

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In line with our mission, the Seminary considers each degree program holistically 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 who:

1. Complete all Vocational and Spiritual Formation for Leadership evaluations and receive approval by faculty vote.
2. Complete the required 48 semester hours of academic course work, plus 7 field education credit hours.
3. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
4. Exemplify a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.

5. Rectify all incomplete grades no later than week seven of the semester in which they plan to graduate.
6. Fulfill all financial obligations to the Seminary.
7. Complete the degree program within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

Bible | 12 credit hours

BIBL 5210 Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation
 BIBL 5220 Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy
 OR
 BIBL 5230 Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise
 BIBL 5240 New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World
 BIBL 5250 New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology

History | 3 credit hours

HSTY 5210 Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)

Theology | 3 credit hours

THEO 5110 Christian Theology

Spiritual Formation | 3 credit hours

SPFM 5201 Journey: The Story of Our Lives
 SPFM 5211 Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together
 SPFM Spiritual Formation Elective

Foundations in Christian Ministry | 9 credit hours

CEDF 5100 Christian Education and Formation in the Church
 MNST 5108 Ministry Identity and Practice
 THEO 5120 Christian Worship

CEDF and MNST Electives | 9 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.

Cultural Diversity Elective | 3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

BIBL 6290 Intercultural Readings of the Bible
 MNST 5110 Religions and Cultures
 MNST 6125 Issues of Christian Faith in the Americas
 MNST 6130 The Gospel in Asian Context
 MNST 6135 Experiencing African Christianity
 MNST 6140 Experiencing Global Christianity
 MNST 6151 Cultural Dimensions of Mission
 MNST 6152 Rethinking Mission: Lessons From Christian Art, History & Practice
 MNST 6352 Journey to Mosaic
 MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation
 THEO 5140 Advanced Seminar in Theology: Black Faith Matters

On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Denominational Elective | 3 credit hours

Students seeking ECC ordination are encouraged to take HSTY 6300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church (3 credit hours). Students from a denomination other than the Evangelical Covenant Church may take a course in their home denomination's history, theology, and polity. Such courses may be taken through cross-registration at another school in the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, or as an independent study with North Park faculty. Students not seeking ordination in any denomination may substitute any class by petition.

General Elective | 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

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
<i>Year One: Fall Semester</i>		
BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
Total		10 academic, 1 field education

Year One: January Term

CEDF 5100	Christian Education and Formation in the Church	3
Total		3 academic

Year One: Spring Semester

BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World	3
THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together	1
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
Total		10 academic

Year Two: Fall Semester

(BIBL 5220)	Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy	3)
(BIBL 5230)	Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise	3)
THEO 5120	Christian Worship	3
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module	1
Total		13 academic, 1 field education

Year Two: January Term

MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice	3
Total		3 academic

Year Two: Spring Semester

BIBL 5250	New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology	3
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
	Denominational Elective	3
FLDC 7318	Theological Reflection Module	1
Total		9 academic, 1 field education

Total Academic Credit Hours 48
Plus Field Education: 7 Credit Hours

THE FOLLOWING IS A RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES FOR PART-TIME DISTANCE LEARNERS:

Course Number Course Title Credit Hours

Year One: Fall Semester

BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World	3
Total		3 academic

Year One: January Term

CEDF 5100	Christian Education and Formation in the Church	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
Total		4 academic (4 residency)

Year One: Spring Semester

BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
Total		3 academic

Year One: Summer Semester

SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together	1
	Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
Total		4 academic, 1 field education (5 residency)

Year Two: Fall Semester

HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
THEO 5120	Christian Worship	3
Total		6 academic

Year Two: January Term

MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice	3
FLDC 7318	Theological Reflection Module	1
Total		3 academic, 1 field education (4 residency)

Year Two: Spring Semester

(BIBL 5220	Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy	3)
THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
Total		4-7 academic

Year Two: Summer Semester

CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
	Denominational Elective	3

FLDC 7315

Cultural Competency Module 1
Total 6 academic, 1 field education (7 residency)

Year Three: Fall Semester

BIBL 5250	New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology	3
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
Total		6 academic

Year Three: Spring Semester

(BIBL 5230	Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise	3)
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
	General Elective	3
Total		6-9 academic
Total Academic Credit Hours 48		
Plus Field Education: 7 Credit Hours		
Total Residency Credit Hours: 20 Credit Hours (17 required)		