



# MASTER OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

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Available Online and on the Memphis area  
Campuses

### Purpose Statement

The Master of Christian Studies exists to raise the level of ministry competence among bi-vocational pastors, missionaries, church planters, foreign nationals planting ethnic churches in the U.S., church staff members, and laypersons seeking a more thorough blending of faith and life in the workplace through both on-site courses in Memphis and online offerings.

### Program Emphases

MCS courses are foundational, in terms of the student's ability to think biblically and theologically, and synergistic, fostering effective ministry. MCS students become biblically and theologically grounded, while developing ministry skills that integrate faith and learning.

### Expected Student Learning

#### Outcomes

- Students will acquire competence in (and deepen their analytical skills as they reflect on) the biblical text, theology, and Christian history, as well as how these apply to the ministries of churches.
- Students will acquire skill in Bible study methods, Bible

## Graduation Requirements

- A. The completion of 36 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

## Dual Degree Options

Dual Degree options are offered in conjunction with the School of Social Work and the McAfee School of Business. Interested students enrolled in either the Master of Social Work (MSW) or Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs

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517. Spiritual Formation (3)

A study of Christian spirituality emphasizing biblical, classical, and contemporary approaches to growth toward Christ-like character, including an examination of personal spiritual disciplines and how they shape the ethics of a believer.

520. Biblical Interpretation (3)

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