

# Course Descriptions

## Master of Theology Program

### General Seminars

TMGR 501 Theological Research Methodology  
(2 units, 1 semester)

A study of theological research methodologies, use of the library, and internet resources for graduate research. Besides, issues on the preparation of a prospectus, and the process and style of writing a thesis will be discussed.

TMGR 502–503 Master of Theology Colloquium  
(4 units, 2 semesters)

An interdisciplinary colloquium for Master of Theology students in all Concentrations. Faculty from all Divisions will attend the colloquium to exchange views. The discussion subjects are to be determined by the faculty and will vary between semesters.

### Thesis

TMTH 500 Thesis  
(6 units)

### Old Testament Concentration (including Biblical Studies Concentration)

TMOT 501 The World of the Old Testament  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course provides a study of the background information that illuminates the Old Testament, including the general flow of history as described in the Bible and major archeological discoveries. Students will concentrate on the Iron periods (c. 1200–586 BCE), with some study in the early post-exilic period, and will be expected to demonstrate understanding of the development of early Israel as well as the rise and fall of the Monarchy.

TMOT 510 Rapid Reading in the Hebrew Old Testament  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course enhances students' proficiency in reading and translating the Massoretic Text as a preparation for further studies in the Old Testament. Students will read and translate representative selections, including narrative, legal, and poetic materials.

TMOT 511 Advanced Exegesis of Jonah  
(3 units, 1 semester)

Students are expected to translate the Book of Jonah from the Massoretic Text into English,

giving attention to both the poetic and prose sections of the Book. Students should compare the Temple Psalm of chapter two with other Temple Psalms of the Psalter, and also compare the prophetic formulas of chapters one, three, and four with other prophetic oracles.

TMOT 521 The Pentateuch as Canonical Literature  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course explores the Pentateuch in the light of recent trends toward viewing the Pentateuch more canonically. Attention will be given to historical criticism and Pentateuchal formation (e.g. J-E-D-P), but emphasis will be placed on the recent attempts to understand the themes and unity of the Pentateuch, for example, structuralism and canonical/intertextual criticism. Students will have to read selections from the similar works of scholars such as Brevard Childs and Rolf Rendtorff.

TMOT 531 The Book of Isaiah  
(3 units, 1 semester)

The chief concern of this course is to explore the unity and diversity within the Book of Isaiah, including an examination of its major sections (Primo, Deutero, and Trito Isaiah) and particular parts (Little Apocalypse, Foreign Oracles, and the Hezekiah Complex). Students will examine the thematic motifs, messages, and the dynamic interplay of the diverse sections. Students will also be introduced to the creative works of Gerhard von Rad, Brevard Childs, John Watts, and Walter Brueggemann regarding Isaiah.

TMOT 541 Wisdom as Orthodoxy and Revolt  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course focuses on the dual role of Wisdom Literature as supporting and revolting against normative faith. The Books of Job and Koheleth will be probed as reactions and refinements to the orthodoxy of the Book of Proverbs. The apocryphal Books of Ben Sirach and Wisdom of Solomon will be probed for their theological development beyond the Palestinian Jewish canon.

TMOT 551 Old Testament Theology  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course first focuses on the foundation, development, and current state of Old Testament theology as a discipline. Students have to study selections from Old Testament scholars that are considered classics in the field as well as scholars that dominate the field today, for example, Gerhard von Rad, Walther Eichrodt, Brevard Childs, and Claus Westermann. Students will then examine the major contemporary ways of approaching theological themes and issues in the Old Testament, and if possible, explore the subjects from both the Western and Asian perspectives.

## New Testament Concentration (including Biblical Studies Concentration)

TMNT 501 The World of the New Testament  
(3 units, 1 semester)

An in-depth study of the Roman-Hellenistic background of the New Testament. Students will explore the social, political, economic, philosophical, religious and historical dynamics of the Mediterranean world from 300 B.C. to A.D. 300, and their bearing upon the interpretation of the New Testament.

TMNT 502 Critical Issues in New Testament Studies  
(3 units, 1 semester)

An examination of the current state of study and critical issues concerning selected portions of New Testament literature and their implications on exegesis.

TMNT 510 Rapid Reading in the Greek New Testament  
(3 units, 1 semester)

The course consists of selected readings from the Greek New Testament and is designed to supplement students' knowledge of the Greek text, enable them to read extended passages with facility, and expand their understanding and application of Greek grammar.

TMNT 511 Exegesis in the Synoptic Gospels  
(3 units, 1 semester)

Exegetical study of selected passages from the Greek text of the gospels. Special attention is given to the assessment of modern critical methods for the interpretation of the biblical text, background issues, literary composition, and the theology of each Book.

TMNT 512 New Testament Exegesis  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A detailed analysis of a selected Book of the New Testament with an emphasis on critical issues and exegesis.

TMNT 525 History, Theology and Community in the Gospel and Letters of John  
(3 units, 1 semester)

An examination of selected issues in recent Johannine research, with special attention to the issues of method in literary analysis, historical reconstruction, theological motifs, and interpretation.

TMNT 530 Studies in the Pauline Epistles  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course explores the problems in doing Pauline studies. Particular attention will be given to the historical, literary, and theological issues.

TMNT 550 New Testament Theology  
(3 units, 1 semester)

An investigation of the history of research, and the background of major theological concepts of New Testament studies. The course also examines the diverse New Testament theologies, and seeks the center of New Testament theology.

## Christian Theology Concentration

TMCT 510 God in Classic Theism and Contemporary Thought  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of the doctrine of God, including the development in the biblical understanding of God, the doctrine of the Trinity, the tension between the biblical and classical theological and philosophical conceptions of God, and selected contemporary formulations in the debate over theism and proposed modifications of a classical theistic understanding of God.

TMCT 513 The Person and Work of Jesus Christ  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of the person and work of Jesus Christ in the light of the Jesus research and systematic christologies of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, including the rise of modern critical methodologies and their impact on christological reflection, the basic critical issues and movements, major alternative christologies, and the challenge of christological construction in the contemporary era.

TMCT 515 Christian Anthropology  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of humanity, as an individual and as a corporate body, with special reference to the biblical understanding of the origin, nature, fall, redemption, and destiny of human beings; the historical and contemporary Christian anthropologies, and the challenge of how to relate constructive Christian theological anthropology to the rapidly emerging scientific insights into life and humanity.

TMCT 530 Reformation Theology: Luther, Calvin, and the Anabaptists  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of the major Reformation theological doctrines and important issues in the theologies of Martin Luther, John Calvin, and the Anabaptists.

TMCT 540 Great Theologians of the 20th Century  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of the theologies of five influential systematic theologians of the 20th century, namely Karl Barth, Paul Tillich, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jürgen Moltmann, and Wolfhart Pannenberg.

TMCT 550 Asian Theologies and Contextualization  
(3 units, 1 semester)

A study of prominent Asian theologians in the light of the larger challenge of contextualization and in relation to biblical teachings and normative classic historical theologies. The work of theologians like Stanley Samartha, Raimundo Pannikar, Kosuke Koyama, Choan-Seng Song, Byung Mu Ahn, David Kwang-Sun Suh, Chung Hyun Kyung, and others will be examined.

## Biblical Studies Concentration

Seminars will be offered from the Old Testament and New Testament Concentrations, as required by the Biblical Studies Concentration curriculum.