



Program of Study: Master of Arts in Christian Studies

Program Description:

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies is a program designed for individuals who desire to lead as Christians in their arenas of influence, be they secular, religious, professional, or personal. The program focuses on the preparation of leaders in biblical and theological knowledge, practical application of that knowledge in leadership settings, and the development of character and integrity in all aspects of life. Emphases include urban ministry, youth ministry, leadership ministry, and pastoral ministry. Students conduct professional research and complete a research project during the course of their studies.

Christian Studies Core:

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credit Hours
BIB 501	Old Testament Foundations	A survey of the historical and theological structures and themes of the Old Testament historical and literary documents.	4
BIB 502	New Testament Foundations	A survey of the historical and theological structures and themes of the New Testament historical and literary documents.	4
BIB 650	Biblical Hermeneutics	A study of the basic principles of evangelical biblical interpretation, biblical exegesis, and application especially in the context of ministry, including an introduction to the use of biblical language tools. Prerequisites: BIB 501 and BIB 502.	4
HTH 505	Systematic Theology I	An introduction to the study of theological method and the doctrines of revelation, God, man, and the world.	4
HTH 550	Systematic Theology II	A continuation of the study of theology focusing on the doctrines of Soteriology, Christology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Prerequisite: HTH 505.	4
HTH 655	Christian Worldview and Contextualization	A study of the Christian worldview and other dominant worldviews—religious and secular—and their role in the contextualization of the Christian message and mission. Prerequisites: HTH 505 and HTH 550.	4
MIN 615	Spiritual Formation and Mentoring	A study of spiritual growth focusing on the student's own spiritual formation and application through mentoring of others.	4

Total Christian Studies Core Credits: 28

Students may choose one of the following Emphasis areas or select any two of the following courses:

Pastoral Ministry Emphasis:

MIN 520	The Work of the Pastor	A study of the daily practice of pastoral ministry and the ethical issues that arise in the context of leading in ministry.	4
MIN 670	Homiletics	A study of the techniques involved in preaching. Includes techniques for appropriate contextualization of the Christian message and preparation and delivery of sermons. Prerequisite: BIB 650.	4

Christian Leadership Emphasis:

CHL 520	Theories of Leadership	A survey of current models, methods, and skills of leadership and their application in a variety of settings.	4
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CHL	650	Leading through Crisis, Conflict, and Change	An investigation into the dynamics of crisis, conflict, and change and how to address these realities in Christian ministry. Prerequisite: CHL 520.	4
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Urban Ministry Emphasis:

INT	520	Cross-Cultural and Multicultural Ministry	A study of the opportunities and challenges of ministering cross-culturally and multiculturally. Students will consider domestic and international settings.	4
INT	630	Issues in Urban Ministry	An examination of how the church's mission expresses itself in the urban setting and ethical implications for decisions made in urban ministry.	4

Youth Ministry Emphasis:

MIN	530	Youth Issues and Crises	A study of a holistic approach to youth ministry within the larger context of families, schools, etc., and the ethical implications to be considered in youth ministry.	4
MIN	630	Mentoring and Counseling Youth	A study of techniques used in mentoring and providing a pastoral counseling ministry among youth.	4

Total Emphasis Credits: 8

Total Christian Studies Core Credits: 28

Total Master of Arts in Christian Studies Credits: 36