

Master of SACRED THEOLOGY



DEEP THEOLOGICAL ENGAGEMENT

Whether preparing for a PhD program or simply pursuing further engagement in theological study, a Nashotah House STM (Sacrae Theologiae Magister) degree – the seminary equivalent to a ThM in the university setting – is uniquely designed to provide a solid foundation in classical Christian theology from the Anglican perspective while enabling students to dig deeper into their particular area of theological interest.

The first 18 credits (two years) are earned through the advanced degree interdisciplinary elective courses. The third and final year (the final 6 credits of the 24-credit program) is for researching and writing a thesis on a topic the student has refined through engagement in the elective courses and personal study.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Classes meet in one-week residential intensive sessions in January and July, during which time students are immersed in the beauty and community of Nashotah House: twice-daily worship, shared meals, challenging academics, and warm collegiality. The remainder of the coursework is completed online and/or in the student's ministry context.

Access to all Frances Donaldson Library resources: 110,000 print volumes, 50,000 e-books, and millions of digital journal articles

Academic advisor familiar with student's particular area of research assigned to assist and supervise the proposal, research, and writing of the 25,000-35,000 word thesis

MASTER OF SACRED THEOLOGY (24 CREDITS)

INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVES - 700 OR 800 LEVEL

- 18 cr. Chosen with the student's advisor or thesis supervisor in support of the intended thesis topic
Coursework is normally completed in two years

STM THESIS

- 3 cr. STM Thesis Research
3 cr. STM Thesis Writing (25,000-35,000 words)
STM Oral Presentation
Thesis Research/Writing is normally done in the third year

NOTES

- 3 cr. May be completed as a reading course or independent study on a topic directly related to the student's research

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the Master of Sacred Theology degree program will normally hold a 72-credit MDiv degree from a theological seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Schools, with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a four-point scale.

For students lacking the MDiv, the educational equivalent for admission consists of the following graduate-level credits: 15 cr. of Biblical Studies, 12 cr. of Church History and/or Historical Theology, 12 cr. of Systematic and/or Moral Theology, plus 21 additional credits in graduate theological studies (biblical, theological, ascetical, pastoral, etc.).

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

NASHOTAH HOUSE OFFERS SIX DEGREE PROGRAMS &
ONE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN THREE DIFFERENT EDUCATIONAL CONTEXTS

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Residential students live on the historic, family-friendly, wooded campus overlooking Upper Nashotah Lake, nestled in the heart of Wisconsin's lake country. What sets Nashotah House apart from other seminaries is the formation that takes place by living in intentional community. Here students are invited to embrace a life of disciplined daily worship and Scripture reading, study the great thinkers of church history and theology in their own words, and learn to imitate the Lord in serving others, all in the context of a vibrant, intentional community that offers countless opportunities for fellowship and deep, lasting friendships.

Master of Divinity (MDiv) | 90 cr.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS) | 60 cr.

Certificate in Anglican Studies (CAS) | 30 cr.

HYBRID-DISTANCE PROGRAM

The Hybrid-Distance Program is an alternative suitable for those for whom relocation into a full-time residential program is impossible and training at Nashotah House otherwise inaccessible. What sets Nashotah House apart from other seminaries is the formation that takes place by living in intentional community, fostered by daily shared worship, meals, study, and fellowship. The significance of this formation shapes the rationale for the hybrid component of our distance program: distance students spend time physically on campus, praying, learning, and connecting as part of our larger residential community and also as a community among themselves.

Nashotah House utilizes rolling admissions for all of its hybrid-distance degree. Prospective hybrid-distance students may apply for admission to enter any term during the academic year: Summer (application deadline: April 1), Fall (July 1), Winter (November 1), or Spring (December 1).

Hybrid-distance students take seven courses (21 credits) in an academic year: two courses each Spring, Summer, and Fall term and one course in the Winter (4-week) term. Courses are taught in succession and do not overlap. Each term includes one hybrid course, where students are required to be on campus for an intensive residential week and then finish the remainder of the coursework online. The second course in each term is entirely distance with no residential component. The Winter term course takes the hybrid format. Thus, hybrid-distance students are on campus for four weeks per academic year, in late-July, early-November, mid-January, and mid-April.

Master of Ministry (MM) | 48 cr.

Master of Pastoral Ministry (MPM) | 72 cr.

Master of Theological Studies (MTS-HD) | 60 cr.

Certificate in Anglican Studies (CAS-HD) | 30 cr.

ADVANCED DEGREE PROGRAM

Academically qualified students (those holding the MDiv or its academic equivalent) may apply to either program, depending on their professional and academic goals. Advanced degree courses, many of which are common to both programs, are taught by regular, affiliate, and adjunct faculty, as well as visiting professors. These topical courses are offered during Summer and Winter terms and are intentionally structured to provide an atmosphere in which excellent instruction and collegial interaction combine to provide genuine professional growth. While on campus during residential weeks, STM and DMin students share in the daily round of prayer and Eucharist in the seminary chapel and in the meals and daily life of the seminary community.

Master of Sacred Theology (STM) | 24 cr.

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) | 30 cr.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ADMISSIONS:

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