

MASTER OF ARTS BIBLICAL LITERATURE ADVANCED LANGUAGES CONCENTRATION

This degree enables students to develop their linguistic abilities as they enhance their biblical language skills and acquire proficiency in cognate languages for biblical literature. The Advanced Languages Concentration develops tools of philology for better understanding the biblical languages and their cognate languages. A methodology of comparative linguistics is established as students master additional languages for biblical research. Studies include a variety of ancient Semitic languages.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Biblical Literature with a concentration in Advanced Languages are to:

- Prepare students to identify and examine the major OT themes and formulate a coherent OT theology
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- Enable students to acquire proficiency in the use of Hebrew and Greek for the accurate translation and exegesis of the OT/NT
- Enable students to acquire proficiency in additional language(s) of the biblical era
- Prepare students to integrate coursework and knowledge of languages and critical exegetical methods for writing a thesis in the concentration of Advanced Languages
- 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 academic expertise in a specialized area of OT/NT studies and to integrate knowledge of Biblical background, content, themes, and cognate texts in a coherent OT/NT theology for contemporary application in ministry/vocation

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 Bible or Biblical Studies are required to complete up to 27 credit hours of prerequisite courses in addition to the degree requirements
- Cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) minimum score of 396 or Graduate Record Exam (GRE) minimum combined score of 900 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 (27 CREDIT HOURS)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (52 CREDIT HOURS)

- ORU Requirements (7 credit hours)
- Advanced Language Cognate (33 credit hours)
- Theological/Historical Electives (12 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: www.gradtheology.oru.edu