

**Master of Arts Degree
Program of Study Worksheet**

2004-present

At the time of admission, students are assigned a faculty advisor. Students work with their faculty advisor and within the selected area of focused study to design a program tailored to meet their educational objectives. Students, in consultation with their faculty advisor, complete a *Program of Study Worksheet* on which they plan out their course selections to meet the core area requirements and selected area of focused study.

Students who do not select an area of focused study at the time of their application and admission should declare one no later than the completion of 24 credits. At that point, students will be reassigned, if necessary, to a faculty advisor in the area of focused study.

Please note: The *Ministry Seminar* (which was the core course until Fall 2003) may count as the core course requirement for all students who have already taken it and choose to complete their degree under the MA degree requirements which took effect in 2003-2004 and continue to be in effect. However, all are welcome to take the new core course, *Dialogue in a World of Difference*. Should you choose to take *Dialogue in A World of Difference*, in addition to having already taken *The Ministry Seminar*, it will count as three credits of the 9-12 credits of free electives.

Please print

Student Name: _____ **Faculty Advisor:** _____

Semester/Year of Entry: _____ **Focused Area of Study:** _____

Best number/email to reach student in case of questions: _____

(Phone)

(E-mail)

Program of Study Worksheets should be submitted to the Dean no later than the completion of 24 credits.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Advisor Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dean's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

(Program of Study Worksheet – on back)

Master of Arts Degree Program of Study Worksheet

The Master of Arts degree requires successful completion of 48 credits as detailed below; a minimum of 30 credits must be taken through Hartford Seminary and all degree requirements must be completed within six years.

	Course Title	'other trad.' course *	Semester/Year Taken	Course Instructor
Core Course (3 credits)				
Core Areas				
Scripture 1 (3 credits)				
Scripture 2 (3 credits)				
Theology (3 credits)				
Ethics (3 credits)				
Spirituality, Worship and Liturgy (3 credits)				
Religion and Society (3 credits)				
History (3 credits)				
Focused Area of Study (9 credits): _____	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____			
Free Electives (9 or 12 credits – <i>see</i> Final Requirement)	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____			
Final Requirement	1. _____ (Thesis – 6 credits) OR 2. _____ (Final project or paper – 3 credits)			

* Please indicate with an X which course, of the courses listed above, fulfills the MA degree requirement of “a course, other than scripture, in a faith tradition other than the one with which you are most familiar.”

MA DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

(from 2004-2005 Hartford Seminary Catalogue, pps. 37-38)

The Master of Arts degree requires successful completion of the 48 credit components detailed below.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

Planning the program of study: At the time of admission, students are assigned a faculty advisor. Students work with their faculty advisor and within their selected area of focused study to design a program tailored to meet their educational objectives. Students, in consultation with their faculty advisor, complete a program of study worksheet outlining their courses and selected area of focused study.

Students who have not selected an area of focused study at the time of their application and admission should declare one no later than the completion of 24 credits. At that point, students will be re-assigned, if necessary, to a faculty advisor in the area of focused study.

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Core Course Dialogue in a World of Difference 3 credits

The core course, offered each fall semester, is foundational to the Master of Arts teaching goals and curriculum at Hartford Seminary. The course, which is team taught by two or more core faculty, provides an introduction to the lenses and disciplines of contextual, dialogical and interfaith engagement and discourse. The core course is required of all students enrolled in the Master of Arts degree program. Students are strongly urged to take the course during the first fall semester after admission to the program.

Core Areas

Students are required to take the designated number of credits in each of the core areas listed below; courses that fulfill the core areas are identified on the course schedule for each semester and in the course description section of the catalogue.

Sacred Scripture (Required: one course in each of two scriptures)	6	
Theology	3	
Ethics	3	
Spirituality	3	
Religion and Society	3	
History	<u>3</u>	
Core Area credits		21 credits

Note: Students completing a degree concentration in Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations select from appropriate courses in each of the core areas.

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Area of Focused Study

9 credits

For the focused area of study, students work with their faculty advisor to select courses tailored to meet their educational goals within one of the following areas:

- Biblical Studies
- Congregational Studies
- Islamic Studies/Christian-Muslim Relations
- Ministry in Daily Life **
- Religious Studies **
- Spirituality
- Theology and Ethics

** The 'Ministry in Daily Life' and 'Religious Studies' areas of focused study allow for the broadest possible selection of courses to meet individual student educational objectives.

Whenever possible, the faculty advisor for a student selecting one of the five remaining areas of focused study will be a faculty person within that academic area. That faculty person is the one who gives final approval to the course of study their student advisee has proposed and completed, in consultation with the Dean.

Free Electives

9 or 12 credits

(9 or 12 credits depending on final requirement selection of final paper, project or thesis)

Final Paper/Project (3 credits) OR Thesis (6 credits)

3 or 6 credits

Total Credits – Master of Arts

48 credits

Note: Each student must include in the 48 credits required for the degree one course, other than scripture, in a faith tradition other than the one with which he or she is most familiar. Students work with their faculty advisor to determine the appropriate course selection to meet this requirement.

