Graduation requirements consist of the satisfactory completion of 32 semester credits with an overall grade point average of C (2.5) or better. An additional eight credits are shared between the two curricula in lieu of MAYYAM electives. There will also be an 11-credit shared field work experience.

MSW: MAYYAM students are required to complete 35 core credits when they are accepted into the MSW program.

Both current MAYYAM students as well as those who have completed the degree are eligible for a tuition discount for MSW credits when they are accepted into the MSW program.

Dual Degree Course Plan (Shared Curriculum)

### Year 1:
- **DSRE541** Foundations of Biblical Spirituality (2)
- **CHMN632** Contextualized Preaching for Youth (2)
- **DSRE534** Ministry to Youth and Young Adults (2)
- **THST** (Theology Course) (2)
- **SOWK560** Social Work Research I (2)
- **SOWK531** Human Behavior and the Social Environment (2)
- **DSRE564** Advanced Youth Ministry Leadership (2)
- **DSRE608** Youth and Young Adults in Contemporary Culture (2)
- **DSRE656** Counseling Youth & Young Adults (2)
- **CHMN523** Worship: Word and Music (2)
- **DSRE605** Issues in Religious Education OR Teaching for Discipleship (2)
- **CHMN** Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- **SOWK510** Field Seminar (.5)
- **SOWK660** Field Practicum (2)
- **SOWK501** Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships) (4)
- **DSRE610** Teaching for Discipleship (2)
- **THST** (Theology Course) (2)
- **CHMN** Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- **CHMN523** Worship: Word and Music (2)
- **DSRE656** Counseling Youth & Young Adults (2)
- **CHIS** (Church History Course) (2)
- **OTST** (Biblical Studies Course) (2)

### Year 2:
- **DSRE605** Issues in Religious Education OR Teaching for Discipleship (2)
- **CHMN** Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- **SOWK510** Field Seminar (.5)
- **DSRE660** Field Practicum (2)
- **SOWK501** Foundations of Practice I (*Marriage, Family & Interpersonal Relationships) (4)
- **SOWK550** Social Service Leadership (4)
- **DSRE541** Field Practicum (2)
- **SOWK515** Christian Perspectives on Ethics and Diversity (2)
- **CHMN** Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- **THST** (Theology Course) (2)
- **CHIS** (Church History Course) (2)
- **OTST** (Biblical Studies Course) (2)
- **SOWK510** Field Seminar (.5)
- **DSRE660** Field Practicum (2)
- **SOWK501** Foundations of Practice I (4)
- **SOWK550** Social Service Leadership (3)
- **CHMN** Conflict Resolution or Church Leadership (2)
- **THST** (Theology Course) (2)
- **CHIS** (Church History Course) (2)

### Year 3:
- **SOWK501** Advanced Assessment (3)
- **SOWK610** Advanced Field Seminar (5)
- **DSRE660** Field Practicum (2)
- **SOWK601** Advanced Practice I (2)
- **SOWK689** Advanced Professional Seminar (5)
- **SOWK630** Policy for Social Change (3)

Seminary credits: 32
Social Work credits: 35
*Credits shared: 11

**TOTAL CREDITS: 78**
MA: RELIGION

Martin Hanna, Director

The Master of Arts (Religion) is an academic program usually involving two years of specialized study beyond the baccalaureate-degree level. The program requires 48 credits of course work. However, students with advanced theological study or prior extensive undergraduate studies in religion may complete the program with a minimum of 32 credits. (See section below on degree requirements).

The MA (Religion) degree is offered with these orientations: (1) Research Orientation which requires a thesis and a modern language relevant to the student’s research (French or German are recommended); and (2) General Academic Orientation, which requires comprehensive examinations. Only 500- and 600-level courses are accepted.

The purpose of this program is to provide specialized training within the broader setting of the various disciplines of the Seminary. Students may choose an area of emphasis from those listed below:

- Archaeology and History of Antiquity
- Biblical-Theological Studies (Affiliation and Extension Programs)
- Biblical and Cognate Languages
- Church History
- Intercultural Studies
- Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies
- Jewish and Muslim Faiths
- Mission Studies
- New Testament Studies
- Old Testament Studies
- Theological Studies

The MA in Religion degree with the research orientation is designed to fulfill the needs of students planning further graduate study in biblical studies, religion, or theology. The general academic orientation should fulfill the needs of students who plan to engage in religious or secular endeavors which require a strong background in an emphasis. The MA in Religion is offered both on campus and at affiliation and extension centers outside the United States. When offered at affiliation sites, the program may reflect context-sensitive needs in its curriculum as approved by the seminary faculty.

Admission Requirements

Admission to the MA in Religion program is based on the following requirements in addition to the general admission requirements for all graduate students on p. 44, and the general seminary admission requirements on pp. 347–350.
1. Applicant holds a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent, normally with a major in religion or theology with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.00 or above.
2. Applicant demonstrates language proficiency or shows a plan for acquiring language proficiency as determined by the selected area of emphasis. Proficiency is defined as the reading knowledge of a language at the intermediate level. Examinations may be required to demonstrate proficiency. Biblical language proficiency must be demonstrated before registration for exegesis courses. Modern language deficiencies must be made up before registering for the MA thesis.
3. Language proficiency courses do not apply toward the 32 credits of the MA degree requirements.
4. Complete and return the Sixteen Personality Factor Questionnaire as directed.

Prerequisites

Language Prerequisites. Students meet the language prerequisites for the various areas of emphasis either by completing the courses listed below or by passing a qualifying examination at the intermediate level.

- Archaeology and History of Antiquity
  - Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II
- Biblical and Cognate Languages
  - Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II
- Biblical and Theological Studies
  - Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II
- Church History
  - Intermediate Greek or Intermediate Latin
- Intercultural Studies
  - Intermediate Arabic
- Intertestamental (Jewish) Studies
  - Intermediate Greek and Biblical Hebrew II
- Jewish and Muslim Faiths
  - Biblical Hebrew II
- Mission Studies
  - Intermediate Greek or Biblical Hebrew II

(or a reading knowledge of a modern foreign language)