

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ORU SEMINARY—A GLOBAL PLACE FOR WORLD-CLASS TRAINING IN MINISTRY, COUNSELING, AND LEADERSHIP

The Oral Roberts University Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (Seminary) provides sound academic, biblical, and theological education with a distinctive charismatic perspective. Its mission is to prepare men and women empowered by the Holy Spirit for effective leadership. Through an advanced comprehensive curriculum, graduates are equipped for ministry, counseling, and leadership within the context of the church, church-related agencies, and clinical and professional settings in the greater global community.

PROFESSORS WHO MENTOR

ORU has a distinguished charismatic theological faculty. In addition to holding earned doctorates from major universities and seminaries worldwide, they also come with rich and varied experiences, a heart for ministry and the desire to lead others to an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Students' academic education will be enriched by their wealth of professional competence as they serve as mentors and models. In the classroom, professors provide biblical understanding, theological insight, ministry preparedness, and clinical expertise in an atmosphere of caring accountability. Professors also spend one-on-one time helping students identify their strengths and weaknesses, develop spiritually, and actualize their calling by discovering and developing their spiritual gifts for vocational ministry.

ACCREDITATION

- Oral Roberts University is accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- In addition to the HLC accreditation, the ORU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry is also accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is the basic degree for professional ministry, integrating biblical literature, theological/historical studies and the practices of ministry. To enable students to focus on their particular ministry needs and callings, a significant portion of the course requirements are electives to be selected by students in conjunction with a faculty advisor. The Master of Divinity is also the prerequisite degree for those planning to continue their studies and pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. Students may complete an M.Div. either through residential or modular formats.

MASTER OF ARTS

Academic Programs

Academic Master of Arts degrees are designed to equip students to understand and appreciate biblical, historical, and theological content of the Christian faith within a charismatic context to assist students in interpreting and communicating that faith. Each four-semester program prepares students for teaching, writing or doctoral studies.

Academic programs include:

- Biblical Literature
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Advanced Languages
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Judaic-Christian Studies
- Theological/Historical Studies



Professional Programs

Professional Master of Arts degrees prepare students for specialized ministries within the local church, church-related agencies, or other clinical and professional settings. Each degree is a four-semester program.

Professional programs include:

- Christian Counseling (Licensed Professional Counselor Track)
- Christian Counseling (Licensed Marital and Family Therapy Track)
- Missions
- Practical Theology (available through a residential or modular format)
- Practical Theology with a concentration in Teaching Ministries (available through a residential or modular format)

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION DELIVERY SYSTEM

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry offers the following degrees in a distance learning format: Master of Divinity, Master of Arts Practical Theology, and Master of Arts Practical Theology with a Teaching Ministries Concentration. This format offers a combination of fully online courses and a blended course format which allows students to attend class on campus one week, while completing the rest of the course work online. It is a unique schedule, tailor-made for students seeking spiritual, academic, and professional training, while maintaining their current jobs and homes. By selecting modules that fit their schedules, students control how long it takes to complete their degrees. One half of each available degree may be completed at a distance via the Internet. Students may enroll in Internet and blended courses concurrently.

JOINT DEGREES

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry offers an innovative program where two degrees may be taken simultaneously. By pursuing two distinct theological degrees, students reduce overall program time by up to a year. Those interested in seeking joint degree status are encouraged to speak with an academic advisor for more information on their particular combination.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry program also offers a degree in a modular and distance learning format. The Doctor of Ministry, now celebrating its 30th year at ORU, is an in-ministry degree for those currently in professional ministry who have a minimum of three years post-master's ministry experience. Students attend modules on the Tulsa campus for one-week intensive sessions and are immediately able to incorporate what they've learned into their ministries. Tracks available include Church Ministries and Leadership, and Pastoral Care and Counseling.



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MASTER OF DIVINITY

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is the basic professional degree for ministry. With a balanced integration of three components—Biblical Literature, Theological/Historical Studies, and the Practices of Ministry—the M.Div. prepares students for effective careers as pastors, evangelists, chaplains, and a broad variety of other ministries. Students are trained to be Spirit-filled, biblically based, historically informed, socially and ethically accountable, theologically responsible, and skillfully enabled ministers of Jesus Christ. The Master of Divinity is the prerequisite degree for admission into the Doctor of Ministry program and military chaplaincy.

One of the strengths of the Master of Divinity program is the flexibility offered by its nine credit hours of electives. Students may use these credit hours to pursue a specific area of ministry study, such as counseling or missions. Because ORU also has graduate schools in Education and Business, M.Div. students may also choose to use a limited number of these elective hours for cross-disciplinary training.

The objectives of the Master of Divinity are to:

- Prepare candidates with a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture within its cultural and historical context with application to selected contemporary situations
- Prepare students to interpret the biblical writings in the Greek and/or Hebrew languages, using critical exegetical tools, and writing a hermeneutical and exegetical paper
- Provide a basic knowledge of the key movements and figures together with their significance in the history of Christianity
- Provide a basic knowledge of the contents and methods of Christian theology
- Enable students to develop skills and practical ministry strategies
- Equip candidates with the biblical, theological, and ethical understanding necessary to analyze and discuss contemporary social issues affecting the Church and society
- Enable students to develop and articulate a theology and theory of ministry that is relevant to their backgrounds and callings
- Provide opportunities to develop necessary skills for ministry within a variety of traditions, ministry settings, and cross-cultural contexts
- Promote a biblical/theological understanding of the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Enable students to articulate clearly their ministry/professional calling
- Enable students to demonstrate a ministerial formation that integrates a biblical and theological content and a theology and theory of ministry with practical ministry skills

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION DELIVERY SYSTEMS

In today's highly mobile and fast-paced society, it can be difficult to earn a residential degree at the graduate level. ORU's fully accredited graduate modular program offers a combination of fully online courses and a blended course format which allows students to attend class on campus one week, while completing the rest of the course work online. It is a unique schedule, tailor-made for students seeking spiritual, academic, and professional training, while maintaining their current jobs and homes.

Some of the reasons to choose ORU's Modular and Distance Education Program are:

- ORU's Graduate School of Theology and Ministry's Modular Program offers a quality professional education with a Holy-Spirit-empowered dimension
- Students, by selecting courses that fit their schedules, determine how long it takes to complete the degree
- The same ATS-accredited material given in a residential semester is offered in an online and blended course delivery systems.
- One half of the degree is available online and the remainder of the course work can be done with a little as 7 visits to campus
- Classes take place in cutting edge facilities with state of the art technologies designed for Adult Education
- Curriculum prepares ministries and leaders for the 21st century
- Distance Library Resources are available

- Professors who are experienced in their respective fields give valuable instruction and impart their spirit of excellence
- Relationship of students with professors and one another

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university or a college recognized by The Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 or higher
- An official entrance exam score is required (waived for those who hold a Bachelors degree with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or a Masters 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 (0-3 CREDIT HOURS)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (80.5 CREDIT HOURS)

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| • ORU Distinctive Courses (4.5 credit hours) | • Undesignated Electives (9 credit hours) |
| • Assessments (1 credit hour) | • Biblical Literature (21 credit hours) |
| • Theological/Historical Studies (21 credit hours) | • Practices of Ministry (24 credit hours) |

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MASTER OF ARTS IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This program is designed to equip graduates for effective ministry in churches, para-church organizations and various ministry contexts. The degree provides a foundation in ministerial theory and practice that will assist students to pursue ministry vocations. It seeks to develop the essential knowledge and skills for lay positions in the church or specialized professions in both church and community.

This degree program prepares leaders by increasing their competence in and understanding of the Word of God through hermeneutical study skills and by developing a theological framework for their understanding of the teaching of Scripture and for the practices of ministry. In addition to a strong biblical and theological foundation, the curriculum is flexible enough to meet the demands of both professional and lay positions.

The degree program is structured to provide a strong biblical/theological/practical ministry foundation for leadership and includes opportunities for students to structure their own program to meet perceived needs in ministry. The practicum will provide supervised practice in church or community contexts that encourages the integration of biblical and theological understanding with practical ministry strategies.

The twelve credit hours of practices of ministry electives provide opportunity for the development of individual interests through course work, and specialized research and projects. Because ORU also has graduate programs in education and business, students may choose to use a limited number of these elective hours for cross-disciplinary training.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology are to:

- Prepare candidates with a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture within its cultural and historical context with application to selected contemporary situations
- Prepare students to increase competence and understanding in the Word of God by utilizing basic methods of biblical interpretation
- Provide a basic knowledge of the contents and methods of Christian theology
- Provide a basic knowledge of the key movements and figures together with their significance in the history of Christianity
- Prepare students to effectively communicate the message of Christianity in various cultural contexts
- Integrate theological reflection and practice through internship opportunities
- Promote a biblical/theological understanding of the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Enable students to articulate clearly their ministry/professional calling
- Enable students to integrate biblical and theological understanding with practical ministry strategies

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- ORU Distinctive Courses (4.5 credit hours)
- Assessments (1 credit hour)
- Biblical and Theological Foundations (15 credit hours)
- Practical Theology Cognate (12 credit hours)
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MASTER OF ARTS IN PRACTICAL THEOLOGY TEACHING MINISTRIES CONCENTRATION

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM

This program equips graduates for teaching ministries in churches, Bible Institutes, para-church organizations, and other ministry settings. The concentration provides a foundation in educational theory and practice that will assist students to pursue teaching vocations or doctoral studies. It seeks to develop the essential knowledge and skills for classroom methodology and effective application of educational theory.

In addition to a strong biblical and theological foundation, the curriculum is flexible enough to meet the demands of both professional and lay positions. The concentration provides opportunity for the expression of individual interests through specialized research and projects. The practicum will encourage students to seek both national and international opportunities for supervised practice.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Practical Theology-Teaching Ministries Concentration are to:

- Prepare leaders for the educational process in Bible Institute education, parachurch ministries, and other educational settings
- Develop effective leadership and instructional models for diverse ministry contexts
- Integrate theological reflection and practice through practicum opportunities in local and global contexts
- Enable students to articulate clearly their vocational calling and theology of teaching
- Design teaching ministries for various age levels, special interests, and diverse populations based on learning theories and practices
- Prepare candidates with a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture within its cultural and historical context with application to teaching ministries
- Prepare students to increase competence and understanding in the Word of God by utilizing basic methods of biblical interpretation
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