

2019-2020 Southeastern University - Traditional Graduate and Post-Graduate Catalog

Southeastern University

Theological Studies, Master of Arts

Program Overview

The Southeastern University Master of Arts (Theological Studies) provides a broad level of understanding of the systematic, historical, biblical, ethical, and practical theologies. Students will receive a strong foundation in the various theologies from a Pentecostal perspective, and learn to interact critically with affirming and opposing theoretical constructs in the academic field of theology. Graduates will gain sound theological education for church ministry or for teaching at secondary academies or at an undergraduate college level in the field of theological studies.

Through this program students will:

- Explore and develop a comprehensive understanding of the systematic, historical, biblical, ethical and practical theologies, preparing students for further doctoral level theological reflection and articulation and/or teaching.
- Demonstrate the ability to draw from various theologies from a Pentecostal perspective and to interact critically with affirming and opposing theoretical constructs.
- Contribute to the general knowledge and theological insight in the field by producing a master's thesis and developing the necessary skills to successfully complete doctoral studies if so desired.

Career Options

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership, career opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Bible Teacher
- Religion Writer/Editor
- Church Administrator
- Pastor
- Parachurch Leader
- Overseas Missionary
- Church Planter
- Campus Pastor

Program Sequence

Total Credits - 48 credit hours with four components:

- Theological Studies Courses (27 hours)
- Biblical Studies Courses (12 hours)
- Practical Ministry Courses (6 hours)
- Thesis (3 hours)

Program Length: 2-3 years

Full-time students (6 credit hours per term)

Part-time students (3 credit hours per term)

Program Delivery:

- Fully Online
- Traditional Evening Courses - Courses meet on either Monday or Friday

Entrance Requirements

All of the components listed below are required and will be utilized by the Graduate Program Coordinator and School of Divinity Chair in making an admittance decision. However, failure to meet one of these standards may not immediately disqualify a candidate depending upon the strength of their other components. Applicants are considered on a case-by-case basis, and the decision of the School of Divinity Chair is final.

- Regionally accredited undergraduate degree with at least a 3.0 GPA
- One Academic or Professional Reference
- One Christian Character Reference
- Academic writing sample of at least five (5) pages indicative of writing and research ability to interact with scholarly sources in a critical manner.

Transfer Credit

Graduate level credits may be accepted if they were earned from an accredited university (Regional and/or Association of Theological Schools Accreditation), less than 8 years old, and relevant to coursework at SEU.

The School of Divinity Chair will evaluate and award transfer credit on a case-by-case basis. No transient credit (future courses taken at another university) will be allowed without prior approval.

Residency Requirement

- Online - No residency requirement
- Evening - Classes meet on Monday and Thursday evenings on Lakeland Campus

Satisfactory Progress

Students enrolled in the MA (Theological Studies) must maintain a 3.0 GPA in order to successfully complete the program.

Thesis Requirement

The MA (Theological Studies) program culminates with a thesis that provides valuable experience engaging in an extended, rigorous writing project for those students who desire to pursue further doctoral studies.

Two Year Plan

Prerequisites - 6 Hours

Choose 2 of the options below:

- [BIOT 5043 - HEBREW I](#) Credits: 3
- [BIOT 5053 - HEBREW II](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5013 - GREEK I](#) Credits: 3
- [BINT 5023 - GREEK II](#) Credits: 3

Academic Requirements - 45 Hours

Theological Studies Courses - 27 Hours

- [THEO 5533 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5543 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5313 - PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5503 - SHAPE OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5513 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES](#) Credits: 3
- or
- [HITH 5123 - HISTORICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- *Online only
- [THEO 5563 - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5573 - THEOLOGY AND ETHICS](#) Credits: 3
 - [THEO 5583 - CHRISTIANITY & THE WORLD RELIGIONS](#) Credits: 3
 - [PHIL 5503 - PHILOSOPHY AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH](#) Credits: 3

Bible Studies Course - 12 Hours

- [BIBL 5223 - BIBLICAL EXPOSITION & FAITH INTEGRATION](#) Credits: 3
 - [BIBL 5543 - INTRODUCTION TO THE BACKGROUND & THEOLOGICAL THEMES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT](#) Credits: 3
 - [BIBL 5553 - INTRODUCTION TO NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY](#) Credits: 3
 - [BIBL 5533 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES](#) Credits: 3
- OR
- [BIBL 5063 - BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- *Online only

Practical Ministry Courses - 6 Hours

- [PMIN 5213 - HOMILETICS: METHODS OF BIBLICAL PREACHING & TEACHING](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5233 - MANAGING CHANGE AND CONFLICT](#) Credits: 3

Thesis - 3 Hours

- [THEO 5993 - THESIS/CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION PROJECT](#) Credits: 3

Total Program Hours - 48 Hours
