

RACE-CLASS-GENDER-EARTH NEXUS

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❖ **The PLTS M.Div. curriculum is designed to enable students to:**

- Practice critical awareness of their social location and particularity, how their social location affects how they move through life, and how it affects others.
- Identify the multiplicity of lenses/principles/identities in any given situation and explicate how best to address the situation in light of these multiple interests.
- Discern the coded messages pertaining to racial/class/gender/earth intersectionality in everything they read, write, say, sing, preach, teach, and do.
- Shift from anthropocentric practice and consciousness to living as one part of Earth's economy of life, and lead others in that shift.
- Lead ministry settings in adopting practices of environmental justice as the intersection of ecological issues and their impacts on marginalized people.
- Read "texts" of all kinds through an intersectional lens that links matters of race, class, and gender with matters of ecological well-being.
- Employ the race-class-gender-Earth nexus in critique, retrieval, and reconstruction of Christian beliefs and practices.
- Draw upon theological and ecclesial resources in Lutheran traditions – including global Lutheranism – for understanding the race-class-gender-Earth intersections and for addressing matters that reside in those intersections.

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- ❖ Courses that focus significant attention on two or more of the above can be considered as eligible to fulfill the M.Div. curriculum requirement of 3 units taken at this nexus. PLTS M.Div. required courses cannot be used to fulfill the nexus requirement.
- ❖ Whether a course qualifies for the Faith Traditions Selective is determined by the students' Academic Advisor. Students should provide a copy of the course syllabus to their advisor and indicate which of the above outcomes (must be at least two) are fulfilled by the course. Students should submit the "[Selectives Completion Form](#)" for advisor approval and so the course can be counted for the appropriate requirement in their program evaluation.