

ThM Degree Information 2014-2015

Faculty Adviser and Adviser Requests

The Registrar assigns Faculty advisers according to the student's area of concentration. The Registrar will send each candidate a personal email with your Faculty Adviser assignment. Faculty are generally away for the summer, so most ThM adviser appointments will be held during the Fall orientation in September. Students may contact their Faculty adviser via email to schedule an individual appointment.

Academic Calendar

There are two semesters, Fall and Spring, and a two-week January term. The Fall Semester concludes before the Christmas recess. The January term is totally optional and you may or may not choose to take a course during that time. Only a few courses are offered.

Full-time Study

The completion of 24 credit hours is required for the ThM degree. In order to be full-time, students are required to register for **12 credits each semester**. Spring registration will take place in November.

Part-Time Study

You need to notify the Registrar if you plan to complete your program on a part-time basis. (He will assume that you are full-time.) Part-time students must take a minimum of one course (3 credits) per semester.

Course Levels and Limited Enrollment Courses

ThM students are not permitted to take 1000 and 2000 introductory level courses. This also includes all language courses. Such courses will not fulfill credits toward the ThM degree. 5000 level course are designed for advanced MDiv students and ThM students. ThM students may also take 3000 and 4000 level courses. Even though continuing students have already registered for Fall Semester limited enrollment courses, a few spots have been reserved for entering ThM students. If you wish to enroll in a limited enrollment course in your area of concentration and there are no spots available online, please email registrar@ptsem.edu for placement in the course. Of the eight courses (24 credits), at least half of your courses, four of them (12 credits) must be taken in your area of concentration. You may take courses outside your area, with the approval of your Faculty Adviser.

Thesis

Many ThM students choose to complete a thesis during the academic year. The thesis is six (6) credits and is taken over two semesters with the final thesis paper due at the end of the Spring Semester. Special Course/Thesis forms are available on the Registrar's website. Students are to consult with their Faculty adviser for further information regarding a thesis. (You may do a thesis with a faculty person who is not your ThM adviser.)

GPA and Pass/D/Fail Option

ThM students must maintain a minimum of 2.70 GPA or higher, in order to make satisfactory progress and must have a 2.70 GPA or higher in order to graduate. ThM students are not permitted to choose a pass/D/fail option for any courses. However, if the course is offered ONLY as a pass/D/fail course, then ThM students may take it on that basis.