

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (M.T.S.)

Overview

This program is currently accepting applications from potential students for enrollment in fall 2023.

The Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) degree offers students the opportunity to engage in critical and constructive theological research as part of the department's vibrant community of inquiry. Aimed primarily at students aspiring to deep theological competence and to doctoral education at the highest level, the program provides students both comprehensive grounding in the theological disciplines and rigorous preparation for advanced studies in a concentration of the student's choice.

All M.T.S. students are required to complete 16 courses (48 credit hours). Reflecting our location in a Jesuit, Catholic university, the curriculum includes a foundation in Christian theological studies, including systematics, ethics, history, and bible. To ensure a breadth of knowledge, the program requires that students complete a core of six courses, including the program's interdisciplinary signature course, Context, Theory, and Theology (THEO 5901). In and beyond the core, students have the opportunity to work with faculty in all of the department's areas of research: biblical studies, history of Christianity, Judaism in antiquity, medieval and modern Islam, systematic theology, and theological ethics. At least two of the student's sixteen courses must primarily engage Judaism, Islam, or another non-Christian tradition.

Students immerse themselves in one of two areas of concentration: Studies in Ancient and Medieval Theology/Religion, or Studies in Modern and Contemporary Theology/Religion. Working with a faculty mentor, students select courses that best suit their interests and prepare them for further studies or other careers. They experience the camaraderie of studying with their M.T.S. cohort peers, of taking seminars with the program's doctoral students, and interacting with the faculty of the internationally recognized department.