

Master of Sacred Music (MSM)

Typically completed in two years with four courses taken per semester. The degree program is jointly offered by STH and the School of Music in CFA (though administered by STH).

There are audition requirements for admission, and there are two concentrations available: Organ and Choral Conducting. Coursework is taken in three areas:

Choral Conducting

Theology Requirements		Music Requirements		Music Ministry Requirements	
History of Christianity	4	MU577A1 Orchestral Conducting Seminar	2	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Theology	4	MU577B1 Choral Conducting Seminars	8	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Bible	4	MU601 Analytical Techniques 1	3	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Worship	4	MU602 Analytical Techniques 2	3	Two recitals	
		MU677 Choral Repertory and Performance 1	2		
		MU678 Choral Repertory and Performance 2	2		
		MU977 Research and Directed Study in Conducting	3		
	16		23		9-12

Total Credits 48-51

Organ

Theology Requirements		Music Requirements		Music Ministry Requirements	
History of Christianity	4	MU Applied Organ	4	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Theology	4	MU Choral Conducting	2	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Bible	4	MU601 Analytical Techniques 1	3	MU/STH Approved Elective or Practicum	3-4
Worship	4	MU602 Analytical Techniques 2	3	Two recitals	
		MU Organ	4		
		MU Organ Seminar 1	2		
		MU Organ Seminar 2	2		
	16		20		9-12

Total Credits 45-48

Master of Sacred Theology (STM)

Typically completed in one year with four courses taken per semester. The STM is a second-level graduate professional degree for those who wish to pursue a year of more advanced coursework focusing on a particular discipline. Applicants must hold a first-level graduate professional degree

Concentration requirements 5 courses x 4 credits	20	Approved electives 3 courses x 4 credits each	12
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Total Credits 32

Students must also pass a two-hour comprehensive exam or write a thesis. Students who wish to write a thesis must receive written approval of a faculty member who is willing to supervise that thesis.

Doctor Programs at STH

Typically completed in 5-7 years with four courses taken per semester for the first two years and 2-credit continuing registration after completion of coursework.

Doctor of Ministry (DMin) Requirements		Doctor of Theology (ThD) requirements		Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Practical Theology requirements	
5 courses from a plan of study (see bulletin)	20	8 courses in a major	32	3 courses in the PhD Core	12
Approved elective	4	4 courses in a minor	16	3 approved electives	12
Theology	4			6 courses in concentration	24
2 Supervised Ministries	8	2 languages		2 languages	
Research Methods Colloquium		3 Qualifying exams and 1 Oral Integrative Exam		3 Qualifying exams and 1 Oral Integrative Exam	
Project Thesis		Dissertation Prospectus		Dissertation Prospectus	
		Dissertation and Defense		Dissertation and Defense	
		2 Teaching Internships and 1 Research Internship		2 Teaching Internships and 1 Research Internship	
		4 Doctoral Teaching Colloquia		4 Doctoral Teaching Colloquia	
	36		48		48

DMin Plans of Study available:

- Pastoral Counseling
- Spirituality
- Liturgical Studies
- Evangelism and Congregational Development

ThD Majors available:

- Church History
- Mission Studies
- New Testament
- Hebrew Scripture
- Social and Theological Ethics
- Theology
- Pastoral Psychology
- Liturgical Studies

ThD Minors available:

- All of the above in the "Majors" category
- Sociology of Religion
- Religious Education
- Evangelism
- Spirituality
- Pastoral Theology
- Homiletics
- Sacred Music

PhD Concentrations in Practical Theology available:

- Homiletics
- Liturgical Studies
- Mission
- Evangelism
- Mission and Evangelism
- Pastoral theology
- Spirituality
- Church and Society
- Congregational Studies
- Religious Education
- Church Leadership and Administration