

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (MACM)

The thirty-six credit hour MACM degree (plus three credit hours of field education) is for lay leaders and church staff personnel interested in graduate theological training. The MACM is designed to enhance ministry in a variety of vocations. It is the most flexible degree option offering courses in core disciplines and opportunities for reflection on experience and one's vocational direction. Participants are expected to be in ministry at the time of application and throughout the program. While internship is not a requirement of the MACM, students are required to participate in three, one credit field education modules. Learning outcomes for participation in the program include the following:

- Interpret Scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to one's ministry.
- Convey the Christian tradition for appropriation in ministry settings.
- Articulate a theology of ministry that informs and finds expression in one's vocation, whether lay or ordained.
- Demonstrate a growing and theologically grounded sense of vocational identity in God's mission.
- Engage diversity and exhibit growth towards inter-cultural competence for ministry reflective of God's global redemptive work.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry 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 36 semester hours of academic course work, plus 3 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 | 6 credit hours

BIBL 5210 Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation  
BIBL 5240 New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World

### 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 | 6 credit hours

MNST 5108 Ministry Identity and Practice  
MNST 5130 Leading and Teaching in Ministry

### CEDF and MNST Electives | 6 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.*

### General Elective | 6 credit hours

### Total Credit Hours for the Degree | 36 credit hours

Students are required to take 13 credit hours in residence at the main campus. Students are recommended for graduation when all requirements are fulfilled for the degree.

## FIELD EDUCATION

The experiences designated as field education will be awarded three (3) credit hours in addition to the 36 credit hours required for the MACM degree.

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence  
1 credit hour 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

and Their World 3  
**Total 3 academic**

**THE FOLLOWING IS A RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE OF COURSES:**

**Course Number Course Title Credit Hours**

*Year One: Fall Semester*

BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>7 academic, 1 field education</b>

*Year One: Spring Semester*

MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice	3
BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World	3
SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together	1
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 academic</b>

*Year Two: Fall Semester*

HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>10 academic, 1 field education</b>

*Year Two: Spring Semester*

THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
MNST 5130	Leading and Teaching in Ministry	3
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 7318	Theological Reflection Module	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>9 academic, 1 field education</b>
<b>Total Academic Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>
Plus Field Education:		3 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	
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*Year One: January Term*

MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice	3
SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>4 academic (4 residency)</b>

*Year One: Spring Semester*

BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic</b>

*Year One: Summer Semester*

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

*Year Two: Fall Semester*

HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic</b>

*Year Two: January Term*

FLDC 7318	General Elective	3
	Theological Reflection Module	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic, 1 field education (4 residency)</b>

*Year Two: Spring Semester*

THEO 5110	Christian Theology	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic</b>

*Year Two: Summer Semester*

MNST 5130	Leading and Teaching in Ministry	
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic, 1 field education (4 residency)</b>

*Year Three: Fall Semester*

CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
	General Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>3 academic</b>

*Year Three: Spring Semester*

CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or Ministry Electives	3
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>4 academic</b>

**Total Academic Credit Hours 36**

Plus Field Education: 3 Credit Hours  
Total Residency Credit Hours: 17 Credit  
Hours (13 required)