

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The M.Div. degree (81 hours) educates informed leaders who are prepared to engage in effective, critically imaginative ministry in a variety of contemporary contexts. This comprehensive theological and ministerial degree is the primary course of study for those seeking ordination in most traditions.

Basic Theological Studies (57 hours)

- Biblical Studies (9 hours)
- Historical Studies (6 hours)
- Theological/Ethical Studies (12 hours)
- Practical Theology (24 hours)
 - Homiletics
 - Pastoral Care
 - Religious Education
 - Spiritual Life & Leadership
 - Supervised Ministry
- Contextualization (6 hours)
 - Religious Pluralism/Diversity
 - Public Theology

Denominational Requirements for Ordination (0 to 18 hours)

Brite has a rich history of providing graduate theological education in an ecumenical context and offers required coursework for ordination in a variety of denominational settings, including: Baptist, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal, Metropolitan Community Church, Presbyterian, Unitarian Universalist, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, and more.

Electives* (4 to 24 hours)

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

The M.A.T.M. degree (48 hours) couples rich theological inquiry with formative practices to prepare leaders for lay ministry, diaconal, and, in some traditions, ordained ministry, or for service in bi-occupational settings such as teaching, business, social work, NGOs, and non-profit organizations.

Distributive Requirements (27 hours)

- Religious Heritage (12 hours)
- Cultural/Global Context (6 hours)
- Personal and Spiritual Formation (9 hours)
 - Supervised Ministry

Specialization (9 hours)

Track 1: Congregational Ministry: Any combination of three courses chosen from among Practical Theology, Worship, Religious Education, Pastoral Theology & Pastoral Care, Spirituality, and Homiletics.

Track 2: Social Transformation: Any combination of three courses in Cultural/Global Context, religion and culture, social ethics, or leadership.

Electives* (12 hours)

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The M.T.S. degree (49 hours) provides for critical and constructive reflection informed by the study of a range of theological disciplines. This degree may serve as a foundation for advanced theological studies or as a vehicle for the enhancement of one's own faith and understanding.

Distributive Requirements (24 hours)

- Biblical Studies (6 hours)
- Historical Studies (6 hours)
- Theological/Ethical Studies (6 hours)
- Cultural/Global Context (6 hours)

Colloquium/Final Exercise (4 hours)

Electives* (21 hours)

*ELECTIVE OPTIONS FOR ALL DEGREES

Recent courses include:

- Christianity in Asian-American Communities
- Cosmopolitan Theology
- Cultural Hermeneutics
- Faith & Film
- Feminism & Theology
- Immigration & Hospitality
- Interpretation Theory
- Interreligious Dialogue
- Life with the Triune God
- Ministry in the LGBTQ Community
- Modern Christian Political Thoughts
- Postcolonial Theologies
- Preaching the Parables
- Religion & Violence
- Rewriting the Bible in Second Temple Times
- Sexuality, Race & Class
- Spirituality & Law in Early Judaism
- Teaching the Bible
- The Preaching Imagination
- Theologies of Women of Color

A maximum of six hours of elective coursework may be taken at the Graduate level at Texas Christian University.

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CERTIFICATES

Brite Divinity School offers six distinctive certificates available within the structure of its masters programs.

Biblical Studies

- Interpreting Hebrew Bible or Interpreting New Testament
- Six hours of advanced coursework in Hebrew Bible, Jewish Studies, and/or New Testament
- Six hours of advanced coursework in Biblical Language: Hebrew I & II, or Greek I & II

Black Church Studies

- Introduction to Black Church Traditions & Cultures
- Four three-hour courses in Black Church Studies chosen with reference to vocational goals and in consultation with the Black Church Studies director

History, Theology, and Ethics

- Six hours of coursework taken to meet Basic Theological Studies requirements History, Theology, and/or Ethics
- Nine hours of coursework in History, Theology, and/or Ethics that have not been applied to Basic Theological Studies requirements

Military Chaplaincy

- The Ministry of Pastoral Care
- Three hours of coursework in Military Chaplaincy
- Nine hours of additional coursework in Pastoral Care or courses related to war and peace

Pastoral Care

- The Ministry of Pastoral Care
- Short-Term Pastoral Counseling or Pastoral Conversation & Collaboration
- Two additional Pastoral Theology & Pastoral Care courses to be chosen with reference to vocational goals and in consultation with the student's advisor
- Hospital-based Clinical Pastoral Education

Sexual and Gender Justice

- Three hours of coursework in Sexual & Gender Justice
- Twelve additional hours of coursework in any discipline with a primary focus on sexual and/or gender justice

COLLABORATIVE DEGREES

Brite Divinity School and Texas Christian University offer students the opportunity to earn masters degrees from each institution. These unique programs allow students to integrate advanced learning across professional fields and to prepare to serve in a wide variety of ministerial settings and non-profit organizations. Candidates for collaborative degrees must be admitted to Brite Divinity School and the respective college at Texas Christian University.

Brite Divinity School in collaboration with the Neeley School of Business:

- M.Div./M.B.A. (69 Brite / 33 Neeley)
- M.A.T.M./M.B.A. (39 Brite / 33 Neeley)
- M.T.S./M.B.A. (40 Brite / 33 Neeley)

Students in Neeley's M.B.A. program will transfer 15-21 hours from coursework completed at Brite toward their electives.

Brite Divinity School in collaboration with the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Department of Social Work:

- M.Div./M.S.W. (66 Brite / 45 Harris)
- M.A.T.M./M.S.W. (33 Brite / 45 Harris)
- M.T.S./M.S.W. (34 Brite / 49 Harris)

Students will transfer 9-15 credit hours between the two institutions to satisfy elective requirements.



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