



## Why the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry?

The M.A.C.M. is a formational, versatile, professional degree. Flexible degree requirements prepare students for many different ministry positions. You can choose from one of these specialized tracks or work with the M.A.C.M. degree advisor to personalize your studies:

- Student and Family Ministry
- Spiritual Formation
- Ministerial Leadership
- Ministry and Bible

We offer degree plans for residential students, online students and students who have inter-disciplinary passions. We also provide options for our students to complete both the M.A.C.M. and M.S. in Social Work or Master of Marriage and Family Therapy degrees in a reduced amount of time.

Our graduates typically enter and remain in ministry, working as church planters, teachers, campus ministers and in many other forms of Christian service. We believe a theological education is important no matter how or where you serve.

## ACU's Graduate School of Theology

Here at ACU, our faculty is dedicated to helping students with their spiritual formation as well as their academic achievements. Our residential students are involved in weekly, faculty-led mentoring groups that provide vocational discernment, clarity and close-knit community.

If you are thinking of getting involved in a ministry or non-profit, Abilene is the place to be. With a church or nonprofit on almost every corner, we will help you find a home and a place to serve. We want to open doors for you to have a broad contextual experience during your time in graduate work. Come to ACU for a time of spiritual growth and encouragement from faculty, staff and fellow students.

## Degree Process

To complete the M.A.C.M. degree, students must pass a comprehensive exam over the English Bible. Additionally, at the mid-point and at the end of their program each student must undergo a portfolio review. All degree requirements must be completed within ten years.

If you have some advanced theological study or extensive undergraduate studies in Bible you may be eligible for up to 12 hours of advanced placement. Talk with a GST advisor to learn more!

## Online Option

The M.A.C.M. may also be earned online. The online M.A.C.M. provides an opportunity for students around the world to remain in their current jobs and ministry settings while taking coursework to advance their ministerial leadership skills.

All online students must complete at least 12 hours of their degree in residence.\* Residential hours may be met

48

Number of credit hours

24

Months average time to completion



On campus in Abilene, Texas or online

# MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Are you interested in church ministry or community leadership and are feeling called to a deeper theological understanding? The M.A.C.M. is a 48-hour degree designed to equip individuals for leadership in many areas of ministry. Through a generous number of elective hours we are dedicated to personalizing this graduate degree to fit your own passions, interests and calling.



through one-week or weekend intensive courses in Abilene or at one of our partner campuses in Africa. All other degree requirements are the same for both residential and online students.

*\* Offered as approved exceptions to Degree Program Standard A, section A.3.1.3 and Standard B, section B.3.1.3.*

## M.A.C.M. Courses:

- GST Orientation
- Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament
- Critical Interpretation of the New Testament
- Biblical Exegesis
- Biblical Theology
- Teaching Scripture in Contemporary Contexts
- Foundations of the Theology of Ministry
- Christian Spiritual Formation
- Contexts of Ministry
- Field Education Contextual Immersion
- History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval
- History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present [or] Restoration History
- Systematic Theology I
- 12 hours of electives or focused track (see front)

## Accreditation

Abilene Christian University's Graduate School of Theology is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada to award its master's and doctoral degrees. Contact the Commission on Accrediting at 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275 or call 412-788-6505 for questions about accreditation.

## Application Requirements

1. A complete application and application fee;
2. Official transcripts from all colleges and universities you've attended;
3. A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited institution or its equivalent;
4. GST Writing Assessment
5. Two letters of recommendation; and
6. A reflective essay, three to five pages in length (typed, double-spaced).

For more information, email [gst@acu.edu](mailto:gst@acu.edu).



### Program Advisor

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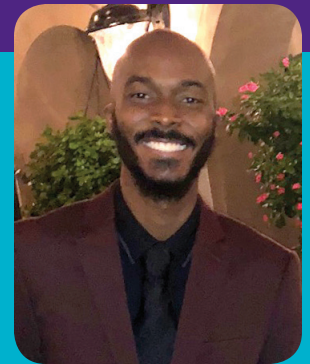
## Affordability and Financial Aid

Recognizing that graduate studies can be an intimidating expense, we are dedicated to helping you pursue a degree without a heavy financial burden. We recently reduced our tuition costs to make the financial investment in a ministry degree at ACU comparable to similar programs at other schools. On average, more than 75 percent of our students receive scholarships to help cover the cost of tuition. To be eligible for a GST Scholarship, be sure to complete our GST Scholarship Application during the application process. We award scholarships based on prior academic achievement and financial need.

We also offer a number of graduate assistantships for our residential students. Graduate assistants receive a stipend and work alongside our professors helping with various tasks including conducting research, grading and helping teach undergraduate courses. Our hope is that through a combination of generous scholarships, potentially working as a graduate assistant, and the low cost of living in Abilene, Texas, you will graduate without the stress of unmanageable debt. Also, the flexibility of our online options allows students to stay where they are and keep their current job.

## Alumni Testimonial De'Angelo Smith ('17)

*Youth Minister*  
Wylie, Texas



"I am a manager and youth minister at a residential treatment center for kids and teens who are on probation and in child protective services. We provide a temporary home for those who need structure in their lives: someone to guide them and hold them to a higher standard. My mission also is to introduce them to God. Thank you to ACU and its Graduate School of Theology for providing me with the skills and knowledge to do what I love. My professors continue to be spiritual guides in my life. They care about me, and I am grateful for their example and influence."



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