

CONCENTRATION IN CHURCH HISTORY (MA/CH)

MA/CH Concentration Purpose

The Master of Arts concentration in Church History (MA/CH) provides specialized study in the discipline of the history of the Christian church.

The MA/CH is academic rather than professional in focus, preparing participants in knowledge and practice for teaching or researching in Christian secondary schools, or higher education where a doctorate may not be needed; or as an intermediate step toward doctoral study in a related area.

MA/CH Concentration Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will acquire a foundational understanding of the history of the Christian Church in the western and non-western world from the first century to the present.
2. Students will develop skills in historical research and writing necessary for academic ministry or service to the local church.
3. Students will gain confidence in using the Christian tradition in their ministries of preaching and teaching to help other Christians with issues of spiritual, doctrinal, and ecclesial identity, and to make more faithful disciples of those whom God calls them to serve.
4. Students will grow in their understanding of and appreciation for the rich diversity of faith traditions within the Christian churches.

MA/CH Prerequisites

1. 6 semester hours of Bible including Old and New Testament surveys; or TEDS OT 5000 and NT 5000
2. an undergraduate major in history or its equivalent that includes a minimum of 18 hours in history
3. a reading knowledge of languages required to complete the thesis, depending on the area of study

Code	Title	Hours
Bible and Theology Core		
ID 5000	Biblical Theology and Interpretation	3
ST 5201 & ST 5202	Theology I: The God of the Gospel and Theology II: The Gospel of God	6
Concentration Core		
CH 8100	Classic Texts in the History of Christianity	3
CH 8911 & CH 8912	Colloquium in Historical Methodology I and Colloquium in Historical Methodology II	2
Electives in Church History		19-21
Field Education		
Select one option from the following:		0
Option 1:		
PT 5090	Field Education (1 semester)	
Option 2:		
ID 5080	Formation Group (2 semesters)	
MA/CH Capstone		1-3
CH 7477	MA Major Comprehensive Exam	1
Select one option from the following:		
Option 1:		

CH 7980 & 7980	MA Major Research Paper and MA Major Research Paper ¹
Option 2:	
CH 7485	MA Thesis ²
Total Hours	36

¹ CH 7980 option available for those not intending to pursue PhD studies in history. Letters of recommendation for PhD studies will *not* be provided by departmental faculty for those pursuing this option.

² CH 7485 option expected for those intending to pursue PhD studies in history.