

Online

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

36 Credit Hours

Admission Requirements:

- Application and \$50 Processing Fee
- Official transcript(s) in English (or translated to English) of all previous colleges attended. The transcript must indicate an earned bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university.
- GPA 3.0, probationary status may be granted
- Two letters of recommendation
- Reflective essay 3-5 pages typed, double spaced
- Complete an academic writing assessment

Cost:

- Per Credit: \$731
- Per Course: \$2,193
- Orientation: \$120
- Total Tuition: \$26,436



Graduation Requirements:

Students must earn a 3.0 GPA or higher to meet graduation requirements.

Job Outlook in Texas:



9,083 Jobs

Open in 2020*



2,152

Unique Postings (9/16-12/21)



\$50,700 per year
Median Earnings

Acquired Skills:

Top Hard Skills

- Spiritual Care
- Theology
- Hospice
- Spiritual Counseling

Top Common Skills

- Communications
- Leadership
- Planning
- Coordinating

*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Bachelor's degree.
Source Emsi Analyst 2022.

Core Curriculum:

Orientation

(non-credit bearing)

BIBM 602: GST Orientation

Orients GST students in the MACM, MAGS, MATS, and MDIV programs providing information about both curricular and co-curricular aspects of the GST community. Students will examine personal and professional identity issues by completing various assessments. Prerequisite: Admission to the MACM, MAGS, MATS, or MDIV programs. Additional fee required.

History

(9 credits)

BIBH 651: History of Christianity I: Early to Medieval

The development of doctrine, institutions, worship, missions and daily life in the church from post-apostolic times to the 13th century.

Choose 2 electives from the following:

BIBH 600-699

Bible

(9 credits)

BIBL 630: Biblical Theology

Introduction to the theological issues which are essential to the study of both Old and New Testaments as a single, unified Bible. An overview of history, methodology, and considerations of canon are provided. Special attention will be given to the role of biblical theology in congregational ministry (teaching, preaching).

BIBL 627: Biblical Exegesis

This course concerns the theory and practice of biblical interpretation. It encourages critical use of the perspectives, tools, and methods of biblical scholarship from the standpoint of the Christian faith. Participants are expected to gain greater experience in the analysis of texts from both testaments through practical exercises and written work.

Choose 1 elective from the following:

BIBL 600-699

Theology

(9 credits)

BIBD 672: Graduate Studies

Designed to introduce the basic tools of theological research and to promote the basic writing skills necessary for the presentation of scholarly research.

BIBD 660: Systematic Theology I

Introduces the tasks and methods of systematic theology and focuses on Christian doctrines such as God, atonement, providence, human selfhood, and the church.

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BIBD 678: Philosophy of Religion

Introduces the task and methods of philosophy of religion and focuses on select philosophical issues facing contemporary Christians.

Choose 1 elective from the following:

BIBD 600-699

Focus

(9 credits)

Working closely with your advisor, choose 9 hours of Focus credits from within the Graduate School of Theology, or any course offered by ACU Online. Program Director approval required.