



Online  
**MASTER OF ARTS IN GLOBAL SERVICE**  
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 - \$731
- Per Course - \$2,193
- Total Tuition - \$35,088

### Additional Fees:

- Orientation - \$120

## Curriculum:

### Orientation

#### **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.

### Core (12 credits)

#### **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 651: Supervised Practice of Ministry I** (1 credit)

Classroom preparation is balanced by a variety of ministry experiences, selfdiscovery processes, and nurturing relationships with faculty, supervising ministers, and church leaders in multiple contexts. Through the process of gradual immersion into ministry practice, an examination of professional identity will begin. (BIBM 652-656 are a continuation of this course.) Additional course fee required.

#### **BIBM 652: Supervised Practice of Ministry II** (1 credit)

Additional course fee required.

#### **BIBM 656: Supervised Practice of Ministry VI** (1 credit)

Additional course fee required.

#### **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.

#### **BMIS 619: Church and Mission**

Focuses on understanding the relationship of the church to the mission of God in the world and applying that understanding to actual contexts. Explores biblical, theological, and historical themes. Considers and analyzes of specific ecclesial practices that lend themselves to contextual and missional innovation.

#### **BIBM 678: GST Portfolio Preparation**

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

### Witness (18 credits)

#### **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. Recommended prior course: BIBH 651.

#### **BIBL 680: Christian Scripture**

Examines the biblical text as it outlines the nature of community before God and the mission of that community. Various interpretive models are used to understand the unfolding concept of mission in the life of the church from ancient times to contemporary ministry settings.

#### **BIBL 682: Teaching Scripture in Contemporary Contexts**

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

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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.

### **BIBD 678: Philosophy of Religion**

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

### **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.

### **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.

## **Missions (18 credits)**

### **BMIS 646: Foundations of Missional Practice**

The biblical basis of missions, the nature of interpersonal identification, the concept of culture, models of communication, methods of church planting and maturation, linguistics, and field selection.

### **BMIS 649: Reading & Engaging Contemporary Cultures**

Provides an overview of the theory and history of anthropology, including an in-depth investigation of the notion of culture. Students will engage in critical reflection on the use of anthropological theory for praxis in global context.

### **BMIS 650: Leadership in Intercultural Contexts**

Leadership in Intercultural Contexts analyzes Christian leadership practices in intercultural contexts.

### **BIBM 616: Witness in Global Context**

This course provides a theological orientation to the task of evangelism. The class builds upon the assumption that the gospel has certain instincts with regard to evangelism and its interface with culture. Attention is given to the implication of gospel and culture for the presentation of the gospel.

### **BMIS 671: Supervised Research in Missions**

A faculty-supervised research project tailored to the specific needs of the student.