PURPOSES

- Enable students to gain the knowledge and skills necessary to systematize and apply biblical truth to the intellectual issues confronting the church and the surrounding culture
- Prepare graduates for graduate research programs in such disciplines as theology, apologetics, and church history or, with further practical training, to use their theological knowledge in such ministries as teaching, missions, counseling, or lay church leadership

OBJECTIVES

- Exegete individual passages of Scripture accurately
- Systematize exegetical, historical, and situational data into a consistent and coherent theology
- Offer a thoughtful defense of Christian theology and explain how this theology applies to an individual’s belief and behavior

The ability to know what you believe and why you believe it is crucial to the life of faith. At Westminster Seminary California we believe that rigorous study of theology strengthens and develops in the student a lively knowledge of Christ and his Word, which equips the student to think biblically and to act as becomes a follower of Christ. To this end, our Master of Arts in Theological Studies program seeks to give students the knowledge and skills necessary to systematize and apply biblical truth to the intellectual issues confronting the church and the surrounding culture. The main purpose of the Master of Arts (Theological Studies) program is to develop both the understanding and skills needed to apply biblical truth to the intellectual issues confronting the church and the surrounding culture. Graduates should be able to exegete individual passages of Scripture accurately and understand the system of truth revealed in the Scriptures, as well as the major issues in faith and life that the church has confronted throughout its history and in contemporary intellectual and cultural movements. They should be able to systematize exegetical, historical, and situational data into a consistent and coherent theology, to offer a thoughtful defense of Christian theology, and to explain how this theology applies to an individual’s belief and behavior. Graduates of this program are prepared to pursue research programs in such disciplines as theology, apologetics, and church history; or, with further practical training, to use their theological knowledge in such ministries as teaching, missions, counseling, or lay church leadership. It is not the purpose of this program to prepare candidates for ordination to the ministry of the Word. The degree is conferred upon the completion of the prescribed program, which requires two years of full-time study or a longer period of part-time study. The courses prescribed for this emphasis should be followed in the sequence indicated in the chart on the following page.
# MASTER OF ARTS: THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

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14 Total Fall Units
4 Total Winter Units
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20 Total Degree Units
39 Total with Propaedeutic³

### TOTAL SECOND YEAR
17 Total Fall Units
2 Total Winter Units
14 Total Spring Units
31 Total Degree Units
33 Total with Propaedeutic³

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1 In addition to NT500 and OT500 at least 3 units of electives must be taken in Biblical Studies.
2 May be waived, see page 78.
3 Units required in Hebrew, Greek, and writing are not included in the degree units as they are considered propaedeutic.

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**SUMMER**

- 4 Total Summer Units
- 2 CH601 Ancient Church
- 3 NT401 Greek II
- 3 OT400 Hebrew I
- 1 PT502 Theo. Bibliography
- 1 PT400 Grad. Theo. Writing²
- 4 ST501 Christian Mind

**FALL**

- 14 Total Fall Units
- 1 OT401 Hebrew II
- 1 NT402 Greek III
- 2 ELECTIVE

**WINTER**

- 4 Total Winter Units
- 2 NT403 Greek IV
- 3 NT500 NT Interpretation
- 4 OT402 Hebrew III
- 2 OT500 Biblical Theology & Cannon
- 4 CH602 Medieval Church & Reformation
- 2 ELECTIVE

**SPRING**

- 17 Total Spring Units
- 20 Total Degree Units
- 39 Total with Propaedeutic³

**SECOND YEAR**

- 17 Total Fall Units
- 2 OT403 Hebrew IV
- 4 CH701 Church in the Modern Age
- 2 ST604 Doctrine of God
- 2 ST605 Doctrine of Man
- 4 ST701 Doctrine of the Holy Spirit
- 3 ELECTIVE

- 2 Total Winter Units
- 3 AP601 Modern Mind
- 3 ST602 Doctrine of Christ
- 3 ST702 Christian Life
- 3 ST703 Doctrine of the Church
- 2 HT/ST615 Reformed Conf. & Catechisms

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