

# THEOLOGY, M.A.

The M.A. in Theology (2 years/44 credit hours) provides students with a course of graduate theological study in an interdisciplinary, liberal arts context. The M.A. in Theology trains students to engage theological ideas in the world today through a strong biblical, evangelical foundation, mastery of our diverse theological heritage, and familiarity with contemporary, global developments in theology. The concentration seeks to equip students to become responsible interpreters of Scripture and faithful stewards of Christian thought through critical graduate study leading to church service and teaching or an advanced Ph.D. program. Students choosing this degree concentration must select one of four available degree concentrations: Systematic Theology, Historical Theology, Ecclesial Theology, or the Open concentration.

## Faculty

Program Director, Professor, George Kalantzis

## Requirements

The Master of Arts in Theology requires the completion of 44 hours. The degree requires:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses</b>		
BITH 533 or BITH 638	Exploring the Old Testament Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 555 or BITH 648	Exploring the New Testament New Testament Theology	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
BITH 578	Global Church History	4
<b>Theology Courses</b>		
BITH 657	Historical Theology: Patristic and Medieval	4
BITH 658	Historical Theology: Reformation and Modern	4
<i>Elective:</i>		
Any 500 or 600 level BITH course		4
<b>Systematic Theology Concentration</b>		
BITH 675	Advanced Systematic Theology	4
<i>Open Seminar</i>		
BITH 676 or BITH 677	Seminar Systematic Theology Topics in the History of Christianity	4
<b>Historical Theology Concentration</b>		
BITH 679	Seminar in Historical Theology	4
<i>Open Seminar</i>		
BITH 676 or BITH 677	Seminar Systematic Theology Topics in the History of Christianity	4
<b>Ecclesial Theology Concentration</b>		
BITH 685	Seminar in Ecclesial Theology	4
<i>Open Seminar</i>		
BITH 676 or BITH 677	Seminar Systematic Theology Topics in the History of Christianity	4
<b>General Concentration</b>		
<i>Open Seminar</i>		
BITH 676	Seminar Systematic Theology	8

or BITH 677 Topics in the History of Christianity

### Capstone Elements

BITH 694	Theology Capstone Seminar	4
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam	0

### M.A. in Theology for Psy.D. Degree Candidates

**NOTE:** This program is not admitting students at this time.

Candidates for the Psy.D. degree may complete the MA Theology degree in the Systematic Theology emphasis by completing the following requirements:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Biblical Theology</b>		
BITH 638	Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 648	New Testament Theology	4
<b>Historical Theology</b>		
BITH 653	Historical Theology: Patristic	2
BITH 654	Historical Theology: Medieval Christianity	2
BITH 655	Historical Theology: Reformation	2
BITH 656	Historical Theology: Modern	2
<b>Systematic Theology</b>		
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 573	Scripture and Theology	4
<b>Interdisciplinary and Global Christian Thought</b>		
BITH 674	Theology and the Liberal Arts	4
BITH 577	World Christianity	4
<b>Systematic Theology emphasis</b>		
BITH 675	Advanced Systematic Theology	4
BITH 622	Theological and Religious Issues in Psychotherapy	2
BITH 623	The History of Pastoral Care	2
CFM 538	Spirituality (course no longer offered)	2
PSYC 861	Spiritual Direction and Care of the Soul	3
PSYC 862	Advanced Integration of Psychology & Christian Theology	3
<b>Comprehensive Exam</b>		
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam (required of all students in the M.A. in Theology)	0
BITH 698	Thesis (with advisor approval only; oral defense required; students must also pass the comprehensive exam)	4