

Bethany Theological Seminary and Earlham School of Religion
Master of Arts: Theopoetics and Writing (MATW) Curriculum, effective fall 2023

Summative Exercise (3 hours)

MA Summative Exercise (Thesis/Portfolio/Project) in final semester	3
Hours Taken =	3

Theopoetics and Writing Courses (21 hours)

T215	Theopoetics	3
T356	Theopoetics, Mythopoetics, Aesthetics	3
WR course	200-level Writing course, from list below	3
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5	Another course from list below	3
6	Another course from list below	3
7	Another course from list below	3
Hours Taken =		21

General Electives (12 hours). These may be any Bethany/ESR courses, not just those on list below.

1		3
2		3
3		3
4		3
Hours Taken =		12

Total Hours Taken = **36**

Course Options*

B210	Poetics of Jesus
BS337	Writing Midrash
H/T205	In Their Own Words
M120	Preaching, Theopoetics, and Society
M326	Preaching, Poetry, and Prophetic Imagination
P249	Peace of City and Quest for Public Theology
P/T268	1968: A Case Study in Public Theology
PM320	Theology and Preaching
SPxxx	Spirituality, Birkel (several courses)
T217	Christian Themes in the Gallery, Contemporary Images in the Church
T218	Spirituality and Ecology: Sabbath Poetry of Wendell Berry
T227	Ecological Theology and Christian Responsibility
T230	Survey of Christian Poetry
T231	Theology of Place and the Built Environment
T/WR245	Visual Communication and Faith
T247	Science Fiction and Theology
T/P259	Art, Justice, and Peace
T/WR280	Poetry Writing Workshop
T304	Theological and Artistic Understandings of Jesus
T310	Modernity, Postmodernity, and Belief
T313	Narrative Theology
T/P380	Bonhoeffer, War, and Peace
TS336	Christian Ethics
TS/PJ360	Interfaith Dialogue
TS/PJ364	Process Theology
TS/PJ366	Liberation Theologies
WR220	Writing the Story
WR230	Creative Nonfiction
WR240	Writing Public Theology
WR250	Writing for God and God's People
WR270	Applied Storytelling
WR290	Special Topics in Writing
WR350	Writing Seminar

*Note: 300-level courses have prerequisites that may not be listed here; see catalog.

**Two independent studies (6 credits total) are allowed for the MATW.