



McMaster Divinity College offers a variety of courses in various disciplines and at various levels pertinent to our different degree programs. Each course has a course code that is a unique identifier of that course.

The course codes follow a specific protocol that uses two characters followed by a space and 6 characters to encode certain information about the course. Below is a list of the encoding protocol:

1. Discipline

A two-letter abbreviation indicating the discipline (i.e. OT, NT, MS, MF, TH, CH).

2. Units

A number indicating the number of units/credit hours granted by the course. This digit will always be a 3, 5, or 6 (pending future program changes).

3. Degree Family

A single-letter abbreviation designating the degree family for which a course has been designed. A “P” for Professional degrees (MDiv, MTS, MA Theology & Min, MA Counselling & Sp Care, DPT) or a “R” for Research degrees (MA Christian Studies, PhD)

4. Course Number (Characters 3 through 5)

A unique identifier for the course within its discipline. Courses within a series will all have the same unique ID.

5. Level (Character 6)

This number indicates whether a course is part of a series of courses that must be taken in a certain order. Since most courses have no prerequisites, the final digit will often be 0 (zero). In cases, such as language courses, counselling skills courses, or other introductory and advanced level courses, the final digit will be a 1, 2, 3 etc., corresponding to that course’s place within the series.