

Master of Theology

The Master of Theology (Th.M.) is a four year professional degree that prepares individuals for academic research and teaching and/or ministry in pastoral and non-pastoral positions. This degree, which usually is a terminal program, may also be preliminary to further study toward a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) or Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The Th.M. degree helps prepare teachers for academic research related to Christian higher education and pastors for evangelical Christian church or other related ministry to assist them in leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world around them.



Th.M. 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 Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
3. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Church History, including the effective principles of missions used in the spread of the gospel.
4. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
5. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of Biblical Languages, including grammar, syntax, and exegesis of specific books.
6. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of hermeneutical principles and an ability to apply them to the biblical text.
7. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge in Apologetics, including the historical and philosophical development of various ideas and how they relate to particular contemporary philosophies, theologies, and ethical dilemmas and decisions.
8. Demonstrate an introductory knowledge and experience in Christian Education and World Missions.
9. Do further graduate work if so desired.
10. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
11. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
12. 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.
13. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
14. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, either in a pastoral or non-pastoral position.
15. 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 – 18 hours

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics or APe (3)

AP503 Logic (3)

AP511 Christian Apologetic Systems (3)

AP512 Ethics (3)

AP518 Resurrection of Jesus (3)

APe Elective (3)

Philosophy – 6 hours

PH501 Classical Philosophy (3)

PH601 Philosophy of Religion (3)

Biblical Languages – 21 hours

Greek – 12 hours

GK501 Greek Grammar 1 (3)

GK502 Greek Grammar 2 (3)

GK503 Greek Syntax and Exegesis (3)

GK504 Advanced Greek Exegesis (3)

Hebrew – 9 hours

HB501 Biblical Hebrew 1 (3)

HB502 Biblical Hebrew 2 (3)

HB503 Hebrew Syntax and Exegesis (3)

Biblical Studies – 18 hours

Old Testament – 9 hours

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

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

OT703 Old Testament Hebrew Book Study (3)

New Testament – 9 hours

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

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

NT703 New Testament Greek Book Study (3)

Christian Education – 6 hours

CE501 Educational Program of the Church (3)

CE502 Discipleship (3)

Historical Theology – 9 hours

HT501 Historical Theology: A Survey (3)

HT502 Church History 1: Beginning – 1500 (3)

HT503 Church History 2: 1500 – Present (3)

Missions and Evangelism – 9 hours

ME507 History of Missions & World Christianity (3)

ME508 Biblical Theology & Principles of Missions (3)

ME510 Culture & Worldview (3)

Pastoral Theology – 12 hours

PT501 Homiletics (3)

PT502 Pastoral Care (3)

PT503 Biblical Counseling (3)

PT507 Expository Preaching (3)

Systematic Theology – 18 hours

ST501 Prolegomena and Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology (3)

ST505 (AP513) Hermeneutics (3)

ST511 Advanced Hermeneutics (3)

Thesis or Ministry Project – 3 hours

TH501–3 Thesis Research (3) or

MP501–3 Ministry Project (3)

Field Experience – 0 hours

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

Total hours for the Th.M. degree: 120 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence for Th.M.

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	PH501	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
OT501	3	OT502	3
HB501	3	HB502	3
GK501	3	GK502	3
	15		15
Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP503	3	AP512	3
NT501	3	NT502	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
GK503	3	GK504	3
HB503	3	OT703	3
	15		15
Year Three			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
PH601	3	AP518	3
ST505	3	ST511	3
HT501	3	HT502	3
ME508	3	ME507	3
PT501	3	PT502	3
TH/MP501	1	TH/MP502	1
	16		16
Year Four			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP511	3	CE502	3
CE501	3	NT703	3
ME510	3	PT507	3
PT503	3	APe	3
HT503	3	FE502	0
TH/MP503	1		
FE501	0		
	16		12

Total hours: 120