

# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

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### M.Th New Testament

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After a M.Div. or B.D. degree, the students can pursue advanced study for two years in the Master of Theology. The program focuses on developing Indian missiologists and faculty members to teach in seminaries. The program prepares trainers of cross-cultural missionaries with a view to empowering ministers among the unreached.

#### Purpose

The M.Th program is designed to make the students specialise in biblical, theological, contextual, and cross-cultural theory and develop transformational and missiological leaders.

#### Vision

The vision is to see Christ-like servant leaders, missiological thinkers, teachers, and writers proficient in missiological research, cultural exegesis, and interpretation, possessing intercultural competencies and ministerial skills to serve the church in fulfilling the Great Commission.

#### Admission Requirements

Following are the requirements for M.Th in New Testament. The Candidate:

- a) A minimum of 12 years of formal education, a university degree, or a B.Th (ATA/SSC).
- b) Should have received a B+ or higher on the M.Div./B.D. (ATA/SSC) exam.
- c) The qualifying examination, which consists of three papers in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Ministry at the final M.Div degree level, can be taken by candidates who received a B or better on their M.Div degree.
- d) In the M.Div./B.D. program, you should have earned a second-class grade on two Greek exegetical papers and a Greek language course. If not, the applicant must finish a one-year qualifying time.
- e) Hebrew language proficiency is an advantage.
- f) The candidate should have a minimum of one year of ministry exposure after receiving their M.Div. or B.D.

#### Application and Registration

- a) The application form and prospectus can be obtained by paying Rs. 500/-.
- b) The last date for receiving the filled-in application is December 31st. A late fee of Rs. 50/- is considered up to the 31st of March.
- c) A registration number will be given once the candidate has registered, and he or she should complete the program in a maximum of 5 years from the year of registration. An extension of one year is considered if there is a valid reason for and payment of the continuing fees.

## M.Th Old Testament

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After the M.Div./B.D., potential teachers and preachers can pursue a two-year degree program in M.Th Old Testament, which touches on areas like studying the history and background of the Old Testament, reading and translating the Hebrew texts of the Old Testament, interpretation, formulating theology, etc. This program helps graduates pursue their doctoral degree, specializing in their field of study and research.

### Purpose

The Master of Theology (Old Testament) program aims to create transformational scholar-leaders and teachers for the Church in India and beyond by offering specialized training in Old Testament literature, history, theology, and hermeneutics.

### Vision

Christ-like servant leaders, teachers, trainers, and writers with a Biblical worldview, proficient in Old Testament language and literature, exegetical expertise, and contextual ministry skills, serving the church and the seminaries.

### Admission Requirements

- a) Candidates must have completed 12 years of formal education and hold a university degree or a B.Th (ATA/SSC).
- b) Candidates should have earned a B+ or higher on the M.Div./B.D. (ATA/SSC) exam.
- c) Those who have earned an M.Div degree but have only received a B average overall must sit for and pass a qualifying examination made up of three papers in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Ministry at the level of the final M.Div degree and earn a B plus overall grade average in order to proceed.
- d) They should have completed at least two Greek exegesis papers, in addition to an Old Testament Greek grammar course, received a second-class grade on each paper during their M.Div. or B.D. studies, and been in touch with the Greek language. If not, they must finish a one-year qualifying time.
- e) Hebrew proficiency may be considered an advantage.
- f) One year of ministry practise is required after the M.Div. or B.D.
- g) Pass the entrance examination.

### Application and Registration

- a) A fee of Rs. 500 is needed to receive application forms and prospectuses. The application must be submitted by December 31st.
- b) After the deadline, applications will be accepted with a late charge of Rs. 50 until March 31.
- c) Each accepted student will receive a registration number, and they must finish their M.Th. within five years of the year of registration. If there is an appropriate reason and extra fees are paid, a one-year extension will be considered.

## **M.Th Missiology**

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After an M.Div. or B.D., the students can pursue advanced education in theology. The M.Th is a two-year degree program to train Indian missiologists and staff members to instruct in seminaries and will help those who seek doctoral degrees. The course hits major topics like the expansion and development of churches, history, culture, and anthropology, theology and practise of missions, and community social development. It is a cross-cultural approach that equips Christian ministers to reach the unreached.

### **Purpose**

The Master of Theology (Missiology) program offers specialised instruction in biblical, theological, contextual, and cross-cultural theory and practise of the Church in mission to foster the development of revolutionary and missiological scholar-leaders.

### **Vision**

The vision is to see Christ-like servant leaders, missiological thinkers, teachers, and writers proficient in missiological research, cultural exegesis, and interpretation, possessing intercultural competencies and ministerial skills to serve the church in fulfilling the Great Commission.

### **Admission Requirements**

- a) Candidates must have completed 12 years of formal education and hold a university degree or a B.Th. (ATA/SSC).
- b) Candidates who earned an M.Div. degree but only a B average overall must take and pass a qualifying examination comprised of three papers in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Ministry at the final M.Div. degree level, earning a B plus overall average.
- c) During their master's degree studies, they should have taken at least four classes on missiology and church history.
- d) Knowledge of preliminary Greek and Hebrew can be regarded as a credit.
- e) Two years of minimum ministry training in a church or mission after receiving an M.Div.
- f) Writing the entrance exam and showing up for the interview.

### **Application and Registration**

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- b) After the deadline, applications will be accepted with a late charge of Rs. 50 until March 31.
- c) Each accepted student will receive a registration number, and they must finish their M.Th. within five years of the year of registration. If there is an appropriate reason and extra fees are paid, a one-year extension will be considered.

## **M.Th Pastoral Theology**

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The M.Th in Pastoral Theology program is for Christian ministers and church leaders to train them to lead and initiate mission-oriented activities in churches and missions. The students develop skills for professional ministry in leadership and building communities. They are taught to exercise stewardship, and are trained for new means for drawing people into communion with Christ and the life of the Church. The students are trained in the areas of administration, evangelization, social ministry, preaching, catechesis, liturgy, spirituality, counseling, and canon law.

### **Objectives**

- a) Develop a habit of reflective practise in ministry, evaluate oneself, and take accountability for it.
- b) Have discussions about the challenges of collaborating in service and deal with those challenges.
- c) Formulate pastoral responses to challenges in churches and take actions to alter them.
- d) Get a thorough personal worldview pertaining to pastoral ministry.

### **Admission Requirements**

- a) The applicant must be an active member of a local church and be involved in church activities and ministry work.
- b) The applicant must have a witnessing life, a call to ministry, and the willingness to go to unreached places to make disciples and plant churches.

## **Integrated M.Th**

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The Integrated M.Th is a unique four-year program that is designed to train and equip young men and women for leadership in church ministries and to train them to become expert lecturers in theological seminaries and colleges. This program prepares the students to serve a diverse community and equips them to lead a life of faith and mission where they will serve in the future.

### **Objectives**

- 1) The students are trained to serve the contemporary church and the postmodern world.
- 2) Amazing opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and worship.
- 3) The students are equipped to do interdisciplinary contextualization work.