

**Joint Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Social Work**  
Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago/University of Chicago (SSA)  
Requirements for Graduation  
*Master of Divinity Requirements*

STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ ADVISOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST TERM REGISTERED: \_\_\_\_\_

**BIBLICAL STUDIES:**

- \_\_\_ BL-307 Biblical Greek (if one year of undergraduate is completed with a grade of no less than a B-, may substitute elective in New Testament) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ BL-300 Biblical Hebrew (if one year of undergraduate is completed with a grade of no less than a B-, may substitute elective in Old Testament) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ B-331 Jesus and the Gospels (pre-req: Biblical Greek)
- \_\_\_ Pauline Epistle Option (pre-req: Biblical Greek)
- \_\_\_ B-310 Pentateuch and Wisdom Literature
- \_\_\_ Prophets Option (pre-req: Biblical Hebrew)
- \_\_\_ Advanced Exegesis Option (pre-req: Biblical language + core courses)

**CHURCH HISTORY AND SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY:**

- \_\_\_ H-301 Church History I
- \_\_\_ H-302 Church History II
- \_\_\_ H-360 Lutheran Confessional Heritage
- \_\_\_ T-305 Systematic Theology I (pre-req: Church History I)
- \_\_\_ T-306 Systematic Theology II (pre-req: Church History I)
- \_\_\_ T-450 Constructive Theology (pre-req: ST I and ST II)

**THE ARTS OF MINISTRY:**

- \_\_\_ M-380 Worship
- \_\_\_ M-340 Preaching (pre-req: Worship course, Gospels *or* Pauline course)
- \_\_\_ Pastoral Care Option (400-level courses have pre-req of Intro to Pastoral Care course *or* completion of basic unit of CPE)
- \_\_\_ Educational Ministries Option

**INTERDISCIPLINARY AND CORE AREA OPTIONS:**

- \_\_\_ Communities of Color Option
- \_\_\_ Ethics Option
- \_\_\_ World Religions Option
- \_\_\_ Leadership for Mission and Public Life Option
- \_\_\_ Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar Option

**FIELD WORK:**

- \_\_\_ Ministry in Context \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ CPE \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_ Internship \_\_\_\_\_

**ELECTIVES:** 5 SSA Courses as Free Electives

**GROWTH IN FAITH** (five authorized experiences)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

## FIVE YEAR SAMPLE PROGRAM

### Year One: LSTC

#### *Semester One*

1. Biblical Greek (or substitute)
2. Pentateuch and Wisdom Literature
3. Worship
4. Church History I

#### *J Term:*

5. Core Area Option

#### *Semester Two—Apply to SSA during Spring Term*

6. Gospels or Paul
7. Lutheran Confessional Heritage
8. Ministry course
9. Church History II, Area Option, or Ministry course

**Note:** Entering LSTC with Biblical Greek completed and completing Gospels or Paul *and* worship in the fall semester would make it possible to take Preaching in the spring semester. However, because of overlapping electives (electives from SSA being transferable to LSTC and vice versa) it is still possible to complete second-year SSA requirements along with the needed LSTC pre-internship courses normally taken in the second year of the M.Div. Program).

### Year Two: SSA full-time

Apply for CPE early in the Fall [Urban CPE has worked most optimally, contact: Barbara Sheehan]  
Ministry in Context **[Note: A Ministry in Context** course site will be mutually negotiated between the student, the SSA and LSTC Field Education Directors so that it counts toward requirements in both programs. The seminar for Ministry in Context meets only once a month, with day and evening sections available to dual degree students. For ecumenical students, MIC placement in your denomination.]

### Summer after Year Two: CPE – which begins the 401 (2<sup>nd</sup> placement)

### Year Three: LSTC and SSA

#### *Semester One: Endorsement for ELCA rostered ministry*

1. Systematic Theology I

#### *Semester Two*

2. Systematic Theology II
3. Preaching (if needed; see Note above)

### Year Four: Internship

[For ecumenical (non-Lutheran) students, complete paperwork to get internship waived with the LSTC Field Ed office]

### Year Five: LSTC

#### *Semester One:*

1. Hebrew
2. Gospels or Paul
3. Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar or Constructive Theology
4. Area Option

#### *J Term:*

5. Area Option

#### *Semester Two:*

4. Prophets
5. Advanced Exegesis
6. Senior Interdisciplinary Seminar or Constructive Theology
7. Church History II or Area Option

**Note:** 5 free electives move from SSA to LSTC; LSTC courses (ministry courses or area options) fulfill 3-5 courses at SSA, depending on concentration (see SSA checklists). **Growth in Faith** experiences undertaken while concentrating at SSA may help keep students connected with LSTC community.