



Master of Arts **HISTORICAL THEOLOGY**

In our fast-paced, ever expanding global community, we have a great need to understand ourselves and our era in the light of our history. In the M.A.H.T. program, students are equipped with a historically-minded approach to evaluate current events of today in relation to all that has come before. Through this program, WSC endeavors to serve the church by training students to give an honest and coherent account of the past as well as to relate significant issues of historical theology to contemporary intellectual and cultural movements. The Master of Arts (Historical Theology) program is designed to enable students to gain an understanding of the historiography of theology, the historical development of the various Christian theological traditions, and the critical skills for evaluating them. Graduates will have read and analyzed representative theologians and texts from the history of Christianity and demonstrated a grasp of the history of biblical exegesis. As a result they should be able to give a coherent account of the history of exegetical and dogmatic theology. They should also demonstrate historical sensitivity in evaluating theology, as well as a grasp of the intention behind the various theological formulations in each historical epoch. Graduates will possess an ability to relate the great issues of historical theology to contemporary intellectual and cultural movements. Graduates of this program are prepared to enter research programs in history and theology or, with further practical training, to use their theological knowledge in such ministries as teaching, missions, or lay church leadership. It is not the purpose of this program to prepare candidates for ordination to the ministry of the Word. The degree is conferred upon completion of the prescribed program, which requires two years of full-time study or a longer period of part-time study and includes the production and oral presentation and defense of a written research thesis. The courses prescribed for this emphasis should be followed in the sequence indicated in the chart on the following page.



PURPOSES

- Enable students to gain an understanding of Christian theology with particular attention to the historical development of Christian theological traditions and the critical skills for evaluating them
- Provide students with the necessary skills for evaluating the various approaches to the study of history (historiography)
- Read and analyze representative theologians and texts from throughout the history of Christianity and demonstrate a grasp of the history of biblical exegesis
- Prepare graduates to enter research programs in history or theology or, with further practical training, to use their theological knowledge in such ministries as teaching, missions or lay church leadership

OBJECTIVES

- Articulate a coherent account of the history of exegetical and dogmatic theology
- Demonstrate historical sensitivity in evaluating theology as well as a grasp of the intention behind the various theological formulations in each historical epoch
- Relate the great issues of historical theology to contemporary intellectual and cultural movements

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

“There is a great deal of confusion over central issues in the church today, even in Reformed circles. The education I received at WSC gave me solid preparation to face these challenges and to stand firm on the theology of the Reformed Confessions.”

SHANE ROSENTHAL, M.A.H.T.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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| 2 Credits Biblical Studies
10 Credits Church History
20 Credits Historical Theology
11 Credits Systematics & Apologetics | 1 Credit Practical Theology
11 Credits Elective
55 Credits Total Degree Units
72 Credits Total Credits Including Propaedeutic ² |
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		FIRST YEAR			SECOND YEAR		
		CREDITS	CODE	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE NAME
SUMMER		4	NT400	Greek I			
		4	Total Summer Credits				
FALL		2	CH601	Ancient Church	4	CH701	Church in the Modern Age
		2	HT501	Intro to Historical Theo.	2	HT611	Reformed Scholasticism
		2	HT602	Patristics Seminar	2	HT704	Modern Theology I
		3	NT401	Greek II	4	ST701	Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
		3	OT400	Hebrew I	3		ELECTIVE
		1	PT400	Grad. Theo. Writing ¹			
		1	PT502	Theo. Bibliography			
		4	ST501	Intro to Theology and Apologetics			
	18	Total Fall Credits			15	Total Fall Credits	
WINTER		1	NT402	Greek III	2	HT709	Thesis Proposal
		1	OT401	Hebrew II	1		ELECTIVE
		2		ELECTIVE			
		4	Total Winter Credits			3	Total Winter Credits
SPRING		4	CH602	Medieval Church & Reformation	3	AP601	Modernity & Apologetics
		2	HT606	Medieval Theology	2	HT706	Modern Theology II
		2	HT700	Reformation Seminar	4	HT710	Thesis
		4	OT402	Hebrew III	3		ELECTIVE
		2	OT500	Biblical Theology & Canon			
		2		ELECTIVE			
		16	Total Spring Credits			12	Total Spring Credits
	25	Total Degree Credits			30	Total Degree Credits	
	42	Total with Propaedeutic²			30	Total with Propaedeutic²	

¹ May be waived, see page 72.

² Credit hours required in Hebrew, Greek, and writing are not included in the degree credit hours as they are considered propaedeutic.