

ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Master of Theological Studies

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

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

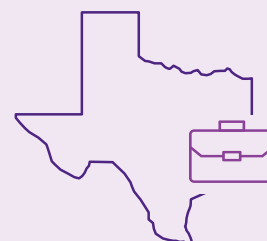
in 2025*

+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.*Fast Lane Option: Complete your degree in 12-15 months. See page 3 for details.



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.

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.

BIBD 647: Research Problems in Theology

Research problems (not pertaining to the thesis) in the light of individual needs and interests.

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.

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.

OR

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.

Ancient and Oriental Christianity Concentration:

BIBD 635: Ancient & Medieval Theology

This seminar focuses on some important texts and topics in Patristic and Medieval theology.

OR

BIBD 661: Theological Explorations

An in-depth study of one of the major Christian doctrines in light of insights from other fields of knowledge.

BIBH 633: Readings in Christian Spirituality

Surveys the historical development of Christian spiritual reflection as expressed by select key writers. Emphasis on primary source reading, critical engagement with classic texts, and integration of course material for spiritual formation and ministerial leadership.

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.

OR

BIBH 652: History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present

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

BIBH 674: Christian Mission in Global Contexts

Surveys the growth and development of Christianity as a mission movement during a specific period and in designated geographical areas. Emphasis on modes of contact with non-Christian religious populations and on methods of Christianizing converts.

Language and Electives

- Choose 6-9 hours of BGRK 600 or higher, BHEB 600 or higher, or another language course approved by your advisor.
- Choose 3-6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher Total: 12 hours

Thesis or Electives

BIBL 699 Master's Thesis

May be repeated. This course is available for variable credit. Please see your advisor for more information.

OR

- Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher. Total: 6 hours.



Modern and American Christianity Concentration

An BIBD 662: Systematic Theology II

This seminar explores the historical, theological, moral, and philosophical contours of the Christian conception of deification

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.

OR

BIBH 652: History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present

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

BIBH 655: History of Christianity in America

Christianity in America from its beginnings to the present. Special emphasis on the colonial period, the democratization of Christianity, the development of 19th-century denominationalism, the rise of ecumenism, and contemporary trends.

BIBH 664: Advanced Restoration History

A Study of the beginning and development of the Stone-Campbell Movement from the nineteenth to the twenty first century.

BIBH 670: Issues in Global Christianity

An online seminar introducing students to factors now shaping Christianity, including the shift of the population center toward the global south, persecution, the expansion of Pentecostalism, and ecumenism. the rise of ecumenism, and contemporary trends.

Electives

Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher

Thesis or Electives

- **BIBL 699 Master's Thesis**

May be repeated. This course is available for variable credit. Please see your advisor for more information.

OR

- Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher.

Old Testament Concentration

BHEB 671: Elementary Hebrew I

An inductive study of the elements of the Hebrew language: forms, syntax, vocabulary.

BHEB 672: Elementary Hebrew II

Continuation of BHEB 671.

BHEB 681: Intermediate Hebrew Readings I

Readings in the Hebrew Bible with special attention to grammar and vocabulary building. An introduction to the textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible.

BIBL 611: Old Testament Theology

A study of selected portions of the Old Testament to attempt to determine the major religious teachings of each portion.

Electives

Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher with advisor approval.

Thesis or Electives

- **BIBL 699 Master's Thesis**

May be repeated. This course is available for variable credit. Please see your advisor for more information.

AND

- BHEB XXX Hebrew Seminar (taken three times)

OR

- Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher.



New Testament Concentration

BGRK 611: Elementary Greek I

An introduction to the vocabulary, grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament and related literature.

BGRK 612: Elementary Greek II

A continuation of BGRK 611.

BGRK 621: Intermediate New Testament Greek

Intermediate Greek vocabulary, grammar, and syntax; introduction to New Testament textual criticism.

BIBL 621: New Testament Theology

Major doctrines of the New Testament presented systematically.

BIBL 662: Backgrounds of the New Testament and Early

Christianity Political, philosophical, cultural and religious backgrounds of the early years of the Christian era and their influence upon Christianity.

Electives

Choose 6 hours of BGRK or BIBL 600 or higher with advisor approval.

Thesis or Electives

- **BIBL 699 Master's Thesis**
(taken twice)

AND

- BHEB XXX seminar in Reading Greek (taken three times)

OR

- Choose 9 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher.

Theology Concentration

BIBD 635: Ancient & Medieval Theology

This seminar focuses on some important texts and topics in Patristic and Medieval theology.

BIBD 642: Contemporary Religious Thought

Surveys contemporary theological thinkers and explores their relevance for theological issues today.

BIBD 661: Theological Explorations

An in-depth study of one of the major Christian doctrines in light of insights from other fields of knowledge.

BIBD 662: Systematic Theology I

This seminar explores the historical, theological, moral, and philosophical contours of the Christian conception of deification.

BIBD 678: Philosophy of Religion

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

BIBD 686: Christian Ethics

Introduces the task and methods of Christian ethics and focuses on select ethical issues facing contemporary Christians.

Electives

Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher.

Thesis or Electives

BIBL 699 Master's Thesis

OR

Choose 6 hours of BGRK, BHEB, BIBD, BIBH, BIBL 600 or higher.