

Master of Ministry Degree

The Master of Ministry (M.M.) is designed for those who desire to enhance their ministry skills. While the curriculum includes several Bible and theology courses, the focus of the program is vocational.

Objective

To enable the students to demonstrate:

- a. A general knowledge of the Bible, including a basic understanding of selected books
- b. A general knowledge of conservative Christian theology
- c. An understanding of the Biblical foundations of the local church and its various ministries
- d. Necessary skills to lead a local church ministry or a church-related ministry

Admission

The applicant must have a Bachelor of Arts degree, Bachelor of Science degree, or the equivalent from a recognized college.

Curriculum

Departmental Core (24 hours)

Biblical Studies

- BIBL-5723 Hermeneutics
- OR BIBL-7713 Computer-assisted Biblical Hermeneutics/Exegesis
- BIBL-5113 Old Testament Survey*
- OR BIBL-5123 Old Testament Literature
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Theology

- THEO-5113 Systematic Theology I*
- THEO-5123 Systematic Theology II*
- OR
- THEO-5003 Survey of Christian Theology*
- Apologetics/Theology Elective

Discipleship

- CHMN-5113 Discipleship 1: Intro to Disciplines of Discipleship
- OR PAST-6013 Spiritual Discipline and Development

Missions/Evangelism

- CHMN-5013 Christian Life and Evangelism
- OR ICST-7313 Intro Cults and World Religion
- ICST-5013 Global Focus of the Local Church
- OR ICST-5213 Biblical Theology of Missions

Specialization/Focus Electives (12 hours)

Any four courses from any one course category

TOTAL 36

* Required for students without undergraduate equivalence

Core Courses—minimum passing grade is C

Specific Graduation Requirements: The completion of 36 hours of classes with a GPA of 2.00.

Course Descriptions

BIBL 5723 Biblical Hermeneutics 3 credit hours A study of the principles of Biblical interpretation in all of its basic aspects such as theological, historical, cultural, grammatical, and literary. This includes particular topics such as typology, symbolism, prophecy, figures of speech, and parables.

BIBL 7713 Computer-Assisted Biblical Exegesis 3 credit hours Recognizing the strategic stewardship of time, depth of study, and breadth of accuracy computer technology offers for academic pursuits in Biblical studies, this course maximizes the same for the benefit of the busy professor, seminarian, or college student. The course is designed to train the participant in the optimum use of one of a number of leading Bible Software programs, including BibleWorks, Logos, PC Study Bible (Bible Soft), Pradis (Zondervan), Quick Verse, or WordSearch. The course implements and optimizes the use of computer Bible software for Biblical exegesis consistent with sound hermeneutical principles as communicated in BIBL-5723 *Biblical Hermeneutics* and BIBL-5733 *Introduction to Exposition*.

BIBL 5113 Old Testament Survey 3 credit hours A course presenting the backgrounds and messages of the Old Testament books. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel. Significant features of each book are pointed out, and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. Required for students without undergraduate equivalence. \$30.00 fee required.

BIBL 5123 Old Testament Literature 3 credit hours Selected, representative types of Old Testament literature, such as law, history, poetry, wisdom, and prophecy, will be treated in an expository manner. Concern will be shown for Hebrew thought-patterns and historical/cultural context as important ingredients in to sound exposition.

BIBL 5413 New Testament Survey 3 credit hours A course presenting the backgrounds and messages of the New Testament. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to certain books such as the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Significant features of each book are pointed out, and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. Required for students without undergraduate equivalence. \$25.00 fee required.

BIBL 5423 New Testament Literature 3 credit hours Selected, representative types of New Testament literature will be treated in an expository fashion. Selections will come from the Johannine, Pauline, and Hebrew Christian material. Attention will be given to the contribution which the historical and cultural context makes to a sound hermeneutical understanding of the Biblical material.

THEO 5003 Survey of Christian Theology 3 credit hours An introductory survey of basic, systematic theology, including the Biblical doctrines of Scripture, God, God, the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, angels, man, sin, salvation, the Christian life, the church, and last things. The course is designed primarily for those who have not attended or graduated from a Bible or Christian college and for those who need, or simply desire, a good, basic review of and refresher in essential these areas of Christian theology.

THEO 5113 Systematic Theology I 3 credit hours A study of the doctrines of the Bible, God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. \$25.00 fee required.

THEO 5123 Systematic Theology II 3 credit hours A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels, mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and future things. \$20.00 fee required.

CHMN 5113 Discipleship I - Introduction to Disciplines in Discipleship 3 credit hours Discipleship I introduces the student to a Biblically, grammatically correct understanding of the Great Commission and initiates the student in the discipling process and practice. The course also serves as the first of five courses in a possible concentration in discipleship for those students seeking such a concentration. Discipleship I covers the relationship of the believer to the Great Commission, issues of personal and spiritual management, evangelism, and basic Christian living. The student is initiated to being both personally discipled and prepared to disciple others through this course.

PAST 6013 Spiritual Discipline and Development 3 credit hours A consideration of the Biblical principles for cultivating a balanced spiritual life. This embraces the emotional, physical, and practical, and includes personality development.

CHMN 5013 Christian Life and Evangelism 3 credit hours Examines the terms of salvation and applies them to the personal approach, discussion, and appeal in personal evangelism. Consideration is given to various specialty groups.

ICST 7313 Introduction to Cults and World Religions 3 credit hours An introductory study of the major cults and religions of the world. Special attention will be given to the Christian's approach to the followers of other faiths.

ICST 5013 Global Focus of the Local Church 3 credit hours A course introducing the world missions ministry of the local church grounded in the OT and re-commissioned in the NT. In addition to presenting the Biblical basis for missions, the course identifies Biblical strategies for developing local church missions ministries that motivate and maximize individual and corporate participation.

ICST 5213 Biblical Theology of Missions 3 credit hours Gives the student a Biblical foundation for missions by tracing the missions theme through the Bible. The course works toward a grasp of the theological factors directly impacting missions.