

# MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

This is a two-year (93 credits) graduate degree program for bachelor's degree holders. It is designed to develop and equip students to be biblically grounded disciplers, able to teach in church and parachurch group settings, especially in the Asian context.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To provide a working knowledge and understanding of the essential content of each book of the Bible including the key themes, issues and theological contributions
- To foster growth in Christian character and commitment to the Great Commission
- To equip the student with the foundational skills and methods needed for a lifelong study of the Word of God
- To develop an understanding of the essential doctrines of the Bible and God's working through the history of Christianity
- To develop skills for effective ministry in evangelism, discipleship, teaching, preaching and writing

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The admissions requirements for MA programs are the same as for MDiv programs.



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1 <sup>ST</sup> YEAR	1 <sup>ST</sup> QUARTER		2 <sup>ND</sup> QUARTER		3 <sup>RD</sup> QUARTER	
	BLS 500 Biblical Interpretation	4	BLS551 New Testament 1 – Gospels & Acts	4	BLS552 New Testament 2 – Epistles & Rev	4
	LMC 521 Advanced Evangelism & Discipleship	4	THS500 Spiritual Transformation & Warfare	4	ICS 501 World Missions	4
	Elective	4	Elective	4	*Emphasis Class	4
	LMC551 Effective Written Communication	2	LMC552 Public Speaking & Preaching	2	LMC501 Christian Leadership	2
			LMC522 Church & Ministry Growth	2	LMC571 Teaching	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	
2 <sup>ND</sup> YEAR	*Emphasis Class	4	BLS 521 Old Testament 1	4	BLS 522 Old Testament 2	4
	THS 501 Church History	4	THS 502 Theology 1	4	THS 503 Theology 2	4
	*Emphasis Class	4	*Emphasis Class	4	*Emphasis Class	4
	*Emphasis Class	2				
	LMC530 Field Practicum 1A	2	LMC531 Field Practicum 1B	2	LMC532 Field Practicum 1C	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**NOTE:** Elective and emphasis classes are listed in suggested order. Internships may be completed during the vacation.

\*Choose any 22 credits from: BLS, Biblical Preaching, Advanced Teaching or Teaching Practicum, Seminars on BLS/THS/CE

Core Classes	54	Core classes: BLS = 22 credits THS = 16 credits ICS = 4 credits LMC = 14 credits <b>Total = 54 credits</b>
Emphasis Classes*	22	
Electives	8	
Field Practicum	6	
Vocational Internship	3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	



## **MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES**

This is a two-year (93 credits) graduate degree program for bachelor's degree holders, designed for those who anticipate a ministry in a cross-cultural or multicultural urban setting, especially in the Asian context. It is suitable for pastors, missionaries, evangelists, church planters, and leaders of mission groups.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- To foster growth in Christian character, cross-cultural adaptability, and commitment to our Lord's Great Commission
- To provide a working understanding of the essential content of each book of the Bible, and how the Bible enlightens mission conviction, strategy and practice
- To equip students with the necessary working skills to study the Word of God and apply God's truth to life and ministry, especially in the Asian context
- To develop skills for effective intercultural living and ministry, communication of the gospel, discipleship, teaching, church planting and developing mission strategies
- To develop an understanding of the essential doctrines of the Bible and God's working through the history of Christianity
- To equip students to analyze and understand challenges and issues in missions and ministry, and to develop Christian perspectives concerning these challenges



# MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERCULTURAL STUDIES PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	1 <sup>st</sup> QUARTER		2 <sup>nd</sup> QUARTER		3 <sup>rd</sup> QUARTER	
	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR</b>	BLS 500 Biblical Interpretation	4	BLS551 New Testament 1 – Gospels & Acts	4	BLS552 New Testament 2 – Epistles & Revelation
LMC521 Advanced Evangelism & Discipleship		4	THS500 Spiritual Transformation & Warfare	4	ICS501 World Missions	4
*ICS502 Intercultural Communication		2	Elective	4	*Emphasis Class	4
LMC551 Effective Written Communication		2	LMC552 Public Speaking & Preaching	2	LMC501 Christian Leadership	2
Elective		2	LMC522 Church & Ministry Growth	2	LMC571 Teaching	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR</b>		*Emphasis Class	4	BLS521 Old Testament 1	4	BLS522 Old Testament 2
	*Emphasis Class	4	*Emphasis Class	2		
	Elective	2	*ICS503 Religions of Asia	2	*Emphasis Class	4
	THS501 Church History	4	THS502 Theology 1	4	THS503 Theology 2	4
	LMC530 Field Practicum 1A	2	LMC531 Field Practicum 1B	2	LMC532 Field Practicum 1C	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

**NOTE:** Elective and emphasis classes are listed in suggested order. Internship maybe completed during the vacation.

\*Choose any 18 credits from this list:

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| ICS 504 Cross-Cultural Adjustment (4cr) | ICS 505 Missionary Anthropology (4cr)               |
| ICS 508 Tent-making (4cr)               | ICS 506 Church Planting & Growth (4cr)              |
| ICS 507 Contextualization (4cr)         | ICS 509 Missionary Care (4cr)                       |
| ICS 510 Urban Ministry (2cr)            | ICS 520-49 Intercultural Studies Seminar (2 or 4cr) |

Core Classes	54	Core classes:
Emphasis Classes*	22	BLS = 20 credits
Electives	8	THS = 16 credits
Field Practicum	6	ICS = 4 credits
Vocational Internship	3	LMC = 14 credits
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>Total = 54 credits</b>

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTER OF ARTS PROGRAM

- Completion of the 93 credits listed with a minimum GPA of 2.50
- Completion of the vocational internship
- File application for graduation with the Registrar at the beginning of the last year of the program
- Approval of the candidate for the degree by an EAST faculty evaluation committee
- All tuition and fees paid in full
- Attendance at commencement exercises (unless special permission for absence is obtained)

