

Master of Arts Degree Programs

MASTER OF ARTS (MA) DEGREES—45 CREDITS

Two master of arts degree programs are available:

1. Master of Arts in Biblical Studies
 2. Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies
- Students must complete 45 graduate credits beyond the bachelor's degree.
 - Students may choose to write a 6-credit thesis as part of the 45 required credits.
 - Students who do not complete a thesis as a part of a master of arts degree plan are required to submit a capstone paper in addition to completing the 45 credits required for the degree.
 - Both MA degrees allow students to choose a broad field degree plan with no specialization or a degree plan with a specified concentration.

Choices for the Biblical Studies program are

1. Broad Field Plan and
2. New Testament Concentration.

Choices for the Ministerial Studies program are

1. Broad Field Plan,
2. Education Concentration,
3. Intercultural Studies Concentration, and
4. Leadership Concentration.

See section for "Master of Arts Degree Requirements" for courses required for specific graduate degree plans.

Through various types of research activities, each program is designed to prepare qualified students for a high level of service and proficiency in present and future ministry activities.

Master of arts degree programs require a student to complete 45 credits of graduate courses from the following three classifications:

1. Core courses: 24 credits
2. Plan-specific courses: 12 to 15 credits
3. General elective courses: 6 to 9 credits

A capstone paper (no credit value) is required for all master of arts degrees that do not include a thesis.

MA Advanced Standing

Students who have earned credits in religious studies (Bible, theology, ministry, missions) from approved colleges and universities may request exemption from certain required courses in the MA degree program, thus granting them Advanced Standing. Life experience does not qualify for Advanced Standing. The following rules apply to MA Advanced Standing:

1. Full Advanced Standing of nine credits will be granted to students who have earned a bachelor degree from an approved school in a ministry-related field, such as Bible, theology, missions, or ministry. Students with full Advanced Standing will complete 36 credits to earn the MA degree.
2. Advanced Standing cannot exceed nine credits.
3. For students whose degree is not in a ministry-related field, Advanced Standing is considered for undergraduate courses with satisfactory credit value and content in foundational or advanced study in Old Testament, New Testament, and theological subjects. A minimum grade of 80 percent is required for each qualifying course. The student must submit official transcripts of all undergraduate credits to be considered for Advanced Standing.
4. Advanced Standing must be requested from the registrar's office prior to enrollment in the first course.
5. Advanced Standing will be granted to qualifying students at the rate of no more than one graduate credit for each two undergraduate credits. Partial course advanced standing will not be granted.
6. Advanced Standing may be granted for the courses BIB5033 *The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology*, THE6093 *Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament*, and BNT6203 *Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts*.

Transfer of Credit from Other Institutions

Global University accepts transfer of up to a maximum of nine graduate-level credits into a master of arts degree program from other institutions of higher learning with recognized accreditation.

Each course considered for transfer of credit must be compatible in content to the Global University graduate degree or certificate program chosen by the student and must have a minimum grade of B- (or its equivalent). Transferred credits may not be substituted for RES 5023 *Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice*, RES 6913 *Research Methodology*, RES 6926 (or degree-plan-specific) *Thesis*. Any deviation from this policy will be at the discretion of the dean.

Transfer of credit previously awarded will be reevaluated for inactive students who reactivate into a current program of study and active students who change to a different program of study. Only transfer of credit that is applicable to the current program of study will be awarded and appear on student transcripts.

MA in Biblical Studies Outcomes

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies curriculum is designed for the student who desires to preach, write, or teach Bible and theology in a variety of educational and ministerial settings. It is designed to provide training in the exegesis and interpretation of Scripture. The student is required and encouraged to think critically, analytically, and synthetically. Special attention is given to preparing students to teach and minister the uniqueness of the Christian faith from a Pentecostal perspective. Completion of the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies equips the student to do the following:

1. Teach Bible and theology in Bible schools and colleges, Christian schools, and other educational settings.
2. Serve effectively as a Christian leader: pastor, missionary, evangelist, writer, and teacher.
3. Develop and practice valid systems of biblical hermeneutics and exegesis.
4. Develop a strong Pentecostal theological perspective.
5. Communicate the gospel message effectively within his or her cultural context and cross-culturally.
6. Obtain, through instruction and practice, knowledge and skills to write scholarly and theologically sound papers for publication.
7. Engage in research and studies beyond the MA degree.

MA in Ministerial Studies Outcomes

The Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies curriculum is designed for the student who desires to serve in one of the ministries of the church, especially that of pastor, evangelist, or teacher. In-depth research and studies require and encourage the student to think critically, analytically, and

synthetically about ministry-related issues. Special attention is given to preparing students to teach, lead, and minister the uniqueness of the Christian faith from a Pentecostal perspective. Completion of the Master of Arts in Ministerial Studies equips the student to do the following:

1. Minister and serve with professional excellence as pastor, educator, leader, missionary, and support staff within church, missions, and educational organizations.
2. Integrate various approaches to biblical and theological studies into ministry.
3. Develop and practice valid systems of biblical hermeneutics and exegesis.
4. Engage in advanced theological reflection that will improve ministry skills and practice.
5. Develop a strong Pentecostal theological perspective.
6. Exhibit writing and speaking skills that are necessary in ministerial practice and research.
7. Engage in research and studies beyond the MA degree.

Program Change

A student may request a program change at any time. If a degree audit has already been completed, a change of program fee will apply. If a degree audit has not been completed, no fee will be charged.

If Global University requests that a student change from one program to another, a change of program fee and/or degree (or certificate) audit fee will not be required.

Time Limit for a Master of Arts Program

A master of arts student should complete all degree plan requirements (including the thesis or capstone paper, as applicable) within seven years from the date of enrollment in the first graduate course with Global University.

Changing from one master of arts plan to another does not allow additional time to complete master of arts degree requirements.

Biblical Language Requirements

All students who receive a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (New Testament concentration) are required to complete 9 credits of Greek biblical language. A background in these original languages of the Scriptures is required for some graduate courses and will be helpful for all biblical studies courses.

Some graduate-level biblical language courses require supervised examinations that may include objective and translation components. They may also require subjective evaluation components.

Practicum Requirements

A student may enroll in a practicum as an elective for a master of arts degree according to the respective degree plan options.

A student is expected to engage in at least 45 hours of ministry activities directly related to the practicum requirements and objectives over a three-month period. This is in addition to the time required to complete the required reading and writing elements of the practicum. Specific practicum designs and settings may require a greater time commitment.

The time limit to complete the practicum is six months from the date of enrollment in the course.

Master's Thesis Requirements

Students who elect to write a thesis as a part of a master of arts degree program will be required to enroll in and write the thesis on an approved subject or topic that is specific to the degree plan the student has chosen.

A student may complete only one thesis for any graduate degree program.

Students who choose to write a thesis are encouraged to begin thinking about a thesis topic immediately after admission to Global University's Graduate School of Theology.

Enrollment in the thesis and appointment of a thesis committee will be allowed after a student has completed RES 6913 *Research Methodology* and is within 12 credits of completing all other course requirements for the degree being sought. See "Course Descriptions" for the thesis course number for a specific degree plan or content area.

The time limit to complete the thesis is two years from the date of enrollment in the thesis.

Capstone Paper Requirements

A student who does not write a thesis as part of a master of arts degree plan must write and pass a capstone paper in addition to completing the 45 credits required for the specific master of arts degree program chosen. Students will be required to pay a capstone paper submission fee. The capstone paper must be successfully completed before the end of the time limit specified for the program.

Complete instructions for completing the capstone paper are available upon request or by download from <https://globaluniversity.edu/student-forms/>.

Master of Arts Degree Requirements

Global University's master of arts degree programs require students to complete 45 credits of 3-credit courses. Students may choose to write a 6-credit thesis in lieu of two 3-credit courses. A concentration requires 18 credits within the specified content area. Required core courses include one or more 3-credit courses that will apply to the content area for each degree plan option. Core courses should be taken prior to plan-specific courses. Plan-specific course options are listed for each degree plan. See "Course Descriptions" section for additional choices for general electives. Master of arts degree plan requirements follow. See the section above on Advanced Standing for information about reducing the total number of required credits.

MA Biblical Studies

Broad Field Plan—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
Total:		24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Biblical Studies Program:

Broad Field Plan

BNT 5183	Acts as History and Theology	3
BIB 5543	Foundations of Biblical Language	3
BIB 6926	Thesis: Biblical Studies	6
Total:		12

General Elective Courses

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any two courses from any division		6
Total:		9
Total for Program:		45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Biblical Studies Program:

Broad Field Plan

BNT 5183	Acts as History and Theology	3
BIB 5543	Foundations of Biblical Language	3
Any two courses from the Biblical Studies division		6
Total:		12

General Elective Courses

Any three courses from any division		9
Total:		9

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

New Testament Concentration—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
		Total: 24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Biblical Studies Program:

New Testament Concentration

BNT 5573	Graduate Greek I (or New Testament elective)	3
BNT 5583	Graduate Greek II (or New Testament elective)	3
BNT 6673	Intermediate Greek III	3
BNT 6926	Thesis: New Testament Studies	6
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses—6 credits

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any one course from any division		3
		Total: 6
Total for Program:		45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Biblical Studies Program:

New Testament Concentration—15 credits

BNT 5573	Graduate Greek I (or New Testament elective)	3
BNT 5583	Graduate Greek II (or New Testament elective)	3
BNT 6673	Intermediate Greek III	3
Any two Bible New Testament courses		6
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

Any two courses from any division		6
		Total: 6

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

MA Ministerial Studies

Broad Field Plan—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
		Total: 24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Broad Field Plan

MIN 5013	Preaching to Change Lives	3
MIS 6023	Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
MIN 6926	Thesis: Ministerial Studies	6
		Total: 12

General Elective Courses

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any two courses from any division		6
		Total: 9
Total for Program:		45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Broad Field Plan

MIN 5013	Preaching to Change Lives	3
MIS 6023	Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
Any two courses from any Ministerial Studies division		6
		Total: 12

General Elective Courses

Any three courses from any division		9
		Total: 9

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

Education Concentration—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
		Total: 24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Education Concentration

EDU 5023	Educational Measurement	3
EDU 6073	Teaching Strategies	3
EDU 6926	Thesis: Education	6
Any one course from the Education division		3
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any one course from any division		3
		Total: 6
		Total for Program: 45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Education Concentration

EDU 5023	Educational Measurement	3
EDU 6073	Teaching Strategies	3
Any three courses from the Education division		9
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

Any two courses from any division		6
		Total: 6

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

Intercultural Studies Concentration—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
		Total: 24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Intercultural Studies Concentration

MIS 6023	Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
MIS 6043	History of the Expansion of Christianity	3
MIS 6926	Thesis: Missions	6
Any one course from the Missions division		3
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any one course from any division		3
		Total: 6
		Total for Program: 45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Intercultural Studies Concentration

MIS 6023	Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
MIS 6043	History of the Expansion of Christianity	3
Any three courses from the Missions division		9
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

Any two courses from any division		6
		Total: 6

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

Leadership Concentration—45 Credits

Core Courses

BIB 5033	The Bible as Literature: Theory and Methodology	3
BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
THE 6093	Theology of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament	3
		Total: 24

Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Leadership Concentration

LDR 5023	Leadership Emergence Patterns	3
LDR 6033	Dynamics of Christian Organizations	3
LDR 6926	Thesis: Leadership	6
Any one course from the Leadership division		3
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

RES 6913	Research Methodology	3
Any one course from any division		3
		Total: 6

Total for Program: 45

Non-Thesis Option

Plan-specific Courses for Ministerial Studies Program:

Leadership Concentration

LDR 5023	Leadership Emergence Patterns	3
LDR 6033	Dynamics of Christian Organizations	3
Any three courses from the Leadership division		9
		Total: 15

General Elective Courses

Any two courses from any division		6
		Total: 6

Capstone Paper—No credits

Total for Program: 45

Master of Divinity Degree Program

MASTER OF DIVINITY (MDIV) DEGREES—78 CREDITS

The master of divinity degree program allows students to choose to follow two distinct tracks:

1. Biblical Language Track
 2. Christian Ministry (English Language) Track
- Students must complete 78 graduate credits beyond the bachelor's degree.
 - Students who have not completed a thesis as part of an earlier graduate degree are strongly encouraged to do a 6-credit thesis.
 - Students who do not complete a thesis as part of the master of divinity degree program will be required to submit a theology of ministry paper in addition to completing all required credits.
 - Students may be allowed to apply all credits from a previous Global University MA degree and graduate certificate to a MDiv degree.

Global University's master of divinity degree program requires a student to complete 78 graduate credits from the following classifications:

Biblical Language Track

Biblical Studies courses: 39 credits (13 courses)

- New Testament: 12 credits (4 courses)
- Biblical Language: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Old Testament: 12 credits (4 courses)
- Theology: 9 credits (3 courses)

Ministerial Studies courses: 24 credits (8 courses)

- Education: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Leadership: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Ministries: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Missions: 6 credits (2 courses)

General Education courses: 6 credits (2 courses)

- History: 3 credits (1 course)
- Research: 3 credits (1 course)

General Elective courses: 9 credits (3 courses or 1 course plus 6-credit thesis)

Twelve credits of biblical language are required, but Greek language courses completed at the undergraduate level may be used to waive up to 6 biblical language credits. See details below under "Biblical Language Requirements."

Christian Ministry (English Language) Track

Biblical Studies courses: 36 credits (12 courses)

- New Testament: 12 credits (4 courses)
- Biblical Language: 3 credits (1 course)
- Old Testament: 12 credits (4 courses)
- Theology: 9 credits (3 courses)

Ministerial Studies courses: 27 credits (9 courses)

- Education: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Leadership: 6 credits (2 courses)
- Ministries: 9 credits (3 courses)
- Missions: 6 credits (2 courses)

General Education courses: 6 credits (2 courses)

- History: 3 credits (1 course)
- Research: 3 credits (1 course)

General Elective courses: 9 credits (3 courses or 1 course plus 6-credit thesis)

For the English Language Track a three-credit course BIB 5543 *Foundations of Biblical Language* is all that is required. See details below under "Biblical Language Requirements."

NOTE: A thesis written as part of a master of arts program will not waive the requirement for a theology of ministry paper even though credits from the master of arts thesis may be used to fulfill the thesis requirement for the master of divinity program. A student who writes a thesis for a master of arts degree and a second thesis for a master of divinity degree will not be required to write a theology of ministry paper.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited or recognized school with a minimum GPA of 3.00.

Credit Reduction Policies

- A MDiv student with an undergraduate degree from Global University or another accredited or recognized institution may receive a reduction of up to 21 graduate equivalency credits in the same area. The maximum waiver granted will be based on a ratio of 2 undergraduate credits for 1 graduate credit. Eligible credits will be determined by review of official transcripts that are on file at Global University.
- Global University will apply up to 45 credit hours earned from a previous graduate-level Global University degree program (if applicable).
- Credits earned in a Global University graduate studies certificate may be applied to the MDiv degree.
- The cumulative total of credits from a GU master of arts degree, transfer credits from other accredited institutions, and reduction of credit may not exceed 54 hours.
- Every MDiv candidate must complete at least 24 additional hours of graduate-level credit with Global University.

Transfer of Credit from Other Institutions

Global University accepts transfer of up to a maximum of 45 graduate-level credits into a master of divinity degree program from other institutions of higher learning with recognized accreditation.

Each course considered for transfer of credit must be compatible in content to the Global University graduate degree or certificate program chosen by the student and must have a minimum grade of B- (or its equivalent).

Transferred credits may not be substituted for RES 5023 *Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice*, RES 6913 *Research Methodology*, or RES 6926 (or degree-plan-specific) *Thesis*. Any deviation from this policy will be at the discretion of the dean.

Transfer of credit previously awarded will be reevaluated for inactive students who reactivate into a current program

of study and active students who change to a different program of study. Only transfer of credit that is applicable to the current program of study will be awarded and appear on student transcripts.

MDiv Outcomes

The MDiv is regarded as the first professional degree in ministerial and biblical studies and is designed to prepare students for full-time Christian service: pastoral ministry, church administration, or teaching at the Bible institute or baccalaureate level. Special attention is given to preparing students to teach and proclaim the uniqueness of the Christian faith from a Pentecostal perspective. Students who desire to pursue a doctoral degree will find the master of divinity degree to be foundational for research at the doctoral level (although the MDiv is not required for admission to the GU DMin degree). Completion of the master of divinity equips the student to do the following:

1. Teach in Bible schools and colleges, pursue higher educational goals, lead and write for Pentecostal churches in multiple countries and cultures, and be a servant-oriented leader.
2. Exhibit character and faith through maturity in personal Christian living, strong interpersonal skills, and servant-oriented leadership.
3. Employ valid methods of biblical exegesis.
4. Contextualize biblical knowledge and interpretational methods to the needs of his or her community.
5. Develop a strong Pentecostal theological perspective.
6. Prepare and deliver well-organized, clearly-presented, biblically-based sermons and teaching plans.
7. Employ critical thinking and research techniques.
8. Engage in research and studies beyond the master of divinity degree.

Program Change

A student may request a program change at any time. If a degree audit has already been completed, a change of program fee will apply. If a degree audit has not been completed no fee will be charged.

If Global University requests that a student change from one program to another, a change of program fee and/or degree (or certificate) audit fee will not be required.

Time Limit for an MDiv Degree Program

A student should complete all degree requirements for an MDiv degree within ten years from the date of enrollment in the first graduate course with Global University after being approved as a master of divinity student. This includes the thesis or theology of ministry paper, as applicable, and may require the student to take courses concurrently

and/or complete some courses in less than the six-month enrollment period.

Biblical Language Requirements

All students who receive an MDiv degree (biblical language track) are required to complete 12 credits of Greek and/or Hebrew biblical language studies. Greek language courses completed at the undergraduate level may be used to waive up to 6 biblical language credits in the MDiv. A background in these original languages of the Scriptures is required for some graduate courses and will be helpful for all biblical studies courses. BIB 5543 Foundations of Biblical Language is the only course required for the English Language track of the MDiv.

Some graduate-level biblical language courses require supervised examinations that may include objective and translation components. They may also require subjective evaluation components.

Practicum Requirements

All students who receive an MDiv are required to complete a 3-credit field-based practicum project that will provide a supervised learning experience to make practical application of academic content covered throughout the degree program.

A student is expected to engage in at least 45 hours of ministry activities directly related to the practicum requirements and objectives over a three-month period. This is in addition to the time required to complete the required reading and writing elements of the practicum. Specific practicum designs and settings may require a greater time commitment on the part of the student.

A practicum project may be fulfilled in a variety of settings, such as a local church, a parachurch ministry, a mission trip, or a Christian school, and may be contextualized to the venue and needs of the student. All practicum projects must be approved by the director of the graduate studies office through which the student is enrolled.

A student must be within 12 credits of completing all other coursework for the respective degree (6 credits for a certificate) before enrolling in a practicum. Credit for only one practicum may be applied to a degree or certificate.

The time limit to complete the practicum is six months from the date of enrollment in the course.

Master's Thesis Requirements

Students who write a thesis as part of a master of divinity degree program will be required to write the thesis on an approved subject or topic that relates to ministry, theology, or biblical studies.

A student who has not completed a thesis as a part of an MA degree program and is admitted to the MDiv degree program is strongly urged to write a thesis for general elective or division elective credit as a part of the MDiv degree program. A student who has completed a thesis as a part of an MA degree program and is admitted to the MDiv degree program may write another thesis in a different content area as a part of the MDiv degree requirements. A student may complete only one thesis for any graduate degree program.

Students who choose to write a thesis are encouraged to begin thinking about a thesis topic immediately after admission to Global University's Graduate School of Theology. Enrollment in the thesis and appointment of a thesis committee will be allowed after a student has completed RES 6913 *Research Methodology* and is within 12 credits of completing all other course requirements for the degree being sought. See the sections on "Master of Divinity Degree Requirements" and "Course Descriptions" for the thesis course number for a specific degree plan or content area.

The time limit to complete the thesis is two years from the date of enrollment in the thesis.

Theology of Ministry Paper Requirements

A student who does not write a thesis as part of a master of divinity degree program will be required to write a theology of ministry paper in addition to completing the 78 credits required for the master of divinity degree program. Students will be required to pay a theology of ministry paper submission fee. The student must receive a passing grade on the theology of ministry paper to graduate with the master of divinity degree program. Those choosing to write a theology of ministry paper must successfully complete it before the end of the time limit specified for the complete program.

Complete instructions for the theology of ministry paper are available upon request or may be downloaded from the Global University website at <https://globaluniversity.edu/student-forms/>.

Master of Divinity (MDiv) Degree Requirements

Global University's master of divinity degree program requires students to complete 78 credits of 3-credit courses. A student may choose to complete a 6-credit thesis in lieu of two 3-credit elective courses in a division-specific or general elective category. The thesis is strongly encouraged for students who have not written a thesis as part of a master of arts degree program. Students who have already completed a thesis as part of a master of arts degree program may choose to complete two 3-credit elective courses in a specific or general elective category, or may write another thesis in a different content area as part of the master of divinity. Core courses should be taken prior to other required courses. Course options are listed for each content category. See course descriptions for additional choices for general electives. Master of divinity degree requirements follow.

Biblical Language and Theology Track

Core Courses

BIB 6293	Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
BNT 5183	Acts as History and Theology	3
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature	3
BOT 6233	Pentateuch: Critical Issues	3
EDU 6073	Teaching Strategies	3
LDR 5013	Foundations for Christian Leadership	3
MIN 6903	Practicum	3
MIS 5013	The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
MIS 6043	History of the Expansion of Christianity	3
RES 5023	Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice	3
Total:		30

Biblical Studies

Bible Courses: Biblical Language—12 credits

BNT 5573	Graduate Greek I	3
BNT 5583	Graduate Greek II	3
BNT 6673	Intermediate Greek	3
Any one Greek exegesis course		3

Bible Courses: New Testament—3 credits

ONE additional Bible New Testament course	3
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NOTE: A student who receives a waiver for 6 undergraduate credits of Greek biblical language should complete two additional graduate-level New Testament courses or BNT 6926 *Thesis: New Testament Studies*.

Bible Courses: Old Testament—6 credits

Two additional Bible Old Testament courses	6
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NOTE: Hebrew exegesis courses that have been completed at the graduate level at an accredited institution may be used to fulfill biblical language and Old Testament requirements.

Theology Courses—6 credits

Two additional courses from the Theology division	6
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Total: 27

Ministerial Studies

Education Courses—3 credits			
One additional course from the Education division			3
Leadership Courses—3 credits			
One additional course from the Leadership division			3
Ministries Courses—3 credits			
One additional course from the Ministries division			3
Missions Courses—3 credits			
One additional course from the Missions division			3
		Total:	12

Thesis Option

General Electives

General Elective Courses—9 credits			
RES 6913 Research Methodology	3		
RES 6926 Thesis	6		
	Total:	9	
	Total for Program:	78	

Non-Thesis Option

General Electives

Any three courses from any division			9
		Total:	9
Theology of Ministry Paper—No credits			
		Total for Program:	78

NOTE: Twelve credits of biblical language are required for all Biblical Language and Theology Track Master of Divinity degrees. Greek language, or Hebrew language equivalent, courses completed at the undergraduate level may be used to waive up to 6 credits (BNT 5573 and BNT 5583, or Hebrew language equivalents). However, credits completed at the undergraduate level will not reduce the number of graduate credits required for a master of divinity degree. Courses considered for waiver must be completed at an accredited institution according to policies stated in the sections on "Transfer of Credit from Other Institutions," "Biblical Language Waiver Based on Undergraduate Credit," and "Biblical Language Requirements."

Christian Ministry (English Language) Track

Core Courses

BIB 6293 Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning			3
BNT 5183 Acts as History and Theology			3
BNT 6043 Pneumatology in Lucan Literature			3
BOT 6233 Pentateuch: Critical Issues			3
EDU 6073 Teaching Strategies			3
LDR 5013 Foundations for Christian Leadership			3
MIN 6903 Practicum			3
MIS 5013 The Biblical Theology of Missions			3
MIS 6043 History of the Expansion of Christianity			3
RES 5023 Graduate Research and Writing: Principles and Practice			3
		Total:	30

Biblical Studies

Bible Courses: New Testament—9 credits			
BNT 6303 The Gospels			3
Two Bible New Testament courses			6
Bible Courses: Biblical Language—3 credits			
BIB 5543 Foundations of Biblical Language			3

NOTE: For the English Language Track, BIB 5543 *Foundations of Biblical Language* fulfills the biblical language requirement.

Bible Courses: Old Testament—6 credits			
Two additional Bible Old Testament courses			6

NOTE: Hebrew exegesis courses that have been completed at the graduate level at an accredited institution may be used to fulfill biblical language and Old Testament requirements.

Theology Courses—6 credits			
Two additional courses from the Theology division			6
		Total:	24

Ministerial Studies

Education Courses—3 credits		
One additional course from the Education division		3
Leadership Courses—3 credits		
One additional course from the Leadership division		3
Ministries Courses—6 credits		
Two additional courses from the Ministries division		6
Missions Courses—3 credits		
One additional course from the Missions division		3
		Total: 15

Thesis Option

General Electives

General Elective Courses—9 credits		
RES 6913 Research Methodology	3	
RES 6926 Thesis	6	
	Total: 9	
	Total for Program: 78	

Non-Thesis Option

General Electives

Any three courses from any division		9
		Total: 9
Theology of Ministry Paper—No credits		
		Total for Program: 78

Doctor of Ministry Degree Program

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (DMIN) DEGREES—63 CREDITS

The DMin degree program allows students to choose one of two specializations:

1. Biblical Studies and Theology
 2. Church Ministries
- Students must complete 63 graduate credits of doctoral studies beyond the master's degree.
 - The biblical studies and theology specialization requires 12 credits of biblical language as part of the 63 graduate credits required for the DMin program. These required biblical language credits can be transferred into the program (see DMin Transfer of Credit and Advanced Standing below) as either Hebrew or Greek or completed as Greek credits within the DMin program.
 - **Verifiable, active, consistent ministerial service is required for admission and must be maintained through completion of the DMin.**
 - A minimum of three years of active ministry experience is required for admission.

Global University's doctor of ministry degree program requires a student to complete 63 graduate credits from the following classifications:

- Doctoral core and general courses: 42 credits (14 courses)
- Doctoral plan-specific courses: 12 credits (4 courses)
- Doctoral dissertation project: 9 credits (2 courses)

The doctoral dissertation project requires enrollment in a 3-credit dissertation research and proposal course and a 6-credit dissertation writing and defense course.

Admission Requirements

Additional requirements for full admission as a doctor of ministry student include the following:

1. A master's degree from an accredited institution with a grade point average of 3.00 (or its equivalent—no probationary admission)
2. Current ministerial credentials or evidence of active, consistent, effective ministry
3. A minimum of three years of active ministry experience
4. Commitment to remain active in ministry during studies for the doctor of ministry degree

DMin Outcomes

The doctor of ministry degree programs are designed to enhance the expertise of students who are in full-time Christian service and prepare them academically, spiritually, and professionally to serve. The DMin is regarded as a terminal degree in ministerial and biblical studies. Special attention is given to preparing students to research, teach, and proclaim the uniqueness of the Christian faith from a Pentecostal perspective. Students pursuing a doctoral degree will build upon foundational academic and research skills acquired at the master's degree level.

Completion of the DMin program equips the student to do the following:

1. Lead research projects, teach in seminaries, write for scholarly Pentecostal publications and organizations in multiple countries and cultures, and author textbooks and other scholarly and ministry-related publications.
2. Exhibit a deepening of personal spiritual disciplines and maturity, integrating them into the traditional Pentecostal heritage and experience through the ethical application of biblical principles in daily life and ministry.
3. Apply in a practical manner knowledge from academia and research to life experience in daily ministry activities.
4. Create and/or renew support systems for ministry development and longevity.
5. Develop solid biblical relationships with peers to attain and sustain joint efforts that are mutually beneficial for long-term effectiveness.
6. Demonstrate ability to present solid biblical relationship practices both orally and in writing to provide an enduring legacy to the church.
7. Develop advanced research skills and methodologies that will lead to proficiency in research and critical analysis at the highest levels of academic scholarship.
8. Integrate faith and academia to reach valid and informed conclusions for application to ministry.
9. Train others in the research and critical analysis process to enable them to reach valid and informed conclusions and make wise application of scholarship in ministerial and academic settings.

Doctoral Candidacy Requirements

A student is admitted to doctoral candidacy after being fully admitted as a doctor of ministry student, completing 54 credits of doctor of ministry core, general, and specialization courses, and successfully completing the doctoral candidacy exam.

Program Change

A student may request a program change at any time. If a degree audit has already been completed when the change is requested, a change of program fee will apply. Any transfer of credit or advanced standing previously awarded will be reevaluated for students who change to a different program of study. Only transfer of credit and advanced standing that is applicable to the current program of study will be awarded and appear on student transcripts. Also see sections on "Degree (or Certificate) Audit Report" and "Transfer of Credit from Other Institutions."

DMin Transfer of Credit and Advanced Standing

The exact number of credits required and the focus of the courses to be completed will be determined by the director of doctoral studies or the dean according to procedures and course evaluation criteria established by Global University. These requirements will be presented to the student in an individualized degree audit. Individual requirement modifications will be based on these policies:

1. Transfer of credit (TOC) from an accredited doctoral program of up to 9 credits will be accepted.
2. The Biblical Studies and Theology specialization requires 12 credits of biblical languages, of which a minimum of 6 credits must be in biblical Greek. The other 6 credits may be transferred in as Hebrew or Greek credits (see TOC limit above) or completed as Greek credits within the DMin program.
3. Advanced standing is available up to 33 credits.
 - a. Master's level credits earned from an accredited institution beyond 45 credits may be used for up to a maximum of 33 credits advanced standing.
 - b. Of the 33-credit advanced standing credits possible, up to 9 credits can be applied from undergraduate credits at the rate of 1 graduate credit from each 2 qualifying undergraduate credits.
 - c. DMin students must complete a minimum of 30 GU credits following admission to the program in order to earn the degree.

Time Limit for DMin Degree Programs

A student who has been granted full admission to a doctor of ministry degree program, based on completion of all pre-doctoral studies requirements, must complete all doctor of ministry degree requirements in no fewer than two years and no more than ten years from the date of official admission as a doctor of ministry student. The ten-year limit includes the doctoral dissertation project and may require the student to take courses concurrently and/or complete some courses in less than the six-month enrollment period.

Biblical Language Requirements

Some graduate-level biblical language courses require supervised examinations that may include objective and translation components. They may also require subjective evaluation components. See "Doctor of Ministry Degree Requirements" below for additional notes on biblical language requirements.

Doctoral Candidacy Examination Requirements

A student must complete a supervised comprehensive doctoral candidacy examination with a score of 83 percent (3.00) or higher prior to being granted doctor of ministry degree candidacy status. The student is eligible to apply with the director of doctoral studies to take the candidacy examination after completing all doctor of ministry degree core, general, and plan-specific courses. Each doctoral student must successfully complete an individualized supervised comprehensive doctoral candidacy exam within three months after completing the last of the core, general, and specialization course requirements for a DMin program in order to be considered for candidacy and allowed to enroll for the doctoral dissertation project research and proposal course. A student must have a grade point average of 3.00 or higher for all graduate-level courses completed with Global University to qualify to apply for doctoral candidacy.

Students will be required to pay a doctoral candidacy examination fee. Students who have not been granted doctoral candidacy will not be allowed to enroll in doctoral dissertation courses.

Doctoral Dissertation Requirements

All doctor of ministry degree candidates will be required to complete a doctoral dissertation project to fulfill degree requirements. The dissertation project is comprised of two parts: (1) research and proposal and (2) writing and defense. To complete the project requirements, the student will be required to enroll in RES 8953 *Dissertation Research and Proposal* to research a topic and complete a dissertation project proposal approved by the student's doctoral dissertation project advisor and Global University's director of doctoral studies (hereafter referred to as director). The student will then enroll in RES 8966 (or degree-specific) *Dissertation from Idea to Bound Volume*. A student may complete only one dissertation project for a doctor of ministry degree program.

Students are encouraged to begin planning for the dissertation project immediately after admission to the Graduate School of Theology as a doctor of ministry student. Enrollment in RES 8953 and appointment of a dissertation project advisor will be allowed after a student has been admitted to candidacy in the program. Admission to candidacy requires a student to successfully complete all required doctoral core and specialization courses and the doctoral candidacy exam.

Enrollment in RES 8966 and appointment of a dissertation project committee will be allowed after a student's doctoral project proposal has been approved by the project advisor and the director and/or dean. See "Doctor of Ministry Degree Requirements" below for the doctoral dissertation course number for a specific degree specialization.

Doctoral Dissertation Project Time Limit

The time limit to complete the doctoral dissertation project is two years from the date of enrollment in RES 8966 *Dissertation From Idea to Bound Volume*.

Doctor of Ministry Degree Requirements

Prerequisites for the Doctor of Ministry Degree—Biblical Studies and Theology Specialization are as follows: a master's degree, verifiable active ministerial service, and a minimum of three years of active ministry experience.

Global University's doctor of ministry degree program requires students to complete 63 credits beyond a master's degree. The 63-credit doctoral requirement will include 42 credits of doctoral core and general courses, 12 credits in the area of specialization, and 9 credits for a doctoral dissertation project that will include a 3-credit research and proposal portion and a 6-credit writing and defense portion. Core and general courses for the doctor of ministry degree should be completed prior to enrolling in other required courses specified for a doctor of ministry degree. See course descriptions for details for specific courses. Doctor of ministry degree requirements follow.

Biblical Studies and Theology Specialization

Core Courses

BIB 6293 Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
MIS 5013 The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
MIS 6043 History of the Expansion of Christianity	3
MIN 5013 Preaching to Change Lives	3
MIN 6233 Ministerial Ethics: The Bible Confronts a Changing World	3
MIN 6503 Relationships for a Lifetime of Ministry	3
MIN 6513 Spiritual Formation: Principles of Christian Discipleship	3
Total:	21

Bible and Theology Required Courses

Three NT elective courses	9
Recommended courses: Greek courses; BNT 5183 <i>Acts as History and Theology</i> ; BNT 6303 <i>The Gospels</i> ; BNT 6503 <i>Romans: An Expository Analysis</i>	
Two OT elective courses	6
Recommended courses: BOT 5143 <i>Isaiah: Major Themes</i> ; BOT 6233 <i>The Pentateuch: Critical Issues</i> ;	
One Theology elective course	3
Recommended course: THE 5013 <i>Trends in International Theology</i>	
Total:	18

General Required Courses

One any division elective course	3
Total:	3

Plan-specific Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree: Biblical Studies and Theology Specialization

RES 7813 Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE)	3
RES 7823 Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE)	3
Any two Biblical Studies courses (6000 level or higher: BIB, BNT, BOT, THE)	6
Total:	12

Doctoral Dissertation Project

RES 8953 Dissertation Research and Proposal	3
RES 8966 Dissertation from Idea to Bound Volume	6
Total:	9
Total for Program:	63

Church Ministries Specialization

Core Courses

BIB 6293 Hermeneutics: God's Message and Its Meaning	3
MIS 5013 The Biblical Theology of Missions	3
MIS 6043 History of the Expansion of Christianity	3
MIN 5013 Preaching to Change Lives	3
MIN 6233 Ministerial Ethics: The Bible Confronts a Changing World	3
MIN 6503 Relationships for a Lifetime of Ministry	3
MIN 6513 Spiritual Formation: Principles of Christian Discipleship	3
Total:	21

Church Ministries Required Courses

BIB 5543 Foundations of Biblical Language	3
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General Ministry Courses

Five LDR/EDU/MIS/MIN elective courses	15
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Bible Courses

One BIB/BNT/BOT elective course	3
Total:	21

Plan-specific Courses for Doctor of Ministry degree: Church Ministries Specialization

RES 7813 Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS)	3
RES 7823 Specialized Reading and Research (discipline-specific options: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS)	3
Any two Ministerial Studies courses (6000 level or higher: EDU, LDR, MIN, MIS)	6
Total:	12

Doctoral Dissertation Project

RES 8953 Dissertation Research and Proposal	3
RES 8966 Dissertation from Idea to Bound Volume	6
Total:	9
Total for Program:	63

Graduate Studies Certificate Program

GRADUATE STUDIES CERTIFICATES—18 CREDITS

- A graduate studies certificate is not a degree nor a certification.
- Global University's graduate studies certificate programs require students to complete six 3-credit courses for a total of 18 credits.
- A student may complete multiple graduate certificate programs, but a minimum of 12 credits must be completed with Global University for each certificate earned.
- All courses required for graduate studies certificate programs are available for enrollment in graduate degree programs and have the same academic requirements for both certificate and degree programs.
- It is the responsibility of the student to verify the applicability of Global University's credits toward his or her academic and professional goals.
- Certificate-specific course options are listed for each certificate program.

Purpose and Goals of Certificate Programs

The purpose of the graduate studies certificate programs is to enhance training for students internationally to (1) help them grow personally, professionally, and spiritually, and equip them to become more effective leaders within the spheres of home, church, and society; and (2) equip them for further academic pursuits and various ministries and leadership positions of the church and society.

Graduate studies certificate programs present a discipline-specific grouping of courses that enables a student to align his or her academic study closely with personal ministry, professional, or career goals.

Completion of a graduate certificate program equips the student to do the following:

1. Teach, minister, or otherwise serve with professional excellence as educator, leader, missionary, and support staff within church, missions, educational, and professional organizations.
2. Exhibit writing and reflection skills that are necessary in ministerial and professional practice.
3. Engage in research and studies beyond the graduate-level certificate.

Discipline-specific graduate studies certificate programs are designed to allow students who have earned an accredited bachelor of arts or higher degree to complete graduate-level studies in a discipline that will qualify them to participate in academic or professional activities that require proficiency in the field of study. Graduate studies certificate options include the following:

1. New Testament Studies
2. Education
3. Intercultural Studies
4. Leadership

Certificate Program Options

Graduate Studies Certificate in New Testament Studies—18 credits

Any six of the following courses:

BNT 5093	Letter to the Galatians
BNT 5103	Letter to the Hebrews
BNT 5183	Acts as History and Theology
BNT 5573	Graduate Greek I
BNT 5583	Graduate Greek II
BNT 6043	Pneumatology in Lucan Literature
BNT 6203	Backgrounds to the New Testament: Cultural and Historical Contexts
BNT 6303	The Gospels
BNT 6673	Intermediate Greek (Graduate Greek III)
BNT 7103	Greek Exegesis of the Letter to the Hebrews
BNT 7503	Romans: An Exegetical Analysis

**Graduate Studies Certificate in
Chaplaincy—18 credits**

CHP5813 Directed Readings and Research
CHP6013 An Introduction to Chaplaincy Ministry
CHP6913 Chaplaincy Practicum: Ministries
LDR5043 Conflict Management
MIN5263 Marriage and Family Counseling
MIS6023 Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry

**Graduate Studies Certificate in
Education—18 credits**

All six of the following courses:

EDU 5023 Educational Measurement
EDU 5053 Bible School Administration
EDU 5063 Curriculum and Instructional Design
EDU 6073 Teaching Strategies: Facilitating Adult Education
EDU 6203 Educational Psychology
EDU 6903 Practicum: Education

**Graduate Studies Certificate in Intercultural
Studies—18 credits**

Any six of the following courses:

MIS 5013 The Biblical Theology of Missions
MIS 5033 Cultural Anthropology
MIS 5053 Missions from the Two-Thirds World
MIS 5093 Trends and Current Issues in Missions
MIS 5103 Paradigms for Pentecostal Missions
MIS 6023 Strategies for Cross-Cultural Ministry
MIS 6043 History of the Expansion of Christianity

**Graduate Studies Certificate in
Leadership—18 credits**

Any six of the following courses:

LDR 5013 Foundations for Christian Leadership
LDR 5023 Leadership Emergence Patterns
LDR 5043 Conflict Management
LDR 5053 Leadership Training Models
LDR 5063 Leadership Research
LDR 6033 Dynamics of Christian Organizations
LDR 6903 Practicum: Leadership