

# Students Enrolled 9/12/2012 - 12/31/2015

## Master of Divinity

Total Credits: 75

(Prerequisite is a Bachelor degree or equivalent)

MDiv Core and Certificate in Advanced Theology Requirements (36 credits):

- BS501 Biblical Languages (12)
- BS512 Biblical Studies (3)
- BS520 OT Theology (3)
- BS521 NT Theology (6)
- TH521 Systematic Theology I (3)
- THE501 Preaching (3)
- TH610 Westminster Standards (6)

BS690 Master's Thesis (6) (Required for Degree track students only)

MDiv Electives (must choose minimum of 33 credits of elective coursework for the MDiv):

- TH601 Other Religions (3)
  - HS501 The Reformation (3)
  - TH640 Spiritual Warfare (6)
  - TH642 Christian Life (3)
  - HS510 History of the Church (3)
  - TH620 Christian Ethics (3)
  - TH520 Systematic Theology II (6)
  - TH510 Practical Divinity (6)
  - TH660 Eschatology (6)
  - BS570 Sin (6)
  - BS670 Textual Criticism (3)
  - AP501 Apologetics (6)
  - TH550 Ministry Leadership (3)
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# THE501 Preaching

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

Read: [Delivery of Sermons](#) - A Treatise on the Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, John Albert Broads (1827-1895)

## Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 20 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

## Listen to Lectures:

*NOTE: These lectures are located on the Covenant Theological Seminary site. In order to access all the lectures you will have to establish a username and password with that site.*

[Westminster Seminary - J. R. Wilson Preaching lectures \(2010\)](#)

## Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 20 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

One text-to-sermon paper from the Pentateuch  
One text-to-sermon paper from the Wisdom Books  
One text-to-sermon paper from the Prophets  
One text-to-sermon paper from the Historical Books  
One text-to-sermon paper from on the Gospels/Acts  
One text-to-sermon paper from Pauline corpus  
One text-to-sermon paper from Hebrews/general epistles/Revelation

A text-to-sermon paper is a paper which demonstrates that the student has understood and executed all the steps from original text to sermon outline. Each paper will be broken down into the following segments:

1. original text
2. any major\* text-critical issues and a justification of these decisions
3. a literal translation of that text
4. a dynamic-equivalent translation of that text with a justification of major\* translation decisions
5. any historical considerations that are important for understanding this text (cultural practices, political situation, economic situation, etc.)
6. the place of this text in redemptive-history (biblical-theological perspective)
7. what contribution this text makes to our system of theology (a systematic-theological approach)
8. suggested sermon outline

\* “Major” means any issue raised in the UBS 4th edition Greek NT. Other issues are too minor for inclusion in a paper of this nature.

Your mentor may also require preaching sermons at your local church.

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## BS521 NT Theology

**Credit:**

6 Semester Hours

**Assignment 1:**

Listen to Lectures:

<http://www.covenantseminary.edu/resources/#!/courses-new-testament-history-and-theology>

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

**Assignment 2:**

Listen to Lectures:

[New Testament Theology](#)

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

**Assignment 3:**

Write a biblical-theological paper on each of the following:

- promise-fulfillment
- the Holy Spirit
- Israel and the Church
- ecclesiology
- eschatology

Use your own resources and cite them in the paper.

Each paper should be at least five pages in length.

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## BS520 OT Theology

**Credit:**

3 Semester Hours

Write a biblical-theological paper on each of the following:

- creation
- the fall
- Abraham
- Moses/Sinai
- David
- prophets

Use your own resources and cite them in the paper. Each paper should be at least five pages in length.

Listen to Lectures:

[Old Testament Theology](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

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# BS512 Biblical Studies

**Credit:**

3 Semester Hours

**Read:**

[Introduction to the New Testament](#)

**Assignment:**

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Write an introduction to each book of the Bible. Citations required.

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# BS570 Sin

**Credit:**

6 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

Read: [God Forgives Sinners](#) - W. E. Best

**Assignment:**

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [The Doctrine of Original Sin](#) - Jonathan Edwards

**Assignment:**

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

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# HS510 Church History

**Credit:**

3 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

Read: [Sketches of Church History](#)

Read: [History of the Christian Church: Volume II](#)

Read: [History of the Reformation](#)

**Assignment:**

Write one 20-page paper in each of the following areas: Ancient, Medieval, Reformation/Post-Reformation, Modern.

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# AP501 Apologetics

Credits: 6

Read:

[Van Til's Apologetic in Action](#)

[The Defense of Christianity](#)

[Cornelius Van Til](#)

[Van Til: a Reassessment](#)

[Apologetics](#)

[Certainty](#)

[Do We Need God to be Moral?](#)

[How to Believe in God in the 2000s](#)

Assignment:

1. Write 20 pages interacting with the ideas from the readings and giving your analysis.

Read:

[Infinite Series](#)

[Ontological Argument](#)

[Presuppositional Apologetics](#)

[Transcendental Arguments](#)

[Unregenerate Knowledge of God](#)

[A Van Til Glossary](#)

[Van Til and the Ligonier Apologetic](#)

[The Great Debate: Does God Exist? \(Transcript\)](#)

You may also listen to an mp3 of this debate [here](#).

Assignment:

1. Write 20 pages interacting with the ideas from the readings and giving your analysis.

Listen to Lectures:

[Apologetics and Outreach](#)

Assignment:

1. Write 30 pages interacting with the ideas from the lectures and giving your analysis.

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# TH601 Other Religions

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: Oriental Religions and Christianity By Frank F. Ellinwood D.D. [ONLINE VERSION](#)

### Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Listen to [Islam lectures](#)

### Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

Listen to [Buddhism lectures](#)

### Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

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# TH550 Ministry Leadership

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: [The Reformed Pastor](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Listen to [Educational Ministry of the Church Lectures](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

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# TH520 Systematic Theology II

## Credit:

6 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: [Systematic Theology Vol 1](#) By Charles Hodge, D.D.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the volume.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [Systematic Theology Vol 2](#) By Charles Hodge, D.D.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the volume.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [Systematic Theology Vol 3](#) By Charles Hodge, D.D.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the volume.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

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# TH521 Systematic Theology I

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: [Body of Divinity - Thomas Watson](#)

*available formats: read on-line / download as e-book / pdf*

## Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [A Body of Divinity - or the Sum and Substance of Christian Religion - James Usher](#)

*also available at [Google Books](#).*

## Assignment:

1. Create your own catechism consisting of 200 questions. The answer to each question must not exceed two sentences in length.

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# TH610 Westminster Standards

## Credit:

6 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read the Westminster Standards:

[http://www.reformed.org/documents/wcf\\_with\\_proofs/index.html](http://www.reformed.org/documents/wcf_with_proofs/index.html)

<http://www.reformed.org/documents/wsc/index.html>

[http://www.reformed.org/documents/wlc\\_w\\_proofs/index.html](http://www.reformed.org/documents/wlc_w_proofs/index.html)

Read about the 1788 Revision of the Standards:

[http://www.upper-register.com/papers/1788\\_revision.pdf](http://www.upper-register.com/papers/1788_revision.pdf)

## Assignment:

Write 40 pages interacting with the content of the Westminster Standards. Include the importance/impact of the 1788 revisions.

## Listen to Lectures:

[Westminster Confession of Faith](#) (Lectures are from Ligonier Ministries. They are by John H. Gerstner. There are 24 lectures in total.)

## Assignment:

Write 40 pages interacting with the content of the lectures.

## Please Note:

The Ligonier Ministries site requires a special username and password. Please contact the [TNARS Site Administrator](#) to get this information.

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## TH620 Christian Ethics

**Credit:**

3 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

Read: [The Shadow of Christ in the Law of Moses](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Listen to [Christian Ethics lectures](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

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# TH660 Eschatology

## Credit:

6 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: [The Beast of Revelation](#) - Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read the following articles:

[http://www.the-highway.com/amilc\\_Hoekema.html](http://www.the-highway.com/amilc_Hoekema.html)

[Reformed Amillennialism - An Introduction by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Revelation 20 by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Apostasy and Persecution by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Matthew 24 - Part I by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Matthew 24 - Part II by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Matthew 24 - Part III by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

[Reformed Amillennialism - Matthew 24 - Part IV by Prof. David J. Engelsma](#)

Assignment:

1. Write 30 pages interacting with the article's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [He Shall Have Dominion](#) - Kenneth L. Gentry, Jr.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Final Assignment: Write 60 pages explaining and defending your eschatological view

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# HS501 The Reformation

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read: [Luther and the Reformation](#) By Joseph A. Seiss, D.D.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Listen to [lectures on the history of the Church from the Reformation to the Present](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the lectures.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the lecture ideas and giving your analysis.

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# TH640 Spiritual Warfare

## Credit:

6 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

Read:

[The Christian in Complete Armour](#) - William Gurnall

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: [Holy War](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

Read: Precious [Remedies Against Satan's Devices](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

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# BS670 Textual Criticism

## Credit:

3 Semester Hours

## Required Materials:

### Read:

[The Case for Byzantine Priority](#)

[Why I Do Not Think the King James Bible Is the Best Translation Available Today](#)

[Inspiration, Preservation, and New Testament Textual Criticism](#)

[New Testament Textual Criticism](#)

[The King James Version Defended](#)

[Textual Criticism of the Bible](#)

### Assignment:

1. Write 30 pages describing and defending your position on Bible versions and manuscripts.

Read: [The Identity of the New Testament Text](#)

### Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

### Additional Resources:

[Plain Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament, Vol. I](#)

[Plain Introduction to the Criticism of the New Testament, Vol. II](#)

[Anti-KJV 1 John 5:7](#)

[Anti-KJV Reformed Confessions](#)

[Pro-KJV Reformed Confessions](#)

[Pro-KJV Sinaiticus and Vaticanus](#)

[Pro-KJV 1 John 5:7](#)

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# BS501 Biblical Languages

**Credit:** 12 total credit hours

Biblical Languages

*Please Note: These links will take you 'off-site.' You will have to establish a username and a password in order to access this language site material.*

- [Greek I](#)
- [Hebrew I](#)

Recommended Resources

[Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament](#)  
[Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon](#)

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# TH642 Christian Life

**Credit:**

3 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

Read the following books:

[Deeper Christian Life](#)

[With Christ in the School of Prayer](#)

[School of Obedience](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline for each book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the content of the books giving your analysis.

Read the following books:

[The Distinguishing Traits of Christian Character](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

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## TH510 Practical Divinity

**Credit:**

6 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

Read:

[Body of Practical Divinity](#) - John Gill, D.D.

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

[Practical Works of Richard Baxter](#)

Assignment:

1. Write an outline of the book.
2. Write 30 pages interacting with the author's ideas and giving your analysis.

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## BS690 Master's Thesis

**Credit:**

6 Semester Hours

**Required Materials:**

*None*

**Description:**

You must work closely with your mentor in developing your thesis topic and in working through the thesis.

#### GUIDE & FORMATTING:

- 1) Your Master's Thesis should be no less than 100 pages, 1 inch margins, 12 point type, Times Roman Font, double spaced.
- 2) Your Master's Thesis should be free of grammatical and syntax errors and should represent the caliber of work you have completed during your Master's Program.
- 3) Your Master's Thesis should be consecutively numbered, with table of contents and appendices if necessary. Your Thesis should be divided up into relevant chapters with sub-section headings within each chapter. You will need to also include a list of tables, figures and illustrations that are included.
- 4) Your Master's Thesis must include a full bibliography and the material should use a consistent citing system in accordance with MLA, APA, or Chicago/Turabian standards. see: [Citation and Style Guides](#) for further information about formatting.
- 5) Your Master's Thesis must be submitted to TNARS administration by your mentor for review and approval *before* you will be considered for graduation.