There is a great deal of flexibility in the order that you take your MAET courses. All core requirements (e.g. CH500, Survey of Church History or OT500, Old Testament Survey) are offered at least once every year. Concentration courses, however, may vary from year to year. Thus, if you see a particular concentration or elective course that interests you, you may want to take it immediately since it may not be offered again during your time at Gordon-Conwell.

While there is great freedom in how you sequence your courses, there are a few important points to keep in mind in order to ensure that you are able to complete your degree in two years.

- Begin your systematic theology sequence during your first year of studies

- Consider taking some courses at the Boston (CUME) campus, through the Boston Theological Institute (BTI), or through directed studies in order to complete your concentration

- You may use some BTI courses as part of your ethics concentration (upon approval of a formal Waiver Petition)

- If there is a particular topic in ethics that interests you, you may want to consider a directed study course, working with a faculty member one-on-one to create a Reading or Research Course focusing on that area

- If you desire to write a thesis, discuss this with a faculty member from the Division of Christian Thought early in your studies since the thesis invitation process can take several months

- If you do not test out of OT and/or NT Survey, it is recommended that you take these foundational courses early in your studies

- Always register as soon as you are permitted in order to ensure that you get maximum priority on limited courses

- Consider taking Semlinks or January and Summer session courses to lighten your load in the Fall and Spring semesters