



# **MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

- **Contemplation, the Arts, and Social Engagement Specialization**
  - **Faith and Culture Specialization**
  - **Spiritual Care Specialization**

## **Application for Admission**

ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA CAMPUS 8810 112 STREET, EDMONTON, AB CANADA T6G 2J6  
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## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Academic Requirements: Baccalaureate Degree from an institution of higher education approved by a Canadian provincial authority, or the demonstrated educational equivalent. Grade average minimum must be 72%/B/3.0 during last 60 credits of course weight.
2. Personal Requirements: Willingness to engage in a program that is broadly ecumenical and multifaith, and readiness to engage deeply in personal and spiritual reflection as part of a learning community. These will be assessed through the applicant's written statements and admissions interview.
3. Language Requirements: All applicants must be proficient in English prior to admission. Proficiency is demonstrated by either (a) possession of a prior degree where the primary language of instruction was English, (b) demonstration of sufficient coursework completed in English, or (c) a satisfactory score on an approved English language examination (either TOEFL iBT, IELTS, CAEL, or PTE Academic). For full details, see the "English Language Proficiency" section of the St. Stephen's College Academic Calendar.

**Interview:** Applicants will attend an admission interview that will reflect on the applicant's learning goals and determine her/his appropriateness for admission to the program.

**Orientation Day and Program Start Date:** Upon admission, students are expected to register for the St. Stephen's College Orientation Day (usually in early June). Incoming students can expect to take their first course in early June of their starting year.

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (Contemplation, the Arts, and Social Engagement Specialization) REQUIREMENTS

### 42-credit Course-based; 48-credit Thesis-based Honours

MTS Core Courses (15 Credits)	Credits
Theological Studies Collegium (SSC535) (enrolled for three years)	0
Introduction to Theology: Wisdom and Interreligious Theology (SSC511)	3
Diversity in Faith and Culture (SSC547)	3
Scriptures and Sacred Stories (SSC5028)	3
Leadership: Power, Privilege, and Allyship (SSC539)	3
Graduate Academic Skills (SSC579)	3
Specialization Course (21 Credits)	
Spirituality: Contemplation to Action (SSC5540)	3
Pathways to Wholeness: Wisdom from the Desert, the Mountain, and the Cosmos (SSC548)	3
Spiritual and Theological Reflection in Professional Practice (SSC589)	3
Intersectional Theology (SSC5154)	3
Sacred Beauty: Theology through the Arts (SSC5152), or an elective in either Art Studio or Contemplative Practice	3
Elective, or approved Spiritual Direction Program	3
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Final Writing Project (6 or 12 credits)	
Inquiry, Research and Evaluation (SSC5710)	3
Culminating Paper or Thesis	3 or 9

# MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (Faith And Culture Specialization) REQUIREMENTS

## 42-credit Course-based; 48-credit Thesis-based Honours

MTS Core Courses (15 Credits)	Credits
Theological Studies Collegium (SSC535) (enrolled for three years)	0
Introduction to Theology: Wisdom and Interreligious Theology (SSC511)	3
Diversity in Faith and Culture (SSC547)	3
Scriptures and Sacred Stories (SSC5028)	3
Leadership: Power, Privilege, and Allyship (SSC539)	3
Graduate Academic Skills (SSC579)	3
Specialization Course (21 Credits)	
Hebrew Scriptures (SSC501), or approved substitute	3
Christian Scriptures (SSC505), or approved substitute	3
Church History (SSC521), or approved substitute	3
Spirituality: Contemplation to Action (SSC5540)	3
Intersectional Theology (SSC5154)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Final Writing Project (6 or 12 credits)	
Inquiry, Research and Evaluation (SSC5710)	3
Culminating Paper or Thesis	3 or 9

## MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (Spiritual Care Specialization) REQUIREMENTS

### 42-credit Course-based; 48-credit Thesis-based Honours

MTS Core Courses (15 Credits)	Credits
Theological Studies Collegium (SSC535) (enrolled for three years)	0
Introduction to Theology: Wisdom and Interreligious Theology (SSC511)	3
Diversity in Faith and Culture (SSC547)	3
Scriptures and Sacred Stories (SSC5028)	3
Leadership: Power, Privilege, and Allyship (SSC539)	3
Graduate Academic Skills (SSC579)	3
Specialization Course (21 Credits)	
Spiritual and Theological Reflection in Professional Practice (SSC589 at SSC), <i>or</i> Foundations of Spiritual Care (SC501 at Ambrose)	3
Professional Ethics in Psychotherapy & Spiritual Care (PPSYC583 at SSC), <i>or</i> Professional Ethics (SC625 at Ambrose), <i>or</i> Bioethics: Moral Issues from Life Sciences (STP576 at Newman)	3
Leadership & Leadership Formation (LE503 at Ambrose), <i>or</i> Spiritual Leadership (2P3231 at CSBSC)	3
Either: CPE5889 Supervised Pastoral Education, <i>or</i> approved Field Placement plus Elective from list below	6
Spiritual Care Elective from list below	3
Elective	3
Final Writing Project (6 or 12 credits)	
Inquiry, Research and Evaluation (SSC5710)	3
Culminating Paper or Thesis	3 or 9

### Approved Spiritual Care Courses at Participating Colleges

Note: CPE (=6 cr.) fulfills one Elective (3 cr.) + Field Education (3 cr.)

#### St. Stephen's College

Spiritual and Theological Reflection in Professional Practice (SSC589)  
Professional Ethics in Psychotherapy and Spiritual Care (PPSYC583)  
Diversity in Faith and Culture (SSC547)  
Spiritual Assessment in the Promotion of Health (INTD577)  
Supervised Pastoral Education (CPE5889; 6 cr. Field Placement)

#### Ambrose Seminary

Foundations of Spiritual Care (SC501)  
The Ministry of the Chaplain (SC610)  
Introduction to Prison Chaplaincy (SC613)  
Spiritual Care of the Dying (SC615)  
Professional Ethics (SC625)  
Leadership & Leadership Formation (LE503)  
Leadership and Resilience (LE633)  
Crisis Counselling (CC602)  
Personal Formation & Development (PT501)  
Intercultural Competence (MI502)  
Pastoral Internship or Mentoring (PT712/721; 3 cr. Field Placement)  
Intercultural Internship or Mentoring (MI712/720; 3 cr. Field Placement)  
Clinical Pastoral Education (SC715/716; 6 cr. Field Placement)

#### Canadian Baptist Theological Seminary and College

Dealing with Conflict (2C1243)  
Spiritual Formation (2P3215)  
Spiritual Leadership (2P3231)  
Capstone Ministry I & II (2P2341/2P2342; 3 cr. Field Placement)

#### Newman Theological College

Spiritual Direction (STP575)  
Bioethics: Moral Issues from Life Sciences (STP576)  
Introduction to Pastoral Counselling (STP586)  
Theological Field Education (STP470; 3 cr. Field Placement)

**Taylor University College and Seminary**

Gospel in Multi-Cultural/Faith World (MI620)

Personal Dev. & Ministry (PC431)

Crisis Intervention (PC632)

Spiritual Formation (PT540)

Field Education (FE442/443/444; 3 cr. Field Placement)



## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES PROGRAM

### APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All documents submitted in support of this application become the property of St Stephen's College and are not returnable to the applicant or transferable to any third party. All materials will be kept strictly confidential. All materials must be received in order for your application to be considered complete. Keep a copy of the completed application packet for your files. For questions, please contact the Registrar's Office: 1-800-661-4956 (in Canada), 780-439-7311 or at [st.stephens@ualberta.ca](mailto:st.stephens@ualberta.ca). Prospective students should submit the following documentation:

1. The attached application form with required statements.
2. The non-refundable application fee.
3. Transcript(s): Official and Complete Transcript issued by the institution awarding the degree and certified by an authorized officer of that institution mailed or emailed directly to St Stephen's College; includes all courses taken and grades received for all years attended, is complete to the last date of attendance, and where applicable states the degree and the date the degree was or will be awarded. If the degree awarded includes transfer credits from other institutions, a transcript from the credit-granting institution is also required. Baccalaureate Degree in related area must have GPA minimum 72%/B/3.0 during last 60 credits of course weight. Applicants should submit official transcripts for all academic work put forward in support of the application. Applicants whose transcripts are in a language other than English must submit certified translations of all transcripts being submitted as part of the application.
4. If language of instruction for prior degree was not English, proof of satisfactory score on an approved English language examination, referring to English Language Proficiency policy in Academic Calendar.
5. Curriculum vitae in summary form. This document should include:
  - Professional experience: Position, place, and duration
  - Post-secondary education: Degrees, diplomas and certificates held, with institutions and dates
  - Other experience, education or training related to proposed program
6. Two to three page statement of personal and professional goals in relation to the proposed course of study.
7. One page statement of your spiritual journey.
8. Two letters of reference sent directly to College (using Reference Form which is part of the application).
  - (a) one letter should be from a member of the leadership team in the applicant's volunteer or professional setting
  - (b) include one academic referee if within 3 years of graduating.Referees are to indicate the length and nature of their relationship to the applicant, and comment on the following points, as possible:
  - Character, personality, and capacity for personal growth and development
  - Academic ability
  - Capacity for work in an educational model that emphasizes reflection on experience and personal growth as well as knowledge and skill development
  - Emotional stability
  - Leadership and vocational qualities
  - General readiness for pursuing their goals by means of the proposed course of study

**Application deadline:** February 1 for Canadian and Permanent Resident applicants. November 1 for international applicants and applicants applying for a Baccalaureate equivalency review. Equivalency fee \$225; if equivalency is granted, applicants then pay the normal application fee.

### EQUIVALENCIES PROCEDURE

An application from persons who do not possess a Baccalaureate Degree will be considered if the applicant possesses satisfactory alternate educational experience. In such cases, the Dean will require evidence of readiness to proceed. The Dean's decision whether or not to accept an application is final.

Prospective applications for whom special consideration is required should submit all supporting documentation (see Admission Requirements), together with any additional assessments, transcripts, and certificates earned in lieu of a Baccalaureate Degree. A non-refundable equivalency fee of \$225 must be included. The Dean's Office will review all documentation, and where it is deemed further exploration is warranted, may assign additional requirements to test eligibility. If equivalency is granted, the applicant will be invited to the intake process, and will pay the non-refundable regular application fee.

## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

### Master of Theological Studies Program Application Form

**INDICATE WHICH SPECIALIZATION YOU ARE APPLYING TO:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	MTS (Contemplation, the Arts, and Social Engagement Specialization)
<input type="checkbox"/>	MTS (Faith and Culture Specialization)
<input type="checkbox"/>	MTS (Spiritual Care Specialization)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

*Use your legal name as shown on one of the following documents: Birth Certificate, Passport, Canadian Immigration Student Authorization document or Marriage Certificate. This name will appear on your College records and transcripts, and on your degree parchment upon graduation.*

Full Legal Name			
	<i>Surname</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Initial</i>
Previous Legal Name (if any)			
	<i>Surname</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Initial</i>
Address			
	<i>Street</i>	<i>City/Province/Postal Code</i>	
Citizenship	<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident	<input type="checkbox"/> International Student (International Students must obtain a Study Permit)	
Email			
Phone			
	<i>Home</i>	<i>Business</i>	
Birth Date			
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Another/prefer not to disclose
Social Insurance Number	DO NOT EMAIL YOUR SOCIAL INSURANCE NUMBER. Phone St. Stephen's College Assistant Registrar (780-439-7311#30) with your number.		
Religious affiliation if applicable (for statistical use only)			
How did you hear about the program?			

What are some faith-based activities you have been involved in during the past five years?

List your community involvements during the past 5-10 years.

When you dream about what you would like to do on completion of your theological studies, what is your dream about? Describe it.

Describe briefly a major concern or issue that you believe faces the responsible person of faith today.



## APPLICATION MATERIALS CHECKLIST:

(A detailed description of application materials is on page 2 under "Application Procedure")

<input type="checkbox"/>	Application Fee
<input type="checkbox"/>	Official Transcripts requested to be mailed directly from degree-granting institution (or emailed)
<input type="checkbox"/>	English Proficiency Test Score documentation (if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Curriculum Vitae
<input type="checkbox"/>	2-3 page statement of personal and professional goals in relation to the MTS program
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-page statement of your spiritual journey

## LETTERS OF REFERENCE

Name of Referee	Occupation

Letters of Reference are mailed/emailed directly to St Stephen's College, using the form appended to this application.

## APPLICATION FOR EQUIVALENCY:

**Applicants who do not possess a Baccalaureate Degree** must apply for equivalency: Send your completed application form and all documents referred to under Application Procedure and Equivalencies Procedure to the College and pay the non-refundable **\$225 equivalency fee**. If equivalency is granted, applicants will be required to pay the normal application fee (\$200 Canadian or Permanent Resident applicants; \$400 International applicants).

## REGULAR APPLICATION:

**Applicants who possess a Baccalaureate Degree:** Send your completed application form and all documents referred to under Application Procedure to the College and pay the non-refundable application fee (**\$200 Canadian or Permanent Resident applicants; \$400 International applicants**).

## HOW TO PAY THE APPLICATION FEE?

Payment methods available:

<https://www.ualberta.ca/st-stephens/st-stephens-programs/how-to-study-at-ssc/tuition-fees-and-payment.html>

## SEND SIGNED APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTS TO:

St Stephen's College  
University of Alberta Campus  
MTS Program Admissions  
8810 112 Street  
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2J6  
or EMAIL: [st.stephens@ualberta.ca](mailto:st.stephens@ualberta.ca)

- I certify that the information in this application is true and complete in all respects and that I have withheld no information.
- I certify that I have read and understand the "Student Records: Contents, Access, Use, and Protection" policy outlined in the Academic Calendar: <https://www.ualberta.ca/st-stephens/st-stephens-programs/files-cabinet/academic-calendar.html>
- I understand that misrepresentation, falsification of documents, or withholding of requested information regarding this application are serious offences and may result in dismissal from the College.
- I agree, if admitted to St. Stephen's College, to comply with the College regulations as stated in the St. Stephen's College Academic Calendar.

Signature	Date

**ST STEPHEN'S COLLEGE  
Edmonton, Alberta**

**REFERENCE FORM – MTS PROGRAM**

<b>APPLICANT NAME</b>	
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The College would appreciate a confidential statement from you concerning the person named above who has applied for admission to one of the degree programs of this School of Theology. **Referees may attach a letter of reference to this form, or write comments below.** Please indicate the length and nature of your relationship to the applicant, and comment especially on the following points, as possible:

- (1) Character, personality, and capacity for personal growth and development
- (2) Academic ability
- (3) Capacity for work in an educational model that emphasizes reflection on experience and personal growth as well as knowledge and skill development
- (4) Emotional stability
- (5) Leadership and vocational qualities
- (6) General readiness for pursuing their goals by means of the proposed course of study

**Letters of recommendation for admission can be released on request to the subject of the letter. They are considered valid for one year only.**

<p><b>SEND DIRECTLY TO</b> St Stephen's College MTS Program Admissions 8810 112 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2J6</p> <p><b>OR EMAIL TO:</b> <a href="mailto:st.stephens@ualberta.ca">st.stephens@ualberta.ca</a></p> <p>Do NOT return Reference to Applicant</p>	<b>REFERENCE PROVIDED BY</b>	
	Signature	
	Name	
	Position/Title	
	Address	
	Phone	