



Program Requirement Checklist: Master of Divinity

In Person vs. Online Courses at Laurier		
Feature	In Person Classes	Online Courses at Luther/Laurier
Design	On-campus courses that you must attend class in person.	Originally and intentionally designed as an online course .
Identification	TH 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. Virtual Asynchronous online courses are marked VA . Virtual Synchronous are VS .
Class Meetings & Format	Usually a 3 hour class once per week for a 12 week term or 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). “Intensive” 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 this Luther link for dates/times .	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 may also include a requirement to regularly meet with a peer group .
Fees Link to Tuition & Fees webpage	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: _____

Academic Advisor

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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, 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 semesters).

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.

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**.

There are certain courses you need to complete before you can take TH681 Internship. These courses are noted in **yellow**.

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) Pre-requisite: TH502A – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction	
TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures	
TH503C – Survey of the New Testament	
TH503G – Jewish and Christian Bible Themes (runs every second year) Pre-requisite: TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures & TH503C – Survey of the New Testament	
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) Complete this course before taking TH681 Internship.	
TH560C – Introduction to Proclamation and Preaching (runs every second year) Complete this course before taking TH681 Internship.	
TH560E – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith A (runs every second year) Complete this course before taking TH681 Internship.	

TH560F – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith B (runs every second year) Pre-requisite: TH560E – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith A Complete this course before taking TH681 Internship.	
TH644A – Indigenous Wisdom and Methodology	
TH645A – Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives	
TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education I: Theory and Practice of Spiritual Care 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 Directed Study Policy here .	
TH663A – Grief	
TH560G – Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement	
Required Electives	
Take TWO electives, chosen in consultation with your advisor.	
Elective 1:	
Elective 2:	
Required: Contextual or Non-Contextual Option	
In addition to the required courses above, students must take the following courses , either with the Contextual or Non-Contextual option:	
Contextual Option	Non-Contextual Option
TH681 – Internship 1.0 Credit	Elective 1:
	Elective 2:
TH665I – Entry into the Parish Complete this course AFTER taking TH681 Internship.	Elective 3: