

Theological Studies

The Master's Degree in Theological Studies is a Bible-based graduate program designed to prepare professional and lay ministers spiritually, academically, professionally, and cross culturally in areas of biblical studies, theological understanding, and practical ministry.

Objectives

Upon completion of this program the student will be expected to:

1. Develop an advanced knowledge in the study, interpretation, and application of the Word of God.
2. Improve skills relating to the various administrative and leadership processes in their chosen specialization.
3. Demonstrate analytical thinking.
4. Utilize basic disciplines and methodologies so that independent study of Scriptures may be continued throughout their ministry.
5. Be prepared to enter advanced academic programs.

Program Requirements

To be accepted into this program, the student must have an undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 from an accredited college or university. Any exceptions must be approved by the Dean of the Harrison School of Graduate Studies.

Graduation Requirement

Students must apply for graduation and successfully pass the Graduate Comprehensive Examinations or the Thesis Option prior to being approved for graduation from the Registrar's Office. Application for graduation must be made by the end of late registration in the semester in which the student anticipates to graduate. In order to qualify for a specific graduation date, graduating students must have all program and course requirements completed. Contact the Graduate Studies Office and Registrar's Office for more information.

Bible and Theology Specialization

The Bible and Theology Specialization is a program within the Theological Studies degree designed to prepare professional and lay ministers especially in the areas of biblical knowledge and theological understanding.

Objectives:

Upon completion of this program the student will be expected to:

1. demonstrate a thorough knowledge of biblical content and theological understanding.
2. be prepared to pursue terminal and other advanced degrees.
3. continue matriculation until degree is completed.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Bible and Theology Specialization

PROFESSIONAL COMPONENT: 24 hours

PTH 5323 Leadership in Ministry

PTH 5513 Pastoral Care

THE 5113 Research Literature and Technology

9 hours from the following courses:

BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics

BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds

BIB 5213 Studies in the Lucan Writings

BIB 5223 Unity of the Bible

BIB 5313 Studies in the Historical Books

BIB 5323 Studies in the Prophets

BIB 5413 Studies in the Pauline Epistles

6 hours from the following courses:

THE 5123 Issues in Contemporary Theology

THE 5213 Spiritual Dynamics in Ministry

THE 5223 Christian Worldview in a Pluralistic Society

THE 5313 Biblical Theology: New Testament

THE 5323 Biblical Theology: Old Testament

THE 5413 Systematic Theology I

THE 5423 Systematic Theology II

THE 5513 Reformation Theology

ELECTIVES COMPONENT: 12 hours

Non-Thesis Option:

12 graduate hours of electives from BIB/CCM/CFM/PTH/THE and/or COU/EDU/PSY by
Graduate Chair approval for the respective programs.

Thesis Option: (*Students completing both sections of the 3 hour thesis would not be
required to take the Graduate Comprehensive Exam.*)

BIB/THE 5913 Thesis (two sections required)

6 graduate hours of electives from BIB/CCM/CFM/PTH/THE and/or COU/EDU/PSY by
Graduate Chair approval for the respective programs.

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 36

Prerequisites:

1. All students must have THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics or its equivalent at an undergraduate level.
2. All students must have THE 2233 Pentecostal Doctrine and History or its equivalent at an undergraduate level.
3. Those who have not taken REL 1153 New Testament Literature and REL 1163 Old Testament Literature or their equivalent at an undergraduate level must take BIB 5133 Biblical Backgrounds as a part of their graduate program.
4. Those who have not taken BIB 3483 Hermeneutics or its equivalent at the undergraduate level must take BIB 5123 Biblical Hermeneutics as part of their graduate program.
5. Those who have not taken CMN 3353 Church Administrative Leadership or its equivalent must take PTH 5213 Church Administration as part of their graduate program.