

MASTER OF ARTS



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By focusing on the classic theological disciplines, the Master of Arts provides the opportunity 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. It will provide you with flexibility to specialize in an area of interest. In addition to the expanded PhD preparation track, which consists of additional credit hours, you can specialize in intercultural studies if you are interested in serving as a missionary or are starting the process of becoming a missionary.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- **Starting Well** - Demonstrate a functional understanding of the Kairos system and that you have explored available resources for taking responsibility of your educational journey.
- **Christian Spirituality** - Articulate how your life in Christ exhibits the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit as formed in your Christian community and devoted to the glory of God the Father;
- **Biblical Literacy** - Demonstrate skillful, in-depth biblical study and awareness of interpretive frameworks;
- **Contextual Project** - Demonstrate effective cultural exegesis through empathetic reflection on worldviews in a particular academic area of study;
- **Christian Theology** - Articulate a coherent theological understanding that informs your vocation;
- **Church History** - Demonstrate appreciative and critical awareness of your own and other Christian traditions;

- **Mentored Life** - Articulate and engage your vocation in a mentored life, intentional Christian community, and whole-life stewardship.
- **Continuing Well** - Close your Kairos journey by reflecting on your experiences and preparing to continue well on a path of lifelong learning.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- Demonstrated mastery in all program outcomes with master assessment scores of 8 or higher with no score of 1 in any category
- Recommendation of mentor team

KAIROS PHILOSOPHY

The Kairos philosophy provides you with flexible learning opportunities facilitated through contextually integrated educational moments and adaptable assignments. Learn and grow under the supervision of a mentor team, by the direction of faculty, and through participation in a cohort-based community of learning. Your educational journey will be oriented toward outcomes, and your coursework can be customized in light of your needs and calling. A flat monthly tuition fee provides access to nearly every learning experience and resource in the Kairos network.

When you begin your program, you will work with your mentor team to define mastery in your context and consider the ways you might learn best. You may choose to follow a developed "standard path," to adapt a standard path, or work with your faculty mentor to customize a path. While traditional and self-paced learning experiences are available, coursework is most often done in context and under the supervision of your faculty mentor, vocational mentor, and personal mentor. Kairos gatherings, which are available to attend in person or online and are offered several times each

year, will connect you with the wider Kairos community and expose you to the breadth and depth of the family of God.

AREA OF FOCUS

The Contextual Project outcome provides the opportunity to focus your studies. You will work with your mentor team or a Kairos partner to customize or concentrate in a particular academic area of study. Ministry partners offer concentration in areas such as spiritual direction or transformation, discipleship, missional church leadership, worship leadership, and more. Partnership program costs are not included in tuition.

Pre-PhD Preparation - Those interested in seeking an advanced degree after earning the Master of Arts, should consult with their mentor team about opportunities for additional, deeper work in languages and/or other elective subjects. Pre-PhD preparation work is above and beyond program requirements.

Specializing in Intercultural Studies - Ideal for those

seeking to prepare for successful ministry in specific multi-cultural, multi-generational, and cross-cultural contexts. This track has been developed for both pre- and on-field missionaries as well as for pastors working in urban and/or multi-cultural situations.

RESEARCH & 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 the faculty mentor). *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.*

PROGRAM BREAKDOWN

Course	Credit Hours		
Starting Well Areas of Focus: journey preparation, mentor team development	3	Christian Theology Areas of Focus: God, Christ, humanity, creation, Spirit, church, global theology	6
Christian Spirituality Areas of Focus: spiritual formation, life in Christ; fruits of the spirit	6	Church History Areas of Focus: early church history, the reformation, modern church history, historical theology	6
Biblical Literacy Areas of Focus: Old and New Testaments, Bible interpretation	6	Mentored Life Areas of Focus: Christian discipleship, walking with fellow Christians, vocational resilience	6
Contextual Project Areas of Focus: ethnohermeneutics, project research, project/thesis, doing theology in context, cross-cultural immersion	6	Continuing Well Areas of Focus: program completion, graduation, lifelong learning preparation	3

42 CREDIT HOURS

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