

# MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN THOUGHT)

The M.A. (Christian Thought) degree prepares students for vocations located at the intersection of faith and culture. Graduates work in church, parachurch, academic, nonprofit, and marketplace contexts, with vocations ranging from pastors, teachers, and evangelists to scholars, activists, and business professionals. This program enables students to explore the intersection of Christian thought with social issues and other aspects of contemporary culture in the context of an expanding global Christian church. Students receive a rigorous grounding in Bible, theology, and history. Further, they learn to apply Christian thought in strategic and missional ways appropriate to their vocational context.

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. A comprehension, analysis, and evaluation of the intersections of theology and culture with the goal of strengthening the active witness of the church in society and the academy.
- 4. Intercultural competence for the purpose of advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 5. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life, and practice.

| Code                               | Title                                     | Credits |
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| Master of Arts (Christian Thought) |                                           |         |
| 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 Requirements       |                                           |         |
| GS 780                             | Senior Integrative Seminar                | 4       |
| SP 540                             | Spiritual and Personal Formation          | 4       |
| TS 605                             | Christian Worldview in Global Perspective | 4       |
| Other Requirements                 |                                           |         |
| GS 001                             | Graduate Research Seminar: Masters Level  | 0       |
| SP 001                             | Formation Assessments: Masters Level      | 0       |
| Total Credits                      |                                           | 36      |