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ThM Semester Outline	30-31	ThM Courses changed from 18 weeks to 16 weeks	<p>The Th.M. program can be completed in two or three years of full-time study (four or more credit units per semester), though part-time study (three credit units or less per semester) is permissible. The program provides instruction in fall and spring semesters consisting of sixteen weeks each. In the interest of preparing men for ministry or doctoral studies efficiently, the program is not to exceed four years except by written permission of the Th.M./Ph.D. committee.</p> <p>Modular Format</p> <p>Students can take up to 4 modular courses each semester. The semester-length modular courses allow for significant scheduling flexibility, as the majority of coursework is done from a distance. The student must come to the Los Angeles campus twice a year (Nov/Dec, June, per the academic calendar). The 16-week fall and spring terms are divided into 3 segments: 1. The pre-module period involves 12 weeks of interactive learning facilitated through the online platform Canvas; 2. The modular period lasts between 1–3 weeks at the Los Angeles campus each semester, as individual courses meet for one week each (or up to three weeks for certain research languages); 3. The post-module period provides an additional 1 week of supplemental learning facilitated through Canvas after the on-campus modular period ends.</p>
ThM Courses Added	96-97	Added BI824, BI826, BI830, BI831, BI832A, BI832B, BI870 Course Descriptions	<p>BI824: Readings in Contemporary Hermeneutics – This seminar is designed to expose students to the significant contemporary trends in evangelical and non-evangelical biblical interpretation, focusing on how these trends understand the role of the biblical writer, his text, and the reader, and analyzing them in light of the grammatico-historical method of interpretation. This seminar is also designed to prepare students to take a comprehensive exam in the area of hermeneutics in order to fulfill a key requirement of the Bible exposition emphasis in the Master of Theology program. 2 hours.</p> <p>BI826: Readings in Contemporary Homiletics – This seminar is designed to expose students to the significant contemporary trends in evangelical and non-evangelical biblical preaching, focusing on how these trends understand the role of the biblical text, the contemporary preacher, and the contemporary hearer, analyzing them in light of the text-driven expository</p>

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Audit Policy for TMS Students and online courses	58	TMS Enrolled Students exempt from paying audit fee	Full time matriculated students are permitted to audit one course at no cost per term. Any additional courses for audit must be approved by the Academic Provost’s office and will be charged the auditing fee for every additional course. The fee to audit a course for both matriculated and non-matriculated students is located under the “Financial Information” section of the catalog. The audit fee is non-refundable. TMS alumni interested in auditing courses for further training are exempt from paying the audit fee. Online courses are not available for audit.																																																																					

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Shepherds' Conference Attendance Policy	85	On campus students are required to attend the Shepherds' Conference	Each spring Grace Community Church sponsors its annual Shepherds' Conference. Regular classes for this week are dismissed so that students may be involved in workshops and in interaction with pastors and church leaders from all over the world. All students are eligible to receive a discounted admission to the conference. All residential students are required to attend as many conference hours as class hours they normally attend each week.
Student Accounts Payment Deadlines	75	Removal of listed due dates for payment	Removed: Student tuition accounts must be paid in full by the following deadlines. (There is no extended payment plan for summer post-session.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 10 for the fall semester • April 10 for the spring semester • June 10 for the first summer post-session • August 10 for the second summer post-session
Admissions Policy Added	55	Provisional Acceptance Policy	The Master's Seminary reserves the right to require supplemental coursework before a student is fully admitted into one of its programs. This is to ensure that students entering a program meet the necessary entry requirements to succeed in the program. If additional work is required, applicants to TMS will be notified by the Admissions department of a provisional acceptance status. This provisional status will be removed once the pre-requisites have been completed.
Theology Courses	116	Theology courses can be taken out of order after completing Theology 1	Adjusted pre-requisites for the following courses: TH606, TH705, TH706. These three course descriptions now reflect a TH605 pre-requisite listing only.
WASC approval of Spanish MDIV and MMB on campus	23, 29	Removal of "pending WASC approval" note	Removed: El programa de Maestría en Divinidad solo está disponible para estudiantes a distancia. Este programa está en espera de aprobación de WASC para estudiantes presenciales. (Translation: The Master of Divinity program is only available for students at a distance. This program is pending WASC approval for residential students). Removed the following section; further explained on pages 22-25 of the Academic Catalog: MASTER OF DIVINITY (<i>In Spanish</i>) – The Master of Divinity curriculum in the Spanish

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			language will provide a basic three-year program in graduate theological education for those preparing for church or mission vocations requiring ordination. The program will be designed to provide a broad biblical, theological, and practical foundation for those entering pastoral, missionary, or other Christian education ministries. This program is pending WSCUC approval.
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