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Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Concentration: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

**Master of Theological Studies**

***Concentration Plan of Study***

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS ENTERING IN THE 2022-2023 YEAR

48 semester hours

**Required Common Courses (9 hours)**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 5000 Foundations of Theological Education [3] *First year-second semester*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6500 Hebrew Bible [3] *First year-first semester*

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6600 New Testament [3] *First year-second semester*

**Concentration (12 hours)**

Concentrations are comprised of 12 credit hours including a praxis course or experience to be determined in consultation with the concentration steering committee.

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*Praxis fulfilled by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

(may be an approved related placement in a 3-hour field education course or a 3-hour designated praxis course in the concentration. Directed studies may count for the praxis only if pre-approved by the Concentration Convener.)

\_\_\_ **Project 360 Statement** submitted. *By August 1 (or post-24 hours of coursework)*.

By the beginning of their second year, M.T.S. students are required to provide to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, their advisor, and the Director of Vocational Planning and Stewardship a statement about the focus of their studies as it relates to their vocation.

**Electives (24 hours):**

Student will select the remaining 24 credit hours based on their interests and in discussion with their advisor. [9 credit hours of graduate level courses (5000+) may be taken outside the Divinity School. Cross-listed course do not count against these outside hours.]

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**MTS Project/Thesis (3 hours)** *Typically during final semester.*

The Thesis is an original work of scholarship which should be roughly 10,000 words or more (bibliography and citations inclusive). Students must submit the petition for completing the MTS thesis before registration occurs for their final semester. The petition entails a preliminary research project proposal that is approved by the academic advisor and the identified first reader.

Before registration, students pursuing a M.T.S. Concentration Project must provide a thorough proposal, approved by their first reader, describing the nature, scope, and the theoretical, practical, and creative engagement their Project will achieve. Because projects will vary by Concentration and student interest, all final Projects must also include a summative document detailing the justification for and production of the Project, as well as how it addresses the M.T.S. Degree Learning Goals. This document must be at 5,000 words or more (bibliography and citations inclusive), engage relevant scholarship in the focus area to contextualize and ground the Concentrators’ Project, and explain how and why their work makes particular interventions (whether theoretical/practical/theological or other) in conversations or communities connected with their Project Concentration.

Both Thesis and Project students are also encouraged to enroll and participate in DIV7996, the zero-credit M.T.S. Project/Thesis writing workshop offered every Spring.

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|  | 7999 | Master of Theological Studies Degree Thesis/Project | 3 |
|  | 7996 | M.T.S. Thesis/Project Writing Workshop | 0 |

\_\_\_ Completion of “**ATS Graduating Student Questionnaire**” *By commencement*.