: Special Topics Course

Topic is available in the office of the Dean of Theology  
Three hours, 0.5 course

### Liturgics 5224a/b Independent Study

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervisor. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with the Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and Dean of Theology;  
0.5 course

### Liturgics 5301a/b Liturgical Leadership

Principals of liturgical performance (presiding, liturgical space, time, vesture, objects, art, media, etc.) are studied and competencies gained through reading, workshops, group work, and field trips. Students gain critical familiarity with structure, guidelines and rubrics of the Anglican Church's liturgies and have the opportunity to re-imagine their performance.

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

3 hours, 0.5 course

### Liturgics 5302a/b Living Water, Sealing Spirit: Christian Initiation in the Early Church and Today (Short Title: Christian Initiation)

The history, celebration, and interpretation of the rites of Christian Initiation in the Early Church(es) and today. Students study primary sources on the rites of Christian



Initiation (written and material), engage with contemporary debates about the interpretation of sources, and re-imagine future directions for Christian initiation.

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5304a/b Anglican Liturgies: History and Future**

Introduction to texts and contexts of Anglican liturgies. Topics: liturgy in late medieval England, the English Bible, Cranmer & the Books of Common Prayer, the 19th century liturgical movements, liturgical adaptation and reform in Canada, contemporary liturgical rites across the Anglican Communion, future directions.

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5305a/b Daily Prayer**

History, theology, and spirituality of pattern of daily prayer in the Christian tradition. Critical engagement with primary and secondary sources regarding daily prayer in the patristic churches, Eastern and Western monasticism, the Anglican tradition, twentieth-century reforms, and the role of daily prayer in the contemporary and future church.

Antirequisite: Liturgics 5211a/b taken in 2009-10 or before

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5307a/b Ritual Studies**

Introduction to ritual studies, drawing on the work of Mary Douglas, Victor Turner, Clifford Geertz, Ronald Grimes, and Catherine Bell, etc. Through field analysis of ritual, group work, field work, and academic writing, students will become proficient with the vocabulary, concepts, methods and practice of ritual studies.

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5308a/b Passover and Easter: Two Liturgical Traditions**

Introduction to comparative and interdisciplinary study of Lent-Easter and Passover. Topics: the history of the development of the seasons and their liturgies (the Paschal Triduum, Lent, the Passover Haggadah, preparations for Passover); contemporary practice;

history of Christian-Jewish relations and the Pasch; post-Shoah theologies of Passover and Easter.

Prerequisites: Liturgics 5204a/b or permission of instructor

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5310a/b: Eucharist**

"Bread of life, cup of salvation." This course will explore various topics of the Eucharist, including the richness and diversity of contemporary ecumenical theologies, ritual practice, and pastoral catechetical strategies.

Prerequisite: Liturgics 5204a/b

3 hours; 0.5 course

### **Liturgics 5315a/b: Liturgical Time**

This course will explore Christian theologies of time through the historical origins of primary feasts and seasons and the importance of those origins for current liturgical and pastoral understandings of the church year.

Prerequisite: Liturgics 5204a/b

3 hours; 0.5 course

### **Pastoral Theology 5230a/b: Congregational Development and Leadership**

An overview of congregational development and pastoral leadership. Systems theory, community development, collaborative leadership, and strategic planning concepts are applied to congregations. Course material will integrate organizational development principles with the unique context of congregational ministry.

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Pastoral Theology 5231a/b Pastoral Care and Counselling Ministry**

An overview of pastoral care and counselling related to pastoral ministry in the congregational setting. Topics include family systems theory, brief counselling, and practice standards. Students will practise basic assessment, counselling and consultation skills. Students will reflect theologically on the theory and practice of care and counselling.

Prerequisite(s): Field Education 5110 or permission of Dean

3 hours, 0.5 course

### **Pastoral Theology 5232a/b: Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Muslim Community Contexts**

This course will introduce students to pastoral and

spiritual care as practised in North America in Muslim community contexts. Included topics: historical and theological foundations of pastoral care; modern methods, theories, practices; professional ethics, with emphasis on boundaries and self-care; critical frames of practice including GBV, trauma-informed, anti-racist and intercultural.

3 hours, 0.5 course (Huron)

#### **Pastoral Theology 5234a/b Special Topics Course**

Topics are available in the office of the Dean of Theology.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5235a/b Special Topics Course**

Topics are available in the office of the Dean of Theology.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5236a/b Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5237a/b Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5238a/b Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5239a/b Special Topics Course**

Topics are available in the office of the Dean of

Theology.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5240a/b Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5250A/B: Human Development and Group Process**

An overview of lifespan human development and group process theory as CRPO competencies. Students integrate knowledge of human development across the lifespan. Students apply group techniques to structure and facilitate the therapeutic process, with focus on core conditions for therapy and safe and effective use of self.

3 hours, 0.5 Credit.

#### **Pastoral Theology 5255A/B: Spiritual Care**

##### **Assessment and Planning**

An overview of spiritual care assessment and care planning in health care and long-term care settings, correctional facilities, and hospice. Students will integrate spiritual care within a biopsychosocial, interdisciplinary team model and apply spiritual screening, spiritual histories, spiritual assessments to chaplaincy and clinical practice to develop CASC and CRPO competencies.

Antirequisites: None

Prerequisites: none

3 hours, 0.5 Credit.

#### **Pastoral Theology 5290a/b: Social Issues**

Exploration of the social issues and concerns facing the church, inclusive of human sexuality, abuse and violence, HIV/Aids and crime, utilising the resources found in sacred text, tradition and the reasoned mind of the church.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5292a/b: Spirituality and Religious Practice**

A critical reflection on the spiritual and religious



practices. Attention to historical Christian teaching, local idiosyncrasies and various denominational practices. Spiritual practice will be examined as to how spiritual and religious practice might enhance the mission of the church.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5296a/b: Integrative Seminar**

An integrative conversation utilising the resources of previous course material that will address the work of ministry in the current culture and socio-political and economic climate.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5298a/b: Case Studies in Chaplaincy & Professional Ethics**

This course studies diverse contexts for chaplaincy, including hospital, education, prison, and military through a problem-based learning methodology. It also introduces emerging contexts of chaplaincy, including movement chaplaincy. Students will explore legal and professional ethical issues, certification/endorsements, interreligious engagement, and a range of social, ethical, and theological challenges for chaplaincy.

#### **Pastoral Theology 5330A/B Couple and Family Dynamics**

An introduction to couple and family issues and dynamics. Family and couple life cycles, parenting and couple education, marriage preparation, couple conflict and communication, separation and divorce are explored from the perspective of congregational ministry. Students will practise basic counselling skills related to couples and families.

Prerequisite(s): Pastoral Theology 5231A/B or permission of Dean

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5231A/B: Pastoral Care and Counselling Ministry**

An overview of pastoral care and counselling related to pastoral ministry in the congregational setting. Topics include family systems theory, brief counselling, and practice standards. Students will practise basic assessment, counselling and consultation skills. Students will reflect theologically on the theory and practice of care and counselling.

Prerequisite(s): Field Education 5110 or permission of

Dean

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5304a/b Church and Non-Profit Administration and Organization**

An introduction to organization and administrative leadership in church and other not-for-profit organizations.

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5305a/b The Ordained Ministry—A Theological Reflection**

This course will allow each student to reflect theologically and prayerfully upon his/her life, faith journey, and the vocation to which each is called. The nature of church and of pastor as priest, teacher, prophet, and celebrant will be discussed. Includes a paper and oral exam.

Note: Students to be in final year of their program

Three hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5332A/B Family of Origin Seminar**

A study of genogram assessment and multigenerational family dynamics. Students explore their own family of origin, focusing on its influence on their personal functioning. Students will research and construct their family of origin genogram, developing self-awareness and personal growth for vocational practice.

Prerequisite(s): Pastoral Theology 5231A/B or permission of Dean; 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

#### **Pastoral Theology 5333A/B: Grief, Crisis and Pastoral Care**

An introduction to theories of grief process, crisis and stress response. Material is related to congregational ministry contexts. Students explore strategies and practices related to funerals, pastoral care and counselling, and support groups.

Antirequisite: Pastoral Theology 5572b

Prerequisite(s): Pastoral Theology 5231A/B or permission of Dean

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

#### **Religious Education 5203A/B Teaching Ministry**

An overview of educational psychology applied to religious education. Students are introduced to basic competencies for teaching ministry in faith

communities. Students integrate learning theory, developmental theory, and philosophy of education with practice. Students practise teaching and small group leadership with an emphasis on individual and communal transformation for mission.

Antirequisite: the former Field Education 5310A/B  
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Education 5224a/b The Bible in Christian Education**

An educational approach to the place and use of the Bible in the Christian nurture of children, youth and adults. Attention will be given to the variety of resources and methods for group Bible study.

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Education 5227a/b Resources in Christian Education**

A seminar course dealing with selected resources and methods available for communicating the Christian Faith to different age groups.

Prerequisite: Religious Education 5203a/b  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Education 5231a/b Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the Instructor and the Dean of Theology  
0.5 course

**AREA V: CONTEXTUAL AND FORMATIONAL STUDIES—FIELD EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY-BASED LEARNING CONDUCTED ALONGSIDE THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION ON PAROCHIAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, OR CLINICAL MINISTRIES**

**Field Education 5110a/b Identity & Formation**

Exploring understandings of identity and vocation as they relate to professional formation. Students participate in, and reflect on, the Intercultural Development Inventory, Myers-Briggs Personality Type Indicator, and the Enneagram and cultivate a sense of professional identity and trajectory. Students also consider Indigenous spiritual and cultural presence and Emotional Intelligence for leadership and participate in boundary awareness training. Three hours lecture, 0.5 course

**Field Education 5211a/b Parish/Community Practicum**

A field education practicum in a parish, congregational or community setting, under the supervision of the Director of Field Education, providing a student with the opportunity to contextualize the practice and theory of ministry.

Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a  
Two hours class, ten hours placement, 0.5 course

**Field Education 5212a/b Parish/Community Practicum**

A field education practicum in a parish, congregational or community setting, under the supervision of the Director of Field Education, exploring policy and procedure, theory and practice, skills for vision and management within the context of pastoral placements.

Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a  
Two hours class, ten hours placement, 0.5 course

**Field Education 5220a/b Independent Study**

Under the supervision of the Director of Field Education, the student will undertake a contextual course of studies in the parish or congregation. Emphasis will be placed on the skills and strategies for integrating personal faith with the public demands of ministry.

Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a  
0.5 course

**Field Education 5222a/b Independent Study**

Under the supervision of the Director of Field

Education, the student will explore innovative ministries outside traditional parish contexts, and focus on “emergent church” and “fresh expressions.”  
Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a  
0.5 course

**Field Education 5230a/b Community-Based Learning**

Under the supervision of the Director of Field Education and working with Community Partners, the student will gain expertise in integrating theological discernment with social issues as they are expressed in their local, global and cultural contexts.

Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a or permission from Director of Field Education  
Ten hours weekly in the community, 0.5 course

**Field Education 5232a/b Introduction to Clinical Ministry**

Under joint supervision of the Director of Field Education and a hospital chaplain, students engage in collaborative clinical ministries which will cross denominational boundaries and develop skills in transformative ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. Emphasis will be on models of theological reflection, case studies, pastoral visits, small group work, verbatim, and case notes.

Prerequisite: Field Education 5110a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Field Education 5313a/b: Parish/Community Practicum**

A third field education practicum in a parish, congregational or community setting, under the supervision of the Director of Field Education.  
Prerequisites: Field Education 5211a/b and 5212a/b  
2 hours class; 10 hours placement, 0.5 course

**Pastoral Theology 5213b MTS Integration and Formation Seminar Seminar**

Through participation in formation events and the seminar, students will integrate learning from across the degree curriculum. Learning integration will be evidenced through the completion of a portfolio which

responds to the degree program's learning outcomes.  
To be taken in a student's final year in the degree program.

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Pastoral Theology 5313a/b: MDiv Integration and Formation Seminar**

Through participation in formation events and the seminar, students will integrate learning from across the degree curriculum. Learning integration will be evidenced through the completion of a portfolio which responds to the degree program's learning outcomes.

To be taken in a student's final year in the degree program. 0.5 course

**Supervised Pastoral Education 5101a/b**

A clinical, experiential program under a supervisor accredited by the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care to discover, develop, and practise ministerial skills.  
0.5 course

**Supervised Pastoral Education 5120 SPE Basic I**

Offered in partnership with a SPE program (Basic I) accredited by the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, this course blends supervised clinical experience and reflective learning to enable students to develop the art and practice of spiritual care. The course addresses theological, psychological, sociological, and ethical issues in spiritual care.

3 hours; 1.0 Course

**Supervised Pastoral Education 5220 SPE Basic II**

Offered in partnership with a SPE program (Basic II) accredited by the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, this course blends supervised clinical experience and reflective learning to enable students to develop the art and practice of spiritual care. The course addresses theological, psychological, sociological, and ethical issues in spiritual care.

3 hours; 1.0 Course

## AREA VI: COMPARATIVE AND CULTURAL STUDIES—ECUMENICAL, INTERFAITH AND CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES IN RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, THE ARTS, SOCIOLOGY, AND ANTHROPOLOGY

### **Biblical Studies 5119a/b: Studies in the Sunnah and Hadith**

An exploration of the meaning of the Sunnah (the normative example of the Prophet Mohammed) and the development of the corpus of Hadith (narrations of these reports) and their role in diverse schools of Islamic thought and in the lives of Muslims.

Antirequisite: RS 3100f/g

Prerequisite: Any university level course in Islamic Studies; 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **Church History 5111a/b: History of Christian-Muslim Relations**

A survey of the history of Christian-Muslim Relations from the origins of Islam to contemporary times including imperial encounters, polemics, the “dialogue of life,” modern developments, ecumenical and interfaith movements.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **Homiletics 5305a/b Communicating the Gospel in Contemporary Cultures**

After consideration of the nature of language and how it functions as a carrier of meaning, this course will help students develop effective ways of interpreting and communicating the Christian gospel in ways which are accommodated to, and appropriate for, particular cultures and audiences.

Prerequisite: Homiletics 5204a/b

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Pastoral Theology 5294a/b: Religious Experience in Literature (Prose & Poetry)**

A critical examination of local poetry and prose specifically as they relate to the lived theology of the people. Literature, drama, song and dance will be examined.

Two hours, 0.5 course

### **Religion in Society 5123a/b An Introduction**

Religion is treated as a social phenomenon in dynamic

interaction with its environment. Particular attention will be given to the dynamic interaction between Christianity and its modern socio-cultural environments.

Antirequisite: Sociology 2148a/b offered by the University of Western Ontario

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Religious Studies 5132a**

A survey lecture on the religions of the East: Indian (Hindu, Buddhism, Jain); Far East (China: Confucian, Tao; Japan: Shinto). Antirequisites: Religious Studies 1023E, 2111a/b, 2130, 2131E, 2203f\g

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Religious Studies 5133b**

A survey lecture course on the religions with origins in the Near East: Zoroastrianism; Judaism; Christianity; Islam; and Bahai.

Antirequisites: Religious Studies 1023E, 2130, 2131E, or 2204f\g

Three hours, 0.5 course

### **Religious Studies 5134a/b Navigating Freedom of Religion and Accommodation in Canadian Society**

An introduction to the legal issues and social discourse surrounding freedom of religion and accommodation of religious beliefs and practices in Canada, including the challenges of competing rights and exemptions.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

### **Religious Studies 5201a/b Interpreting Abraham**

This course examines religious texts (in translation) where Abraham is portrayed as the founder of peoples' the Tanakh, the Christian Bible, and the Qur'an. The classic texts, images, and narrative of Abraham's story will be studied, as well as the interpretive methodologies employed in the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian traditions.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2201F/G

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5202a/b Spirituality of Muslim Women**

A study of the way in which Muslim women, past and present, have understood and expressed themselves as spiritual beings through their engagement with Islamic texts, traditions and practices.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 3131a/b  
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5220a/b Islam and Politics**

Islamic political thought and practice from the Medinan Charter and the caliphates through contemporary movements. Key concerns: the relationship between religious authority and political power; pluralism; the rule of law.

3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5222a/b Special Topics Course**

Topics are available in the office of the Dean of Theology.

Three hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5223a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available from the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

3 hours; 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5224a/b Special Topics Course**

Topic is available from the office of the Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

3 hours; 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5225a/b: Independent Studies**

Individual reading and research under Faculty supervision. Students are responsible for arranging independent study areas with an individual Faculty member concerned.

Prerequisite: permission of the instructor and the Dean of Theology

3 hours; 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5310a/b Interpreting the Qur'an**

This course explores passages in the Qur'an that have shaped classical and contemporary Islam, particularly regarding the tensions between text, context, and community. In addition to textual analysis, the course covers the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2310F/G  
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5320a/b Interpreting the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh, in translation)**

(Short Title: Interpreting Hebrew Bible)

This course explores the rich and sometimes problematic relationship between text, context, and community in relation to selected passages from the Hebrew Bible. In addition to textual analysis, the course covers the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2320F/G  
3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Religious Studies 5330a/g Interpreting the Christian Bible (in translation)**

(Short Title: Interpreting Christian Bible)

This course explores the rich and sometimes problematic relationship between text, context, and community in relation to selected passages from the Christian Bible. In addition to textual analysis, the course covers the history of reception and the influence these texts and their interpretations have on social relations and contemporary issues.

Antirequisite: Religious Studies 2330F/G 3 lecture hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5201a/b Contextual Theology**

An exploration of the importance of context in the formulation of theological discourse globally. Attention will be given to such contextual factors as culture, gender, ethnicity, politics and economics.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

**Systematic Theology 5228 a/b Theology and Religious Pluralism**

A study of the problem of religious pluralism for theological students, with particular attention to major contemporary authors in the theology of religions and in comparative theology. Sources from a variety of religious traditions will be encountered.

Prerequisite: Systematic Theology 5103a  
Three hours, 0.5 course

plus **Theological Ethics** courses, if applicable

## **INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES**

Independent studies courses have been introduced by the Faculty of Theology at Huron University College to promote student initiative in the learning process and to provide opportunity to engage with new and emerging materials not presently covered in curriculum offerings. Independent studies courses are intended not only to provide a greater retention of the knowledge gained but also to enable a better integration of this knowledge with other learning as well as increasing the potential for extending this knowledge into new areas.

Such exceptional learning experiences depend largely on student initiative and will allow the pursuit of projects in either the graduate-research or the pastoral-professional dimensions of the theological curriculum. Students desiring to undertake independent studies courses must complete the form "Independent Studies Agreement" for submission to the Dean of Theology for approval. Once the course has been approved, then the student is allowed to add that course number on a paper add/drop form. Enough time must be given so that the approval and the registration for the course happen by the last day to add a course in the term.

Please note that the maximum number of independent studies courses a faculty member may choose to supervise in a year is limited.

## **COURSES AT WESTERN OR OTHER UNIVERSITIES**

If you wish to ask permission to take an MDiv/MTS-level course elsewhere and count it toward your Huron/Western degree, contact the Theology office for assistance and begin following instructions below well in advance of deadlines.

Taking Courses at Toronto School of Theology schools

<https://www.tst.edu/academic/registration-information-visiting-students>

Other Letters of Permission,

[http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/course\\_enrollment/letter\\_of\\_permission.html](http://www.registrar.uwo.ca/course_enrollment/letter_of_permission.html)

When requesting permission to take courses at other universities (non-TST) which you would like to count toward your MTS degree, bring the LoP form, with a course outline of the course you wish to take, to the Faculty of Theology office for consideration, well in advance of the add/drop deadline (UWO courses require only a course outline).

## **MAXIMUM DURATION OF DEGREE**

The program may be taken full- (7 to 10 half-courses per year) or part-time; however, the total program of study for the MTS shall not extend beyond 4 years. (You will need to seek permission of Dean to extend your duration in a degree.)

## SAMPLE FIRST-YEAR COURSE SELECTION, 2023-24

Fall	Winter
Field Education 5110a Identity & Formation	Biblical Studies 5116b New Testament Writings
Systematic Theology 5103a Intro to Syst Theology	Biblical Studies 5120b Hebrew Bible in Context
Church History 5106b Early Church to late Mid Ages	Ch History 5106b or other CH elective
Biblical Studies 5110a Intro to Bible as Scripture	Theological Ethics 5203b Critical Investigation of Theol Ethics
Elective: recommended Area II, Systematic Theol 5201a Contextual Theology	Elective: recommended Area II, Systematic Theol 5228b Theol & Religious Pluralism