



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.
 - **Register for the Fall and Winter in May** (starting **May 15th**). You can also register for Spring at this time, but we recommend **waiting until January 5th to register for Spring courses** because the Spring course schedule is not confirmed until then.
- 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** (fjuma@luther.wlu.ca, Spiritual Care Lead at both Grand River Hospital and Cambridge Memorial Hospital) 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 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

Courses that we recommend taking in your first year are noted in **yellow**. Pre-requisites or additional considerations are noted in **blue**.

Required Courses	Availability (Subject to Change)	Taken/Plan to Take
TH502A – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction (runs every second year)	Fall 2026	
TH502B – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Advanced (runs every second year) Pre-requisite: TH502A – Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction	Winter 2027	
TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Fall (2 sections)	
TH503C – Survey of the New Testament We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Winter	
TH503G – Jewish and Christian Bible Themes (runs every second year) Pre-requisite: TH503A – Survey of the Hebrew Scriptures & TH503C – Survey of the New Testament	Spring 2026 – Intensive	
TH530A – Introduction to God and Theological Reflection We recommend taking this course in the Fall term of your first year.	Fall (2 sections) Spring – Intensive	
TH530B – Introduction to Jesus and Salvation We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Winter	
TH530C – Introduction to the Spirit and Community	Spring – Intensive	
TH560A – Introduction to Worship (runs every second year)	Fall 2025	
TH560C – Introduction to Proclamation and Preaching (runs every second year)	Winter 2026	
TH560E – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith A (runs every second year)	Fall 2026	
TH560F – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith B (runs every second year) Pre-requisite: TH560E – Spiritual Formation and Nurturing Faith A	Winter 2027	
TH644A – Indigenous Wisdom and Methodology	Fall Winter Spring	
TH645A – Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Fall Winter Spring – Intensive	

TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education I: Theory and Practice of Spiritual Care TH652A is two 0.5 credit courses = 1.0 credit	Contact your advisor	
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 .	Winter 2026	
TH663A – Grief We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Winter Spring — Intensive	
TH560G – Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement	Winter	
Required Electives		
Take TWO electives, chosen in consultation with your advisor.		
Elective 1:	Contact your advisor	
Elective 2:	Contact your advisor	
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 This course is taken in your 3rd year.	Elective 1:	Contact your advisor
	Elective 2:	Contact your advisor
TH665I – Entry into the Parish	Elective 3:	Contact your advisor
24 REQUIRED COURSES (12 CREDITS)	TOTAL COURSES:	