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As both an academic and professional degree, the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) provides biblical and theological training to equip you for effective ministry in the church, workplace, parachurch organizations or academic settings.

The MATS degree offers the study of systematic theology, apologetics and ethics, and provides an excellent foundation for further theological studies toward a Master of Divinity or at the doctorate level.

# Master of Arts in Theological Studies

**Estimated Program Cost: \$17,640**

2013–14 Tuition: \$490 per credit

Books: \$900 (estimated total for MATS program)

### MATS Coursework (36 credits)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation .....	2
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics .....	4
BIA5017	Bible in Its World .....	4
BIA5019	History of Christianity .....	4
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena .....	2
BIB6312	Biblical Theology .....	4
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I .....	4
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II .....	4
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology .....	2
BIB6316	Apologetics and Ethics .....	4
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership .....	2

See the Graduate & Continuing Education Catalog at [unwsp.edu/catalog](http://unwsp.edu/catalog) for course descriptions. Courses subject to change.

### Program Delivery

 Class formats for the MATS:

**On site:** Come to class on campus one night a week for four hours.

**Online:** Interact online with professors and other students.

**Time Frame** MATS coursework can be completed in approximately 18–22 months.

# Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Building on Northwestern's history of biblically based evangelical theology, the MATS is an academically rigorous degree that will open your eyes to the deep truths of Scripture. You will learn to study God's Word in depth and apply it theologically and practically in a variety of contexts.

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## Something Good for Something Better

Raising nine children, homeschooling, taxiing to soccer practices and football games and volunteering at church did not make Melissa, a MATS student, a natural candidate to pursue a master's degree. But from her point of view, "If God calls you to something, it's now."

"I'm juggling a lot and graduate school is at least 20 hours a week at home," Melissa said. "But if I sit here and think 'How am I ever going to fit this into my schedule?' I'll never find a way; but God always does. I say it's giving up something good for something better."

The support of Northwestern classmates has been pivotal for Melissa. "I've gotten connected. There are so many walks of life here. I learn from different people's perspectives," she said. Her professors have inspired her, too. "They love the Lord and they love us and they go out of their way to help us."



Read more of Melissa's story at [unwsp.edu/gradstudies](http://unwsp.edu/gradstudies)—click on Academic Excellence.



## Is the MATS for You?

The MATS is designed for individuals who desire to study the Word of God and ground their faith in the rich theological truths found within its pages. The degree prepares students in any profession who want to increase their biblical knowledge and apply a Christian worldview to their professions. Online and on-site options offer flexibility to meet your needs.

## Thinking Differently

Chris, who earned her MATS at Northwestern and then pursued her Master of Divinity, loved that her professors made her think. "They really will challenge you to think critically and to be able to interpret Scripture," she said. "They don't push us into thinking one way or the other; you could always express your feelings and thoughts—how you would interpret it."

## Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies

A Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies is offered for completing five core courses of the MATS degree and serves as an introduction to graduate-level education. If you have a heart for biblical studies but may not be ready to plunge in for your master's degree, the Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies will help you grow deeper in biblical knowledge. To learn more visit [unwsp.edu/gradstudies](http://unwsp.edu/gradstudies) and select Degrees.

**University of Northwestern – St. Paul** Since 1902, Northwestern has been equipping Christ-centered learners and leaders to invest in others and impact the world. Northwestern offers five graduate degrees and two graduate certificates, 70+ areas of traditional and adult undergraduate study, and online and early college programs.

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## Meet Your Professors

### Randy Nelson

Randy Nelson, Ph.D., has twice been nominated by students for “Who’s Who Among American Teachers” and has earned Northwestern’s “Teacher of the Year” award. Committed to his students and to Northwestern, Nelson’s specialty areas include Gospel studies, Jesus research and hermeneutics. His students frequently share that Nelson is also an expert at putting them at ease, as many return to school for the first time in many years.



### Ed Glenny

W. Edward Glenny, Ph.D., professor of New Testament Studies and Greek, holds two doctorate degrees, three master’s degrees and a bachelor’s degree. From January 2011–December 2012, Glenny held Northwestern’s first Endowed J. Edwin Hartill Professorship. While in this role, Glenny expanded research and writing in the same field as his published book, *Finding Meaning in the Text: Translation Technique and Theology in the Septuagint of Amos*, including commentaries on the Septuagint text of the 12 minor prophets.



### Outcomes

Through the MATS program, you will:

- Develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship
- Learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation
- Study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testaments
- Survey the history of Christianity
- Construct a personal theology of leadership

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Learn more about our faculty at [unwsp.edu/gradfaculty](http://unwsp.edu/gradfaculty).



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