



Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Prerequisites:

Basic Old Testament -- Old Testament Survey 1301 or equivalent
Basic New Testament -- New Testament Survey 1302 or equivalent
(completed either prior to enrollment or during the first academic year)

Curriculum Overview:

21 hours – MATS Core
12 hours – MATS Concentration
6 hours – Electives
3 hours – Advanced Research/Practicum
42 hours – Total

Academic Requirements:

For academic and admission requirements, see the Graduate Catalog.

MATS Core: 21 hours

MACE 5302 Biblical Servant Leadership
MAWL 6303 Spiritual Formation & Worship
THEO 5313 Applied Hermeneutics
THEO 6305 Christian History & Heritage

THEO 6306 Systematic Theology
THEO 6307 Old Testament Theology
THEO 6308 New Testament Theology

*Students may petition, based on previous academic experience, to replace a required MATS Core course with an elective in a corresponding area of study.

Concentrations: 12 hours

Christian Scriptures: select four courses

THEO 6321 Biblical Backgrounds
THEO 6322 Old Testament Readings: Pentateuch
THEO 6323 Old Testament Readings: Prophets
THEO 6324 Old Testament Readings: Psalms & Wisdom Literature
THEO 6332 First Century Christianity

THEO 6333 New Testament Readings: Synoptic Gospels
THEO 6334 New Testament Readings: Johannine Literature
THEO 6335 New Testament Readings: Pauline Epistles
THEO 6336 New Testament Readings: General Epistles

Christian Heritage: select four courses

THEO 5317 Baptist Heritage & Polity
THEO 6311 Issues in Early Christianity
THEO 6312 Issues in Medieval Christianity
THEO 6313 Issues in Reformation Studies
THEO 6314 Issues in American Christianity
THEO 6315 Issues in Contemporary Christianity

THEO 6318 Issues in Baptist Studies
THEO 6332 First Century Christianity
THEO 6350 Christian Ethics
THEO 6355 Philosophy of Religion
MAGL 5335 Biographies of Outstanding Missionaries
MAGL 5352 History of East Asian Philosophy and Religion

Christian Ministry:

MACM 6309 Shepherding in the 21st Century
MAWL 6316 Worship Theology for Contemporary Ministry
THEO 6360 Proclamation

Select one of the following courses:

- MACE 6301 Intro to Christian Education
- MACE 6322 Introduction to Christian Counseling
- MAGL 5330 Introduction to Missiology
- THEO 5317 Baptist Heritage & Polity

Electives: 6 hours

The student may select electives, in consultation with their advisor, from courses offered in all Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership ministry-focused degree programs.

Advanced Research/Practicum: 3 hours

Select one of the following:

THEO 6391 Advanced Research in Christian Scriptures (S-L)
THEO 6392 Advanced Research in Christian Heritage (S-L)
THEO 6393 Christian Ministry Practicum (S-L)
(S-L) = Course(s) with field-based service-learning component.