



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

Program Plan Graduate Certificate in Theology

The Graduate Certificate in Theology provides a graduate-level study of the bible, bible interpretation, and Lutheran ministry. It is useful for Lutheran teachers and staff ministers who wish to deepen their understanding of theology and for provisionally called Lutheran teachers who meet the qualifications for this certificate as a pathway to WELS teaching ministry certification.

| Course No. | Title | Credits | | Date Taken |
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| THE5001 | Old Testament Theology | 3 | Required Courses | |
| THE5002 | New Testament Theology | 3 | | |
| THE5003 | Biblical Hermeneutics | 3 | | |
| THE5004 | History of Christianity | 3 | | |
| THE5005 | Systematic Theology | 3 | | |
| THE5006 | Foundations of Ministry | 3 | | |
| Theology Certificate | | 18 | | |
| Certificate completers wishing to earn the Master of Arts in Theological Studies complete an additional 18 credits from the following program electives and capstone options. | | | | |
| MATS Elective Courses | | | | |
| THE5101 | Genesis | 3 | Program Elective Courses | |
| THE5105 | Christ in the Old Testament | 3 | | |
| THE5201 | Christian Apologetics | 3 | | |
| THE5207 | Views of the Afterlife | 3 | | |
| THE5303 | Lutheranism in America | 3 | | |
| THE5401 | Adult Christian Education | 3 | | |
| THE5403 | Maximum Impact with Short-Term Mission Trips | 3 | | |
| THE5404 | Ministering to Families in Crisis | 3 | | |
| General Education Elective Courses (any EDT, EDU, or SPE 5000-level course – maximum 6 credits) | | | | |
| | | | General Elective Courses | |
| Capstone Options | | | | |
| THE6100 | Comprehensive Examination | 0 | | |
| THE6200 | Field Project | 3 | | |
| THE6500 | Thesis | 6 | | |

Graduate Theology Admission Requirements

- Undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university
- GPA of 3.00
- Previous undergraduate theology requirements
 - MLC’s 18-credit Ministry Certification courses
 - Satisfactory completion of theology graduation requirements from WLC or BLC
 - Satisfactory completion of theology requirements from another Lutheran college with MATS faculty approval.