

# MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Master of Theology is offered on a limited basis to students who have demonstrated exceptional ability in biblical and theological scholarship at the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts level. The development of mastery and competency in the major field is the primary purpose of this program. The program consists of 30 semester hours in one of two area of concentration: Old Testament and New Testament. The curriculum is structured in a manner that engages the student in independent research under the supervision of a major professor. Applicants for the Master of Theology should possess a minimum 3.0 grade point average in the Master of Divinity or Master of Arts degree.

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY (OLD TESTAMENT)

	FALL SEMESTER			J-TERM/SPRING SEMESTER			SUMMER SEMESTER		
	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.
YEAR ONE	BBL-840	Language	4	BBL-844	Biblical Theology	4	BBL-846	Old Testament Introduction	4
	BBL-841	History	4						
	<b>Total..... 8</b>			<b>Total..... 4</b>			<b>Total..... 4</b>		
YEAR TWO	BBL-848	Old Testament Exegesis	4	BBL-890	Th. M. Thesis	6			
	BBL-880	Enrichment	4						
	<b>Total..... 8</b>			<b>Total..... 6</b>					
<b>TOTAL HOURS: 30</b>									

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY (NEW TESTAMENT)

	FALL SEMESTER			J-TERM/SPRING SEMESTER			SUMMER SEMESTER		
	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.	NO.	COURSE	CR.
YEAR ONE	BBL-870	Grammar and Translation	4	BBL-874	Exegesis of the Gospels and Acts	4	BBL-876	Exegesis of the Pauline Epistles	4
	BBL-841	New Testament Introduction and Historical Background	4						
	<b>Total..... 8</b>			<b>Total..... 4</b>			<b>Total..... 4</b>		
YEAR TWO	BBL-877	Exegesis of the General Epistles and Revelation	4	BBL-890	Th. M. Thesis	6			
	BBL-880	Enrichment	4						
	<b>Total..... 8</b>			<b>Total..... 6</b>					
<b>TOTAL HOURS: 30</b>									

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESS

1. Candidates for the program should possess an accredited baccalaureate degree and Master of Divinity or Master of Arts in the relevant theological discipline, and achieve a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average in graduate level study.
2. Applicants are required to submit a graded writing sample from the M.Div. or M.A. equivalent degree program which demonstrates knowledge of research and scholarly writing. Scores from the General Graduate Record Exam (GRE) may also be requested in addition to or in place of the graded writing sample as determined by the supervising professor.
3. Transfer credits are not generally permitted in this degree program.
4. Candidates for the Old Testament or New Testament concentration should demonstrate advanced competency in the related original language (Hebrew or Greek).
5. Candidates should possess well developed critical thinking and communication skills, both essential to theological research and writing.
6. Candidates should show promise for exceptional productivity in Kingdom ministry from previous academic work and personal spiritual qualifications.
7. Applicants are required to provide two letters of recommendation from former teachers – one from a former teacher in the anticipated major field.
8. Applicants must submit to the Graduate Admissions Office a formal letter to the faculty indicating reasons for pursuing an advanced graduate theological degree. The letter should also include the selection of a major field for the program and life objectives.
9. Admission to the Master of Theology is granted by approval of the supervising professor and the related divisional faculty.

## PROGRAM ORGANIZATION AND EVALUATION

1. Major Field (20 hours) – A minimum of 20 semester hours will be achieved through major field units.
2. Enrichment (4 hours) – With the approval of the major professor, a four credit course must be taken in another specialization area with another professor.
3. Professional Practicum (no credit) – Each student will be involved in teaching and/or engaged in related professional activities under the supervision of the major professor and approval of the Dean.
4. Thesis (6 hours) – The thesis is required in the major field. A faculty committee will be appointed by the Dean to review and evaluate the thesis. The thesis topic must be submitted to the major professor by the end of the second week of September for approval. The first draft of the thesis is due at the end of the second week of January. The final draft is to be submitted to the major professor at the end of the first week of March. An oral defense of the thesis is required and will be conducted by the faculty committee.
5. A 3.0 grade point average must be achieved in all Master of Theology course work. Any work below 3.0 grade point average must be repeated according to the seminary retake policy.

## COSTS AND TIME LIMITS

1. See the financial information section of this catalog for the current Master of Theology tuition costs.
2. The degree, including the thesis, is to be completed within three academic years.
3. Failure to complete the program within the three academic year time limit (three years/two summers) will require a formal evaluative meeting with the major professor and Dean. Program extension is granted only on the basis of faculty vote.

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY: DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of 30 semester hours with a minimum 3.0 grade point average for each course and a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average for the program.
2. Completion of 20 semester hours in the major field of study, a 4 semester hour enrichment, and the 6 semester hour thesis.
3. The completion of the professional practicum, fulfilled under the supervision of the program advisor.
4. Evidence of personal commitment to Jesus Christ and a life pattern of moral character and conduct.
5. Successful completion and defense of Master of Theology Thesis.
6. Completion of thesis submission to Miller Library.
7. The meeting of all financial obligations.
8. Three years from matriculation are permitted to complete all degree requirements.
9. Participation in commencement.

## MASTER OF THEOLOGY STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The Master of Theology curriculum is designed to enable the student to:

### ***Old Testament Major***

1. Read with facility the prose and poetry of the Hebrew Bible with the use of lexical tools.
2. Demonstrate advanced hermeneutical and exegetical skills that apply to Old Testament literature.
3. Identify and describe the academic study of the Old Testament.
4. Demonstrate competency to read the Old Testament against its ancient Near Eastern background.
5. Research and write an advanced level master's thesis in Old Testament.

### ***New Testament Major***

1. Read with facility the Greek New Testament with the use of lexical tools.
2. Demonstrate advanced hermeneutical and exegetical skills.
3. Identify and describe the categories that comprise the academic study of the New Testament.
4. Research and write an advanced level master's thesis in New Testament.