



SFBC&TS COURSE BREAKDOWN

Master of Theology (Th.M.) degree

The SFBC&TS Master of Theology (Th.M.) program prepares students to participate in biblical, theological and philosophical research, writing, and teaching or in academic research pursuits leading to doctoral work (esp. Ph.D. in biblical studies or apologetics). The coursework includes biblical hermeneutics, biblical languages, Christian theology, spiritual formation, logic, rhetoric, specialty subjects in New Testament studies and apologetics. The program offers the flexibility of a focused understanding of one or more disciplines for further graduate study or for specialized ministerial purposes.

The final project and the elective courses allow students to specialize in a chosen area of focus. At the end of the 48-hour semester program, each student completes a final project that explores more deeply a chosen area of concentration. The rigorous nature of the Th.M. program along with the number of electives in the course outline, provides students with a degree that is both academic and flexible. The student will be able to pursue a variety of calls including teaching, PhD work, or ministry, in the service of the Church.

SFBC&TS Master of Theology program requirements include the following:

- 48 semester credit hours
- At least five courses in the area of specialization
- Th.M. Research Methods
- Th.M. Thesis (80-120 pages)

Degree Prerequisite: Student should have completed a minimum of one year (6 credit hours) of Koine Greek with the ability to pursue Greek exegesis

This is the breakdown of core curriculum for the Master of Theology:

HIS 5502	Church History II	3 Credits
NTS 5560	New Testament Background	3 Credits
THE 5512	Old Testament Theology	3 Credits
THE 6612	Christian Ethics	3 Credits
THE 6300	Global Hermeneutics	3 Credits
THE 6670	Research Methods	3 Credits
THE 6690	Thesis/Practical Project	6 Credits
	Specialty Courses	<u>24 Credits</u>
	Total	48 Credits



Specialization in New Testament Studies: Students have the ability to complete a specialization in New Testament Studies through the Department of Theology.

The Master of Theology (Th.M.) in New Testament Studies is an advanced academic degree program, integrating the fields of biblical literature, theological, and historical studies, and scholarly enhancement of ministerial practices. It provides an understanding of post-graduate theological disciplines for further study and prepares students for a broad variety of effective ministries. The Th.M. graduate will demonstrate an in-depth understanding of the field of biblical studies appropriate for advanced academic study of Scripture in the service of the Church. Students are expected to be involved in a ministry of a local church on a regular basis.

Objectives:

Upon completion of the Master of Theology in New Testament Studies program, the Th.M. graduate should be able to:

1. Demonstrate advanced theological and hermeneutical competence as it relates to theological thinking and biblical studies
2. Exhibit an awareness how socio-cultural contexts shape interpretations of tradition, thought, and practice
3. Demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of the field New Testament studies, including exegetical methods, and apply them to Th.M. research project.
4. Demonstrate academic rigor and competence to pursue post-graduate studies at D.Min. and Ph.D. level.
5. Demonstrate growth in Christian maturity as it relates to one's call in teaching or other ministerial pursuits.

Pre-requisites:

1. MA, MDiv, MATS, or equivalent
2. REL 5300 World Religions

Specialization Core:

GRE 5220	Biblical Greek Exegesis I	3 Credits
GRE 5221	Biblical Greek Exegesis II	3 Credits
HBR 5220	Hebrew I	3 Credits
HBR 5221	Hebrew II	3 Credits
NTS 5565	Jesus and the Gospels	3 Credits
NTS 5566	Theology of Paul	3 Credits
	New Testament Electives	<u>6 Credits</u>



Total 24 Credits

Specialization in Christian Apologetics: Students have the ability to complete a specialization in Christian Apologetics through the Department of Theology.

The degree of Master of Theology (Th.M.) in Christian Apologetics is a post-graduate degree. The primary purpose of this program is to train Christian leaders to think critically and biblically and in so doing be able to withstand attacks against the Christian Faith. The degree is also a preparatory program for advanced study and research at the doctoral level.

Objectives

Upon completion of the Master of Theology in Apologetics program, the Th.M. graduate should be able to:

1. Engage in the Great Conversation.
2. Use rhetorical and written tools to defend the Christian Faith
3. Use formal and informal logic to analyze arguments.
4. Engage in philosophical reflection on the Christian Faith.

Pre-requisites:

1. MA, MDiv, MATS, or equivalent
2. REL 5300 World Religions
3. THE 5571 Christian Apologetics

Specialization Core:

PHH 6501	The History of Philosophy I	3 Credits
PHH 6502	The History of Philosophy II	3 Credits
PHI 5100	Introduction to Logic	3 Credits
PHI 5120	Symbolic Logic	3 Credits
PHI 6506	Philosophy of Religion	3 Credits
PHI 6607	Epistemological & Metaphysical Foundations of Christianity	3 Credits
PHI 6707	Science and Apologetics	3 Credits
RHT 5505	Rhetoric: Apologetic Communication	<u>3 Credits</u>

Total 24 Credits