

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (M.A.)

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry program is designed to address the needs of students looking for a single-track graduate-level ministry degree. The degree provides both basic biblical and theological survey courses as well as professional ministry courses foundational to a successful Christian ministry. Those who graduate from the program could serve in a variety of local church and parachurch ministries where a biblical foundation and practical training are important.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Categorize the essential foundations of ministry.
- Organize an effective administrative structure for ministry.
- Develop a curricular program for ministry in a local congregation.
- Design a plan for equipping others to participate in and contribute to ministry programs.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the **Master of Arts in Christian Ministry** program must meet the following requirements:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent (in any field) from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.).
2. Contact information for one Pastoral Recommendation
3. Minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.00 (on a 4.00 scale)
4. School of Divinity Questionnaire/Personal Statement
5. TOEFL Scores for students who speak English as a second language (score of 600 paper-based test; 250 computer-based test, 80 internet-based test).

Degree Transfer

M.A., M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A. Degree into the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.) Degree

Students who pursue the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.) degree after having earned the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.) degree may apply 18 hours from the M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. toward the M.A.C.M. **as allowed by the M.A. Degree Completion Plan (DCP).**

M.A. Degree into the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Global Studies (M.A.G.S.), Master of Arts in Sports Chaplaincy (M.A.) or Master of Arts in Theological Studies (M.A.) degree and apply 18 hours from

the M.A. toward the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A., M.A.G.S. or M.A.**

M.A. Degree into the M.A., M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.) degree may pursue the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.), Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) or Master of Religious Education (M.R.E.) degree and apply 30 hours from the M.A.C.M. toward the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E. **as allowed by the student's specific Degree Completion Plan (DCP) for the M.A.B.S., M.A.R. or M.R.E.**

Students who earn a M.A.C.M. degree may pursue the Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree and apply all 36 hours from the M.A.C.M. toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific DCP for the M.Div.**

Students may **not** earn the M.A.R., M.R.E. or M.Div. **first**, and then apply to pursue the M.A. (Students may earn a M.A. first, then pursue the M.A.) Students desiring the additional degree must submit an application for admission through the Graduate Admissions Office.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Christian Ministry (M.A.)

Career Opportunities

- Church Administrator
- Community Chaplain
- Missionary
- Pastoral Ministry
- Christian Ministry Staff Member