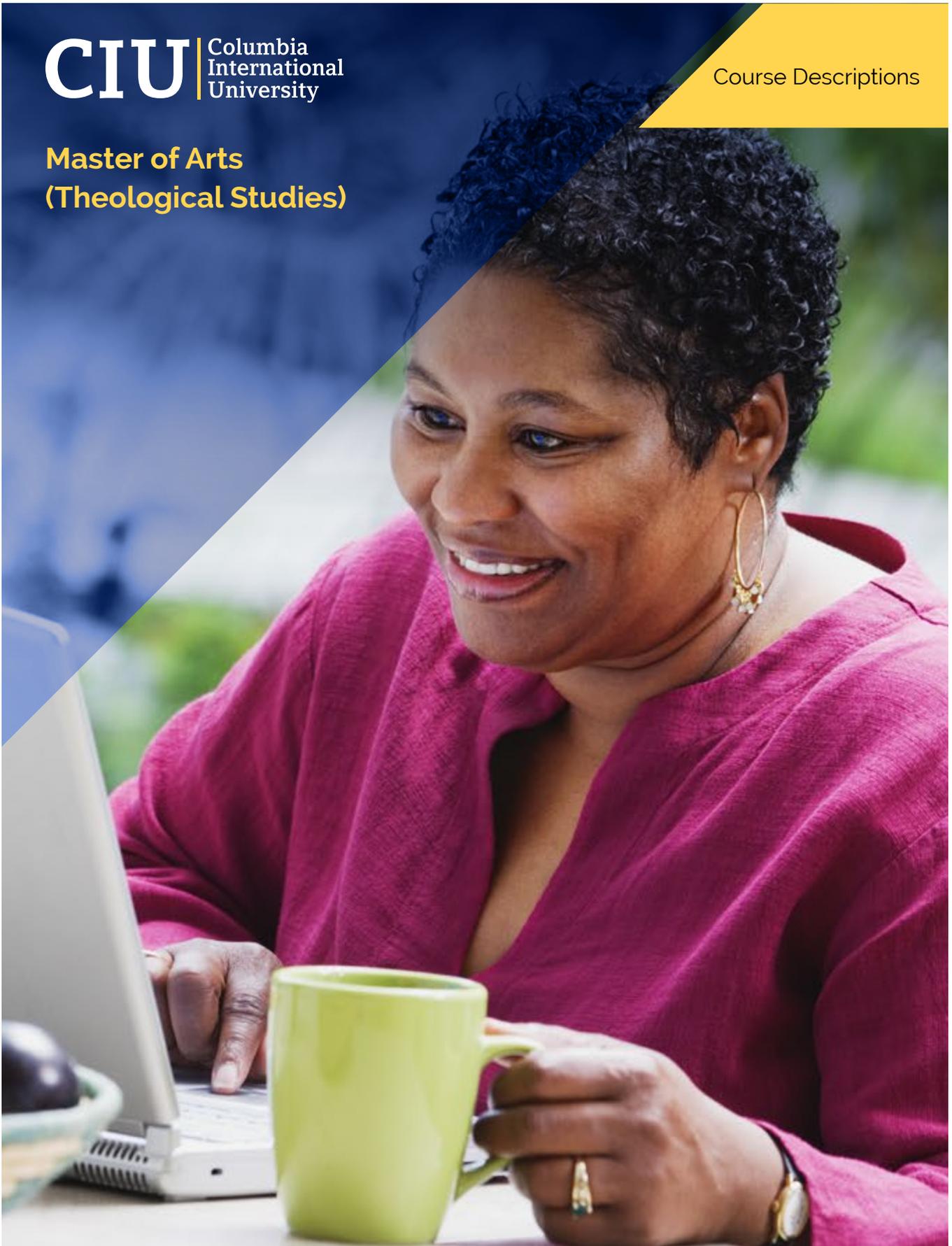


**Master of Arts  
(Theological Studies)**



### Overview

The M.A. (Theological Studies) program provides students with an interdisciplinary knowledge of biblical studies, Church history, intercultural studies, and theology. It prepares students to engage in research and analysis that is informed by those disciplines and contributes to the advance of ministry in the church, missions, or marketplace.

This degree is offered in two different formats: Program 1 for college graduates with no previous studies in Bible or theology, and Program 2 for college graduates who have at least 30 semester hours of Bible, theology, or Church history.

The M.A. (Theological Studies) is available fully online. Please contact Admissions at [onlinedegrees@ciu.edu](mailto:onlinedegrees@ciu.edu) for further information.

PROGRAM 1 ONLINE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS	
 <b>48</b> TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	<b>21</b> BIBLE & THEOLOGY CREDIT HOURS
	<b>9</b> WORLDVIEW & SPIRITUAL FORMATION CREDIT HOURS
	<b>18</b> CONCENTRATION CREDIT HOURS
PROGRAM 2 ONLINE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS	
 <b>33</b> TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	<b>9</b> WORLDVIEW & SPIRITUAL FORMATION CREDIT HOURS
	<b>18</b> CONCENTRATION CREDIT HOURS
	<b>6</b> ELECTIVE CREDIT HOURS
 <b>SEND IN YOUR TRANSCRIPTS</b> to determine how close you are to a M.A. (Theological Studies) Degree	

### PROGRAM 1 COURSE OF STUDY ..... 48

CHL 5001	.....Chapel I	..... 0
CHL 5002	.....Chapel II	..... 0

### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY ..... 21

BIB 5112	..... Genesis to Song of Solomon: God's Plan of Creation and Redemption.....	..... 3
BIB 5113	..... Prophets: God's Message of Redemption and Judgment.....	..... 3
BIB 5132	..... Gospels: God's Means of Providing Redemption.....	..... 3
BIB 5133	..... Acts to Revelation: God's People Proclaiming Redemption Globally.....	..... 3
BIB 5410	..... Hermeneutics: Interpreting and Applying the Bible.....	..... 3
THE 6310	..... Systematic Theology I.....	..... 3
THE 6320	..... Systematic Theology II.....	..... 3

### WORLDVIEW AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION..... 9

GLS 5110	..... Mission of God	..... 3
GLS 6515	..... Understanding Cultures and Worldviews	..... 3
MIN 5300	..... Foundations of Spiritual Formation	..... 3

### CONCENTRATION ..... 18

<i>Choose five courses from among</i>		
BIB, GRE, HEB, HIS, or THE.*	.....	..... 15
RES 7961	..... Bible and Theology Integrative Seminar	..... 3

### PROGRAM 2 COURSE OF STUDY ..... 33

CHL 5001	..... Chapel I	..... 0
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GLS 6515	..... Understanding Cultures and Worldviews	..... 3
MIN 6170	..... Community and Church-based Spiritual Formation.....	..... 3
MIN 6320	..... Holy Spirit: Understanding and Practice	..... 3

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\*Please view the full course catalog for more details

### COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

**CHL 5001 ..... 0**  
**Chapel I**

This course will encourage your participation in the university's chapel program. Chapel provides you with an opportunity for corporate worship with the CIU community, hearing and responding to teaching and preaching from the Word of God, hearing from missionaries and alumni serving around the world, exposure to our core values, and fellowship with one another. You will be encouraged and challenged in your personal walk with the Lord and service for Him.

**CHL 5002 ..... 0**  
**Chapel II**

This course will encourage your participation in the university's chapel program. Chapel provides you with an opportunity for corporate worship with the CIU community, hearing and responding to teaching and preaching from the Word of God, hearing from missionaries and alumni serving around the world, exposure to our core values, and fellowship with one another. You will be encouraged and challenged in your personal walk with the Lord and service for Him.

### BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

**BIB 5112 ..... 3**  
**Genesis to Song of Solomon:  
 God's Plan of Creation and Redemption**

In this course you will focus on the structure and contexts (historical, political, social, and religious) of each book, major theological passages and issues, and the application of these texts to the life of the New Testament believer. God introduces His purpose for creating the world and redeeming human beings and establishes Israel as the nation through which He would bless all the nations in Jesus Christ.

**BIB 5113 ..... 3**  
**Prophets: God's Message of Redemption and Judgment**

In this course you will focus on the structure and contexts (historical, political, social, and religious) of each prophetic book, major theological passages and issues, and the application of these texts to the life of the New Testament believer. The prophets of Israel proclaim God's program for Israel and the nations of the Old Testament period and anticipate the redemptive work of Christ, whose predicted life and death would secure salvation for the world.

**BIB 5132 ..... 3**  
**Gospels: God's Means of Providing Redemption**

This course will guide you through a chronological, synthetic study of the four gospel records, emphasizing the time, place, circumstances, and persons involved in the events of Jesus' ministry. The gospel writers narrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's appointed Redeemer of the world, who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament.

**BIB 5133 ..... 3**

**Acts to Revelation:  
 God's People Proclaiming Redemption Globally**

In this course you will study the introductory background, structure, and content of the New Testament books, Acts to Revelation, understood within their first-century life setting. The authors of Acts, the letters, and Revelation not only relate the advance of the Early Church in proclaiming redemption globally, they provide the contemporary church with normative missionary documents to guide it in fulfilling Christ's commission.

**BIB 5410 ..... 3**  
**Hermeneutics: Interpreting and Applying the Bible**

This course introduces you to the principles and processes of biblical interpretation and application. Emphasis will be placed on both theory and practice. Within the framework of an exegetical method, you will learn to apply basic principles to selected missiological passages from the Old and New Testaments. Special attention will be given to the principles used in correctly interpreting parables, poetry, and prophecy.

**THE 6310 ..... 3**  
**Systematic Theology I**

In this course you will explore the major divisions of theology (Prolegomena), the doctrine of the Bible (Bibliology), the doctrine of God (Theology Proper), the doctrine of Christ (Christology), and the doctrine of last things (Eschatology). You will gain experience in integrating what you learn into real-world situations and in understanding how theological concepts are expressed differently across cultures.

**THE 6320 ..... 3**  
**Systematic Theology II**

In this course you will explore those areas of theology especially relating to and serving as the foundation for the sanctification and Christian growth of the believer. Areas studied will include the doctrine of man (Anthropology), the doctrine of sin (Hamartiology), the doctrine of salvation (Soteriology), the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology), and the doctrine of church (Ecclesiology). The course particularly focuses on God's plan of transforming you into Christ's likeness and helping you experience godly living in today's world.

### WORLDVIEW AND SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**GLS 5110 ..... 3**  
**Mission of God**

You will study the mission of God as it is revealed in the Bible and throughout history. You will compare and evaluate principles, dynamics, philosophies, and practices of cross-cultural missions. You will grow in your ability to share the gospel with individuals from cultures other than your own.

**GLS 6515 ..... 3**  
**Understanding Cultures and Worldviews**

This course will enable you to understand the worldview assumptions that are foundational to a person's belief systems and behavior patterns. You will analyze the culture and worldview of an ethno-linguistic or socio-economic grouping of people from a biblical worldview perspective. You will also consider elements of biblical contextualization. *Prerequisites: BIB 5410, and GLS 5110 or ICS 5050*

**MIN 5300 ..... 3**

**Foundations of Spiritual Formation**

This course will examine the foundational principles for effective life and ministry. You will evaluate what God has done in your life, where you are currently in your ministry development, and how you can prepare for future ministry opportunities. Special emphasis will be devoted to your personal sanctification and establishing redemptive relationships with others.

**MIN 6170 ..... 3**

**Community and Church-Based Spiritual Formation**

This course introduces you to advanced biblical and spiritual formation principles for designing individual, small and large group, and church-wide experiences that help people know God and live His Word. You will learn a variety of approaches for encouraging and evaluating spiritual maturity in adult learners through practical projects and classroom experience. *Prerequisite: MIN 5300; if you have not completed MIN 5300, you should take that course instead.*

**MIN 6320 ..... 3**

**The Holy Spirit: Understanding and Practice**

You will engage in biblical and historical research to develop a framework for understanding and leading others to experience the Spirit-filled life God intends for every Christ follower. You will develop an in-depth understanding of the ministry of the Holy Spirit and his role in bearing fruit and in becoming a “salt and light” influence. You will wrestle with applying biblical truth and the activity of the Spirit to current moral issues. Reflective and experiential learning styles will engage you in moving from understanding to impact.

### CONCENTRATION

**RES 7961 ..... 3**

**Bible and Theology Integrative Seminar**

This course offers you a guided study in the techniques and tools required to pursue in-depth academic library-based research on a focused topic. As the summative exercise for the course, you will produce a 25-30 page research paper of publishable quality on a biblical, historical, or theological topic chosen in consultation with the course instructor.