

MASTER OF ARTS (CHRISTIAN THOUGHT)

Overview

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.

Degree Requirements

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Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
BT 510	Hermeneutics	3
HS 510	Church History Survey	3
NT 516	New Testament Survey: Narratives, Letters, and Revelation	3
OT 516	Old Testament Survey: Law, Prophets and Writings	3
TS 512	Systematic Theology I: God the Creator	3
TS 513	Systematic Theology II: God the Redeemer	3
TS 516	Christian Social Ethics	3
Degree Specific Requirements		
Electives ¹		6
SP 510	Introduction to Spiritual and Personal Formation	3
TS 605	Theology and Contemporary Culture	3
or TS 739	Theology in a Global Context	
PH 780	Senior Integrative Seminar: Missional Apologetics	3
or GS 780	Senior Integrative Seminar	
Other Requirements		
GS 001	Graduate Research Seminar: Masters Level	0
SP 001	Formation Assessments: Masters Level	0
Total Credits		36

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A minimum of 36 semester credits is required for graduation from the M.A.(C.T.) program. The student is responsible for meeting all graduation deadlines and requirements.

- ¹ Students may complete a thesis to fulfill a portion of the required elective credits.