

# RELIGIOUS STUDIES (MA)

## Program Objectives

1. Exhibit an understanding of hermeneutical principles by using proper methodology in biblical interpretation.
2. Build a strong emphasis on understanding the Bible.
3. Recognize and evaluate in light of biblical revelation the major schools of thought in historical and contemporary theology.
4. State and defend a worldview that is consistent with biblical revelation and stated in theological terms.

## Graduate with MA

Following completion of the MA in the Spring of the academic year, a student would then be eligible to continue on into the Ph.D. program in the Fall of the same year, provided they completed the MA degree with a GPA of 2.9 (B-) or better.

## Program Requirements

Requirement	Hours
Core Curriculum	27
Concentration	15
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>42</b>

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Curriculum</b>		
ATH 613	Theological Research & Writing (must be taken in first year)	3
BI 501	Old Testament Bi 501	3
BI 502	New Testament Bi 502	3
TH 503	Systematic Theology I	3
TH 513	Systematic Theology II	3
TH 601	History of Christian Thought I	3
TH 602	History of Christian Thought II	3
TH 607	Hermeneutics	3
ATH 698	Religious Studies Capstone	3
<i>Subtotal</i>		27
<b>Religious Studies Bible/Theology Requirements</b>		
Select three of the following courses with BI/TH prefix:		9
BI 603	Isaiah	
BI 604		
BI 605		
BI 606	Romans	
BI 615		
BI 616		
BI 623	Survey of Genesis	
<i>Subtotal</i>		9
<b>Religious Studies Electives</b>		
Select two of the following courses with BI/TH, ATH, L, SP prefix:		6
ATH 601	Introduction to Pastoral Care ATH	
ATH 602		
ATH 603	Ethics and Society ATH 603	
ATH 611	Ethics of Pastoral Leadership	
ATH 614	Spiritual Formation ATH 614	
ATH 620	Introduction to Global Chaplaincy	
ATH 621	Prison/Jail Chaplaincy	
ATH 622	Ministry Response to Crises and	
ATH 624	Grief and Loss Counseling	
ATH 623		

SP 609	Expository Preaching	
SP 615		
TH 606	Women in Theology	
TH 608	Introduction to World Religions	
<i>Subtotal</i>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42</b>

## Course Cycle

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Year One</b>		
<b>Fall Semester (August)</b>		
ATH 613	Theological Research & Writing	3
BI 501	Old Testament Bi 501	3
TH 503	Systematic Theology I	3
BI/TH	Course	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Spring Semester (January)</b>		
TH 607	Hermeneutics	3
BI 502	New Testament Bi 502	3
TH 513	Systematic Theology II	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Year Two</b>		
<b>Fall Semester (August)</b>		
TH 601	History of Christian Thought I	3
BI/TH	Course	3
BI/TH	Elective	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Spring Semester (January)</b>		
TH 602	History of Christian Thought II	3
BI/TH	Course	3
BI/TH	Elective	3
ATH 698	Religious Studies Capstone	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>42</b>