

Required courses include:

- Old Testament I: Promise, Covenant, and Praise.....3 hrs.
- Old Testament II: Wisdom, Justice, and God's Rule.....3 hrs.
- New Testament I: Gospels and Acts.....3 hrs.
- New Testament II: Letters of the New Testament.....3 hrs.

Other classes might call for students to write a case study on how the doctrine of humanity relates to a particularly difficult counseling situation in the church.

The M.C.S. program seeks to advance God's kingdom in churches around the world by laying a solid foundation for ministry and by teaching students to integrate their studies with their real world ministry.

Admission Requirements

1. A Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution as documented on official transcripts, which must include all postsecondary academic work
2. A minimum college cumulative grade point average of 2.4 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants with a college cumulative grade point average below 2.4 (on a 4.0 scale) are accepted on academic probation on an individual basis.
3. Complete Union M.C.S. Application Form and \$25 application fee.
4. A Letter of Affirmation from the applicant's local church, stating that the applicant is a member in good standing and actively involved in ministry.
5. Three personal letters of recommendation.
6. An Autobiographical Essay of 3-5 pages, describing the applicant's spiritual pilgrimage.
7. If English is not a student's first language, minimum scores of 560 or 220 computer must be achieved on the TOEFL.

Transfer of Credit

Up to nine semester hours of graduate credit from a regionally accredited college or university may be transferred into the degree program at the time the student is admitted provided the grades earned were B or higher.

Financial Information

Application Fee:.....	\$25
Graduation Fee:.....	\$25
Tuition per Semester Hour:.....	\$295

Payment is expected in full upon enrollment unless the student participates in a FACTS monthly electronic draft from checking or savings account.

Graduation Requirements

- A. The completion of 33 hours of course work with a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- B. The fulfillment of all financial obligations
- C. The approval of the faculty

Financial Assistance

The M.C.S. does not qualify for Federal Stafford Loans. However, the student may contact the Student Financial Planning Office about private alternative loans.

Course Descriptions: Master of Christian Studies (MCS)

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An investigation of the theological implications of God's promises that were given to his covenant people, as well as the people's response to God in praise and lament. This course will analyze these themes through the study of the history, background, literary genre, structure, and theology of Genesis through Psalms. Exegetical methodologies for analyzing narrative and poetic texts will be introduced.

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An investigation of how practical principles of divine wisdom impact human behavior and doubting, how God's plan to create a world of justice and trust impacted Israelite and world history, and how God's sovereign power will one day triumph and usher in the messianic kingdom. This course will introduce a method of analyzing the prophet's messages in order to perceive how they attempted to transform the worldview of their audiences by persuading them to change their thinking and behavior.

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A survey of the Gospels and Acts with more intensive study of selected texts and issues. Included are a survey of New Testament background, evaluation of various critical approaches to the life of Christ, consideration of the historical reliability of the Gospels, and a survey of central theological themes in the teaching of Jesus, the individual Gospels, and the book of Acts.

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A survey of the Pauline epistles, the general epistles and Revelation, with more intensive study of selected texts and issues. Included is a survey of basic issues in Pauline theology, issues in interpreting New Testament letters and the hermeneutics of the book of Revelation.

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An exploration of the methods, tools, and practices associated with the interpretation and application of the Bible. Students will exegete selected biblical passages, moving from the ancient text to the modern world.

History of Christianity (1)
A survey of the history of Christianity from the late first century through the fifteenth century, focusing on the development of pivotal doctrines and ecclesiastical institutions in the Patristic and Medieval periods.

History of Christianity (2)
A survey of the history of Christianity from the early sixteenth century to the early twenty-first century, focusing on the development of pivotal doctrines and ecclesiastical institutions in the Reformation and Modern periods.

Christian Ethics (1)
An introduction to Christian ethics that focuses on ethical methodology and application of Christian ethical principles to key issues in church and society.

Organizational Leadership (1)
The course focuses on how biblical values affect models of organizational leadership within the local church and other Christian institutions.

Christian Theology (1)
A study of the nature, method, and content of Christian theology, the course will focus on prolegomena, God and revelation, and the doctrine of humanity.

Christian Theology (2)
A study of nature, method, and content of Christian theology, the course will focus on the person and work of Christ, Holy Spirit, Salvation, Church and Last Things.

Ministry Track Courses (Optional)

Students completing all 33 hours required for the MCS and the 9 hours listed here as optional ministry track courses will also receive the "Certificate of Ministry Leadership."

Communicating Biblical Truth (1)
Communicating Biblical Truth is a study of the basics of sermon development and t

Offered as needed

Practical Ministry (1)
All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

Practical Ministry (2)
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Group Studies (1)
Group studies which do not appear in the department course offerings. Course content will be determined by need.

Graduate Studies Seminar (1)
Graduate studies seminar to be used at the discretion of the department.

Individual Research (1)
Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.