# **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**

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TH 608	Introduction to World Religions	
TH 606	Women in Theology	
SP 615		
SP 609	Expository Preaching	

## **Course Cycle**

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