



# MTheol

Admitted in 2023-24

### Purpose and Goals

The MTheol programme aims to provide students with advanced competency in a specific area of theological discipline. The programme is a preparatory degree for further graduate study at the doctoral level, or for academic research and teaching that focuses on one area of discipline, or for students to develop advanced practical-theological competence in a specific area of ministry. The goal of the programme is to provide the students with expertise for academic research, the ability to integrate what has been studied and the skills to relate their studies to their contexts.

### Learning Outcomes

- Advanced knowledge and mastery of a specific area of theological discipline
- Advanced practical-theological competence in a specific area of ministry

### Curriculum (Applicable to students admitted in 2017-18 and thereafter)

- Students are required to declare an area of concentration upon admission:
  - (1) Biblical Studies (New Testament/ Hebrew Bible)
  - (2) Systematic Theology/ Constructive Theology
  - (3) History of Christianity
  - (4) Christianity in China
  - (5) Mission Studies/ Missiology
  - (6) Practical Theology/ Pastoral Studies
  - (7) Christianity and Society

Remarks: Starting from the 2023-24 intake, all MTheol students are required to declare their area of concentration after admission. Full-time students should declare their concentration by the second semester of their first year, while part-time students should do so by the first semester of their second year.

- **Coursework Requirements (24-36 units)**

Students are required to take 24-36 units of postgraduate-level taught courses, out of which at least 12 units of courses must be taken from the declared area of concentration. The number of units of the coursework required depends on the academic qualifications the student attained prior to admission to the University.

- **Comprehensive Examination (12 units)**

Comprehensive Examination is set after the completion of the coursework. The examination helps evaluate the candidates' general proficiency to integrate all the disciplines taken in their chosen field, and their ability to engage in theological reflection against the historical and cultural background of Asia.

The examination is consisted of two papers. Paper I covers the general contents of the students' area of concentration; while Paper II covers the specific contents of the students' area of concentration related to the student's research. Students are required to register for the courses **THEO5940 Theological Studies: Seminar I** and **THEO5949 Theological Studies: Seminar II** for the comprehensive examination.

### Students who admitted in 2019-20 or before:

Each paper lasts for three hours and is worth six units.

### Students who admitted in 2020-21 or after:

Each paper lasts for three hours and is worth three units. Before attend the comprehensive exam, students are required to complete the assessment(s) advised by supervisor for 6 credits.

- **Research Paper (6 units)**

Students are required to complete an extended research paper in the area of concentration under individual supervision of an assigned supervisor with no less than **15,000** words in English or **22,000** characters in Chinese.

Students are required to register for the courses **THEO5001 Theological Research** and **THEO5501 Independent Research** for the research paper.

**Recommended Study Sequence (Applicable to students admitted in 2020-21 or after)**

1.5-year Full-time Curriculum		
Year 1		Year 2
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1
Coursework	Coursework, THEO5940, THEO5949	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001, THEO5501
=30 units		=12 units
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 42 units</b>		

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 1.

3-year Part-time Curriculum					
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework		Coursework		THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5501
=24 units		=9 units		=9 units	
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 42 units</b>					

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 2.

2-year Full-time Curriculum			
Year 1		Year 2	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework	Coursework	Coursework, THEO5940, THEO5949	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001, THEO5501
=42 units		=12 units	
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 54 units</b>			

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 2 Term 1.

4-year Part-time Curriculum							
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework		Coursework		Coursework		THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5501
=36 units				=9 units		=9 units	
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 54 units</b>							

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 3.

**Remarks:**

1. Upon completion of the comprehensive examination, students should take THEO5940 and THEO5949 for two times in order to earn 12 units for the comprehensive examination.
2. Students should take both THEO5001 and THEO5501 for one time in order to earn 6 units for the extended research paper.

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### Recommended Study Sequence (Applicable to students admitted in 2019-20 or before)

1.5-year Full-time Curriculum			
Year 1		Year 2	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework	Coursework	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001, THEO5501	THEO5940, THEO5949
=24 units		=12 units	=6 units
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 42 units</b>			

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 1.

3-year Part-time Curriculum					
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework		Coursework		THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001	THEO5940, THEO5949 THEO5501
=24 units		=9 units		=9 units	
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 42 units</b>					

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 2.

2-year Full-time Curriculum				
Year 1		Year 2		
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Summer Session
Coursework	Coursework	Coursework	THEO5940, THEO5949, THEO5001, THEO5501	THEO5940, THEO5949
=36 units		=12 units		=6 units
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 54 units</b>				

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 2 Term 1.

4-year Part-time Curriculum							
Year 1		Year 2		Year 3		Year 4	
Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2	Term 1	Term 2
Coursework		Coursework		Coursework		THEO5940, THEO5949 THEO5001	THEO5940, THEO5949 THEO5501
=36 units				=9 units		=9 units	
<b>Total Number of Units Required for Graduation: 54 units</b>							

▲ The Comprehensive Examination will be scheduled at the end of Year 3.

**Remarks:**

1. Upon completion of the comprehensive examination, students should take THEO5940 and THEO5949 for two times in order to earn 12 units for the comprehensive examination.
2. Students should take both THEO5001 and THEO5501 for one time in order to earn 6 units for the extended research paper.

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Course List for Master of Theology Programme	Units
<b>Area 1: Biblical Studies (New Testament/ Hebrew Bible) 聖經研究 (新約聖經/希伯來聖經)</b>	
RELS5131 Biblical Hermeneutics in Asian Perspectives 亞洲的聖經詮釋學	3
RELS5132 Advanced Biblical Exegesis I 進深聖經釋經 I	3
RELS5133 Advanced Biblical Exegesis II 進深聖經釋經 II	3
RELS5134 Gender Critical Interpretation of the Bible 聖經性別考據學	3
THEO1211 Introduction to the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經導論	3
THEO1212 Introduction to the New Testament 新約聖經導論	3
THEO2211 Pentateuchal Studies 五經研究	3
THEO2212 Prophetic Literature 先知文學	3
THEO2213 Wisdom and the Psalms 智慧文學與詩篇	3
THEO2214 Synoptic Gospels 共觀福音	3
THEO2215 Johannine Literature 約翰之著作	3
THEO2216 Pauline Letters 保羅書信	3
THEO3213 Biblical Studies: Special Topics I 聖經研究：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO3214 Biblical Studies: Special Topics II 聖經研究：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO3215 New Testament Greek I 新約希臘文 I	3
THEO3216 New Testament Greek II 新約希臘文 II	3
THEO3217 Biblical Hebrew I 聖經希伯來文 I	3
THEO3218 Biblical Hebrew II 聖經希伯來文 II	3
THEO5210 Selected Reading of the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經選讀 ▲	3
THEO5211 Selected Reading of the New Testament 新約聖經選讀 ▲	3
THEO5212 Development of Early Christian Communities 早期基督教發展	3
THEO5213 Extracanonical Literature 典外文獻	3
THEO5214 Hebrew Bible Exegesis 希伯來聖經釋經	3
THEO5215 New Testament Greek Exegesis 新約希臘文釋經	3
THEO5216 Narrative Art in the Hebrew Bible 希伯來聖經中的敘事藝術	3
THEO5217 Deuteronomistic History 申命記式歷史	3
THEO5319 The book of Ezra-Nehemiah and the books of Chronicles 以斯拉－尼希米記與歷代志上下	3
THEO5910 New Testament in Contexts 新約聖經處境詮釋	3
THEO5911 Contextual Interpretations of the Bible 聖經的處境詮釋	3
THEO5912 Biblical Theology 聖經神學	3
THEO5914 Methods and Biblical Interpretation 方法與聖經詮釋	3
THEO5919 The Hebrew Bible in Contexts 希伯來聖經之處境詮釋	3
THEO5950 Special Topics on Biblical Studies I 聖經研究：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5951 Special Topics on Biblical Studies II 聖經研究：專題研究 II ▲	3
<b>Area 2: Systematic Theology/ Constructive Theology 系統神學/建構性神學</b>	
THEO2231 Humanity and Salvation 人類與拯救	3
THEO2235 Systematic Theology I 系統神學 I	3
THEO2236 Systematic Theology II 系統神學 II	3
THEO3235 Theological Studies: Special Topics I 神學研究：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO3236 Theological Studies: Special Topics II 神學研究：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5224 God, Creation and Eschatology 上帝論、創造論與末世論	3

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THEO5225 Christ, Church and Spirit 基督、教會與聖靈	3
THEO5226 Theology and Feminism 神學與女性主義	3
THEO5230 Hermeneutics and Theology 詮釋學與神學	3
THEO5231 Modernity and Theology 現代性與神學	3
THEO5232 Theological Systems and Methods 神學系統與神學方法	3
THEO5952 Special Topics on Theological Studies I 神學研究:專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5953 Special Topics on Theological Studies II 神學研究:專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5233 Political and Liberation Theologies 政治神學與解放神學	3
THEO5234 Chinese Christian Thinkers 中國基督教思想家	3
THEO5235 Cinema and Theology 電影與神學	3
THEO5920 Contextual Theologies 處境神學	3
THEO5921 Modern Christian Thinkers 現代基督教思想家 ▲	3
THEO5922 Asian Theologies 亞洲神學	3
THEO5929 History of Christian Thought 基督教思想歷史	3
THEO5930 Public Theology 公共神學	3
<b>Area 3: History of Christianity 基督教歷史</b>	
THEO2221 Early & Medieval Church 早期與中世紀教會	3
THEO3221 History of Christianity in China 中國基督教史	3
THEO3222 History of Christianity in Hong Kong 香港基督教史	3
THEO5212 Development of Early Christian Communities 早期基督教發展	3
THEO2222 The Reformation Era 改革時代	3
THEO5272 Modern Western Christianity 現代西方基督教	3
THEO5324 History of Christianity in Asia 亞洲基督教史	3
THEO5929 History of Christian Thought 基督教思想歷史	3
<b>Area 4: Christianity in China 中國基督教</b>	
THEO3221 History of Christianity in China 中國基督教史	3
THEO3222 History of Christianity in Hong Kong 香港基督教史	3
THEO5220 Christianity in Chinese Literature 中國文學中的基督教	3
THEO5221 Protestantism in Reform China 改革開放時期的中國基督教	3
THEO5222 Studies in Hong Kong Christianity 香港基督教研究	3
THEO5223 Christianity in the Chinese Diaspora 離散處境中的華人基督教	3
THEO5234 Chinese Christian Thinkers 中國基督教思想家	3
THEO5923 Christianity in Chinese Religious Context 中國宗教脈絡中的基督教	3
THEO5925 Chinese Christianities 中國基督教	3
THEO5926 Christianity and Chinese Culture 基督教與中國文化	3
THEO5928 Christianity in Twentieth Century China 二十世紀之中國基督教	3
THEO5958 Special Topics on Christianity in China I 中國基督教：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5959 Special Topics on Christianity in China II 中國基督教：專題研究 II ▲	3
<b>Area 5: Mission Studies/ Missiology 宣教學</b>	
THEO3252 Approaches to Mission Studies 宣教研究方法	3
THEO5141 Ecumenics 普世教會學	3
THEO5142 Issues Facing Churches Today 今日教會所面對之問題	3
THEO5144 Women in World Missions 婦女與世界宣教	3

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THEO5241	Christian Mission and Globalization 基督教宣教與全球地域化	3
THEO5964	Special Topics on Mission I 宣教學：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5965	Special Topics on Mission II 宣教學：專題研究 II ▲	3
Area 6: Practical Theology/ Pastoral Studies 實踐神學/牧養研究		
RELS5275	Spirituality and Religious Congregations 靈修與修會傳統	3
THEO2241	Pastoral Theology 牧養神學	3
THEO2251	Foundation of Religious Education 宗教教育基礎	3
THEO3240	Local Church Study 本地教會探究	3
THEO3241	Homiletics 講道學	3
THEO3242	Denominational Tradition and Polity 宗派傳統及體制	3
THEO3244	Liturgics 禮儀學	3
THEO3245	Preaching 講道實習	2
THEO3246	Death and Dying 生寄死歸	3
THEO3247	Pastoral Studies: Special Topics I 牧養研究：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO3248	Pastoral Studies: Special Topics II 牧養研究：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5240	Congregational Studies 堂會研究	3
THEO5242	History, Practice, and Theology of Christian Worship 基督教崇拜之歷史、實踐與神學	3
THEO5243	Twenty-First Century Hymnology 廿一世紀聖詩學	3
THEO5244	Models of Practical Theology 實踐神學模型	3
THEO5245	Sex, Marriage and Family 性、婚姻與家庭	3
THEO5511	Preaching Bible in Contexts 處境性聖經宣講	3
THEO5512	Homiletics and Selected Reading of the Bible 講道學與經卷選讀	3
THEO5513	Teaching Bible in Church and School 教會及學校中的聖經教育	3
THEO5541	The Bible and Worship 聖經與崇拜	3
THEO5542	Theology of Worship 崇拜神學	3
THEO5543	Congregational Hymns and Pastoral Care 會眾聖詩與牧養	3
THEO5544	Planning and Leading Worship Service 崇拜教材編寫與領導	3
THEO5545	Church Organist Training 教會風琴司訓練	1
THEO5546	Preaching According to the Lectionary 經課講道	3
THEO5551	Life Education in Hong Kong 香港生命教育	3
THEO5846	Religious Education and Personal Growth 宗教教育與個人成長	3
THEO5852	Theories of Religious Education 宗教教育理論	3
THEO5853	Christian Education in the Postmodern World 後現代世界中的基督教教育	3
THEO5854	Teaching/Learning Theories in Christian Education 基督教教育之教與學	3
THEO5855	Christian Education and Character Formation 基督教教育與品格培養	3
THEO5932	Theology and Work 神學與工作	3
THEO5941	Pastoral Care in Context 處境化之牧養關顧	3
THEO5942	Contemporary Spirituality 現代人的屬靈生活	3
THEO5944	Church Management and Leadership 教會管理及領導	3
THEO5945	Christian Counselling 基督教輔導學	3
THEO5946	Counselling and Youth Ministry 輔導與青少年牧養	3
THEO5947	Counselling and Family Ministry 輔導與家庭牧養	3
THEO5948	Theology and Counselling Theories 神學與當代輔導理論	3

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THEO5956 Special Topics on Pastoral Studies and Counseling I 教牧學與輔導：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5957 Special Topics on Pastoral Studies and Counseling II 教牧學與輔導：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5960 Special Topics on Christian Education I 基督教教育：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5961 Special Topics on Christian Education II 基督教教育：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5962 Special Topics on Worship and Sacred Music I 崇拜與聖樂：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO5963 Special Topics on Worship and Sacred Music II 崇拜與聖樂：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO6941 Pastoral Studies: Seminar I 牧養研究：專題研討 I ▲	3
THEO6942 Pastoral Studies: Seminar II 牧養研究：專題研討 II ▲	3
THEO6947 Clinical Pastoral Education 臨床牧關教育	3
<b>Area 7: Christianity and Society 基督教與社會</b>	
RELS5131 Biblical Hermeneutics in Asian Perspectives 亞洲的聖經詮釋學	3
RELS5134 Gender Critical Interpretation of the Bible 聖經性別考據學	3
RELS5273 Catholic Social Ethics 天主教社會倫理	3
THEO3235 Theological Studies: Special Topics I 神學研究：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO3236 Theological Studies: Special Topics II 神學研究：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO3254 Christian Ethics 基督教倫理學	3
THEO3255 Christianity and Society: Special Topics I 基督教與社會：專題研究 I ▲	3
THEO3256 Christianity and Society: Special Topics II 基督教與社會：專題研究 II ▲	3
THEO5012 Theology and Contemporary Critical Theories 神學與當代批判理論	3
THEO5013 Theology and Empirical Research Methods 神學與經驗研究方法	3
THEO5141 Ecumenics 普世教會學	3
THEO5142 Issues Facing Churches Today 今日教會所面對之問題	3
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THEO5149 Christianity and Ecology 基督教與生態學	3
THEO5226 Theology and Feminism 神學與女性主義	3
THEO5233 Political and Liberation Theologies 政治神學與解放神學	3
THEO5235 Cinema and Theology 電影與神學	3
THEO5843 Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Society and Religion 近代倫理、社會及宗教的問題	3
THEO5847 Culture, Religion and Ethics 文化、宗教與倫理	3
THEO5849 Religion and Ecological Crisis 宗教與生態危機	3
THEO5911 Contextual Interpretations of the Bible 聖經的處境詮釋	3
THEO5920 Contextual Theologies 處境神學	3
THEO5922 Asian Theologies 亞洲神學	3
THEO5924 Christianity and Social Change 基督教與社會轉變	3
THEO5930 Public Theology 公共神學	3
THEO5932 Theology and Work 神學與工作	3
THEO5933 Media, Popular Culture and Christianity 媒體、普及文化與基督教	3
THEO5966 Theology and Hong Kong Society 神學與香港社會	3

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### Extended Research Paper 伸延研究論文

THEO5001 Theological Research 神學研究 ▲	3
THEO5501 Independent Research 獨立研究 ▲	3

### Comprehensive Examination 綜合考試

THEO5940 Theological Studies: Seminar I 神學研究：專題研討 I ▲	3
THEO5949 Theological Studies: Seminar II 神學研究：專題研討 II ▲	3

Remarks:

- ▲ Students are allowed to take these courses more than once, and gain three units each time they pass the course. However, students cannot take courses with the same course code more than once in a single term.
1. Courses listed above will be offered according to resources available in each term and year. Details of course offerings in a particular term will be announced at course registration time.
  2. A few courses have two course codes, e.g. THEO1212/5312 *Introduction to the New Testament*. Under this circumstance, MTheol students should register for the course code **THEO1000-4999 instead of THEO5000 or above** (e.g. to take THEO1212 instead of THEO5312).
  3. Students should follow **postgraduate assessment standards** for all THEO courses taken regardless of the course codes registered.
  4. MTheol students (Taught mode) need to manage their own expenses of the course enrolment outside DSCCC course. Endorsement by their supervisor and Programme Director are also needed.