
NT 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906 • Th.D. Qualifying Exams I–VI

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NT 941 • Doctoral Dissertation Prospectus

This course is designed to launch the student's doctoral residency. Under the adviser's supervision, the student is expected to refine the dissertation topic, establish its need, defend its choice, and outline the procedure for its undertaking. Preparation of an extensive bibliography is also one of the course requirements.

Four hours.

NT 942, 943, 944, 945, 946 • Dissertation Research I–V

Once the Dissertation Prospectus Course has been completed, the student is expected to register for this course for each subsequent semester of residency during which the dissertation is being researched and written.

Four hours each.

CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY COURSES

The Christian Theology courses are designed to equip the student to understand, state, correlate, and defend biblical truths in his ministry, as well as to apply these truths to his personal life. The theological approach at The Master's Seminary emphasizes the exegetical and systematic rather than the philosophical, creedal, or sociological. The analytical and synthetic contributions of Bible exposition, the data drawn from exegesis of the Old Testament and the New Testament, and the insights gained from church history, are all combined in comparing, exhibiting, and defending the theological truths revealed in the Christian Scriptures.

Theology courses at The Master's Seminary are not taught merely for the purpose of satisfying intellectual curiosity, but for the purpose of helping students grasp the significance of theology for Christian living, for the ministry of Bible-believing churches world-wide, and for insightful interaction with contemporary issues. Courses are offered in both Systematic Theology and Historical Theology.

Systematic Theology**TH 605 • Theology I**

A study of prolegomena, dealing with the essence and source of systematic theology, and reasons for its study; theology proper, including revelation, trinitarianism, and God's relation to the universe; and bibliology, emphasizing inspiration and inerrancy. Prerequisite (or concurrent enrollment): BI 505.

Three hours.

TH 606 • Theology II

A study of Christology, the person and work of Jesus Christ; pneumatology, the person and work of the Holy Spirit; and angelology, including the nature and ministry of angels, Satan, and demons. Includes an introductory examination and critique of the charismatic movement. Prerequisite: TH 605

Three hours.

TH 701 • Apologetics and Evangelism

A careful biblical and theological development of a consistent apologetic. The course provides a basis for the evaluation of various empirical systems as well as a working knowledge of presuppositionalism for use in all aspects of practical ministry. Evangelism is then studied within this framework to present the student with a consistent gospel presentation for biblical evangelism (see MI 701). Prerequisite (or concurrent enrollment): TH 705.

Four hours.

TH 705 • Theology III

A study of anthropology, focusing on the origin and nature of man; hamartiology, dealing with the fall and its consequences, especially total depravity; and soteriology, dealing with the atonement of Christ, election, regeneration, conversion, justification, sanctification, and glorification. Prerequisite: TH 606.

Four hours.

TH 706 • Theology IV

A study of ecclesiology, focusing on the inception, organization, ordinances, and ministry of the church; and eschatology, including a study of the biblical covenants, the rapture, tribulation, the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrections, the eschatological judgments, the eternal state, and personal destiny. Prerequisite: TH 705.

Four hours.

TH 738 • M.Div. Thesis in Theology

Students who have completed 60 hours of seminary studies with a grade point average of 3.25 or higher may write a thesis dealing with a topic of systematic or historical theology. All seminary policies and deadlines for thesis projects must be strictly observed. Prerequisites: NT 604, and TH 706.

Four hours.

TH 743 • Readings in Biblical Cosmology

Substantial reading in the literature on origins and dual revelation are discussed and critiqued in the light of the Scriptural teaching on Creation and the Flood and biblical chronology. The influence of prevailing scientific hypotheses on exegetical and theological conclusions and the question of intelligent design are also given consideration. Recent Creationism, or Young Earth Creationism, is affirmed and defended against alternative proposals such as Theistic Evolution, Progressive Creationism, Pre-Creation Chaos, and Ruin-Reconstructionism. Preferred prerequisites: OT 603 and TH 605

Two hours.

TH 757 • Biblical Theology of Emotion

Human beings are emotional beings who are accountable to God for their feelings as well as their thoughts and actions. Furthermore, God is presented in Scripture as having emotions, and believers are called to imitate God. This class seeks a biblical theology of emotion from God's relationships with people in the OT, through the emotional life of the Son of God incarnate, to the related commands of the NT epistolary literature. Prerequisite: OT 504

Two hours.

TH 762 • Apologetic Methodology

A study of the major historical and contemporary methodologies for defending the truths of Christianity and for positive presentation of Christian evidences. Emphasizes the exegetical and theological superiority of an acknowledged presuppositionalist approach. Prerequisite: TH 701

Two hours.

TH 776 • Rapture Systems

An analysis from a pretribulational viewpoint of other rapture systems and their interpretation of key eschatological passages in Scripture. Prerequisite: TH 706.

Two hours.

TH 778 • Theology of Missions

A study of the biblical teaching and principles defining and undergirding the reality of missions, as well as consideration of the missionary practices which arise therefrom. Includes an examination and critique of those issues affecting missions today, namely religious pluralism and ethnotheology, contextualization and indigenization, and power-encounters and spiritual warfare (see MI 778). Prerequisite: TH 606.

Two hours.

TH 795 • Fundamentals of Theological Method

The purpose of this course is to demonstrate the philosophical and theological underpinnings of the methodology of systematic theology, in contrast to evangelical postmodernistic methodology. Prerequisite: TH 605.

Two hours.

TH 799 • Research in Theology

A limited number of credit hours may be earned by satisfactory completion of guided independent research. The special problem or area of investigation must relate closely to the course title, must be precisely stated in written form and must be pursued under faculty supervision and with the approval of the Vice President for Academic Administration. A fully documented research paper and a reading report are required. Because instruction and interaction within a classroom setting are significant elements of seminary coursework, research courses are permitted only when a particular course that is needed for graduation or for additional expertise is not offered, or when a faculty member recommends such a course as an aid both to himself and to the student. Information regarding requirements, procedures, and grading is available from the Administration office. Prerequisite: BI 505, NT 604, TH 606, and two years of seminary study (60 hours) with at least one year at The Master's Seminary (30 hours). Number of hours (not to exceed four) to be determined, prior to registration, by the faculty member involved.

On demand, one to four hours.

TH 808 • Seminar in Ethics

A study of the various systems of ethics, plus student papers analyzing current ethical problems such as biomedical ethics, abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment, homosexuality, civil disobedience, divorce and remarriage.

Two hours.

TH 811 • Seminar in Christology

An in-depth study of selected topics relating to Christology, with student papers concentrating on exegesis of key passages and on research relating to important historical debates. Prerequisite: TH 606.

Two hours.

TH 813 • Seminar in Bibliology

Selected issues concerning revelation, inspiration, canonicity, and illumination are researched, presented, and evaluated. Prerequisite: TH 605.

Two hours.

TH 816 • Seminar in Theology Proper

An in-depth study of selected topics relating to theology proper, with student papers concentrating on exegesis of key passages and on research relating to important historical debates. Prerequisite: TH 605.

Two hours.

TH 819 • Seminar in Pneumatology

A study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in both testaments, with special emphasis on His ministries in the present age. Prerequisite: TH 606.

Two hours.

TH 823 • Seminar in Anthropology and Hamartiology

A careful review of the biblical teachings about man and sin, with analysis of historical and current issues. Prerequisite: TH 705.

Two hours.

TH 824 • Seminar in Soteriology

An advanced study of the doctrine of salvation, focusing on the cross-work of Christ and the divine plan of salvation. Various viewpoints are critically analyzed. Prerequisite: TH 705.

Two hours.

TH 828 • Seminar in Dispensational Theology

A study of contemporary issues in dispensational interpretations of Scripture, and critical interaction with other systems of theology. Prerequisite: TH 706.

Two hours.

TH 836 • Seminar in Sanctification

A careful study of key issues involved in God's work of progressive sanctification in the life of the believer. Prerequisite: TH 705.

Two hours.

TH 838 • Th.M. Thesis in Theology

Four hours.

TH 888 • Seminar in Eschatology

An advanced study of eschatology, including student papers on kingdom of God, heaven, hell, the rapture, tribulation, the millennial reign of Christ, the resurrections, the eschatological judgements, and the eternal state. Prerequisite: TH 706.

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Historical Theology**TH 507, 508 • Historical Theology I and II**

A survey study designed to give the student a sense of perspective and appreciation of the church since the time of Christ. Primary attention is devoted to the major events, individuals, and issues which have played significant roles in the history of the church. The courses are constructed around three major periods: (1) Pre-reformation, A.D. 33–1500; (2) The Reformation period, A.D. 1500–1648; and (3) The Modern Age, A.D. 1648 to the present. Gnosticism, Arianism, Nestorianism, Church Councils, Anabaptism, Catholicism, the Reformation, the Puritans, and the Great Awakening, are examples of the subjects discussed. The last period is devoted to a survey of American Christianity.

Three hours each.

TH 682 • Roman Catholic Theology

A study of the tenets and representative literature of Roman Catholicism. Special attention is given to its distinctiveness compared with Protestant theology. Prerequisite: TH 507, TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 655 • Contemporary Cults

An examination of the historical roots, origin, development, doctrines, leading personalities, and practices of the major religious cults in America. Also suggests approaches for presenting the historic Christian faith to the members of various cults.

Two hours.

TH 715 • Anabaptist Theology

A study of the origin, development, and distinctive theological perspectives of the Anabaptist movement, with special attention given to a comparison of its theology with Reformed theology. Prerequisite: TH 507, TH 508

Two hours.

TH 786 • Charismatic Theology

The major tenets of the contemporary charismatic movement are examined and critiqued in the light of Scriptural teaching on spiritual gifts, signs and wonders, revelation, tongues, prophecy, and healings, health and wealth, *inter alia*. Apostolic period and praxis is also given consideration as well as the importance and superiority of doctrine over experience and mysticism. Includes an overview of the historical background and development of the charismatic movement. Substantial readings make the student aware of the literature available on this important subject. Students are required to draw up position statements on selected issues.

Two hours.

TH 787 • History of Fundamentalism

A study of the fundamentalist movement from 1875 up through the present. Focus will be on an analysis of its historical roots, theology, leaders, battles, and impact. Prerequisite: TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 788 • Contemporary Evangelicalism

An historical and theological analysis of the Evangelical movement as it distinguished itself from fundamentalism beginning in the 1940's. Prerequisite: TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 803 • Arminian Theology

A study of Arminian theologians and their theology, noting their influence on contemporary theology. Prerequisites: TH 507, TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 804 • History and Theology of Pietism

An analysis of the European and American pietist movement, with special emphasis on its impact on contemporary theology. Prerequisites: TH 507 and TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 815 • Puritan Theology

A study of the theological system emerging from the English Puritan tradition with emphasis given to the unique contributions made by the Puritans, and a biblical evaluation of their thought. Prerequisite: TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 859 • Contemporary Theology

A survey of the significant theological developments and positions which have achieved prominence during the 19th and 20th centuries. Emphasizes the contribution of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment to the development of modern religious liberalism, as well as an analysis of specific schools and representative theologians: Classic Modernism, Neo-Orthodoxy, Lundensianism, Neo-Liberalism, Existentialism, and the radical theologies of the last three decades. Prerequisite: TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 860 • Theological Systems

A comparative study of the various systems of theology by evaluating leading representative theologians. Student reports are included. Prerequisite: TH 706.

Two hours.

TH 863 • Seminar in Liberation Theology

A study of the history of Liberation Theology, with an analysis and critique of its theological system.

Two hours.

TH 866 • Seminar in Christian Classics

Reading and discussion of selected classics from church history with an emphasis on the classics of spirituality. Prerequisites: TH 507 and TH 508.

Two hours.

TH 869 • Seminar in Reformation Theology

A study of the major theologians of the Reformation and their theology, with special attention given to a comparison of its theology with Anabaptist theology. Prerequisite: TH 507, TH 508.

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