



Why the Master of Arts Track in Modern and American Christianity?

The Master of Arts in Modern and American Christianity focuses on the influence of the Protestant Reformation, the rise of missions, and the global spread of Christianity. This includes the spread and progression of Christianity in America, as well as examination of specific traditions such as the Stone-Campbell tradition and the Ecumenical Movement. This degree is especially well-suited for students who plan to pursue study at the Ph.D level, or work in related research fields.

Why the Master of Arts Track in Modern and American Christianity at ACU?

At ACU, all of our faculty are dedicated to helping students with their spiritual formation as well as their academic achievements. Our students are involved in weekly, faculty-led mentoring groups that provide vocational discernment, clarity and close-knit community. They are also encouraged to attend our weekly chapel where they learn from faculty, alumni, and other prominent theologians. We would love for you to join us as we grow in knowledge and understanding, in greater service to the church.

Degree Curriculum

This degree includes 27 course hours of core curriculum shared by all GST degrees. An additional 21 hours are required in Modern and American Christianity curriculum, including 6 thesis hours.

If you also are interested in pursuing an MDiv with us, the MA in Modern and American Christianity would only add an additional 18 credits. Also, if you have advanced preparation through undergrad study or previous graduate work, you may apply to take advanced standing exams for 12 hours of the degree. Talk with a GST advisor to learn more!

Core Curriculum

- 6 hours of an appropriate language
- GST Orientation
- Systematic Theology I
- History of Christianity I: Early and Medieval
- History of Christianity II: Reformation to Present
- Critical Interpretation of the New Testament
- Critical Interpretation of the Old Testament
- Thesis (6)

Modern and American Christianity Curriculum

- Systematic Theology II
- Research Problems
- Issues in Global Christianity
- History of Christianity in America
- Advanced Restoration History
- 6 hours of electives

48

Number of credit hours

24

Months average time to completion



On campus in Abilene, Texas

MASTER OF ARTS IN MODERN AND AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY

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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 the following master's and doctoral degrees: M.Div. M.A. in Christian Ministry, M.A., D.Min., and M.A. in Global Service. Contact the Commission on accrediting at 10 Summit Park Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275 or call 412-788-6505 for questions about the accreditation of ACU's Graduate School of Theology.

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;
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.



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 theological 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.



Alumni Testimonial Paul Anthony ('04)

*Comal County Public
Information Officer
New Braunfels, Texas*

"The M.A. in Modern and American Christianity program provided me the tools to better understand the historical currents that led to where we are today – as a society, as a church and as human beings. I was so blessed to be able to learn from talented and gifted professors who care not just about their students' academic success, but about their lives. Whether serving the academy, the church, my coworkers or my family, I find my life and my interactions have been enriched by the time I spent studying at ACU."



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