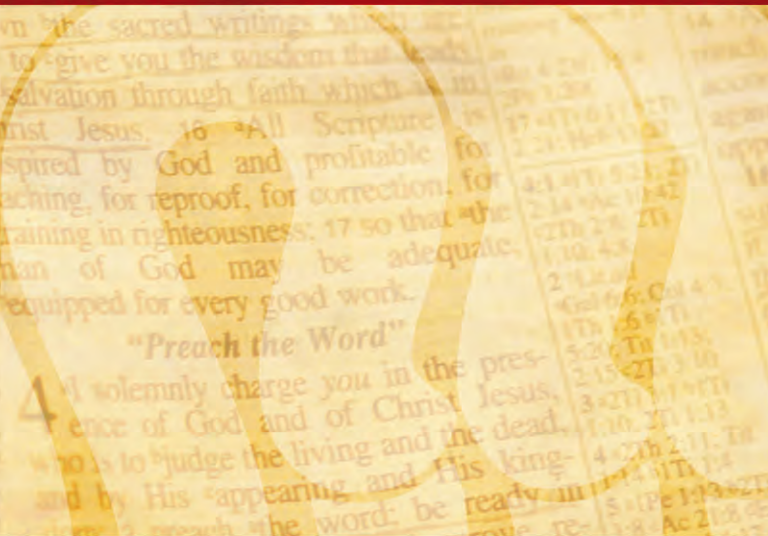


THE MASTER'S SEMINARY



"Preach the Word"

4 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom, to preach the word; be ready in

AN INTRODUCTION



THE MASTER'S SEMINARY: *Changing Lives*

Choosing a seminary is one of the most crucial ministry decisions you will ever make. Your life—and the lives you touch—will reflect the character of the training you receive. At The Master's Seminary, you will receive a theological education that is not only centered on the inerrant Word of God and sustained by scholarly study, but also nurtured in discipling relationships and ministry experiences. It will be characterized by personal growth and directed toward effective evangelism and edification.

At The Master's Seminary, we train you as if your future ministry depended on it. Because it does!

Personalized Discipleship and Personalized Scholarship

The Master, our Lord Jesus Christ, trained disciples in the context of daily life and ministry. Following His pattern, The Master's Seminary offers training by example—and in the context of ministry.

That involves far more than just a study of biblical languages, theology, church history, and preaching. We teach you how to apply your education in real life.

From the day you begin your studies at The Master's Seminary to the day you graduate, we will train you as if lives depended on it. Because they do!

Building Men of God

If you desire to devote your life to a ministry of the Word, evangelism, leading in worship, and providing effective spiritual counsel, academic exercises alone cannot prepare you to make an enduring impact in people's lives. The cultivation of personal holiness and godly relationship skills must also accompany the pursuit of academic excellence.

Throughout your entire program of study at The Master's Seminary, you will meet for two hours each week in small-group “discipleship labs” led by a faculty member or church leader. These practicum sessions focus on the application of biblical principles to Christian character and conduct. Particular emphasis is devoted to your relationship with God, family, and church members.

At The Master's Seminary, we will train you as if lives depended on it. You can depend on it!

A Unique Training Ground

Our location on the campus of Grace Community Church demonstrates our commitment to the priority of the local church, where our president, Dr. John MacArthur, also serves as pastor-teacher. The church provides a “living lab” for our expositional curriculum and ministry model. The members of the pastoral staff and the elders of the church are dedicated to ongoing spiritual support for seminary students.

Local Church Field Education

From the first days of enrollment each student is involved in extensive field-education. That includes learning by observing experienced ministers (as they conduct weddings, funerals, hospital visitations, jail ministries, etc.) and by ministering under supervision. Members of the pastoral staff at Grace Community Church are actively involved, with pastors and leaders in other churches and organizations in the greater Los Angeles area also assisting by providing ministry opportunities and in evaluating ministry effectiveness.

Additional Emphases

Biblical Scholarship. The Master's Seminary offers graduate-level theological education with a commitment to excellence in biblical scholarship, particularly with respect to the exegesis, exposition, and application of Scripture.

Ordination Preparation. Field-education requirements and course requirements, especially the mandatory "Ordination Practicum," are designed to prepare each student for ordination.

Missions Emphasis. Exposure to other cultures is paramount for all students. A view toward worldwide evangelism permeates all of seminary life. Opportunities for service in the rich mission fields of Los Angeles—with its more than seventy distinct cultures—are provided for each student.

Wives' Discipleship. In recognition of the vital role of the family in Christian ministry, a fellowship and discipleship program is available for students' wives. The program emphasizes spiritual growth, practical instruction, and mutual prayer support.

Leadership Training. Through coursework, required labs, and annual "Shepherds' Conferences," the seminary seeks to develop in each student the attitudes and skills necessary for effective leadership roles.

General Admission Requirements

The Master's Seminary welcomes application from all men who have placed their faith in Christ, who believe in the total truthfulness and authority of Scripture, and are committed to intensive preparation for a ministry of the Word.

The usual academic prerequisite is a baccalaureate degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited institution, with a grade point average of 2.75 or higher (on a 4.00 scale). Other applicants may be considered on an individual basis for probationary admission. Pastoral, academic, and employer references are required. The pastoral reference must include an affirmation of the applicant's fitness and giftedness for Christian ministry.

In each program, Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Theology, or Diploma of Theology, the curriculum is the same and the focus is identical: (1) prepare or better equip candidates for ordination for pastoral ministries, or (2) additionally equip ordained men for more effective ministry.

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity program provides a three-year curriculum in graduate theological education. It is designed to provide a broad biblical, theological, and practical foundation for those men entering pastoral, missionary, or other Christian education ministries. Intensive instruction in Scripture is emphasized, along with vital training in the communication of its message and the spiritual preparation of the messenger.

Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology program has the same curricular requirements and purpose as the Master of Divinity. It is offered to a select number of applicants who are beyond the average age of college students (generally over 30), but who have not completed a baccalaureate program. A minimum of two years of undergraduate general education credits is required.

Diploma of Theology

Created with the same purpose as the Bachelor of Theology degree, this program is unique in that it does not require the minimum of 60 semester units of undergraduate general education credits. In general, such applicants are older than the average seminary student and have circumstances of life that make the acquisition of an undergraduate education impractical.

Master of Theology

Designed with the post–Master of Divinity graduate in mind, this program offers specialized preparation in Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, or Theology (Systematic or Historical). It is designed to

- Provide a basis for Ph.D. or Th.D. studies
- Prepare teachers for foreign assignments where doctoral-level credentials are not required
- Sharpen exegetical and theological skills for pastors and missionaries
- Hone skills for those inclined toward exegetical and theological writing

Doctor of Ministry

The Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching focuses on equipping and enhancing the skills of sermon preparation and public exposition of Scripture. Built on the Master of Divinity, the degree is designed for ministry professionals who desire further education while remaining in their respective fields of service.

Doctor of Theology

Built on the Master of Theology (or equivalent) degree, this program is designed to provide a terminal degree specializing in Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, or Theology (Systematic or

Historical). It combines the best qualities of both the American and European models, allowing the student to remain in his present location while completing the qualifying and foreign language exams before relocating to the campus to begin residency and write the dissertation.

Financial Information

The Master's Seminary is a private, non-sectarian institution supported by tuition fees and donations. Through the generosity of donors, the seminary has been able to offer the highest level of ministry preparation while maintaining some of the lowest tuition fees in the country. The seminary's tuition rates and fees for its various degree programs can be viewed at www.tms.edu.

Faculty and Administration

The faculty is composed of experienced, widely respected Christian educators, and is supplemented and supported by the pastoral and administrative staff of Grace Community Church and other area churches. Administrators and faculty of The Master's Seminary include:

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We Train Men as if Lives Depended on It



Dr. John MacArthur President

Dr. John MacArthur has served as pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, since 1969. He became president of The Master's College in 1985 and inaugurated The Master's Seminary in 1986.

Dr. MacArthur's more than forty years of ministry at Grace Church has extended around the world through radio and tape ministries plus numerous books. His preaching emphasizes verse-by-verse exposition of God's Word, with practical attention to the authority of Scripture and the divine call to personal holiness. It is this dynamic, aggressive approach to church life that distinguishes education at The Master's Seminary and prepares each student for a unique work of God.

Location

The seminary is located twenty miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles in the San Fernando Valley. It is situated conveniently on Roscoe Boulevard, between the Hollywood and San Diego freeways.

The Master's Seminary, accredited as the seminary division of The Master's College and Seminary by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, nationality, handicap, or ethnic origin in its admission policies, educational policies, employment policies, services, or scholarship and loan programs.

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