

MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

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PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The Master of Arts in Theology program offers advanced training in the theological disciplines, providing graduates with an even greater depth of understanding concerning Christian Theology. It is a degree program especially designed for students who already have a significant amount of practical ministry experience and are wanting more training focused in biblical and theological studies in preparation for teaching ministries in the church, specialized ministries, parachurch vocations where theological integration is essential, and/or preparation for advanced doctoral studies in Theology.

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Graduates will demonstrate a deep knowledge of Christian theology, scripture, history, and tradition as well as standards of theological research, relevant methodologies, scholarship, and ongoing debates within the theological disciplines. [IDEA 1]
- Graduates will demonstrate appropriate expertise and the ability to integrate information and learning from across the theological disciplines in order to engage with complex issues from a well-rounded, informed theological perspective. [IDEA 9]
- Graduates will demonstrate a commitment to the enterprise of theology and theological scholarship for the good of the church and broader society. [IDEA 12]

M.A. THEOLOGY REQUIRED COURSES

Non-credit Graduate Orientation (Required)

UTF 500: Orientation

Theology Foundations Core – 33 credit hours

BTH 503: Theological Research Methods (16 weeks)

BTH 513: Old Testament Introduction

BTH 523: New Testament Introduction

BTH 533: Christian Doctrine

BTH 543: Christian Doctrine II

BTH 553: Contemporary Issues in Biblical Studies

BTH 563: History of Christianity (16 weeks)

BTH 613: Interpreting & Teaching the Bible

BTH 623: Christian Ethics *

BTH 633: Worldview & Apologetics*

BTH 643: Contemporary Issues in Theological Studies

Elective Courses – 12 credit hours

(Select 4 courses from the options below)

BTH 573: Theology and Culture

BTH 583: Catholicism and the Reformation

BTH 653: Alliance Theology and Practice

ICS 653: Cross-Cultural Ministry*

MIN 653: Ecclesial Frameworks*

OR

Thesis Option – 6 credit hours

BTH 700: MA Theology Supervised Research

(16 weeks; 6 credit hours) and 2 electives (6 credit hours)

16 courses total OR 14 courses + Supervised Research = 45 total Credit hours

*Courses also used in MACHM

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SUGGESTED 2-YEAR SEQUENCE OF COURSES

*Please note these are suggested but are subject to change as to which session or semester they are offered.

YEAR ONE

FALL SESSION (16 weeks)

BTH 503 Theological Research Methods

FALL SESSION A

UTF 500 Orientation

BTH 613 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible

FALL SESSION B

BTH 513 Old Testament Introduction

BTH 633 Worldview and Apologetics

SPRING SESSION (16 weeks)

BTH 563 History of Christianity

SPRING SESSION A

BTH 523 New Testament Introduction

BTH 533 Christian Doctrine

SPRING SESSION B

BTH 623 Christian Ethics

BTH 653 Alliance Theology and Practice (Elective option)

SUMMER SESSION

BTH 573 Theology and Culture (Elective option)

YEAR TWO

FALL SESSION A

Elective Option

FALL SESSION B

BTH 553 Contemporary Issues in Biblical Studies

SPRING SESSION (16 Weeks)

BTH 700 MA Theology Supervised Research (Thesis Option) (6 hours)

SPRING SESSION A

ICS 653 Cross-Cultural Ministry (Elective option)

SPRING SESSION B

BTH 543 Christian Doctrine II

BTH 643 Contemporary Issues in Theological Studies

SUMMER SESSION

BTH 583 Catholicism and the Reformation (Elective option)