



## Program Requirement Checklist: MA-MDiv Theology and Divinity, Spiritualities & Community Engagement

In Person vs. Online Courses at Laurier		
Feature	In Person Classes	Online Courses at Luther/Laurier
<b>Design</b>	On-campus courses that you must attend class in person.	Originally and intentionally <b>designed as an online course</b> .
<b>Identification</b>	<b>TH</b> course code <u>without VA or VS designation</u> means it is in person at Luther.	You can identify an online course on LORIS by checking the section. <b>Virtual Asynchronous</b> online courses are marked <b>VA</b> . <b>Virtual Synchronous</b> are <b>VS</b> .
<b>Class Meetings &amp; Format</b>	Usually a 3 hour class once per week for a 12 week term <b>or</b> Intensive format. As we are CRPO regulated, missing classes means you are missing required content (professional competencies) and is not permitted (unless under extreme circumstances).  <b>“Intensive”</b> format means it is in person at Luther but does not run the standard format 3 hours once per week. Intensive courses run full days for 5-6 days (please check your syllabus). Intensive days/times are not posted in LORIS. Please see <a href="#">this Luther link for dates/times</a> .	Virtual Asynchronous (VA) do not include regularly scheduled class meeting times. VA course instruction will occur asynchronously, while Virtual Synchronous courses (VS) are delivered at a specific day and time.  VA courses may occasionally include 1 or 2 scheduled components for virtual interaction, such as for getting to know your professor and classmates. Some online courses <b>may also include a requirement to regularly meet with a peer group</b> .
<b>Fees</b> <a href="#">Link to Tuition &amp; Fees webpage</a>	In-person and online classes have the same fee structure. Full Time students pay per term, and Part Time students pay per course.	In addition to all regular Laurier tuition and fees, online courses are subject to an online course administration fee.

Please use the below Checklist to indicate the courses you have already taken and those you plan to take during the coming year. This is not an “official registration” but is for **planning purposes only**. **Please complete this form and take it to each advising appointment.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-Time: \_\_\_\_\_ or Part Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTERING FOR COURSES**

- **NOTE:** Dates/times/locations for courses held in the Fall and Winter terms can be found on LORIS.
  - To find the days/times of “Intensive” courses, see [Courses at Luther](#).
- In LORIS, we recommend putting in the term (Fall 2025) and then adding in the subject (Theology) and then searching (don’t add the course code) so that all the courses come up for you.
- Unless noted otherwise, all courses are worth 0.5 credits.
- Students should register **early** for their courses. Courses fill up quickly, so registering early will help you get into the required courses.
- Keep in mind that **some courses do not run every year**, so be sure to **connect with your Advisor about your course progression plan**.
- Full Time students typically complete the degree in 3 years. Those with advanced standing may complete the degree more quickly.
- Be sure to **look for SPE at the start of the Winter term in your first year. Reach out to Florence Juma** ([florence.juma@wrhn.ca](mailto:florence.juma@wrhn.ca), Spiritual Care Education Lead at Waterloo Region Health Network) about your SPE placement. SPE can be taken after your first year, and it can be taken as intensive (one semester) or extended (two to three semester).

## NOTE ABOUT INTENSIVE COURSES, TIME MANAGEMENT & BUDGETING

Please keep in mind that when taking “Intensive” courses, you will need to do preparation work (such as completing readings) before the start of the course. We suggest giving yourself **at least a week** in advance of the course, but **ideally 2-3 weeks**, to complete this preparation work.

## CONTEXTUAL VS NON-CONTEXTUAL (COURSEWORK) OPTIONS

Students in the Dual MA SCE-MDiv program will choose whether to pursue the **Contextual or Non-Contextual (Coursework)** option for the MDiv side of the degree. Your choice will affect whether or not you take electives on the MA SCE side of the degree.

For students who choose the **Contextual Option**, you will take TH665I Entry into Parish and TH681 Internship *instead of* MA SCE electives.

For students who choose the **Non-Contextual Option**, you will take 3 electives on the MA SCE side of the degree.

## OVERALL PROGRAM CHECKLIST

Please note that some courses are only offered every other year. These courses are noted in **blue**. You should take these courses **whenever they are offered**, so you don’t miss them. Some courses also have pre-requisites or other considerations. These are noted in **green**.

For students who choose the **Contextual Option**, there are certain courses you need to complete before you can take TH681 Internship. These courses are noted in **yellow**.

**NOTE:** You will see the course **TH560G** listed twice in the checklist; this is because it is required by and counts toward both the MDiv side and the MA SCE side of the dual degree. You will only take the course once.

**Days/Times are subject to change. Be sure to check that the days and times on LORIS before registering to ensure they have not changed. You can also use the [LORIS Visual Schedule Builder](#) tool to make your planning easier.**

## MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Required Courses	Term Taken/Plan to Take (ie Fall 2026)
TH502A – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction (runs every second year)	
TH502B – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Advanced (runs every second year) <b>Pre-requisite: TH502A – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction</b>	
TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures	
TH503C – Survey of the New Testament	
TH503G – Jewish and Christian Bible Themes (runs every second year) <b>Pre-requisite: TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures &amp; TH503C – Survey of the New Testament</b>	
TH530A – Introduction to God and Theological Reflection	
TH530B – Introduction to Jesus and Salvation	
TH530C – Introduction to the Spirit and Community	
TH560A – Introduction to Worship (runs every second year) <b>Complete this course BEFORE taking TH681 Internship.</b>	
TH560C – Introduction to Proclamation and Preaching (runs every second year) <b>Complete this course BEFORE taking TH681 Internship.</b>	
TH560E – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith A (runs every second year) <b>Complete this course BEFORE taking TH681 Internship.</b>	
TH560F – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith B (runs every second year) <b>Complete this course BEFORE taking TH681 Internship.</b>	
TH645A – Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural perspectives	

TH644A – Indigenous Wisdom and Methodology	
TH652A – Supervised Psychospiritual Education I: Foundational 1.0 credit Complete this course BEFORE taking TH681 Internship.	
TH621E – Issues in Church History: Study of the Lutheran Confessions (runs every second year) NOTE: If you are not Lutheran, you can petition to pursue a directed study in place of this course. Petitions must be submitted at least 2 months in advance of when you plan to start the directed study. You can review the <a href="#">Directed Study Policy here</a> .	
TH663A – Grief	
TH560G – Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement	

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY, SPIRITUALITIES & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Core Courses	Term Taken/Plan to Take (ie Fall 2026)
<b>Required:</b> Take <b>BOTH</b> of the following courses:	
TH530E – Foundations of Spiritualities	
TH560G – Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement	
Islamic Spirituality Courses	
<b>Required:</b> Take <b>ONE</b> of these courses:	
TH503E – Reading and Interpreting the Qur’an (in translation)	
TH664B – Islamic Spirituality (Sufism) and Psychotherapy	
Asian Spirituality Courses	
<b>Required:</b> Take <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:	
TH503F – Asian Wisdom Traditions	
TH503H – Buddhist Discourses on Care	

<b>Critical Approaches</b>	
<b>Required:</b> Take <b>ONE</b> of the following courses:	
TH645B – Women, LGBTQ2SIA+, Justice and Spirituality	
TH643D – Questioning Ability	
<b>Research</b>	
<b>Required:</b> Take the following <b>Research</b> course (or <b>MRP</b> or <b>Thesis Option</b> ):	
TH697 – Integrative Project	
<b>NOTE: Non-contextual</b> students can petition to substitute <b>T698 – Major Research Project in Theology</b> or <b>TH699 – Thesis in Theology</b> instead of taking TH697.	
<b>Non-contextual</b> students who take <b>TH698</b> will need <b>2</b> electives.	
<b>Non-contextual</b> students who take <b>TH699</b> will require <b>no</b> electives.	
<b>Non-Contextual Option - Required Electives:</b>	
If completing the <b>Non-Contextual Option</b> for the MDiv side of the degree, students <b>must take electives (consult your advisor):</b>	
<b>Elective 1:</b>	
<b>Elective 2:</b>	
<b>Elective 3:</b>	
<b>Contextual Option - Required Courses:</b>	
If completing the <b>Contextual Option</b> for the MDiv side of the degree, students <b>must take the following courses:</b>	
TH681 – Internship <b>1.0 credit</b>	
TH665I – Entry into the Parish <b>Complete this course AFTER taking TH681 Internship.</b>	