

Master of Arts – Concentration: Pastoral Care and Counseling

Pastoral Care Core Requirements	Pastoral Care Core and Electives	CPE Thesis or Project	General Electives & University Courses
(15 Credits)	(15 Credits)	(9-12 Credits)	(6-9 Credits)
PC510: Pastoral Care & Counseling [PC301] PRE-REQS: NONE 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC520: Research Methods in Pastoral Care [PC415] PRE-REQS: PC301/PC510 3 CRS. REQUIRED – FINAL YEAR	Clinical Pastoral Education 6 CRS. REQUIRED LOCATION _____ YEAR _____	General Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED
IN510: Transformational Leadership [MS301] PRE-REQS: NONE 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC__: Pastoral Care Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC592: Project 3 CRS. REQUIRED	General Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED
ET520: Christian Ethics & Social Justice [ET401] PRE-REQS: IN510 + CH510 + CH511 3 CRS. REQUIRED – FINAL YEAR	PC__: Pastoral Care Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED OR	General Elective or University 3 CRS. REQUIRED
Theological Studies / Biblical Studies Elective* 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC__: Pastoral Care Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC598: Thesis I 3 CRS. REQUIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> Clergy Ethics Workshop _____
Theological Studies / Biblical Studies Elective* 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC__: Pastoral Care Elective 3 CRS. REQUIRED	PC599: Thesis II 3 CRS. REQUIRED	

All full semester courses (15 weeks)

*Recommended if no previous M.Div.

OT510: Introduction to the Old Testament PRE-REQS: NONE

NT510: Introduction to the New Testament PRE-REQS: NONE

Requirements: All M.A. candidates must complete a minimum of 48 crs. at a 3.0 GPA.

Duration: All course requirements, including transfer credit, must be completed in ten years.

Contact hours: For every one credit of instruction, there are 12.5 contact hours. Thus, a three credit course will meet for 37.5 hours. These contact hours may be spread over fifteen weeks or in an intensive format both with the allowance of no more than 49% on-line (hybrid). As scheduled, courses are designed to meet the required number of contact hours.

Reading week: There is no longer a common reading week; courses that require a reading period shall be designated as a hybrid course. All courses are expected to meet in residence during the first week of each semester.

Chapel: Chapel time is no longer part of class time however full participation is expected by all faculty and students.

Reading Load: In a three credit course, meeting for fifteen weeks, students can be expected to read approximately 70 pages per week (approximately 1,050 pages for the course). The amount of reading assigned may be reduced if the reading is especially challenging, or increased if the reading is less difficult. **MA Candidates are expected to read 100 pages per week.**

Writing Load: In a three credit course, students can be expected to write approximately 20-25 pages in total. This writing can take any number of forms and be of varying lengths: essays with appropriate citations; book summaries and evaluations; reflections on readings and/or ministry; take home essay examinations, etc. Key here is the total amount of writing assigned. **MA Candidates are expected to write an additional 10 pages.**

Independent Studies: By their very nature, independent study courses require fewer (face-to-face) contact hours. The amount of time spent in face-to-face meetings with a student (or students) is set by the person teaching, and must be sufficient to genuinely support deepen the student's learning. Some students will require more time, others less. Ordinarily, an independent study would include one-third to one-half the number of contact hours of a regular course carrying the same number of credits (e.g. 12.5 to 18.75 hours over five to seven meetings for a three credit independent study). In lieu of contact hours, students are responsible to engage in more reading and/or writing. This can be difficult to measure, but an additional 20 pages of reading for each hour NOT spent in class is reasonable.