

MINISTRYSAFE

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MINISTRY EMPHASES

Each student in the Master of Theology program must select a Ministry Emphasis from the following list prior to beginning their *INT105 ThM Ministry Formation Internship*. In addition to the 96-hour core curriculum (which includes a 3-hour internship that involves the production of a portfolio), students will customize the remaining 24 elective hours with respect to their ministry goals and areas of interest. Regardless of their Ministry Emphasis, students will take at least 9 of their 24 credit hours in the Ministries and Communication division. A faculty coordinator for each emphasis is available to meet with students. The requirements for each emphasis will vary based on student backgrounds and interests, but each department may require certain courses and hours for the emphases supervised by that department. Academic advising for all Ministry Emphases begins with the Student Advising Center. Students may request an emphasis through CampusNet.

- Adult Education
- Apologetics
- Bible Backgrounds
- Bible Translation*
- Biblical Theology
- Children's Education
- Educational Administration
- Educational Leadership
- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Exposition of Biblical Books
- Family Life Education
- General Studies
- Hebrew and Cognate Studies
- Hermeneutics
- Historical Theology
- Homiletics
- Intercultural Ministries
- Jesus Studies
- Leadership Studies
- Media Arts

- Ministry with Women
- New Testament Studies
- New Testament Textual Criticism
- Old Testament Studies
- Parachurch Ministries
- Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Pastoral Theology and Practice
- Philosophy
- Spiritual Formation
- Systematic Theology
- Teaching in Christian Institutions
- Urban Ministries
- Worship Studies
- Youth Education

* Due to the specialized nature of this ministry, the program layout is unique and completed in conjunction with GIAL.

Additional Ministry Emphases may be approved subsequent to the publishing of this catalog. For a complete listing of current Ministry Emphases, go to www.dts.edu/thm/#emphases. See the departmental Course Descriptions sections later in this catalog for additional Ministry Emphasis information.

ADULT EDUCATION

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for ministry with adults in a local church or parachurch context. Courses focus on foundational adult learning theory and practice, the ability to create and lead transformational ministries to adults, and understanding generational, gender, and cultural differences that affect learning.

Requirements:

EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education

EML425 Church Ministries with Adults

EML103 Teaching Process*
and

EML104 Media Presentations*
or

EML 450 Women Teaching Women

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104

Select 6 hours from the following:

EML205 Small-group Process in Ministry

EML435 Effective Ministry with Women

EML 438 Effective Ministry with Men

EML445 Young Adult Ministry

EML615 The Role of the Associate in Ministry

EML705 Principles of Discipleship

EML710 Practice of Discipleship

Other classes as approved by EML Department

APOLOGETICS

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by focusing on acquiring the knowledge and skills necessary for defending Christianity against its various opponents. In so doing, it equips students to respond effectively to intellectual challenges to their faith in a variety of ministerial settings. Courses in this emphasis will be selected in consultation with the department of theological studies.

Requirements:

A minimum of nine hours in Apologetics, to be crafted in consultation with the Department of Theological Studies.

BIBLE BACKGROUNDS

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by concentrating on the geographical, cultural, and archaeological background to the Scriptures and the contribution such make to a proper understanding and application of the Bible.

Requirements:

9 hours from the following:

- BE305 Physical and Historical Geography of Israel
- BE310 Bible Chronology
- BE315 Bible Manners and Customs
- BE909 Field Study of the Bible
- NT410 Daily Life in the First-Century City
- OT605 Old Testament Backgrounds
- OT610 History of Israel
- OT615 Israelite Religion in Its Ancient Near Eastern Context
- OT620 Introduction to Biblical Archaeology
- OT625 Field Work in Biblical Archaeology

BIBLE TRANSLATION

This 18-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for the task of Bible translation. Most courses in this emphasis are offered by the Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics (GIAL). GIAL is located at the International Linguistic Center in south Dallas and is associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Because of the unique nature of the Bible translation ministry and the needs of translators on the field, 18 semester hours of courses are required to complete the Bible Translation emphasis.

- AL 5207 Field Data Management
- AL 5312 Discourse Analysis
- AL 5315 Semantics and Pragmatics
- AL 5316 Theory and Practice of Translation
- AL 5406 Field Methods and Linguistic Analysis

Select one of the following:

- WM205 Cultural Dynamics in Ministry
- WM540 Applied Biblical Contextualization (taken for 3 credit hours).
- GIAL elective in cultural anthropology

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by focusing on the development of a biblical theology. Biblical theology is that exegetical and synthetic study of a biblical text, texts, or section of the Bible that seeks to determine the theological meaning of that portion as it was written and then to explain what that theology means for today.

Requirements:

- BE505 The Kingdom and Covenants
- BE545 Introduction to Biblical Theology

Select 3 hours from the following:

- BE412 Job and a Theology of Suffering
- BE503 The Psalms and the Worship of God
- BE542 The Lord's Supper
- BE555 Messianic Prophecy
- OT705 Introduction to Old Testament Biblical Theology

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for ministry with children in a local church or parachurch organization. Elements of foundational education training are combined with courses related to the student's ability to organize and supervise local church or parachurch ministries to children, including the recruitment and retention of adult staff.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML405 Early Faith Foundations
- EML410 Children's Ministry in the Church

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104

Select 3 hours from the following:

- EML412 Ministry to Children at Risk
- EML420 Outdoor Ministry
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML515 Family Life Education
- EML615 The Role of the Associate in Ministry
- Other classes as approved by EML Department

COLLEGE TEACHING

This 15-hour emphasis seeks to develop skill in the teaching role of educators at the K-12 and higher-education levels. This will be accomplished with selective, but advanced exploration of learning theory, designing course syllabi and other materials, and investigating several prominent Christian school models. Skills will be further developed and honed through modular courses that build on previous study with a view to simulated practice and laboratory exploration.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML215 Teaching in Christian Higher Education
- EML310 Administration in Christian Higher Education
or
- EML320 Christian School Administration

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104

Select 3 hours from the following:

- EML210 Designing Biblical Instruction
- EML230 Theological Education in Intercultural Contexts
- EML375 Evaluating Ministry Effectiveness
- EML445 Young Adult Ministry
- Other classes as approved by EML Department

EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for ministry in schools or other educational institutions. Elements of foundational education training are combined with courses related to the student's ability to equip students for leadership in an educational institution at the elementary, secondary, or higher level.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML310 Administration in Higher Christian Education
or
- EML320 Christian School Administration
- EML3** Leadership and Administration Elective
- EML4** Age-group Ministries Elective

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104



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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for educational leadership in a local church or parachurch organization, and includes training both in foundational education and courses related to the student's ability to design, direct, supervise, and evaluate the overall educational process of a local church or other ministry. This emphasis is not designed for those whose primary ministry will be preaching or pastoral leadership.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML3** Leadership and Administration Elective
- EML4** Age-group Ministries Elective
- An additional class as approved by EML Department

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

This 12-hour emphasis is designed to equip students to do the work of evangelism and to develop disciples. It combines advanced courses taught in Bible Exposition, Theological Studies, Pastoral Ministries, Christian Education, and World Missions and Intercultural Studies departments.

Requirements:

Select 12 hours from the following:

- BE540 Discipleship in the Gospels
- EML435 Effective Ministry with Women
- EML450 Women Teaching Women
- EML705 Principles of Discipleship
- EML710 Practice of Discipleship

- PM251 Evangelistic Preaching
- PM405 Seminar in Evangelistic Issues and Strategies
- PM410 Lifestyle Evangelism and Apologetics
- ST215 Issues in Soteriology and Sanctification
- WM210 Intercultural Communication
- WM3** Intercultural Ministry Context Courses
- WM525 Spiritual Warfare
- WM530 Cross-cultural Apologetics and Worldview Evangelism

EXPOSITION OF BIBLICAL BOOKS

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by concentrating on developing expositional skills (understanding and application) by studying specific biblical books.

Requirements:

9 hours from the following:

- BE405 Exposition of Genesis
- BE408 The Books of Samuel
- BE410 The Wisdom Books
- BE412 Job and a Theology of Suffering
- BE415 The Book of Isaiah
- BE425 The Minor Prophets
- BE430 The Sermon on the Mount
- BE445 The Gospel of John
- BE446 The Upper Room Discourse
- BE450 The Book of Hebrews
- BE455 Daniel and Revelation

Students should choose courses representing both OT & NT, and various genres.

FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for ministry with families in a local church or parachurch organization. Elements of foundational education training are combined with courses related to the student's ability to develop and direct a church program of family life education, including family classes, counseling, and discipling relationships.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML515 Family Life Education

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104

Select 6 hours from the following:

- EML325 Legal and Financial Issues in Ministry
- EML4** course
- EML505 The Christian Home
- EML615 The Role of the Associate in Ministry

GENERAL STUDIES

This emphasis is designed to provide a more generalized ministry preparation course of study for students whose ministry goals are less settled, who want to incorporate elements from multiple courses in various departments, or whose specialized ministry goals are not addressed by other ministry emphases. *Courses and the internship in this emphasis will be selected in consultation with the faculty advisor* based on the student's unique ministry experience and goals. Students considering this emphasis are strongly encouraged to consult with the faculty advisor before taking electives.

HEBREW AND COGNATE STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis broadens skills necessary for advanced work in Hebrew exegesis through introduction to cognate Semitic languages, further development of Hebrew reading ability, and an emphasis on research methods.

Requirements:

- OT310 Hebrew Reading

Select 6 hours from any OT300-level Philological Studies courses.

HERMENEUTICS

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by helping students to advance in their understanding and practice of a proper approach to the application of Scripture.

- BE220 Advanced Hermeneutics

Select 6 hours from the following:

- BE205 The Analytical Method of Bible Study
- BE210 Advanced Bible Study Methods
- BE215 Literary Genre in the Scriptures
- BE225 Interpreting Progressive Revelation
- OT720 The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by focusing on the development of the Christian faith through historical study of its classic sources. This study equips the student to communicate faithfully the teachings of Scripture in continuity with historic orthodoxy in various ministerial settings.

Requirements:

A minimum of 9 hours in Historical Theology, to be crafted in consultation with the Department of Theological Studies.

HOMILETICS

This emphasis, designed to prepare students for pastoral ministry that is centered on biblical exposition, helps students develop their personal preaching styles across multiple biblical genres. Courses in this emphasis will be selected in consultation with the Department of Pastoral Ministries.

Requirements:

- PM202 Advanced Expository Preaching
- PM2** Homiletics Elective

Select 3 hours from the following:

- PM360 Preparation for Ordination
- MW802 Dramatizing Scripture
- PM2** Additional Homiletics Elective

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES

This 13-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for evangelistic, church planting, discipleship, and educational ministries in intercultural situations in North America and abroad. It provides training in cultural adaptation, effective mission strategies, religious and cultural contexts, and leadership development. Students may consult with WMIS department professors to construct the most appropriate courses for the ministry context they anticipate.

Requirements:

- WM205 Cultural Dynamics in Ministry
- WM210 Intercultural Communication
- WM215 Dynamics of Missionary Development

Select 4 hours from any WM305–615 courses.

The WMIS department recommends that students complete one course from each of these four elective categories: Context (WM300-level), Strategic Approaches (WM400-level), Biblical and Theological Studies (WM500-level), and TESOL (WM600-level). However, students also may freely elect from any of these categories.

JESUS STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to prepare students for a variety of academic, college campus, and apologetic ministries through additional studies in the biblical, theological, and historical subject of Jesus Christ.

Requirements:

6 hours from the following:

- NT305 Exegesis of Gospel Narrative
- NT405 New Testament Study and the Life of Christ
- NT407 Historical Jesus

Select 3 hours from the following:

- NT310 The Gospel of Matthew
- NT315 The Gospel of Mark
- NT320 The Gospel of Luke
- NT325 The Gospel of John
- NT408 Jesus and the Media
- NT410 Daily Life in the First-Century City
- BE510 The Life of Christ on Earth
- ST415 Theology and World Religions
or
- WM535 Theology and World Religions
- HT217 The Apostolic Fathers
- PM232 Preaching the Gospels

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance the student's ability to provide organizational leadership in a variety of ministry settings by offering additional training in areas such as leadership dynamics, change and resistance in leadership, personal and organizational leadership development, and team leadership.

Requirements: A minimum of 9 hours in Leadership, to be selected in consultation with the Department of Educational Ministries and Leadership.

MEDIA ARTS

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to equip students to serve the body of Christ in media-arts vocations such as artists, writers, musicians, directors, and producers, in the context of biblically oriented congregational and parachurch ministries. Students with an emphasis in the Department of Media Arts and Worship must complete MW102 Media Arts Apprenticeship in place of the ThM Ministry Formation Internship. Consult the Media Arts and Worship department for assistance selecting courses and to clarify the apprenticeship requirements.

Requirements:

- MW103 A Christian View of Art

Select 6 hours from any Media Arts and Worship electives (MW101-905).

MINISTRY WITH WOMEN

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip women to understand women as an audience and learners and how to teach, lead, mentor, shepherd, and care for women in a variety of contexts. The Ministry with Women emphasis falls under the oversight of the Department of Educational Ministries and Leadership.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*
- EML435 Effective Ministry with Women
- PM351 The Role of Women in Ministry

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104.

Select 3 hours from the following:

- EML425 Church Ministries with Adults
 - EML450 Women Teaching Women
 - EML615 The Role of the Associate in Ministry
- Other classes as approved by EML department.

NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to prepare students for a variety of church, parachurch, or academic ministries through additional studies in exegesis and other New Testament disciplines, such as textual criticism, lexical and literary analysis, use of interpretive tools, exegetical problem-solving, New Testament introduction, grammar, and syntax.

Requirements:

Select 6 hours from the following:

- NT205 Advanced Greek Grammar
- NT305 Exegesis of Gospel Narrative
- NT335 The Epistle of 1 Corinthians

Select 3 hours from any remaining New Testament electives.

NEW TESTAMENT TEXTUAL CRITICISM

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to prepare students for a variety of academic, college campus, church, or apologetic ministries through additional studies in New Testament textual criticism and related sub-disciplines.

Requirements:

- NT215 New Testament Textual Criticism

In addition, the student must select 6 hours in consultation with the Department of New Testament Studies. Because of the unique nature of this emphasis, students may fulfill elective requirements by independent study on various topics related to textual criticism. Consult the Department of New Testament Studies for more information.

OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by refining skills for Bible interpretation and exposition. It focuses on interpreting the Hebrew text, use of the Old Testament in the New Testament, theological and spiritual formation, and engaging contemporary culture.

Requirements:

Select 3 hours from any OT400-level courses (OT405–460) or OT720.

Select 6 hours from any remaining Old Testament electives (OT205–905).

PARACHURCH MINISTRIES

This 15-hour emphasis, developed jointly by the departments of Educational Ministries and Leadership and World Missions and Intercultural Studies, is designed to facilitate ministry training for those currently engaged in or anticipating serving in either the United States or overseas.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
- EML103 Teaching Process*
- EML104 Media Presentations*

*Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104.

An additional 9 hours as approved by EML department

PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for effective Christian counseling in a nonprofessional environment. Individuals interested in exploring nuances of pastoral counseling, pastoral care, and marriage and family ministry will be served well by this area of emphasis.

Requirements:

A minimum of 9 hours in Biblical Counseling Electives selected in consultation with the Department of Biblical Counseling.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE

This emphasis, designed to equip students for the multiple challenges of pastoral ministry in the local church, provides students with pastoral theology and a broad exposure to diverse pastoral skills. Courses in this emphasis will be selected in consultation with the Department of Pastoral Ministries.

Requirements:

- PM301 Pastoral Theology and Leadership I
PM302 Worship and Pastoral Care

Choice of 6 credit hours from:

- General Pastoral Ministry—Homiletics elective, PM360 (for 3 hours), or EML330
- Church Planting—PM341, PM342, Church Planting Boot Camp (PM905)
- Rural/Small Town Pastoral Ministry—Town and Country Training Courses (PM905)
- Spiritual Formation—PM510, PM520

PHILOSOPHY

This 9-hour emphasis focuses on developing and articulating a distinctively Christian philosophy. In so doing, it equips students to engage constructively the broader philosophical milieu in which they find themselves and to use philosophical reflection to serve Christ and His church.

Requirements: A minimum of 9 hours in Philosophy, to be selected in consultation with the Department of Theological Studies.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance the student's ability to guide others in spiritual formation in a variety of ministry settings by offering additional training in areas such as spiritual formation in historical perspective, spiritual formation in contemporary culture, and the practice of the spiritual disciplines.

Requirements:

- EML730 Spiritual Formation in Historical Perspective

Plus six hours from

- EML705 Principles of Discipleship
EML710 Practice of Discipleship
EML740 Spiritual Formation in Contemporary Culture
EML750 Spiritual Disciplines
EML760 Readings in Christian Spirituality



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SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

This 9-hour emphasis is designed to enhance ministry by focusing on articulating the evangelical Christian faith through systematic study of its sources. This study equips the student to constructively engage the issues and implications of theology in various ministerial settings.

Requirements:

- ST295 Systematic Theology Colloquium
ST620 History of Philosophy

In addition, the student must select 3 hours in consultation with the Department of Theological Studies.

URBAN MINISTRIES

This 9-hour emphasis deals with particular issues arising from urban, culturally diverse ministry. It provides an opportunity for students to focus either on a single ethnic community or multi-ethnic, socioeconomically diverse context.

Requirements:

Choose one of the following:

- PM540 Developing and Leading the Culturally Diverse Church
WM325 Ministry in Multicultural America

Select 6-7 hours from the following:

- ST515 Theology of Ethnic Concerns
BC235 Social and Cultural Foundations
WM425 Intercultural Church Planting
WM440 Foundations of Christian Community Development
WM445 Business as Mission
WM450 Local Church and Social Outreach Ministry

WORSHIP STUDIES

This 9-hour emphasis, as a joint project between Pastoral Ministries and Media Arts and Worship, seeks to prepare students to design and lead theologically sound worship experiences in the local church.

Requirements:

- PM302 Worship and Pastoral Care
- MW103 A Christian View of Art

Select 3 hours from the following:

- MW701 Hymnology
- MW702 Praise and Worship Music
- MW703 Seminar in Worship Arts

YOUTH EDUCATION

This 15-hour emphasis is designed to equip students for ministry with youth in a local church or parachurch organization. Elements of foundational education training are combined with courses related to the student's abilities in order to better equip the student to organize and supervise an effective program of ministry for adolescents and their families.

Requirements:

- EML102 History and Philosophy of Christian Education
 - EML103 Teaching Process*
 - EML104 Media Presentations*
 - EML415 Church Ministries with Youth
 - EML430 Programming for Youth Ministries
 - EML615 The Role of the Associate in Ministry
- *Students may substitute EML105 for EML103 & EML104.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

Of the 120 semester hours of coursework required for graduation, a minimum of 48 must be taken in residence at the Dallas, Houston, or Washington DC campus. **All work leading to the degree must normally be completed within eight years from the time a student matriculates.** Extension beyond the eight years requires approval by the Credits Committee. Reinstatement to the program after withdrawal requires Admissions Committee action and may subject the student to additional requirements for the degree.

ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY

Students may be admitted to candidacy by action of the faculty for the Master of Theology degree in the fall or spring semester prior to the semester/term of degree conferral or the semester prior to their participation in the Commencement ceremony after these requirements have been met: (1) a minimum grade point average of 2.0; (2) satisfactory progress toward meeting ThM Internship requirements, thereby evidencing ability and acceptability in Christian ministry; (3) evidence, to the satisfaction of the faculty, of proven Christian character and adherence to the following doctrines: the authority and inerrancy of Scripture, the Trinity, the full deity and humanity of Christ, the spiritual lostness of the human race, the substitutionary atonement and bodily resurrection of Christ, salvation by faith alone in Christ alone, and the physical return of Christ; (4) provision of a written statement of church involvement from the local church regularly attended while in seminary; and (5) provision of a reference form completed by a pastor or spiritual overseer.

Admission to candidacy is valid for one year. Students who postpone degree conferral beyond one year from original admission to candidacy or who postpone participation in the Commencement ceremony until the following spring will be required to reapply for admission to candidacy.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Candidates for the Master of Theology degree must have completed 120 semester hours of coursework, including ThM Internship credits, with a grade point average of at least 2.0, and must evidence, to the satisfaction of the faculty, ability and acceptability in Christian ministry, proven Christian character, and adherence to the doctrines stated in the Admission to Candidacy section.

Diplomas (or certificates) will not be released, transcripts issued, or placement assistance provided unless all financial obligations to the seminary and/or student loan program are current.