
Available Online and on the Memphis area Campuses

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.

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.

- 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 preaching/teaching, and leadership principles.
- Students will integrate what they learn in classes with the ministry they complete in their church or ministry setting.
- Students will be more motivated to participate in and lead their churches in advancing the kingdom of God.
- Students will demonstrate commitment to apply Scripture to their personal lives and ministries.

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.
Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs.
Theology I: God, Revelation and Humanity	3 hrs.
Theology II: Christ, the Spirit, and Last Things	3 hrs.
Communicating Biblical Truth	3 hrs.
Evangelism and Missions	3 hrs.
Spiritual Formation	3 hrs.
Survey of Church History	3 hrs.
Christian Leadership	3 hrs.
Total:	36 hrs.

Calendars and Schedule of Course offerings for the M.C.S. program follow those for non-cohort programs. For additional information see www.uu.edu/mcs.

1. A Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution, or equivalent, or completion of the first three years of Union University's Bachelor of Urban Theological Studies: Accelerated Track.
2. Official transcript(s) showing all course work, completion of

- 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 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