

Master of Arts **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

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.



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

ALUMNI TESTIMONIAL

"Concentrated study and daily interaction with professors have given me tools and knowledge that I could not have gained on my own. With the knowledge that I gained in systematic theology, Greek and Hebrew exegesis, and church history, I am well-equipped to more responsibly serve my family and the Church."

TED BEGLIN, M.A.T.S.

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COURSE REQUIREMENTS

8 Credits Biblical Studies¹
10 Credits Church History
2 Credits Historical Theology
24 Credits Systematics & Apologetics

1 Credit Practical Theology
6 Credits Elective
51 Credits Total Degree Units
72 Credits Total Units Including Propaedeutic³

	FIRST YEAR			SECOND YEAR		
	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE NAME	CREDITS	CODE	COURSE NAME
SUMMER	4	NT400	Greek I			
	4	Total Summer Credits				
FALL	2	CH601	Ancient Church	4	CH701	Church in the Modern Age
	3	NT401	Greek II	2	OT403	Hebrew IV
	3	OT400	Hebrew I	2	ST604	Theology Proper
	1	PT400	Grad. Theo. Writing ²	2	ST605	Anthropology
	1	PT502	Theo. Bibliography	4	ST701	Soteriology & Eschatology
	4	ST501	Intro to Theology and Apologetics	3		ELECTIVE
	14	Total Fall Credits		17	Total Fall Credits	
WINTER	1	NT402	Greek III	2		ELECTIVE
	1	OT401	Hebrew II			
	2		ELECTIVE			
	4	Total Winter Credits		2	Total Winter Credits	
SPRING	4	CH602	Medieval Church & Reformation	3	AP601	Modernity & Apologetics
	2	NT403	Greek IV	2	HT/ST615	Reformed Conf. & Catechisms
	3	NT500	NT Interpretation	3	ST602	Christology
	4	OT402	Hebrew III	3	ST702	Christian Ethics
	2	OT500	Biblical Theology & Canon	3	ST703	Ecclesiology
	2		ELECTIVE			
	17	Total Spring Units		14	Total Spring Units	
	20	Total Degree Units		31	Total Degree Units	
	39	Total with Propaedeutic ³		33	Total with Propaedeutic ³	

¹ In addition to NT500 and OT500 at least 3 credit hours of electives must be taken in Biblical Studies.

² May be waived, see page 72.

³ Credit hours required in Hebrew, Greek, and writing are not included in the degree credit hours as they are considered propaedeutic.