MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGION (M.A.R.)

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Religion program is an entry-level and general professional degree in religion. It is designed to give the student intensive study in the Scriptures and the essential truths of the Christian message. The program is profitable for pastors and ministry leaders who wish to have a firm scriptural undergirding for service in Christian ministry.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Explicate the origin and contents of the Bible, as it informs the Christian faith.
- Defend the theological and historical foundations of the Christian faith.
- Compose a discipleship ministry strategy for Christian ministries.
- Devise a plan for personal growth, development, and service.

Program Specific Admission Requirements

In addition to the general admission procedures, applicants to the ***Master of Arts in Religion*** 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 Candidacy is granted when the student completes all prerequisites and is in good academic standing.

Degree Transfer

M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S. or M.A.T.S. Degree into the M.A.R. Degree

Students who pursue the Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) degree after having earned the Master of Arts in Biblical Exposition (M.A.), Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.), Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics (M.A.), Master of Arts in Christian Ministry (M.A.C.M.), 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.T.S.) degree may apply 30 hours from the M.A., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S., or M.A.T.S. toward the M.A.R. **as allowed by the M.A.R. Degree Completion Plan (DCP)**. Students may not earn the M.A.R. first, and then apply to pursue the M.A., M.A.C.M., M.A.G.S., or M.A.T.S. (Students may earn the M.A.R. first and then apply to pursue the M.A.B.S.)

M.A.R. Degree into the M.Div. Degree

Students who earn a Master of Arts in Religion (M.A.R.) degree may pursue a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree and apply all applicable credits from the M.A.R. toward the M.Div. **as allowed by the student's specific M.Div. Degree Completion Plan (DCP) so long as the credits do not exceed two-thirds of the M.Div. program**.

Students may not earn the M.Div. first, and then apply to pursue the M.A.R. Students desiring the additional degree must submit an application for admission through the Office of Admissions.

Programs of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Religion (M.A.R.) - Biblical Studies
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Christian Apologetics
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Church History
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Church Ministry in the Digital Age
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Community Chaplaincy
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Discipleship & Church Ministry
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Evangelism & Church Planting
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Global & Intercultural Leadership
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Homiletics
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Leadership
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Next Generation Ministry
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Pastoral Counseling
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Pastoral Ministries
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Theology
- Religion (M.A.R.) - Worship

Career Opportunities

- Associate Pastor
- Church Education Administrator
- Church Planter
- Counselor
- Evangelist
- Lay Leader
- Missionary
- Worship Pastor
- Youth Pastor