

MASTER OF ARTS BIBLICAL LITERATURE JUDAIC-CHRISTIAN STUDIES CONCENTRATION

This degree is designed for students preparing for service in the various professional capacities in ministry, particularly those desiring careers in teaching, curriculum development, missions outreach, academic study, as well as those preparing for doctoral research. The Judaic-Christian studies concentration enables students to develop sound hermeneutical tools, as well as linguistic and interpretive skills. This concentration will provide a better understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity and will explore the spiritual life of ancient Israel and the faith experience of the early Church.

The objectives of the Master of Arts in Biblical Literature with a concentration in Judaic-Christian Studies are to:

- Provide students with a basic knowledge of biblical languages (Heb/Greek) for accurate translation of Scripture
- Prepare students to identify and examine the major OT themes and formulate a coherent OT theology
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- Enable students to research rabbinic literature for comprehension of Jewish culture and its influence upon Christian faith and literature
- Familiarize students with the concepts and practices of Judaism in the period of the second temple as related to the ministry and teachings of Jesus and Paul
- Instruct students in critical methods of exegesis and tools for interpreting and appreciating the central themes of Scripture and related Judeo-Christian literature within the matrix of early Jewish and Christian communities
- Prepare students to use biblical critical tools and methods to write an advanced research MA thesis in OT/NT integrating Jewish literature and theology in the discipline of Judaic-Christian studies
- 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 21 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 (21 CREDIT HOURS)

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (52 CREDIT HOURS)

- ORU Requirements (7 credit hours)
- Theological/Historical Cognate (12 credit hours)
- Judaic-Christian Studies Concentration (33 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