



Master of Arts *concentration in* New Testament

Trinity's Master of Arts in New Testament concentration is designed to furnish tools for clearer comprehension of New Testament times, language, and theology. Students will be equipped to arrive at grounded decisions regarding the New Testament's history, reliability, and message. Those who participate in this program will also come to a better understanding of how the New Testament is studied in the current university setting and regarded in the wider culture.

Students who desire to share the gospel with others will gain tools and knowledge that will make them better communicators of biblical truth than ever before. This program is especially appropriate for those contemplating a teaching career in a Bible college or Christian liberal arts college and who need an intermediate degree in anticipation of doctoral studies.

The program also offers the opportunity to study with New Testament faculty who combine practical ministry experience (whether pastoral, missionary, or both) with strong academic backgrounds in world-class universities and international backgrounds. Faculty are regularly involved in overseas as well as local and national ministry.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

- To further the student's understanding of the Hellenistic Greek language of the New Testament
- To heighten students' ability to perform competent original-language exegesis of New Testament texts
- To enhance students' grasp of the New Testament's message seen in the framework of God's redemptive and historical work in the world from creation to consummation
- To orient students in critical methodologies currently used to interpret the New Testament
- To make students aware of major names and currents in the history of New Testament study, especially since the Enlightenment
- To encourage students' spiritual understanding of the New Testament for the sake of practical ministry for those whose vocational direction is toward immediate church, parachurch, or missionary service
- To equip those students pursuing doctoral study or academic teaching to effectively engage in higher-level New Testament scholarship

Prerequisites

- 12 hours Greek
- 12 hours Bible
- 6 hours Theology

CURRICULUM (32 HOURS)

Greek Exegesis (8 hours)

- Greek Exegesis 1, 2, 3

Systematic Theology (6 hours)

Recommended

- Introduction to Theology, and either Christ, Man, Sin, Salvation —or— Holy Spirit, Church, Last Things

Biblical Studies (14 hours)

10 hours of NT, 4 hours of NT or OT

Options Include

- Synoptics and Johannine Literature
- Acts, Pauline, and General Epistles

- Romans
- Corinthian Correspondence
- Lukan Writings
- Intertestamental Period
- Backgrounds of Early Christianity
- New Testament History
- History of New Testament Interpretation
- Advanced Greek Grammar
- New Testament Textual Criticism
- The Septuagint and the New Testament

Theological Research Methods (2 hours)

Elective (2 hours)

Field Education and Formation Group

- Two semesters of field education or two semesters of formation group and one semester of field education.

Master's Thesis (0–3 hours)

