



Online  
**MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**  
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:

### **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.

### **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.

### **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 629: Field Education Contextual Immersion**

An immersive learning experience for students to practice, observe, and reflect on ministry through a ministry project within a selected ministry context.

## Curriculum:

### 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.

#### **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 Elective Hours**

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.