

MASTER OF ARTS IN MINISTRY

Overview

The Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.Min.) is for persons called to vocational ministry in a role that does not require the Master of Divinity. While the curriculum provides excellent preparation for specialized ministry in the church, it is not designed to provide an abbreviated period of graduate study leading to senior pastoral leadership. Those who want to serve in senior leadership positions are encouraged to enroll in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program.

The objectives of the program are as follows:

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Growth in emotional, spiritual, and relational health resulting in observable love for God and neighbor.
3. The capacity and skills for effective ministry practice within the context of a ministry team.
4. Intercultural competence as it is lived out in various ministries of the local church, broader community, and the global arena.
5. Intentional integration of biblical knowledge and personal and spiritual formation into ministry with diverse populations.

M.A.Min. students are not required to declare a concentration. For those who choose to pursue a concentration, a complete list of all concentrations is available in the "Concentration (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/bethel-seminary/academic-programs/concentrations/>)" section of this program. Students who choose a concentration may need to take independent studies or extend the length of time to degree completion in order to fulfill the requirements of a particular concentration.

The M.A.Min is the seminary degree involved with a special academic program from another Bethel University school:

- The Ministry Scholars Program (<https://catalog.bethel.edu/bethel-seminary/academic-information/special-programs/5yr/>) with the College of Arts and Sciences

Degree Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
BT 510	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
HS 510	Church History	4
NT 516	Reading New Testament Literature	4
OT 516	Reading Old Testament Literature	4
TS 535	Theology and Ethics I	4
TS 536	Theology and Ethics II	4
Degree Specific Courses		
GC 520	Mission and Evangelism	4
GS 780	Senior Integrative Seminar	4
ML 540	Transformational Leadership	4
SP 540	Spiritual and Personal Formation	4
Concentration Courses and Electives		
Electives (CTL or CSPF) ¹		8
Supervised Ministry and Other Requirements		
GS 001	Graduate Research Seminar: Masters Level	0
SP 001	Formation Assessments: Masters Level	0
TL 002A & TL 002B	Professional Internship Assessment and Preparation A and Professional Internship Assessment and Preparation B	0
TL 568A	Professional Internship for MA in Ministry A	2
TL 568B	Professional Internship for MA in Ministry B	2
Total Credits		52

¹ CTL Electives are any CF, CP, CM, DC, GC, ML, or TL courses.

CSPF Electives are any MF, MH, PC, or SP courses.

Students may complete a thesis to fulfill a portion of the required elective credits.

No concentration is required for this degree. If a student is earning a concentration, concentration requirements will be taken instead of electives.

A minimum of 52 semester credits is required for graduation from the M.A.Min. program. The student is responsible for meeting all graduation deadlines and requirements.