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Master of Theology Programme in Transformative Ecumenism

*The Global Ecumenical Graduate School
at Seoul Jangsin University*





About the Master of Theology in Transformative Ecumenism at the Global Ecumenical Graduate School, Seoul Jangsin University

Background

Theological education circles lack ecumenical programmes that engage with themes such as justice, peace, and social transformation—areas strongly advocated in the Global South.

In recognition of this need, the Council for World Mission (CWM) developed transformative ecumenism, with facets including:

- Contextualisation of theology
- Life-affirming theological education
- Preferential option for justice
- Innovative approach to learning and assessment
- Theological education shaped by the movement mode

Responding to these recommendations, Seoul Jangsin University (SJU)—affiliated with the Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK) and a committed member of CWM—established the Global Ecumenical Graduate School (GEGS). SJU is launching a Master of Theology Programme in Transformative Ecumenism.



Objectives

The programme aims to:

- Extend the theoretical achievements of transformative ecumenism into a theological movement.
- Cultivate theologians and faculty members with global competence, equipped to address the realities and challenges of the Global South.
- Develop ecumenical leaders capable of engaging effectively in both global and local contexts.
- Contribute to the advancement of ecumenical theology and the renewal of Christian education.



Master's Program

Degree Title: Master of Theology in Transformative Ecumenism

Duration: Three semesters

1st Semester (September–December):

- **Mode:** In-person classes and fieldwork in Korea
- **Course Composition:** 6 credits
- **Fieldwork:** Research on grassroots movements in Korea (4 credits)

2nd Semester (March–June):

- **Mode:** Online classes in the student's home country
- **Course Composition:** 8 credits

3rd Semester (September–December):

- **Mode:** Online classes in the student's home country
- **Course Composition:** 2 credits
- **Dissertation Writing:** 4 credits

Credits Required: A total of 24 credits, including a dissertation of approximately 15,000 words.

Curriculum

Theoretical Courses (*8 subjects, 16 credits*)

1. History of the Ecumenical Movement
2. Major Issues in Ecumenical Mission
3. Transformative Biblical Reading
4. Global Christian History
5. Human Liberation and Christian Education
6. Transformative Ecumenism
- 7-8. Ecumenical Theology Seminars on Ecology and Life, Economy and Justice, Gender Equality, Interfaith Dialogue, Imperialism, War, Discrimination, and related themes



Fieldwork (4 credits)

1. Rural Mission
2. Urban Industrial Mission
3. Violence in the Context of Militarisation
4. Peace and Reconciliation
5. Interfaith Cooperation
6. Migration and Multicultural Communities
7. Gospel and K-Culture
8. Life-saving Movements in Cyberspace and Technology (*Science and Religion*)

Methodology

Hybrid and tutorial-based learning that integrates experiences of transformative ecumenical movements in the field through methodologies of immersion, solidarity, participation, and co-learning.



Application and Admission

Admission Requirements

Academic Qualification:

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum grade of B+ or its equivalent (upper second-class honours, 2:1, in the UK system).

Language Proficiency:

- For non-English-speaking degree holders: A minimum TOEFL iBT score of 80, or IELTS score of 6.0, or other recognised evidence of English proficiency.
- For English-speaking degree holders: No additional language proficiency tests are required.

Scholarship

The Council for World Mission (CWM) and Seoul Jangsin University (SJU) will jointly provide scholarships for selected applicants.

Required Documents

Applicants are required to submit the following documents:

1. Application Form (University-designated form)
2. Certificate of Graduation and Official Academic Transcript
3. Letter of Recommendation from a CWM member church or CWM ecumenical partner
4. Copy of Passport
5. Financial Affidavit issued by the Council for World Mission (CWM)

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