

Master of Arts in Philosophy

The Masters of Arts in Philosophy is designed to provide the philosophical skills and understanding to help students to discern major issues in current philosophical debate. The degree provides specialized training in both contemporary philosophical and apologetical issues. The philosophy major is also geared to help the student meet the requirements for admission to Doctorate programs in philosophy and religious studies.



M.A. Philosophy 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 in Philosophy, including its historical development and contemporary practices and how it relates to particular theologies, and ethical dilemmas and decisions.
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5. Do further graduate work if they so desire.
6. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
7. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
8. 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.
9. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
10. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, specifically in relationship to counter-cult and apologetic ministries.
11. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a ministry or academic setting.

Prerequisite Course – 3 hours Pass/Fail

SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

Philosophy – 27 hours

PH502 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (3)

PH505 History of Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (3)

PH513 Symbolic Logic (3)

PH514 Moral Philosophy (3)

PH601 Philosophy of Religion (3)

PH604 Metaphysics (3)

PH605 Epistemology (3)

Philosophy Electives (6)

Biblical Studies – 3 hours

BS501 Biblical Backgrounds & Criticism (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)

Total hours for the M.A. in Philosophy: 42 hours

Suggested Course Sequence
for M.A. in Philosophy

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH502	3	PH505	3
PH513	3	PH514	3
PH601	3	PH Elective	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
	12		12
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH605	3	PH604	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
BS501	3	PH Elective	3
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Total hours: 42