



Why the M.A. in Old Testament?

The M.A. in Old Testament prepared students for future study in Ph.D. programs, research in related fields, or teaching in high schools and other institutions. This degree helps students to understand the Bible more fully, which is especially useful for preachers and teachers around the world.

Why the Graduate School of Theology at ACU?

- M.A. in Old Testament students are advised and mentored by Dr. Mark W. Hamilton, an experienced and widely published Old Testament scholar.
- Our graduates have successfully pursued doctoral study at some of the world's most prestigious universities such as Boston College, Emory, Harvard, and Princeton.
- 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.

Degree Curriculum

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

If you also are interested in pursuing an M.Div. with us, the M.A. in Old Testament 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 Old Testament
- Critical Interpretation of the New Testament
- Thesis or Oral Exam

Old Testament Curriculum

- Intermediate Hebrew Readings I & II
- Old Testament Theology
- Old Testament Elective
- Three of the following:
 - The Pentateuch
 - Historical Books of the Old Testament
 - Devotional and Wisdom List of the Old Testament
 - Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament
- English Bible Exam

48

Number of credit hours

24

Months average time to completion



On campus in Abilene, Texas

MASTER OF ARTS IN OLD TESTAMENT

Are you interested in deep theological study of the Old Testament? Our M.A. in Old Testament is designed to equip individuals with an advanced academic foundation in Old Testament studies. Our students not only gain expertise in appropriate exegetical tools and languages, they receive a broad understanding of textual and theological issues. By completion, students should be able to exegete and interpret a variety of Old 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.

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

Dr. David Skelton ('11)

Visiting Professor of Religion
Pepperdine University

"The GST gave me a more robust faith and helped show me how one could use the entire Bible to gain a bigger picture of God and his work of redemption. The M.A. in Old Testament showed me how to understand the OT in its ancient context and how to find meaning in it for the church and my own spiritual journey. It also gave me the tools I needed to succeed in graduate school and resources for teaching, which I still utilize in my current position."



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