

Certificate of Theological Studies

A Certificate of Theological Studies is offered by Brite Divinity School to persons who do not project the completion of a degree program, but engage in a twenty-one semester hour program of graduate theological studies in order to enhance the quality of their lay leadership within the church and broaden their perspectives on contemporary faith and life.

Applicants must possess a B.A. degree or its equivalent. Admissions standards are the same as for the Master of Theological Studies degree program.

Curriculum

The curriculum for the Certificate program requires the following elements from the curriculum of the Master of Theological Studies degree:

- I. **Distributive requirements** - six semester hours (one course from any two of the following areas):
 - A. **Biblical Studies**—HEBI 60003 Interpreting the Hebrew Bible and Apocryphal/Deuterocanonical Books, NETE 60003 Interpreting the New Testament
 - B. **Historical Studies**—CHHI 60013 History of Christianity I, Early and Medieval, CHHI 60023 History of Christianity II, Reformation and Modern, CHHI 70013 History of Christianity in America
 - C. **Theological/Ethical Studies**—CHTH 60003 Introduction to Christian Theology I, CHET 60013 Introduction to Contemporary Theological Ethics, or CHET 65013 History of Christian Ethics
 - D. **Cultural/Global Context**—CHHI 70023 The Church in the Midst of Pluralism, CHHI 70533 The Black Religious Experience in America, CHTH 70013 Postcolonial Theologies, JWST 60003 Introduction to Judaism, RECU 60013 Religious Plurality: Theologies and Geopolitics of Religion, RECU 60023 Christian Theology of Religions, RECU 60033 Religious Fundamentalism, RECU 60043 Interreligious Dialogue, RECU 60063 World Religions and Gender, RECU 65053 African-American Experiences and Perspectives in Social Ethics, or RECU 70053 Studies in World Christianity
- II. **Electives** - fifteen semester hours selected in consultation with the advisor in relation to the educational goals of the individual student.