master of arts (bible and theology)
By focusing on the classic theological disciplines, the Master of Arts (Bible and Theology) provides the opportunity for students to gain the knowledge and understanding necessary for faithful participation in God’s mission. In addition, it provides an expanded track for individuals who seek to teach or pursue advanced graduate study.

This two-year course of study, which has no residency requirement, focuses on Bible, theology, and church history and provides students with flexibility to specialize in an area of interest. In addition to the expanded PhD preparation track, which consists of additional credit hours, an Intercultural Studies option is available for individuals serving as missionaries or those who have started the process of becoming missionaries.

program outcomes
- Articulate and live out their identity in Christ, exhibiting the Holy Spirit’s fruits and gifts in a life formed in community and devoted to the glory of God the Father;
- Demonstrate in-depth inductive Bible study and awareness of their own interpretive presuppositions;
- Demonstrate cultural exegesis through worldview reflection in a particular academic area of biblical, theological, and/or anthropological study;
- Articulate and live out a coherent theological system that actively informs their ministry objectives, self-identity, and call;
- Demonstrate appreciative but critical awareness of streams of Christian tradition;
- Articulate and live a mentored life within a specific Christian community, committed to whole-life stewardship and continual personal development.

requirements for graduation
- Satisfactory completion of required semester hours
- Maintenance of a 2.25 grade point average
- Recommendation of faculty

learning options
Kairos Project Track
The Kairos Project track facilitates flexible learning through contextually integrated educational moments and adaptable assignments. It is designed specifically for individuals who are actively engaged in ministry and/or desire to integrate their faith and work. Students move toward outcome based Christian maturity under the supervision of a mentor team, by the direction of faculty, and through participation in a cohort-based community of learning. This track allows students and mentor teams to customize course work in light of needs, ministry context, and prior learning or experiences.

With the exception of intensives on the main campus each October and April, course work is typically completed in context. A flat monthly tuition fee gives students access to nearly every learning module, event, and resource provided by Sioux Falls Seminary, including those outside of the Kairos Project.

Partnership Option
Sioux Falls Seminary partners with a number of different ministry organizations, providing students with the opportunity to enhance and customize learning as they progress toward achievement of program outcomes.

Classic Track
The Classic track is designed for students seeking a traditional seminary experience. Students who enroll in this track follow the classic course of study. Classic
students who cannot relocate to Sioux Falls or commit to a traditional program may maximize the use of online courses to help accomplish their academic goals.

**classic course of study**

classic track

**Spirituality**
- Spiritual Formation & Vocation 3
- Christian Discipleship 3

**Integrative Courses**
- Readiness for Seminary 3
- Readiness for Ministry 3

**Bible**
- Old Testament Literature 3
- New Testament Literature 3
- Tools for Biblical Interpretation 3

**Theology and Church History**
- God, Christ, and Humanity 3
- Creation, the Spirit, and the Church 3
- Christian Heritage I 3
- Christian Heritage II 3

**Specialization**
- Cross-Cultural Immersion 3
- Adv. Research for Project/Theesis 3
- Project/Theesis 3

**Total Required** 42

classic track - phd preparation

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- Spiritual Formation & Vocation 3
- Christian Discipleship 3

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- Readiness for Seminary 3
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**Bible**
- Old Testament Literature 3
- New Testament Literature 3
- Issues in Biblical Hermeneutics 3

**Theology and Church History**
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**Specialization**
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- Adv. Research for Project/Theesis 3
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**Additional Courses for PhD Prep**
- Languages 12
- Electives 12

**Total Required** 66

*Note: A number of courses are offered on a rotating basis. Please view the catalog for details or contact the Office of Enrollment Management.*

project and thesis

research and summative project

Students not pursuing an advanced degree: Shaped to meet individual learning goals. Requires: research on a specific topic, a project related to that research, and an artifact that explains the research, the project, and the results.

Students specializing in intercultural studies: Focused on cross-cultural research. Requires: hands-on project which results in an artifact that explains the research, the project, and the results.

Students seeking an advanced degree: Thesis, typically 50-75 pages, on topic of choice (under the guidance of a faculty advisor). Note: Students should show an informed familiarity with the major issues, as well as the relevant scholars and literature involved. Research levels are not as extensive as a doctoral dissertation.

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