ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In line with our mission, the Seminary considers each degree program wholistically with academic expectations, spiritual formation, ministry practice, and inter-cultural experiences.

Our field education is multifaceted. It varies from actual internship experience in the field to a vocational discernment process to reflection modules. See each degree program for specific requirements.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MACF)

The forty-eight (48) credit hour MACF degree (plus seven credit hours of field education) focuses on Christian formation against a backdrop of selected foundational subjects and Christian Formation/Ministry electives. The MACF is designed to equip men and women for leadership in positions related to Christian formation in congregations. It may lead to Ordination to Word and Service in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Learning outcomes for the degree include the following:

- Interpret Scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to Christian formation.
- Convey the Christian tradition for appropriation in the life and mission of the Church.
- Articulate the significance for ministry of educational, organizational, and spiritual models and theories of Christian formation.
- Demonstrate a theologically grounded ministerial identity and growing capacity to integrate it with the ministry of Christian formation.
- Engage diversity and exhibit growth towards intercultural competence for ministry reflective of God's global redemptive work.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Arts in Christian Formation degree is awarded to students meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Completion of a Bible exam and a psychological evaluation; successful completion of End of Studies evaluation.
- 2. The completion of 48 semester hours of academic course work, plus 7 field education credit hours.
- 3. A grade point average of 2.5 must be maintained. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
- Exemplification of a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.
- No outstanding incomplete grades later than week seven of the term in which they plan to graduate.
- 6. Complete payment of all accounts and fees to the Seminary.
- Completion of the degree within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

Bible 12 credit hours

BIBL 5150 Interpreting the New Testament I

BIBL 5151 Interpreting the New Testament II

BIBL 6120 Interpreting the Old Testament I

BIBL 6121 Interpreting the Old Testament II

History 3 credit hours

HSTY 6210 Christian Tradition and Mission

Theology 3 credit hours

THEO 6330 Christian Theology

Spiritual Formation 3 credit hours

SPFM 5201 Spiritual Journey SPFM 5202 Spiritual Practices

SPFM Elective

Foundations in Christian Ministry 9 credit hours CEDF 7200 Christian Education and Formation in the Church MNST 5108 Ministry Identity and Practice

THEO 7203 Christian Worship

CEDF and MNST Electives 15 credit hours Students must take a combination of Christian Education and Formation and Ministry courses with at least one three credit course from each field.

General Elective 3 credit hours

Students seeking ECC ordination are encouraged to take HSTY 7300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church (3 credit hours).

Total Credit Hours for the Degree: 48 credit hours

Students are required to take 17 credit hours in residence at the main campus. Students are recommended for graduation when all requirements are fulfilled for the degree.

Field Education

Field education may be completed prior to, during, or post course completion for the MACF degree. The experiences designated as field education will be awarded seven (7) credit hours in addition to the forty-eight (48) credit hours required for the MACF degree.

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7310 Internship Residency

4 credit hours toward field education requirements

FLDC 7315 Cultural Competency Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7318 Theological Reflection Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

Recommended sequence of courses:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Year One: Fall Semester		
BIBL 5150	Interpreting the New Testament I	3
HSTY 6210	Christian Tradition and Mission	3
SPFM 5201	Spiritual Journey	1
THEO 6330	Christian Theology	3
MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice	3
	Total	13
Year One: Spring Semester		
BIBL 6120	Interpreting the Old Testament I	3
SPFM 5202	Spiritual Practices	1
CEDF 7200	Christian Education and Formation in	
CEDF/MNST ****	Christian Formation or Ministry Elect	rives 3
	Elective	3
	Total	13
Year Two: Fall Semester		
BIBL 6121	Interpreting the Old Testament II	3
CEDF/MNST ****	Christian Formation or Ministry Elect	rives 3
CEDF/MNST ****	Christian Formation or Ministry Elect	rives 3
THEO 7203	Christian Worship	3
	Total	12
Year Two: Spring Semester		
BIBL 5151	Interpreting the New Testament II	3
CEDF/MNST ****	Christian Formation or Ministry Elect	rives 3
	Christian Formation or Ministry Elect	
SPFM ****	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
	Total	10
	Total Academic Credit Hours Plus Field Education: 7 Credit Hours	48

MACF: ECC Ordination to Word and Service

Women and men seeking Ordination to Word and Service through the Evangelical Covenant Church are required by the ECC to complete Covenant history and theology. It is highly recommended that students complete HSTY 7300 History and Theology of the Covenant as their general elective to meet this requirement.