



Why the Master of Arts in New Testament?

The M.A. in New Testament is an academic thesis degree preparing students for future study in Ph.D. programs, research in related fields, or teaching in high schools and other institutions.

Why ACU?

- Students are advised and mentored by Dr. Richard Wright, a widely published scholar of the New Testament.
- Excellent faculty passionate about academic training and student mentoring. Our students are involved in weekly, faculty-led mentoring groups that provides vocational discernment, clarity, and a close-knit community.
- Graduates have successfully pursued doctoral study at some of the world's most prestigious universities such as Boston College, Emory, Harvard, Princeton, and Southern Methodist University.

Degree Requirements

The M.A. track in New Testament is a 48-hour thesis program. The degree includes 27 of core curriculum shared by all GST degrees. An additional 21 hours are required in theology curriculum, including 6 thesis hours.

If you also are interested in pursuing an M.Div. with us, the M.A. in New Testament would only add an additional 18 credits. If you have any advanced theology 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!

Core Curriculum (27 hours)

- 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 Old Testament
- Critical Interpretation of the New Testament
- Thesis

New Testament Curriculum (21 hours)

- Intermediate Greek
- Seminar in the Gospels or Exegetical Seminar in Acts
- Exegetical Seminars in the Epistles
- Seminar in the New Testament Textual Criticism
- New Testament Theology
- Backgrounds of the New Testament and Early Christianity
- New Testament elective
- English Bible exam
- Oral exam

48

Number of credit hours

24

Months average time to completion



On campus in Abilene, Texas

MASTER OF ARTS IN NEW TESTAMENT

Interested in a deep study of the textual and theological issues of the New Testament? Our Master of Arts track in New Testament is designed to equip students with an advanced academic foundation in New Testament studies.

Students will gain proficiency in appropriate exegetical tools and languages, as well as a broad understanding of textual and theological issues. Specifically, our students acquire the ability to exegete and interpret a variety of New Testament texts and understand them within their larger cultural and theological contexts.



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.

Admission 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

Dr. Richard Wright ('86 M.A.)
Associate Professor of New Testament
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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 Nicholas Zola ('09)

*Assistant Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University*

"The M.A. in New Testament was a wonderfully formative experience for me. ACU professors equipped me academically to succeed in the scholarly world of biblical studies. But they also helped foster a community of authentic relationships where it was safe to ask hard questions and reflect together as a people seeking God. Who I am today (both my teaching and my scholarship) is largely a result of what I received at ACU."



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