

Student: _____
 Advisor: _____
 Concentration: _____

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL
Master of Theological Studies
Concentration Plan of Study
 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
 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)

Students in this Plan of Study must declare a Concentration when they register for the second fall term of their degree program (or after completing 24 hours of coursework). Concentrations are comprised of 12 credit hours including a praxis course or experience to be determined in consultation with the concentration steering committee.

Sem / Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours

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 courses do not count against these outside hours.]

Sem/Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours

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

All M.T.S. Concentration students are expected to make an original scholarly and/or creative contribution in their focus area by either submitting a thesis or completing a substantive project appropriate to their Concentration. Both options require exhibiting familiarity with scholarship and critical inquiry relevant to the Concentrator's work and also require developing a facility with the research and production practices necessary to complete the project/thesis. For more about this requirement, please consult the Divinity School Catalogue posted on the Divinity portal.

Students must submit the Petition to Register for the M.T.S. Thesis (signed by the academic advisor and the identified first reader) before registration occurs for their final semester.

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.

Sem/Year	Course #	Course Title	Hours
	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.*