Degree Details
Center for Graduate Studies

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES – THEOLOGY

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) –Theology is designed for individuals who desire to study the Word of God and ground their faith in the rich theological truths found within its pages. This degree will prepare students in any profession who would like to increase their biblical knowledge and to bring to bear a Christian worldview on their profession. The Theology concentration can serve as either a professional or an academic graduate degree. Students will not only be well prepared for lay and professional ministries, but also be prepared for either a teaching career as an adjunct professor or additional graduate studies, such as a Ph.D. Students will develop skills in the following areas: finding proper theological methods as they move from biblical texts to doctrines, learning biblical theology, which summarizes the theological teachings of biblical authors, and understanding advanced systematic theology, apologetics, and Christian ethics.

Program Cost

Academic year 2012–13

- Tuition: $465 per credit
- Books: $740 (est.)

MATS – Theology Coursework
(36 credits)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4
BIA5019	History of Christianity	4
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena	2
BIB6312	Biblical Theology	4
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I	4
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II	4
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology	2
BIB6316	Apologetics & Ethics	4

Program Delivery

- On site, one night a week
- Online

Timeframe

Master of Arts in Theological Studies – Theology coursework can be completed in approximately 22 months.

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BIA5011 Spiritual Formation 2 cr
A study of biblical principles for the spiritual growth of self and others. This course includes the study of worldviews, Christianity and culture, and the life of the mind.

MIN5110 Self-awareness in Leadership 2 cr
An introduction to principles of leadership found in Scripture and contemporary theory. Students will also identify personal strengths and weaknesses in the construction of a personal theology of leadership.

BIA5015 Biblical Hermeneutics 4 cr
This is an advanced course in hermeneutics in which students will learn about the formation of the Bible, the history of biblical interpretation, modern critical methods, and current challenges to biblical interpretation.

BIA5017 Bible in Its World 4 cr
An introduction to the history and thought-world of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the study of primary sources, principally the literature of the surrounding world, and the intersection of the ideas of those writings with those of the Bible.

BIA5019 History of Christianity 4 cr
In this course, students will survey the history of the church from its birth in the first century A.D. to its current manifestations in the 21st century. Attention will be given to the people and events that contributed to the growth and development of Christianity.

BIB6311 Theological Prolegomena 2 cr
A study of the methods used in systematic theology, especially the use of the Bible for the development of theological systems. Students will also be introduced to a number of the more important theological and philosophical questions that are relevant to contemporary discussions of theological method.

BIB6312 Biblical Theology 4 cr
A study of current methods and issues in the field of Biblical theology, with emphasis on application to Old and New Testament books. Students will develop theological categories from the text and identify the variety and unity of theological themes.

BIB6313 Systematic Theology I 4 cr
The advanced study of the doctrines of bibliology, theology (proper), angelology, anthropology, and hamartiology.

BIB6314 Systematic Theology II 4 cr
The advanced study of the doctrines of Christology, soteriology, pneumatology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.

BIB6315 Contemporary Issues in Theology 2 cr
A study of a contemporary theological issue relevant to Evangelical theology, such as Open Theism.

PHI6316 Apologetics & Ethics 4 cr
A study of apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith, with emphasis on critical thinking, theistic arguments, and the problem of evil. Students will also be introduced to Christian approaches to ethics and ethical issues.

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