

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Master of Arts in Christian Ministry

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF
THEOLOGY

100% ONLINE

48
CREDIT
HOURS

Admission Requirements:

- Application and \$50 Processing Fee
- Transcripts from accredited undergraduate degree
- 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

Residency Option:

Students have the option to take classes residually. Speak with an advisor for more details.

Cost:

- Per Credit: \$798
- Per Course: \$2,394
- Total Tuition: \$38,304
- Total Tuition + Fees: \$38,504



Timeline: 2.5 Years

Job Outlook in Texas:

8,334 Jobs

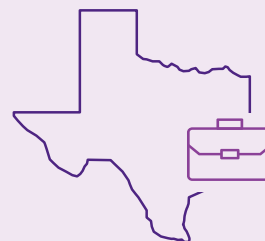
in 2025*

+1.2%

Employment Growth (2025-2026)

\$59,300 *per year*

Median Earnings



*Filtered by the proportion of the national workforce in these occupations with a Masters degree.
Source Lightcast 2026.



Curriculum:

BIBM 602: GST Orientation

Orients GST students in the MACM, MAGS, 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, or MDIV programs. Additional fee required. Zero credit module.

BIBM 678: GST Portfolio Preparation

This zero-credit module is required for all GST students preparing for their senior review.

Bible:

BIBL 610: Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament

A general introduction to the Old Testament and a special introduction to each section and each book. Special attention will be given to revelation, inspiration, canonicity, manuscripts and versions. The authorship, date, background, interpretations and critical problems of each book are studied.

BIBL 620: Critical Interpretation of the New Testament

Special introduction to the books of the New Testament with special attention to critical problems.

BIBL 627: Biblical Exegesis

Literary, historical and theological contexts of selected passages will be emphasized and attention given to exegetical methods.

Two biblical text electives such as:

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 682: Teaching Scripture in Contemporary Contexts

(Residency) An examination of the challenges of a teaching ministry in contemporary church settings, with a reconsideration of the literary, rhetorical, and theological dimensions of Scripture and how Scripture shapes the processes and contents of teaching. Significant attention is given to the effects of culture on a teaching ministry so that students may begin to develop more sophisticated curricular options for church education. Teaching methods also receive significant attention.

Ministry:

BIBM 603: Foundations of the Theology of Ministry

A cornerstone experience for students enrolled in the ministerial formation programs (MDiv, MAGS, or MACM) which introduces ministry students to the resources and practices in the fields of practical theology and contextual education. Prerequisites: Acceptance into the MDiv, MAGS, or MACM degree programs.

BIBM 648: Christian Spiritual Formation

Christian spiritual formation is the process of being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others. This course identifies how God utilizes Scripture, people, contexts, literature, spiritual disciplines, and events to transform believers into Christ likeness.

BIBM 657: Contexts of Ministry

Identify and explore contemporary ministry contexts. Students will study and practice methods of observation and reflection on ministry that result in an enriched practice of ministry in diverse contexts.

BIBM 658: Practice of Ministerial Leadership

As a part of the contextual education course sequence, this course develops leadership resources for various ministerial contexts.

History and Theology:

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.

One history and one theology elective such as:

BIBH 652: History of Christianity II

The development of doctrine, institutions, worship, missions and daily life in the churches from the 13th to 21st centuries.

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.

Electives

12 hours of electives.

Speak with an advisor to explore all options. Possible areas of study include Ministerial Leadership, Ministry and Bible, Spiritual Formation, and Student and Family Ministry.