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## A NEW Seminary for San Diego

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Pacific Theological Seminary is a biblically based, non-denominational institution that aims at equipping individuals for effective Christian service through the highest quality education and mentoring. The seminary's faculty, staff and students represent a spectrum of backgrounds, experiences, and Christian traditions, and its unique instructional model stresses the dual importance of both Christian scholarship and personal discipleship.

We train future Christian leaders through graduate-level degree programs and a variety of non-degree learning opportunities. The overall goal of the Pacific Seminary experience is to equip students with a broad base of knowledge, skills and competencies that can be effectively applied to a wide range of ministry-related roles and vocations, both locally and globally.



### Notice to Prospective Degree Program Students from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

This institution is provisionally approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education to offer degree programs. To continue to offer this degree program, this institution must meet the following requirements:

- Become institutionally accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, with the scope of the accreditation covering at least one degree program.
- Achieve accreditation candidacy or pre-accreditation, as defined in regulations, by June 15, 2024, and full accreditation by June 15, 2026.

If this institution stops pursuing accreditation, it must:

- Stop all enrollment in its degree programs, and
- Provide a teach-out to finish the educational program or provide a refund

An institution that fails to comply with accreditation requirements by the required dates shall have its approval to offer degree programs automatically suspended.

The Bureau's website can be found at:  
<https://www.bppe.ca.gov>



**PACIFIC**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

## Master of Arts in Theological Studies

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## Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.)

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.T.S.) prepares graduates for a wide variety of Christian ministry roles both inside and outside the church.

- The program provides essential knowledge, skills, and competencies that can be applied to a range of ministry-related functions such as teaching, administration, leadership, and service.
- The M.A.T.S. program can represent a more accessible alternative to the traditional M.Div program for those not aspiring to serve in senior pastoral roles.
- The M.A.T.S. shares the same 27 unit core as the M.Div, and a broad range of elective options that can be chosen to support specific ministry goals and objectives.
- A spiritually nurturing instructional environment provides a supportive and encouraging context in which students can grow their personal faith and increase their spiritual maturity.
- The thoughtful mentoring and guidance of caring faculty members helps students acquire the essential relational skills and ministry perspectives required for effective Christian service.

## The Program Provides:

- A solid understanding of biblical content and theological reflection, informed by historical Christian traditions
- Opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, guided by faculty members dedicated to serving as role models and mentors
- An informed and discerning approach toward biblical interpretation
- Skills for competent research and effective teaching of biblical and theological content
- A Christian world view that embraces awareness and displays sensitivity toward global and intercultural issues
- The option to choose specific elective courses that support individual ministry goals

## M.A.T.S. Curriculum (51 Total Units)

### Core Requirements (27 units)

- Hermeneutics
- Church History Survey
- New Testament Survey
- NT Exegetical Explorations
- Old Testament Survey
- OT Exegetical Explorations
- Systematic Theology I & II
- Christian Social Ethics

### Additional Degree Requirements (6 units)

- Graduate Research Seminar (0 units)
- Senior Integrative Seminar (3 units)
- Introduction to Spiritual and Personal Formation (3 units)

### Electives (18 units)

- Free Electives (6 units)
- Electives (courses in Biblical Interpretation (BI), Biblical Theology (BT), Communication & Preaching (CP), Global & Contextual Studies (GC), Historical Studies (HS), Marital & Family (MF), Mental Health (MH), New Testament (NT), Old Testament (OT), Spiritual & Personal Formation (SP), or Theological Studies (TS)) (12 units)

M.A.T.S. students are not required to declare a concentration.

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