

PROGRAMS IN ARABIC

A. MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (MACS) (18 COURSES = 54 CREDIT HOURS = 90 EUROPEAN CREDITS)

A first degree in theology, for non-ordained ministry in the church or in evangelism and as a preparation for further theological studies. (This MACS degree will replace our current diploma degrees.)

Entrance requirements: university bachelor degree; TOEFL score of 350 (or equivalent); appropriate Arabic.

General courses	Bible courses	Tradition courses	Ministry courses
Theological English I	Introduction to the OT	Intr. to Church History	Evangelism and Missions
Academic Formation I	Introduction to the NT	Intr. to Christian Theology	Christian Education
Spiritual Formation	Intr. to Biblical Languages	Egypt. Evangelical Identity	Pastoral Counseling I
	Introduction to Exegesis	Islam: History & Dialogue	Preaching Training I
	Three integrative, interdisc. courses: "Kingdom of God," "Knowing Jesus," "Miracles and Spiritual Realm"		

Note: Non-degree-seeking students can receive a certificate (6 courses, 18 credit hours, 30 European credits) after completing Theol. English I, Academic Formation I, and four courses of either Bible, Tradition, or Ministry.

B. MASTER IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (MTS) (18 COURSES = 54 CREDIT HOURS = 90 EUROPEAN CREDITS)

An intermediate degree in theology, for deepened ministry in the church and as a preparation for advanced theological studies. With some modifications, this program may also be of interest for pastors who would like to refresh and deepen their theological knowledge and skills. (The MACS and MTS degrees together will replace our current evening Bachelor of Theology program.)

Entrance requirements: program A (MACS) or a theological degree from a seminary in the region; TOEFL score of 400 (or equivalent); appropriate Arabic.

General courses	Bible courses	Tradition courses	Ministry courses
Theological English II	Hebrew for Preaching	Mideast Chr. & Arab Theol.	Planting a New Church
Academic Formation II	Greek for Preaching	Reformation & Ref. Confes.	Managing Existing Church
Integrative Paper	OT Theology	Church & Th. Worldwide	Pastoral Counseling II
	NT Theology	Philosophy, Science & Th.	Preaching Training II
	Bible Elective	Tradition Elective	Ministry Elective

Note: If sufficient pastors (with several years of experience) show interest in this program, they will receive Pastoral Counseling II and Preaching Training II in separate groups. Moreover, these pastors may take some more electives instead of required courses.

Note: Qualified non-degree-seeking students can receive a certificate (6 courses, 18 credit hours, 30 European credits) after completing Theological English II, Academic Formation II, and four courses of either Bible, Tradition, or Ministry.

C. MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDiv)

(36 COURSES + INTERNSHIPS + STUDENT ACTIVITIES = EQUIVALENT TO 144 CREDIT HOURS = 240 EUROPEAN CREDITS)

A four-year full-time on-campus program preparing for ordination (replacing our current morning Bachelor of Theology program).

Entrance requirements: university bachelor degree, TOEFL score of 350, appropriate Arabic, church approval.

The program includes:

1. All course work of programs A+B (36 courses = 108 credit hours = 180 European credits).
2. Three internships (followed by reflection papers and sessions; 40 European credits in total):
 - eleven weeks after the first year (15 Eur. credits)
 - seven weeks after the second year (10 Eur. cr.)
 - eleven weeks after the third year (15 Eur. cred.)
 The second internship is shorter because students may need part of the summer for studying English to pass the requirement of a TOEFL score of 400.
3. Student activities (followed by reflection papers): 5 credits per year (20 European credits in total) for activities such as conferences, excursions, chapel, choir, pastoral groups, and discussions. Reflection should not only focus on content but also on growth in organizational and relational skills, insight in group dynamics, conflict resolution, etc.

MDiv students who have completed the first two years of coursework but for whatever reason should no longer seek ordination will receive the MACS degree.

Note: the workload per course for a student will be around 140 hours (European standards vary from 125 to 150 for a course of 5 European credits), i.e. ten hours per week for fourteen weeks. Thus, a full-time student will take four courses per semester and one in January, whereas a part-time student will take one to three courses per semester. The division between time in class and time outside class will typically be 39–40 hours in class (12 three-hour lectures + an exam) and 100 hours outside class (readings, assignments, papers, exam preparation), but occasionally the division between time in class and time outside class may be different, as long as the total remains 140 hours. Since learning outside class will become relatively more important than it has been at our seminary so far, it seems wise to have a training session and written guideline for professors about designing and evaluating meaningful learning outside class. Moreover, new students should be given a clear idea of what will be expected from them.