

For Ministry and Practice
for Life in the Church and Society for
Professionals and Laypersons

ACHIEVABLE

42 semester hours in 2 years, one night a week

APPLICABLE

practical for ministry now...
and a lifetime to come

AFFORDABLE

time and cost effective

ACCREDITED

transferable to seminaries and
other graduate schools

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Four-page application
(and \$25 application fee)
- Bachelor's degree from a regionally
accredited college or university
- Minimum grade point average of
2.4 based on a 4.0 scale
- Three letters of reference
- Official transcripts and proof
of immunization

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS

The MCS degree is ideal for church leaders
who are ready to take their knowledge of the Bible
and their preparation for ministry to the next level.
Whether it is a church staff member who desires additional
equipping or a dedicated layperson interested in
gaining new insights and training,
the MCS will be an ideal program for them.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.uu.edu/mcs

Jackson/Birmingham: 1-866-583-0442

Germantown: 901-757-7977

Hendersonville: 615-447-0401

The MCS is offered on our main campus in
Jackson, Tennessee, in Germantown, Tennessee
(Memphis area), in Hendersonville, Tennessee,
and Birmingham, Alabama.



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MASTER of CHRISTIAN STUDIES

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
for a CHANGING WORLD



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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

“The MCS program has been a great next step in my education. The teachers are outstanding. The material is well taught, and the incorporation between the material and my ministry has been well worth my time.”

Whitney Clay

“My experience has been very rewarding! I’ve been able to immediately apply new knowledge to my ministry with students.”

Stefanie Ray

“I appreciate this program in providing an enriched study of Scripture and its interpretation, plus an overflow of application into my ministries.”

Karen Miller

“The MCS program has been a great blessing to me. It enables me to still be involved in ministry full-time while learning how to better serve in my ministry area.”

Shawna Kelly

“The MCS program has taught me more than I ever could have imagined.”

Wade Arnold

“MCS Rocks! What a blessing this program has been to me. God tailor-made my life at this time to fit with this program.”

Randy Spiars

“God has used the material of my first MCS course to minister not only to me, but also to the people He has called me to minister to!”

Walter Moore

500. Old Testament I – Promise, Covenant, and Praise
An investigation of the theological implications of God’s promises which were given to his covenant people, as well as the people’s response to God in praise and lament. This course will analyze these themes through the study of the history, background, literary genre, structure, and theology of Genesis through Psalms. Exegetical methodologies for analyzing narrative and poetic texts will be introduced.

505. Old Testament II – Wisdom, Justice, and God’s Rule
An investigation of how practical principles of divine wisdom impact human behavior and doubting, how God’s plan to create a world of justice and trust impacted Israelite and world history, and how God’s sovereign power will one day triumph and usher in the messianic kingdom. This course will introduce a method of analyzing the prophet’s messages in order to perceive how they attempted to transform the worldview of their audiences by persuading them to change their thinking and behavior.

510. New Testament I – The Gospel and Acts
A survey of the Gospels and Acts with more intensive study of selected texts and issues. Included are a survey of New Testament background, evaluation of various critical approaches to the life of Christ, consideration of the historical reliability of the Gospels, and a survey of central theological themes in the teaching of Jesus, the individual Gospels, and the book of Acts.

515. New Testament II – The Letters of the New Testament
A survey of the Pauline epistles, the general epistles and Revelation, with more intensive study of selected texts and issues. Included are a survey of basic issues in Pauline theology, issues in interpreting New Testament letters and the hermeneutics of the book of Revelation.

520. Bible Study for Preaching and Teaching
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 text to the modern world.

545. Theology I – God, Revelation, and Humanity
A study of the nature, method, and content of Christian

Theology. Theology I will focus on prolegomena, God and revelation, and the doctrine of man.

546. Theology II – Salvation, Ecclesiology, and Last Things
A study of the nature, method, and content of Christian Theology. Theology II will focus on Christ, the Holy Spirit, Salvation, the Church, and Last Things.

530. Church History I – Early and Medieval Christianity
A survey of the history of Christianity from the late first century through the fifteenth century, focusing on the development of pivotal doctrines and ecclesiastical institutions in the Patristic and Medieval periods.

531. Church History II – Reformation and Modern Christianity

A survey of the history of Christianity from the early sixteenth century to the early twenty-first century, focusing on the development of pivotal doctrines and ecclesiastical institutions in the Reformation and Modern periods.

535. Communicating Biblical Truth

Communicating Biblical Truth is a study of the basics of sermon development and delivery, as well as the art and craft of teaching biblical truth.

536. Evangelism and Missions

An introduction to the ministry of evangelism and missions that moves from its biblical basis and theological foundations to a study of contemporary strategies, methodologies, movements, and trends with a focus on their practical application.

537. Introduction to Christian Ethics

An introduction to Christian ethics which focuses on ethical methodology and application of Christian ethical principles to key issues in church and society.

538. Christian Leadership

The course focuses on how biblical values affect models of organizational leadership within the local church and other Christian institutions.

539. The Ministry of Biblical Counsel

An introduction to the underlying principles and methods involved in offering biblical counseling in today’s church and society.