

Master of Arts in Church Ministry

The Master of Arts in Church Ministry prepares persons for ministry in the evangelical Christian church to lead and teach a congregation or other groups to grow, mature, and reach out to the world around them, near and far. The degree also provides training for persons committed to other ministry, such as evangelism, missions, Christian education, etc., in either a church-related or parachurch context. It may also be used to provide training for parachurch ministry, or other church-related ministry.



M.A. Church Ministry 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 an extensive knowledge and practice of Ministry and Missions in the context of the church in pastoral or non-pastoral capacity.
4. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
5. Demonstrate a basic knowledge in Christian Apologetics and New Religious Movements.
6. Do further graduate work if they so desire.
7. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
8. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
9. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and to seek to show them God's love and truth.
10. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
11. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, either in a pastoral or non-pastoral position.
12. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an evangelical Christian church ministry, especially in regard to leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world.

Prerequisite Course – 3 hours Pass/Fail

SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

Apologetics – 6 hours

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)

AP502 New Religious Movements (3)

Biblical Studies – 12 hours

Old Testament – 6 hours

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1: Genesis–Esther (3)

OT502 Old Testament Survey 2: Job–Malachi (3)

New Testament – 6 hours

NT501 New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2: The Epistles and Revelation (3)

Christian Education – 6 hours

CE501 Educational Program of the Church (3)

CE502 Discipleship (3)

Historical Theology – 3 hours

HT501 Historical Theology: A Survey (3)

Missions and Evangelism – 6 hours

ME507 History of Missions & World Christianity (3)

ME508 Biblical Theology & Principles of Missions (3)

Pastoral Theology – 3 hours

PT501 Homiletics (3) or

PT502 Pastoral Care (3) or

PT503 Biblical Counseling (3)

Systematic Theology – 15 hours

ST501 Prolegomena and Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology (3)

ST505 Hermeneutics (3)

Elective – 9 hours

From CE, ME, or PT

Field Experience – 0 hours

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

Total hours for the M.A. in Church Ministry: 60 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence
for M.A. in Church Ministry

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	AP502	3
CE501	3	CE502	3
ME508	3	ME507	3
OT501	3	OT502	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
FE501	0	FE502	0
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Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
HT501	3	NT502	3
NT501	3	PT, CE, ME- Elective	3
PT(501,2 or 3)	3	ST504	3
ST503	3	ST505	3
PT, CE, ME- Elective	3	PT, CE, ME- Elective	3
	15		15

Total hours: 60