

2021-2022 Southeastern University - Traditional Graduate Catalog

Southeastern University

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Program Overview

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The Southeastern University Master of Arts in 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:

1.0 - Biblical Knowledge - Apply biblical interpretation and proclamation in light of social-cultural contexts, ancient and contemporary.

2.0 - Spiritual and Theological Formation - Formulate personal and communal spirituality informed by historic Christian theology and spiritual practices, emphasizing pentecostal theology-spirituality.

3.0 - Theological Studies - Demonstrate a developed knowledge of Christian theologies, emphasizing pentecostalism.

4.0 - Research - Contribute to the general knowledge and theological insight in the field by producing a master's thesis or capstone project.

Career Options

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Theological Studies, 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:

- Core Courses (21 hours)
- Theological Studies Courses (9 hours)
- Pentecostal Studies Courses (3 hours)
- Historical Theology Studies Courses (6 hours)
- Languages (6 hours)
- Summative Evaluation (3 hours)

Program Length: 2-3 years

Full-time students (6 credit hours per semester)

Part-time students (3 credit hours per semester)

Program Delivery:

- Fully Online
- Traditional Evening Courses - Courses meet on either Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings on Lakeland Campus

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 pages indicative of writing and research ability to interact with scholarly sources in a critical manner or a statement of purpose paper with response to a prompt.

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 are taken at another university) will be allowed without prior approval.

Residency Requirement

- Online - No residency requirement
- Evening - Classes meet on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings on Lakeland Campus

Satisfactory Progress

Students enrolled in the MA (Theological Studies) must maintain a 3.0 GPA. Students can receive no more than two C family final grades in the program. Any third course or beyond that earns a C family grade must be retaken for grade forgiveness.

Summative Evaluation Requirement

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

Core Courses – 21 Hrs

Theology Core

- [THEO 5533 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5543 - GRADUATE SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II](#) Credits: 3

Bible Studies Core

- [BIBL 5543 - FOUNDATIONS OF OLD TESTAMENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY](#) Credits: 3
- [BIBL 5553 - FOUNDATIONS OF NEW TESTAMENT LITERATURE AND HISTORY](#) Credits: 3

Christian Formation and Practices Ministry Core

- [BIBL 5223 - BIBLICAL EXPOSITION & FAITH INTEGRATION](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5353 - SPIRIT-EMPOWERED DISCIPLESHIP](#) Credits: 3
- [PMIN 5553 - PRACTICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3

Theological Studies -9 Hrs (Choose 3)

- [THEO 5143 - PHILOSOPHICAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5513 - SPECIAL TOPICS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5563 - CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5573 - THEOLOGICAL ETHICS](#) Credits: 3

Pentecostal Studies – 3 hrs

- [THEO 5313 - PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY](#) Credits: 3

Historical Theology Studies – 6 Hrs

- [HITH 5113 - EARLY AND MEDIEVAL CHURCH THOUGHT](#) Credits: 3
- [HITH 5133 - REFORMATION THROUGH MODERN THOUGHT](#) Credits: 3

Languages - 6 Hrs

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

Summative Evaluation - 3 Hours (Choose One)

- [BIBL 5163 - CAPSTONE PROJECET](#) Credits: 3
- [THEO 5163 - CAPSTONE PROJECT](#) Credits: 3

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

Total Program Hours - 48 Hours
