

CONCENTRATION IN OLD TESTAMENT AND SEMITIC LANGUAGES (MA/OT)

MA/OT Concentration Purpose

The Master of Arts concentration in Old Testament and Semitic Languages (MA/OT) provides specialized study in the Old Testament and Semitic Languages. The MA/OT 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/OT Concentration Objectives and Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Master of Arts degree in *Old Testament* will be able to:

- articulate an understanding of biblical and theological constructs that form the foundation of evangelical Christian faith
- ground theological interpretations in the biblical text, historical developments, and contemporary context
- demonstrate an ability to contribute to biblical, historical, educational, and/or theological studies in an increasingly global and culturally diverse world
- demonstrate academic proficiency in the student's chosen area of concentration
- demonstrate a breadth of perspective and focused depth for further academic work in the student's chosen area of concentration

MA/OT 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 Bible or its equivalent that includes a minimum of 30 hours in Bible/Hebrew/theology (12 or more in Bible; beginning languages are not considered Bible courses)
3. proficiency in biblical Hebrew at a level equivalent to completion of TEDS OT 5241

Code	Title	Hours
Bible and Theology Core		9
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		24
OT 5242	Hebrew Exegesis	3
OT 8950	Old Testament Research and Methods	3-4
Elective Studies in Old Testament ¹		18
The following courses in other departments may be completed in the Concentration Core:		
ST 7695	Hermeneutics	
Field Education		0
Select one option from the following:		
Option 1:		

PT 5090	Field Education (2 semesters)	
Option 2:		
ID 5080	Formation Group (2 semesters)	
PT 5090	Field Education (1 semester)	
MA/OT Capstone		1-3
OT 7477	MA Major Comprehensive Exam	1
OT 7485	MA Thesis	0-2
Total Hours		36-37

- 1 Up to 2 hours of the Capstone may be applied in the Concentration Core
- 2 OT 5000, NT 5000, and English Bible courses (OT 5100, NT 5100) are not applicable to the MA program