Explore theology and develop ministry skills within a diverse learning community.

The MTS program educates and equips students for careers in ministry, pursuits in advanced graduate theological studies, and deeper exploration of how to integrate theology into vocation and service.

Study the Bible, Christian theology, church history, and the practice of ministry in an Anabaptist-Mennonite ecumenical setting. Explore current scholarship and examine contemporary issues. Interact with faculty and students from diverse academic disciplines in a small classroom setting. Test ideas. Develop skills and self-understanding through supervised ministry opportunities. Experience the support and expertise of faculty and fellow students.

Grebel’s supportive and stimulating learning environment provides frequent interaction with faculty, extensive library resources, study and social spaces, and opportunities for participation in a wide range of activities. MTS students are able to enrich their experience by taking courses in other programs at the University of Waterloo, nearby universities, and graduate theological schools.

CAREER PATHS

Recent graduates are chaplains, students in doctoral programs, pastors in congregations, teachers in high schools, leaders in community organizations and businesses, and engaged in a wide variety of other professions.

SAMPLE COURSES

- Studying the Old Testament
- Studying the New Testament
- Thinking Theologically
- The Mennonite Tradition in Historical Context
- Topics in Biblical Exegesis
  Psalms, Isaiah, Wisdom Literature, Ephesians, Mark, etc.
- Teaching the Bible
- Worship, Ritual, and Ministry
- Christian Ethics
- Pastoral Care
- Theologies of the Global South
- Aging and the Spiritual Life
- Peace Church Theology

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MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM OPTIONS

Students may choose to study full-time or part-time in one of the following:

COURSEWORK OPTION

This provides students with a broad understanding of theological disciplines. It is the most flexible option, allowing students to tailor the program around their individual areas of interest. This is often a good option for students entering from another discipline or for those completing the program for personal enrichment.

APPLIED STUDIES OPTION

This option integrates academic study and practical experience through coursework, internships, and a capstone integrative project. It is typically the best option for students involved in or preparing for practice of ministry.

MTS-MDIV SEQUENTIAL DEGREE

Students in the applied studies stream have the option to apply their MTS degree towards a sequential Masters of Divinity at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkart, Indiana, and Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

THESIS OPTION

This is the most focused of the options, and is often taken by students preparing for advanced graduate studies in Theology, Biblical Studies, or History of Christianity, by those who already have a strong undergraduate background in Theological Studies, or those wishing to explore a specific topic. It involves coursework, research, and culminates in a thesis.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application deadline for Fall admission is February 1. Please contact the Theological Studies office directly before beginning the application process. Applications are completed online through University of Waterloo Graduate Studies and Postdoctoral Affairs.

SCHOLARSHIPS

All students who are Canadian citizens or Permanent Residents will receive full tuition scholarships for up to six terms of full-time study, as long as they fulfill specified registration requirements.

International students may apply for a limited number of scholarships. Normally, they will be responsible for their own travel and living costs.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Theological Studies program welcomes applicants from a variety of undergraduate or graduate studies disciplines. Applicants should meet the following requirements:

› A completed four-year BA, BSc, or equivalent degree from a recognized university or accredited liberal arts college
› An overall average of 75% in their undergraduate program
› Applicants whose first language is not English must meet UWaterloo’s accepted English Language Proficiency examinations and scores.

Applicants who do not meet these requirements, but demonstrate aptitude for such studies may be admitted after meeting the requirements of probationary admission or completing a qualifying program as deemed appropriate by UWaterloo.