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## CERTIFICATE AND CONTINUING STUDIES

## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF SPIRITUAL DIRECTION (CSD)

The Certificate of Spiritual Direction is a separate program (though it may be used as partial fulfillment of the MPS program and requires courses in the Summer Institute). It is offered in cohorts in Mobile and Atlanta, usually beginning every other year. The CSD program requires 14 hours coursework and 4 hours practicum, over a two- or three-year period. For more information about the program and the process of application, please contact the Office of Graduate Theology.

### UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (CTS)

Designed for students who have not completed a college degree, the CTS has the same requirements as the MTS program but completed at the undergraduate level. Students not residing in the Mobile metropolitan area can earn a BA degree from Spring Hill College by completing the CTS and taking the remaining courses at a local institution.



For detailed information on our graduate programs in theology and ministry, application requirements and procedures, full course descriptions, and current course listings and events, visit us at www.shc.edu/grad/theology, or contact us at theology@shc.edu or 251-380-4665.



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## GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

Blended-Format MTS, MPS, and MA Programs





SPRING HILL COLLEGE'S GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY ARE DESIGNED FOR ADULT STUDENTS SEEKING A PART-TIME GRADUATE PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS THEM TO CONTINUE IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL OR FAMILY COMMITMENTS AND STILL PURSUE A DEEPER AND MORE CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDING OF CHRISTIAN FAITH. Our programs aim to be challenging and rigorous, but not narrowly academic. Our theology is deeply rooted in the Catholic tradition, but also seeks to offer an expansive, ecumenical vision that enters into dialogue with the many "frontiers" and challenges of the 21st century.

#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

• (3) Master's Degree options

Master of Theological Studies (MTS) – 33 credit hours Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS) – 33 credit hours Master of Arts (MA) in Theology – 48 credit hours

- (1) Graduate Certificate Program Certificate of Spiritual Direction (CSD)
- (1) Undergraduate Certificate Program with the option to be completed as an undergraduate bachelor degree Certificate of Theological Studies (CTS)
- Courses offered in 10-week terms with fall, winter, spring and summer options.
- Minimum of 6 in-residence requirements to be completed at your choice of either our Atlanta or Mobile, Alabama campuses. THe majority of in-residence stays are only one day/night, offering convenience and affordability.
- Cost of all programs is \$330 per credit hour.

#### **FIVE ELEMENTS OF OUR BLENDED PROGRAMS**

- **1. Level 1 Courses** Hybrid courses combining online instruction with one in-classroom meeting offered in Atlanta and Mobile.
- **2. THL 520 Theological Research Methods** Fully online introduction to advanced theological research and writing.
- 3. Level 2 Courses Fully online courses requiring advanced research and writing.
- **4. Graduate Seminars** Weekend in-classroom seminars offered in Atlanta and Mobile.
- **5. Summer Institute of Christian Spirituality (SICS)** One-credit courses focused on specific areas of spirituality, over two consecutive weeks (or intensive weekends), every June in both Atlanta and Mobile. At least one SPT course will be expanded to 3 credits, qualifying as a Guided Reading Course for MTS and MA students.

## **MASTER PROGRAMS**

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(3) Level 1 courses (in-residence requirement)	9
THL 520 (Pre-requisite: [3] Level 1 courses)	
(4) Level 2 courses (Pre-requisite: THL 520)	12
(2) Level 1, Level 2, or Guided Reading courses	6
(2) Graduate Seminar Weekends (in-residence requirement)	2
(1) Comprehensive Graduate Seminar (in-residence requirement)	1
Total Credit Hours	33*

<sup>\*</sup> Distribution – the MTS requires 2 Biblical, 2 Moral, 3 Historical/Systematic, 1 Pastoral, and 1 Elective Course.

## MASTER OF PASTORAL STUDIES (MPS) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(3) Level 1 courses (in-residence requirement)	9
(1) Practical Theology course	
THL 520 (Pre-requisite: [3] Level 1 courses)	
(2-3) Practicum Internships*	6-9
SPT courses/Guided Reading* (SICS required)	
(2) Graduate Seminars (in-residence requirement)	2
(1) Comprehensive Graduate Seminar (in-residence require	ement)1
Total Credit Hours	

<sup>\*</sup> The Certificate of Spiritual Direction (CSD) Program may count for the 15 hours of Practicum and SPT Courses.

### MASTER OF ARTS (MA) IN THEOLOGY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Built on and superseding the MTS Degree or the equivalent from another institution.

Total Credit Hours (33 from MTS + 15 from MA)	12
THL 598 & 599 (Thesis Project I & II)	6
(3) Level 1, Level 2, or Guided Reading Courses	9
	THL 598 & 599 (Thesis Project I & II)

In order to be accepted into the MA program students must have completed an MTS or equivalent degree. Once accepted into the MA program, students will work with their assigned thesis director to decide on the 9 (or in the case of transfer students, 15) hours of course work. Depending on the focus of their MA research, students may take Level 1, Level 2 or Guided Reading courses to fulfill these requirements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Distribution – The MPS degree requires only 1 Biblical, 1 Historical, and 1 Moral.