MASTERING THEOLOGICAL ENGLISH

WHAT IS MTE?

Mastering Theological English is a rigorous language program that equips you to study theology at Westminster. If you qualify for WTS admittance but have a TOEFL score below the minimum WTS requirement, the successful completion of MTE can fully qualify you to enter WTS.

MTE COURSES

There are two course levels, MTE I and MTE II. MTE I is an intensive summer course designed for students accepted to Westminster's MDiv, MAR, or DMin degree programs. You can be eligible with a TOEFL score of 68-87 iBT.

MTE II is a higher-level course designed for students accepted to the ThM program. You will need a TOEFL score of 85-99 iBT to enter MTE II. If you do not meet this TOEFL requirement, you can also enter MTE II by first completing MTE I, provided that you have been admitted to the ThM program.

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<td>MDiv, MAR, DMin, ThM*</td>
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<td>9 weeks</td>
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† Applicants must be accepted into their Westminster degree program to be eligible for MTE.

* Completion of MTE II is also required.

MTE ADMISSION

Steps for admission and important deadlines for applying to the MTE program are listed below. Please note that there is no separate application for MTE. Admittance to MTE is based upon your application to a Westminster degree program.

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Steps for Admission:
1. Complete your WTS Application for Admission.
2. Prepare funding and visa documentation.
3. Upon full admittance, pay the deposit of $500.
4. Make the full tuition payment by the first day of the program.
MTE Curriculum

MTE I CURRICULUM

MTE I is designed to prepare students to enter Westminster’s MDiv, MAR, and DMin degree programs. Combined with MTE II, it is also for ThM students whose TOEFL scores are below 85. In MTE I, students study from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. In the morning, they build specific academic English skills. In the afternoon, they take Theological English, an introduction to the theological genres they will encounter at Westminster and the language skills they will need to thrive in their degree programs. MTE I students also learn critical thinking and study theological vocabulary.

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MTE I CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

GRAMMAR WARM-UP
Every morning, MTE I will begin with a variety of light-hearted grammar activities. This brief warm-up will introduce important terminology and reinforce important grammatical principles.

INTEGRATED FOUR-SKILLS LANGUAGE CLASSES
These classes will teach advanced English reading, writing, listening, speaking, and grammar in a holistic way. The purpose of these morning sessions will be to strengthen the foundation of students’ knowledge of English.

THEOLOGICAL ENGLISH
This class will be devoted to understanding and using English for theological purposes. Lessons will begin with a brief lecture and discussion, followed by in-depth study of a theological reading selection with accompanying discussion and language learning activities. Students will also be assigned Theological English tasks in which they will have an opportunity to practice speaking or writing about theology.

CRITICAL THINKING
This class will help students recognize, analyze, and use argumentation in a theological context. Students will learn to think critically about what they read and hear and to recognize sound and fallacious argumentation.

PRONUNCIATION
This class will help students to communicate more clearly with others and to become better listeners in conversations and course lectures.

SPECIAL GUEST LECTURES
Each week, an advanced degree student at Westminster will lecture on a theological topic. These lectures will give students a taste of the type and depth of subject matter they will encounter in their Westminster coursework.
MTE II CURRICULUM

MTE II promotes a high level of English language proficiency, for students admitted to Westminster’s ThM program. Students study from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. In the morning, they strengthen their advanced theological reading, writing, speaking and listening abilities as they work through the actual readings and lectures used in ThM courses at Westminster. In the afternoon, students participate in a practice ThM seminar and participate in workshops that prepare them for the writing and speaking activities required at the ThM level. MTE II immerses students in the target theological environment so that they can progress very rapidly.

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INTEGRATED SKILLS: LISTENING/WRITING
In this class students will build listening skills by working through advanced theological lectures and academic discussions. They will also significantly advance their writing skills by analyzing the rhetorical patterns and grammatical structures used in writing apologetics/systematics, biblical studies, and church history. Assignments will prepare students for the listening and writing tasks they will encounter in Westminster's ThM program.

INTEGRATED SKILLS: READING/SPEAKING
Students will be thoroughly prepared to comprehend the advanced reading assigned in ThM classes as they also become faster and more thorough readers. In the speaking portion of this class students study pronunciation, interpersonal communication, grammar and, by the end of the program, present and lead class discussions.

THM SEMINAR
In MTE II, students engage with theological ideas at the ThM level in two practice ThM seminars: the Apologetics/Systematics ThM Seminar (first six weeks) and the Biblical Studies ThM Seminar (second six weeks). These seminars simulate actual ThM classes at Westminster, preparing students to engage with professors and other students in the ThM program. In both seminars, students practice critical reading, engage in theological discussions, listen to specialized lectures from the instructor, and complete writing assignments similar to those assigned in ThM courses.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR
Students improve their grammatical accuracy and complexity by studying advanced academic English grammar supplemented by analysis of its use in theological texts. Weekly group editing of students' papers provides an opportunity for students to ask questions about how to apply advanced grammatical concepts in their writing and speaking.

PRONUNCIATION
In these tutorials, the student is coached by the instructor individually on how to improve based on recordings of the student's speech.

SPECIAL SESSION/GUEST LECTURERS
Special sessions or guest lectures are offered weekly to help students better prepare for the research and writing requirements of the ThM program, or to give them additional opportunities to practice and receive feedback on their language skills as they approach the qualifying exam.
MTE HOUSING

MTE I HOUSING OPTIONS (MAY 19 - JULY 29)
Westminster offers on-campus and off-campus options for housing during MTE I. On-campus housing options are described below. Information about off-campus housing for MTE I is coming soon.

How to Apply: A student should apply for housing once he or she has demonstrated full funding and has received a confirmation letter from the International Student Advisor. To apply, email the completed [application form](mailto:studentdevelopment@wts.edu) to studentdevelopment@wts.edu. A non-refundable housing security deposit in the amount of $250 is also required to complete your application process. Priority is assigned in the order in which we receive your completed application and housing security deposit. Once the application and deposit are processed, the International Student Advisor will contact you to confirm your specific arrangements.

Application Deadline: April 21

ON CAMPUS HOUSING (MTE I)

Westminster has 17 on-campus rooms, some single and some double-occupancy. The prices for Summer 2018 are as follows:

- Single Room: $1,495/student (total for 10 weeks)
- Shared (Double): $995/student (total for 10 weeks)

Price includes housing only; food is provided by the student. Prices are subject to change.

Dormitory housing for the MTE I program begins on **May 19, 2018**. If you plan to arrive before this date, please make arrangements for a temporary place to say until the dorms are available. MTE I students will be required to find off-campus housing after the MTE I program ends; the deadline for moving out is **July 29, 2018**.
OFF CAMPUS HOUSING (MTE I)

A local church has offered to house students in a missionary house near the church at the same rate as on-campus housing. The house is located 6 miles from Westminster.

Shared (Double): $995 /student (total for 10 weeks)

Price includes housing only; food is provided by the student. Prices are subject to change.

Transportation will be provided to bring you to the program in the morning, returning to your housing in the afternoon.

The off-campus housing for MTE I program begins on May 19, 2018. Also, the deadline for moving out is July 29, 2018.

Westminster MTE Scholarship

MTE Scholarship is offered to all the students who have successfully graduated from MTE program upon entering Westminster.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION

Q. What if I don’t have a TOEFL score?
A. A TOEFL score is required for admission to MTE. Before applying for MTE, take the TOEFL and have your scores sent to Westminster. To register for the TOEFL, applicants should contact TOEFL Services, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA (telephone: 609-882-6601; web address: www.toefl.org). Westminster’s code number, 2976, should be noted on materials sent to TOEFL Services.

Q. What if my TOEFL iBT score is below 68?
A. The minimum TOEFL iBT score for admission to MTE is 68. However, you may retake the TOEFL and have your improved scores sent to Westminster.

Q. What if my TOEFL score is old?
A. We will accept a TOEFL score up to two years old. If your score is older than that, you may retake the TOEFL and have your scores sent to Westminster.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Q. Is there a Westminster scholarship available for MTE students?
A. Yes, students who successfully pass an MTE course receive a scholarship toward courses at Westminster. See the linked scholarship information table.

Q. Is there a financial benefit for taking both MTE I and II?
A. Yes, students who successfully pass both MTE I and II will receive a Westminster scholarship from both MTE courses that they complete, which results in extra savings. See the linked scholarship information table.

Q. When is my MTE program deposit due? When is tuition due?
A. See the table of MTE deadlines above. The deposit of $500 is required to ensure your place in MTE and will be counted toward the full balance of tuition. The full balance of the tuition is due on the first day of MTE.

Q. Is the MTE program deposit different from the housing security deposit?
A. Yes, the MTE program deposit secures your status as a student in MTE. The housing security deposit is for those who apply for on-campus or off-campus housing through Westminster (see the explanation in the MTE Housing portion of this document).

Q. Am I required to pay the housing security deposit if I arrange my own housing?
A. No, the housing security deposit is only required for students who apply for housing through Westminster.
MTE ACADEMICS – GENERAL

Q. What are the standards in order for me to pass MTE?
A. MTE is a rigorous language program, designed to equip you to perform successfully in Westminster classes. Passing the MTE qualifying exam is our most important measure of whether you have developed the level of advanced theological reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills required to succeed at Westminster. If more information is needed on the specific reading, writing, listening, and speaking standards of MTE, please contact Leslie Altena at mte@wts.edu.

Q. What do I receive when I complete MTE?
A. You will be awarded a certificate of completion. In addition, the MTE course(s), which are non-credit, will be listed on your Westminster transcript.

MTE I ACADEMICS

Q. What is the MTE I Progress Evaluation?
A. The purpose of the Progress Evaluation is to help students assess their strengths and weaknesses in English two-thirds of the way through the program, so that they can most efficiently improve their weak areas and prepare to do their best on the Qualifying Exam.

Q. What happens in MTE I if I don’t pass the qualifying exam?
A: MTE I Students who do not pass the qualifying exam will be asked to meet with the Director of MTE to discuss options for continuing their study of English. They will not be able to enter a Westminster program the following fall, but may reapply for admission to Westminster at a later date.

MTE II ACADEMICS

Q. What exams are given in MTE II?
A. A midterm exam will be given halfway through MTE II. You must pass the midterm to continue in the course. A qualifying exam will be given at the end of the course.

Q. What is the MTE II qualifying exam?
A. The MTE II qualifying exam tests students in the areas of theological reading, listening, speaking, and writing. If you pass the exam and satisfy the additional requirements of MTE II, you can matriculate as a Westminster student.

Q. After passing MTE II, what English language academic requirements will I have during my normal course of study at Westminster?
A. All students admitted to Westminster with TOEFL iBT scores below 111 must take the course Advanced Theological Writing (ATW) beginning their first semester on campus. After entering Westminster upon successful completion of MTE II, you will still need to meet the ATW requirement.

Q. I have been accepted into one of Westminster master’s programs but not the ThM. Can I qualify for the ThM by completing MTE II?
A. No, you must apply and be accepted into the ThM program in order to take MTE II.
LOGISTICS

Q. Do I need to purchase textbooks?
A. No. All books, software, and other necessary instructional materials will be provided. However, students should come to MTE with their own laptop computer (see the technical requirements immediately below).

Q. What are the technical requirements for MTE?
A. Students should come to MTE with their own laptop computer with Windows 7 or later or Mac OS 10.8 or later, standard word processing software, wireless internet capability, and USB compatibility. Student laptops should be equipped with a working headphone and microphone.

Q. How can I find information about housing for MTE?
A. Westminster has limited on- and off-campus housing options available on a first-come first-served basis. Staff will also assist MTE students in locating their own off-campus housing. For more information, see the MTE Housing section of this document.

Q. Should I bring my family with me at the beginning of MTE?
A. We advise incoming MTE students to come by themselves, without their families, until they have secured their admission as Westminster students by completing all requirements for their MTE course.

Q. Does MTE provide meals?
A. No, students will be responsible for their own meal arrangements. Hot water and microwave ovens are available on campus. Westminster can assist students in locating local shopping areas and can provide some assistance with transportation. For more information please contact Westminster’s International Student Advisor at studentdevelopment@wts.edu.

Q. How will I find a local church?
A. Westminster can provide assistance in locating churches in the area and can provide guidance on resources for transportation. For more information please contact Westminster’s International Student Advisor at studentdevelopment@wts.edu.