

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies is designed to develop basic competencies essential to the study of biblical and theological literature, provide foundational knowledge concerning ministry leadership, while allowing students the opportunity to customize a significant portion of the program. The program consists of 62 semester hours, which includes a 26 semester hour Bible and theology core, a 21 semester hour ministry leadership emphasis and 15 semester hours of general electives. Applicants for the Master of Arts in Christian Studies should possess a minimum 2.5 cumulative undergraduate grade point average from an accredited baccalaureate institution. Applicants not meeting these standards may be considered for probationary admission. For the student planning to enroll full-time, the table below provides a detailed and specific curricular path. Those intending to enroll part-time will find valuable insights from this information for planning your ideal course sequencing.

	FALL SEMESTER			J-TERM/SPRING SEMESTER			SUMMER SEMESTER		
	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.
YEAR ONE	BBL-501	Biblical Hermeneutics	3	BBL-508	Biblical Theology	3	NT Bible Elective		3
	THE-501	Program Introduction Seminar	2	OT Bible Elective		3	THE-640	Systematic Theology II	3
	MIN-500	Christian Spiritual Formation	3	THE-540	Systematic Theology I	3	MIN-685	Ministry Residency 1	2
				General Elective		3	MIN-510	Organizational Leadership	3
	Total			8	Total		12	Total	
YEAR TWO	THE-641	Systematic Theology III	3	Historical Theology Elective		3	MIN-711	Program Completion	1
	MIN-560	Global Impact	3	MIN-543	Christian Formation in the Church	3	General Elective		3
	MIN-686	Ministry Residency 2	2	MIN-781	Ministry Residency 3	2	General Elective		3
	General Elective		3	General Elective		3	MIN-782	Ministry Residency 4	2
	Total			11	Total		11	Total	
TOTAL HOURS: 62									

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies degree is conferred when the following conditions are met:

1. Completion of 62 semester hours with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average. The program include 26 semester hour Bible and theology core, a 21 semester hour ministry leadership emphasis, and 15 semester hours of electives.
2. A minimum of 32 semester hours must be achieved at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary by transfer students.
3. Advanced standing credit is limited to $\frac{1}{4}$ of the degree program requirements (16 hours).
4. Credits achieved online and/or by distance education are limited to a maximum of eight courses (24 hours) within the degree program.
5. Evidence of personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a life pattern of moral character and conduct.
6. Completion of all assessments, including entrance, mid-point and exit assessments.
7. Satisfactory completion of Ministry Residency requirements.
8. The meeting of all financial obligations.
9. GRTS limits the use of credits towards the completion of a degree to those credits (i.e. transfer credits, advanced standing credits, or credits earned at GRTS) achieved within 10 years prior to degree completion.
10. Participation in commencement.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Master of Arts in Christian Studies curriculum is designed to enable the student to:

Core Curriculum

1. Conduct basic biblical interpretation and application with reference to the English Bible texts.
2. State a basic understanding of the primary elements of Christian theology.
3. Demonstrate knowledge, values and practices essential to personal spiritual formation.
4. Exhibit knowledge, values and skills essential to effective ministerial and public leadership.
5. Demonstrate basic competency in cultural intelligence and cultural exegesis.