

# MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM

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## Description of the Master of Arts Program

The Master of Arts program is a professional graduate degree beyond the Bachelor of Arts or equivalent, designed to equip students for service as a biblical counselor, a minister of education, a missionary, a teacher of theology, or leader in worship. This program offers emphases in apologetics, biblical counseling, Christian ministries, missiology and intercultural studies, theology, and worship, requiring 60 semester hours of academic credit for graduation.

- Master of Arts/Apologetics (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-apologetics/>)
- Master of Arts/Biblical Counseling (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-biblical-counseling/>)
- Master of Arts/Christian Ministries (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-christian-ministries/>)
- Master of Arts/Missiology and Intercultural Studies (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-missiology-intercultural-studies/>)
- Master of Arts/Theology (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-theology/>)
- Master of Arts/Worship (<http://catalog.mabts.edu/seminary/academic-programs/ma/ma-worship/>)

## Educational Objectives of the Master of Arts Program

In addition to the Seminary's general educational objectives, the Master of Arts program is designed to promote growth toward personal maturity and ministry competence in the practice of apologetics, biblical counseling, Christian ministries, missions, theology, and worship. The objectives of this program are accomplished through classroom instruction, the modeling of professors, the practice of ministry through the Witness One:Seven program, chapel services, and student organizations.

### Foundational Studies

The Master of Arts program seeks to guide students to develop the ability to understand and interpret the Christian faith in light of its biblical, theological, and historical dimensions and to utilize insights gained from these disciplines for the effective practice of apologetics, biblical counseling, Christian ministries, missions, knowledge of theology and worship in the church, the community, and the world.

### Essential Skills for Service

The Master of Arts program seeks to guide students to understand, develop, and utilize the essential skills for the effective performance of Christian ministries, theology, and worship leadership roles in the church, including education administration, staff relationships, teaching, age-group ministries, program evaluation, evangelism, and missions.

### Personal Growth and Professional Development

The Master of Arts program seeks to guide students to develop lifelong patterns of continuing personal spiritual growth and professional development.