

MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSIONS

This specialized degree prepares students for effective cross-cultural ministry in foreign and home missions organizations and other related ministries. Graduates are competent professionals who carry the healing Gospel “where God’s light is seen dim, where His voice is heard small, and where His healing power is not known, even to the uttermost bounds of the earth.” The Master of Arts in Missions curriculum is a well-rounded balance of missions philosophy, biblical principles, the ministry of healing, worldwide evangelism, church planting, and methods of cross-cultural communication.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Missions are to:

- Acquaint students with the history and development of the worldwide Christian missionary enterprise
- Foster an awareness of the basics of Christian missionary life and practice
- Analyze historic and current trends in the globalization of cross-cultural evangelism and church planting
- Equip students for ministry in cross-cultural contexts in order to provide leadership for motivating, mobilizing, and training Great Commission Christians
- Acquaint students with innovative language learning methods and techniques
- Provide guided internship opportunities for the integration and application of missiological theory and practice in intercultural evangelism and church planting
- Prepare candidates with a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture with application to selected contemporary situations.
- Promote a biblical/theological understanding of the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Enable students to articulate clearly their ministry/professional calling

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a college recognized by The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Applicants whose degree is in a field other than theology are required to complete up to 15 credit hours of prerequisite courses in addition to the degree requirements
- Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 or higher

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My journey through the Master of Arts in Missions program was transformational. The Holy Spirit-empowered professors challenged me to grow and develop. The practical approach of this program coupled with real-world experience has truly made the Great Commission come alive in my life. This degree has prepared me to communicate the Gospel across cultural boundaries, to go into every person’s world. The training I have received at ORU has prepared me to fulfill the call of God in my life. [C.M.]

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- An official entrance exam score is required (waived for those who hold a bachelor's degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a master's degree from a regionally accredited institution): Miller Analogies Test (minimum score of 396) or the Graduate Record Exam (minimum combined score of 300 for verbal and quantitative sections)
- For those whose language of instruction was not English, Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): score of 550 paper-based, 213 computer-based, 79-80 internet-based or the IELTS (minimum band score of 7.0), and submit a score within the past two years

PREREQUISITES (3 CREDIT HOURS)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (50.5 CREDIT HOURS)

- ORU Distinctive Courses (3.5 credit hours)
- Assessments (1 credit hour)
- Missions Concentration (25 credit hours)
- Biblical/Theological Cognate (21 credit hours)

ACCREDITATION

- Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)
- The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools

Detailed information is available at gradtheology.oru.edu