



Program Requirement Checklist: MA-MDiv Theology and Divinity, Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy

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	<p>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).</p> <p>“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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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: _____

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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.
- **NOTE:** You will see the course **TH664H** listed twice in the checklist; this is because it is required by and counts toward both the MDiv side and the MA SCP side of the dual degree. You will only take the course once.

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.

We also encourage you to consider budgeting time and money for your own personal therapy during your studies, particularly before Practicum.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENT & REQUIRED COURSES

Students must complete a minimum of eight courses, including all pre-requisite courses for the Practicum, before beginning their Placement.

Placement usually occurs in the third year of the Full-Time program. It's important to note that Part Time students also require a minimum of 8 courses, including all the pre-requisite courses, before undertaking their Practicum Placement. For Part Time students, Placement typically occurs in the fourth or fifth year of the program.

- Make sure you complete all the pre-requisites for the Practicum I and Practicum II courses (TH664M & TH664Q) or SPE course (TH652A) before starting your Placement in May or September, after completing all Practicum pre-requisite courses.
 - If you are taking SPE (TH652A) as your Placement option, you must take all the same pre-requisites as Practicum (TH664M & TH664Q) students. Students should enroll in the same course section of Practicum (I and II) (A, B, C, or D) for both terms.
 - Students can **NOT** do both an SPE and a Practicum Placement during their program – you must choose one or the other.
- If you are starting Practicum Placement **during May, you must be registered in at least ONE Spring course**, and we recommend that you **limit your course load to a maximum of TWO courses**. If you are not starting Placement in May, you may take three or four Spring courses.
 - Some Placements require specific electives. Any questions should be directed to Clinical Advisor, Marc Blainey.
- Pre-requisites for Practicum (and SPE) are shaded in **green** in the Checklist below.
 - Pre-requisites can **NOT** be taken concurrently with Placement.

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

This checklist recommends which courses to take in the Fall or Winter of your first year (noted in **yellow**), assuming that you are taking 4 courses per term. If you are choosing to take 3 courses per term, you can complete 2 of these courses (TH663A and TH663V) in the Spring term. Courses with pre-requisites or additional considerations are noted in **blue**.

NOTE: Dual degree students mostly complete Master of Divinity courses in the first year, with a few counselling courses to start preparing for Practicum or SPE. In your second year, you can meet with an advisor to make sure you will have the pre-requisites for Practicum in your third year.

MASTER OF DIVINITY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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)	Winter 2027	
TH645A – Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural perspectives	Fall Winter Spring – Intensive	
TH644A – Indigenous Wisdom and Methodology	Fall Winter Spring	
TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education I: Theory and Practice of Spiritual Care TH652A is two 0.5 credit courses = 1.0 credit NOTE: You can instead opt to take TH664M – Practicum I and TH664Q Practicum II.	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	
TH664H – Professional Studies and Ethics We recommend taking this course in your first year.	Fall – Intensive Fall – VA Winter (in person) Winter – VA	
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 3 rd year.	Elective 1: [Fillable: Course Code/Name]	Contact your advisor
	Elective 2: [Fillable: Course Code/Name]	Contact your advisor
TH665I – Entry into the Parish	Elective 3: [Fillable: Course Code/Name]	Contact your advisor

MASTER OF THEOLOGY, SPIRITUAL CARE & PSYCHOTHERAPY COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Psychotherapy and Counselling Courses		Availability (Subject to Change)	Taken/Plan to Take
Required: Take ONE of the following courses: We recommend taking ONE of these courses in your first year, as a Practicum/SPE pre-requisite.			
TH663M – Family Therapy Overview		Winter	
TH663Z – Theory of Change		Fall Winter	
TH664O – The Neuroscience of Psychotherapy Pre-requisite: TH663M – Family Therapy Overview or TH663Z – Theory of Change or instructor permission		Winter — VA	
TH663L – Clinical Applications of Queer Theory		Winter	
Human Development			
Required: Take THIS course:			
TH663V – Human Development We recommend taking this course in your first year.		Fall — VA Winter — VA Spring — VA	
Other Required Courses (Core Practicum Pre-Requisites)			
Required: Take ALL of the following courses:			
TH664H – Professional Studies and Ethics We recommend taking this course in your first year.		Fall — Intensive Fall — VA Winter (in person) Winter — VA	
TH663Y – Assessment		Fall (in person) Fall — VA Winter (in person) Winter — VA	
TH664L – Pre-Practicum		Winter (5 sections)	

Other Required Courses (Practicum)

TH664M & TH664Q – Practicum I & Practicum II are two 0.5 credit courses that you take in the Fall and Winter of your second year. You take these courses as you are also working at your placement site. There are 4 sections to choose from: A, B, C or D. Please be sure to **register in the SAME SECTION for both Practicum I and Practicum II**, so that you are in the same class with the same instructor for both Fall and Winter terms.

If you choose to take **TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education** for your Practicum, you do not attend class at Luther. All of your classes are held at your SPE location.

Pre-requisites for TH664M and TH652A are:

- One course from the Psychotherapy and Counselling Courses section (TH663L, TH663M, TH663Z or TH664O)
- Any other one Counselling course
- TH664H – Professional Studies and Ethics
- TH663Y – Assessment
- TH664L – Pre-Practicum

Required: Take the TWO following courses:

TH664M – Practicum I (or TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education in person onsite at your SPE location)	Fall — VS (2 sections) Fall (in person, 2 sections)	
TH664Q – Practicum II (or TH652A – Supervised Pastoral Education in person onsite at your SPE location)	Winter – VS (2 sections) Winter (in person, 2 sections)	

Additional Counselling Theory Elective

Required: Take ONE of the following counselling theory courses below, or an additional course from the Psychotherapy and Counselling Theory section above:

NOTE: taking ONE of these courses, or ONE course from the Additional Counselling Electives below, is required as a Practicum/SPE pre-requisite.

TH663C – Cognitive and Dialectic Behaviour Therapy	Fall Winter	
TH663O – Therapeutic Modalities for Working with Children	Winter — Intensive	

TH663R – Core Skills in Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) Prerequisite: TH663W – Couple Therapy: Intervention	Winter — VS	
TH663S – Spiritually Integrated Psychotherapy	Spring — Intensive	
TH663W – Couple Therapy: Intervention	Fall — VS Spring — Intensive	
TH664A – Introduction to Art Therapy NOTE: We strongly recommend taking ONLY TWO of the three following courses (TH664A, TH668X and TH668W) as you can only transfer two courses if you later pursue the planned Graduate Diploma in Applied Creative Arts & Counselling (starting Fall 2026). This also allows you room for more variety in your Counselling Electives section.	Spring — Intensive	
TH664D – Post-Modern Family Therapy	Fall — Intensive	
TH664P – Mindfulness and Psychotherapy	Winter	
Additional Counselling Electives Required: Take ONE of these courses. These can be selected as an additional course from the Psychotherapy and Counselling Theory section, the Additional Counselling Theory Electives above, or from the following options below.		
TH663U – Healing Alternative Adolescent	Spring — Intensive	
TH663X – Addiction, Mental Health and Spirituality: Clinical Applications	Fall	
TH664T – Trauma and Theodicy	Winter Spring — Intensive	
TH668X – Introduction to Drama Therapy NOTE: We strongly recommend taking ONLY TWO of the three following courses (TH664A, TH668X and TH668W) as you can only transfer two courses if you later pursue the planned Graduate Diploma in Applied Creative Arts & Counselling (starting Fall 2026). This also allows you room for more variety in your Counselling Electives section.	Spring — Intensive (to be confirmed)	
TH668W – Introduction to Music Therapy NOTE: We strongly recommend taking ONLY TWO of the three following courses (TH664A, TH668X and TH668W) as you can only transfer two courses if you later pursue the planned Graduate Diploma in Applied Creative Arts & Counselling (starting Fall 2026). This also allows you room for more variety in your Counselling Electives section.	Spring — Intensive (to be confirmed)	
28 REQUIRED COURSES (14 CREDITS)	TOTAL COURSES:	