



Master's Level Courses

GCS students may take any course they choose (so long as prerequisites are met). All courses completed may be applied toward a master's degree provided that all requirements of the degree are met within ten years. See the *Academic Catalog* for specific requirements of each master's degree. A square indicates a required course.

Course	Program	MPS degree	MTS degree	MDiv degree
BI501: Biblical Interpretation/ Hermeneutics*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BI510: Old Testament Survey				one OT course
BI511: Pentateuch (no longer offered)				
BI512: Prophets				
BI520: New Testament Survey				
BI521: New Testament Background*				
BI522: The Gospels				<input type="checkbox"/>
BI523: Acts of the Apostles				
BI524: Epistles of Paul (<i>prerequisite: BI501</i>)				<input type="checkbox"/>
BI540/541: Biblical Greek/Study Tools*				
Bible electives required		2	2	1
CH501: Church History: The First Millennium*		<input type="checkbox"/> one history course required	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CH502: Church History: The Second Millennium*			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CM501: Foundations of Christian Ministry/Pastoral Leadership		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CM502: Pastoral Leadership (now combined with CM501)				
CM503: Christian Counseling				<input type="checkbox"/>
CM504: Practice of Ministry		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
CM505: Women and Men in Leadership				
CM506: Trinitarian Youth Ministry				
CM507: Experiencing the Trinity				
CM508: Church Planting & Development				
CM510: Polity of Grace Communion International				<input type="checkbox"/>
CM511: Homiletics (<i>prerequisite: BI501</i>)				<input type="checkbox"/>
CM512: Small Group Bible Study Leadership				
CM513: Trinitarian Worship				
Ministry electives required		2		2
FE501: Field Education 1				<input type="checkbox"/>
FE502: Field Education 2				<input type="checkbox"/>
FE503: Field Education 3				<input type="checkbox"/>
TH501: The Triune God Revealed in Jesus Christ*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TH502: Jesus Christ, the Nature of Humans and Salvation			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TH503: The Holy Spirit, the Church and Last Things			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TH504: Scientific Theology/Science and Faith				
TH505: Doctrine of the Trinity*				
TH507: Theology of C.S. Lewis				
TH508: Christology of T.F. Torrance				
TH515: Theological Ethics				<input type="checkbox"/>
Theology electives required		2	2	2
General electives required		2	2	1
Summative exam*		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MPS	TM501: Theology of Ministry	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/> one thesis required
	CM549: Christian Ministry Thesis**			
TH519: Theological Thesis **			<input type="checkbox"/>	
CM599 Master of Divinity Capstone				<input type="checkbox"/>
total number of courses		14	14	25

* Final exam must be proctored.

**For the MDiv, CM549 and TM501 count as electives in the ministry area; TH519 counts as an elective in theology. Before 2021, TM501 had two options; option B was identical to CM549.

We also offer independent study courses: BI509, CH509, CM509, and TH509.

<p>Credit for Previous Experiential Learning, Transfer Credits, or Independent Study: None allowed for CTS; six units allowed for DCM; 21 units of transfer/previous learning allowed for MPS or MTS; 36 units of transfer credit combined with experiential learning allowed for the MDiv.</p>
<p>Certificate in Theological Studies (CTS) requires one Bible course, one theology course, and any two electives. Total of 4 courses (12 units). We recommend BI501, BI520, TH507 and CM501.</p>
<p>Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM) general track requires one Bible course, one course in church history, two courses in Christian ministry, a theology course, and two electives, for a total of 7 courses (21 units).</p>
<p>Diploma in Christian Ministry (DCM) GCI ministry track requires BI501 or BI520, CM504, CM508, CM520, TH503, either another theology course or another Bible course, and an elective based on the area of ministry.</p>
<p>Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS) requires BI501, two biblical electives, one history course, CM501, CM504, two ministry electives, TH501 or 505, two theology electives, two electives from any area, and either CM549 or TM501. Total, 14 courses (42 units).</p>
<p>Master of Theological Studies (MTS) requires BI501, two biblical electives, two church history courses, CM501, TH501, TH502, TH503, two theology electives, two electives from any area, and TH519, for a total of 14 courses (42 units).</p>
<p>Master of Divinity (MDiv) requires BI501, BI522, BI524, one Old Testament course, one Bible elective, two church history courses, CM501, CM503, CM504, CM510, CM511, two ministry electives, three Field Education courses, TH501, TH502, TH503, TH515, two theology electives, one elective from any area, a thesis, and CM599. The thesis may be in either ministry or theology and counts as an elective in that area.</p>
<p>Extensions: For most courses, there is a fee for a three-week extension. Capstone courses are extended into a second semester for free; a third semester may be included for one third of the normal tuition.</p>