

# Master of Arts in Religion

The Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) is a one (1) year academic degree for persons interested in increasing their knowledge and effectiveness by developing a more complete biblical and theological understanding. The program provides training for committed Christians for non-professional ministries. The degree also provides training for persons committed to other ministry, such as evangelism, missions, Christian education, etc.



## M.A.R. Program Objectives:

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, including a synthetic development of each of sixty-six books of the Bible.
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
3. Demonstrate a basic knowledge in Christian Apologetics.
4. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
5. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socio-economic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
6. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and seek to show them God's love and truth.
7. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
8. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a lay-ministry setting.

### *Prerequisite Course – 3 hours Pass/Fail*

SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

### *Apologetics – 3 hours*

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)

### *Biblical Studies – 12 hours*

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1 (3)

OT502 Old Testament Survey 2 (3)

NT501 New Testament Survey 1 (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2 (3)

### *Systematic Theology – 12 hours*

ST501 Prolegomena and Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology (3)

### *Electives – 9 hours*

a) AP Elective (3)

b) Electives (6)

Total hours for the Master of Arts in Religion – 36 hours.

### Suggested Course Sequence for M.A.R.

One Year Option			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	ST502	3
ST501	3	OT502	3
OT501	3	ST504	3
NT501	3	NT502	3
ST503	3	APe	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	18		18
Two Year Option			
Year one			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	ST502	3
ST501	3	OT502	3
OT501	3	APe	3
	9		9
Year two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
NT501	3	NT502	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
	9		9

Total hours: 36