

Master of Arts in Theological Studies Program Structure and Summary

Africa Reformation Theological Seminary

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Three degree program options

The MATS student will choose one of three options as an emphasis, specialization or major: Biblical Counseling, Christian Education or Pastoral Leadership.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies Biblical Counseling Emphasis (MATS BC; 82 credits) is designed to prepare men and women for various ministries in the church and community where a strong foundation in biblical and theological studies is desired and where ministry in biblical counseling will be a focus. This degree is shorter than the MDiv but has a similar, but less extensive foundation in biblical, historical, theological studies, practical theology and NT Greek. Required time is three (3) years for a full-time student. The degree program must be completed in five (5) years.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies Christian Education Emphasis (MATS CE; 82 credits) prepares men and women to effectively apply sound biblical educational and discipleship principles in the context of church education programs or the Christian school (or both) in ministries like teaching, administration, consultation, program development, teacher recruitment and training, school planting, school development, curriculum analysis and curriculum evaluation. The goal is to acquire the theological understanding and skill to implement Christ-centered education, learning and discipleship that promotes a biblical worldview and the development of Christian character. This degree equips ordained pastors and associate pastors with the theological foundations for Christian education in schools (education is the largest sector of the Ugandan economy and of many African nations). This degree also equips women who serve in teaching, administration, development, curriculum evaluation, teacher training and consultation in church-related schools, private schools and in public schools. This program is shorter than the MDiv but has a similar, but less extensive foundation in biblical, historical, theological studies, practical theology and NT Greek. Required time is three (3) years for a full-time student. The degree program must be completed in five (5) years.

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies Pastoral Leadership Emphasis (MATS PL; 82 credits) is designed to equip ordained pastors for effective pastoral ministry and leadership in the local church through a less extensive program than the MDiv. This degree provides about 75% of the courses in the Master of Divinity curriculum with a strong emphasis on biblical and theological studies, preaching, pastoral ministry, pastoral leadership, practical theology and NT Greek. It is designed for an ordained pastor or pastor-candidate who desires to be trained to lead a gospel-driven church. The student should keep in mind that both the MDiv and the MATS PL will require three years for graduation. The MATS PL and the MDiv can be completed in the same time-frame, but the MATS PL has fifteen (15) less courses than the MDiv. Required time for the MATS is three (3) years for a full-time student. The degree program must be completed in five (5) years.

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Bridging Module: New Testament Greek

Understanding the fundamentals of the Greek language is essential to the interpretation of the original New Testament biblical texts. MDiv students are therefore required to show a high level of competence in reading and translating the Greek NT text. The Seminary will provide a bridge module of New Testament Greek to students who do not have the required background. This module carries no credits towards the MDiv program. The bridging module is expected to take 6 hours per day for nineteen (19) days of class and will be conducted before the beginning of the first semester. Students with the required knowledge in Greek do not need to do this module but will be required to pass a Greek Competence Examination.

Computation of Credit Units

In the computation of the Credit Units in the curriculum matrix below, we use the following guide from the NCHE.

1. 1CH = 1LH = 2PH = 2TH
2. 1LH means one hour or 60 Mins of Classroom instruction.
3. 1CU = 15CH = 15LH = 30TH = 30PH

LH – Lecture Hour
 CU – Credit Unit
 TH – Tutorial Hour
 PH – Practical Hour
 CH – Contact Hour

Year 1 Semester 1

During this semester, students will take the first portion of the foundational and prerequisite courses.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
CT1101 Computer Applications in Research	15	30	30	2
PT1101 Communications and Research Writing	30		30	2
OT1101 Introduction to the Bible and Bible Survey	30		30	2
NT1101 New Testament Survey	30		30	2
NT1104 Gospel of John (Choose John or NT2105 Synoptic Gospels offered year 2, semester 1)	30		30	2
BC1101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	30		30	2
ST1101 Bible Interpretation	30		30	2
ST1102 The Doctrine of Scripture and God	30		30	2
ST1103 The Doctrine of Man	30		30	2
Total				16 or 18

Year 1 Semester 2

During this semester, students will take the remaining portion of the foundational and prerequisite courses.

Course Code and Name	LH	CH	CU
AP1201 Introduction to Apologetics	30	30	2
BC1202 Marriage and Family Counseling;	30	30	2
NT1203 Unity of the Bible and Covenant Theology	30	30	2
ST1204 Introduction to Reformed Theology	30	30	2
OT1202 Genesis	30	30	2
OT1203 Exodus to Deuteronomy	30	30	2
PT1204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship (CE and PL Emphases);	30	30	2

NT1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis (<i>Elective; non-credit</i>)	30	30	2
PT1205 Teaching and Pedagogy in Christian Education CE only; enrollment is first or second year	30	30	2
PT1206 Christian Education Curriculum Review and Development for the Local Church CE only; enrollment is first or second year	30	30	2
Total			14 or 20

Award of a Postgraduate Certificate (PGC) in Biblical Studies

Candidates who have successfully completed the first year courses and gained at least 24 credit units and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies may be awarded a postgraduate certificate in biblical studies.

Year 2 Semester 1

Student will build on the foundational and prerequisite courses of year one by taking more courses in the different fields of theology.

MATS BC

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
MS2101 Introduction to World Missions	30		30	2
ST2105 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ	30		30	2
ST2106 The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit	30		30	2
NT2105 Synoptic Gospels (Elective)	30		30	2
NT2106 Lukan Writings	30		30	2
OT2104 Historical Books	30		30	2
PT2109 Personal Evangelism	25	10	30	2
BC2103 Premarital Counseling	30		30	2
PT2110 Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking	30		30	2
Electives (Choose at least One)				
BC2104 Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling	30		30	2
BC2105 Counseling & Lay Counselor Training in the Local Church I	30		30	2
BC2111 Understanding and Evaluating Professional Literature	30		30	2
BC2107 Advanced Biblical Counseling	30		30	2

MATS CE

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
MS2101 Introduction to World Missions	30		30	2

ST2105 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ	30		30	2
ST2106 The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit	30		30	2
NT2105 Synoptic Gospels (elective)	30		30	2
NT2106 Lukan Writings	30		30	2
OT2104 Historical Books	30		30	2
PT2109 Personal Evangelism	25	10	30	2
PT2110 Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking	30		30	2

MATS PL

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
MS2101 Introduction to World Missions	30		30	2
ST2105 The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ	30		30	2
ST2106 The Doctrine of Redemption and the Holy Spirit	30		30	2
PT2102 Preaching I	20	20	30	2
PT2109 Personal Evangelism	24		30	2
PT2110 Conflict Resolution and Peacemaking	30		30	2
BC2103 Premarital Counseling	30		30	2
NT2105 Synoptic Gospels (<i>elective</i>)	30		30	2

At the end of the semester, having completed about half of the courses in the degree program in which the student is enrolled, the student will draw upon the material learnt to increase preparation, skill, and effectiveness in the mentored ministry experience. Mentored ministry may occur in-between semesters but may also be done during the remaining three semesters.

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

Mentored Internships will be done in the following ministry areas: teaching, evangelism, campus ministry, cell group ministry, children's and youth ministry, preaching, the practice of church government, counseling, church planting, discipling and educational ministries, worship and music, women's ministry, mercy ministry, biblical worldview and justice ministry, and other areas as approved by the Dean.

Year 2 Semester 2

The student will continue to build on the foundational and prerequisite courses by taking more courses in different fields of theology.

MATS BC

Course Code and Name	LH	PH /TH	CH	CU
HT2201 Early & Medieval Church History	30		30	2
HT2202 Reformation & Modern Church History	30		30	2
NT2207 Romans	30		30	2

PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization and Revival	30		30	2
PT2215 Research Methodologies	30		30	2
Electives				
BC2213 Biblical Parenting	30		30	2
BC2214 Groups Dynamics	30		30	2
BC2215 Counseling in the Local Church II	30		30	2
BC2206 Introduction to Self-Counseling	30		30	2

Award of a postgraduate diploma (PGD) in Theological Studies (Counseling)

Candidates who have successfully gained at least 40 credit units including at least 10 credits units from Counseling courses and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies during or after the second year may be awarded a postgraduate diploma in Theological Studies (Counseling). Such candidates shall be required to undertake an industrial attachment and write a report. To qualify for the award of a PGD a candidate shall have a CGPA of no less than 3.0.

MATS CE

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
HT2201 Early & Medieval Church History	30		30	2
HT2202 Reformation & Modern Church History	30		30	2
NT2207 Romans	30		30	2
PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization and Revival	30		30	2
PT2215 Research Methodologies	30		30	2
BC2214 Groups Dynamics	30		30	2
PT2220 Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Christian Education and the Christian School	30		30	2
PT2223 Christian School Administration in Africa	30		30	2

Award of a postgraduate diploma (PGD) in Theological Studies (Christian Education)

Candidates who have successfully gained at least 40 credit units including at least 10 credits units from Christian Education courses and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies during or after the second year may be awarded a postgraduate diploma in Theological Studies (Christian Education). Such candidates shall be required to undertake an industrial attachment and write a report. To qualify for the award of a PGD a candidate shall have a CGPA of no less than 3.0.

MATS PL

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
HT2202 Reformation & Modern Church History	30		30	2
PT2203 Preaching II	20	20	30	2
PT2204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship	30		30	2

PT2213 Covenant Theology and the Sacraments	30		30	2
PT4214 Leadership and Administration in the Local Church	30		30	2
MS4204 Biblical Church Planting	30		30	2
PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization and Revival	30		30	2
NT2207 Romans	30		30	2
PT2215 Research Methodologies	30		30	2

Award of a postgraduate diploma (PGD) in Theological Studies (Pastoral Leadership)

Candidates who have successfully gained at least 40 credit units including at least 10 credits units from Pastoral Leadership courses and who for any reason wish to terminate their studies during or after the second year may be awarded a postgraduate diploma in Theological Studies (Counseling). Such candidates shall be required to undertake an industrial attachment and write a report.

Year 3 Semester 1

Student will continue with the semester courses, complete the mentored internships, and submit (and receive approval for) his/her proposal (as part of the application of PT4116 Research Methodologies) for the next and last semester's project.

MATS BC

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
ST3107 The Doctrine of the Church and the Means of Grace	30		30	2
ST3108 The Doctrine of Last Things	30		30	2
PT3106 Prayer and the Christian Worker's Personal Life	30		30	2
<i>Electives</i>				
BC3109 Using the Bible in Counseling	30		30	2
BC3110 Biblical Approach to Addictions	30		30	2
BC3108 Counseling Theory	30		30	2

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

MATS CE

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
ST3107 The Doctrine of the Church and the Means of Grace	30		30	2
ST3108 The Doctrine of Last Things	30		30	2
PT3106 Prayer and the Christian Worker's Personal Life	30		30	2

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

MATS PL

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
ST3107 The Doctrine of the Church and the Means of Grace	30		30	2
ST3108 The Doctrine of Last Things	30		30	2
PT3105 Church Government and Discipline	30		30	2
PT3106 Prayer and the Christian Worker's Personal Life	30		30	2
PT3107 Women's, Children's and Youth Ministry	30		30	2
PT3111 Public Worship & Music	30		30	2

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

Year 3 Semester 2

MATS BC

The student will complete the required semester courses and work on the project. The student will submit the project paper at the end of the semester and defend his/her project.

Course Code and Name	LH	PH	TH	CH	CU
HT3204 The History of the Church and Missions in Africa	24		12	30	2
ST3211 Christian Ethics	30			30	2
BC3217 Biblical Counseling Practicum and Project					4
<i>Electives</i>					
BC3212 Readings in Biblical Counseling (Tutorial)		56	4		2
BC3216 Case Studies in Biblical Counseling	10	20	20	30	2

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

MATS CE

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
HT3204 The History of the Church and Missions in Africa	30		30	2
ST3211 Christian Ethics	30		30	2
PT3222 Curriculum Analysis and Evaluation for the Christian School	30		30	2
PT3224 Christian School Planting in Africa	30		30	2
PT3227 Christian Education Project				4

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

MATS PL

Course Code and Name	LH	PH/TH	CH	CU
HT3204 The History of the Church and Missions in Africa	30		30	2

ST3211 Christian Ethics (Non-required elective)	30		30	2
PT3217 Leadership Development & Deployment	30		30	2
PT3218 Pastoral Ministry and Biblical and African Worldviews	30		30	2
PT3226 Pastoral Leadership Project				4

PT3001-PT3020 Mentored Internships

2.0. Summary of Courses According to Departments

There are three emphases or specializations offered in the MATS program (82 credit units): Biblical Counseling, Christian Education, and Pastoral Leadership.

Core Curriculum by Departments (64 credits units for BC &CE; 56 credit units for PL)

Genesis and OT Courses (8)

OT1101 Introduction to the Bible and Bible Survey

OT1202 Genesis

OT1203 Exodus to Deuteronomy

OT2104 Historical Books (Not required for Pastoral Leadership Emphasis)

NT Courses (10)

NT1101 New Testament Survey

NT1203 Unity of the Bible and Covenant Theology

NT1104 Gospel of John **or**

NT2105 Synoptic Gospels (or Gospel of John)

NT2106 Lukan Writings (Not required for Pastoral Leadership Emphasis)

NT2207 Romans

New Testament Greek (three non-credit required courses; equivalent to 6 credits; offered to students who do not meet the New Testament Greek entry requirements)

Note: A student has the option of “testing out” of Greek I, II and III, i.e. passing a Greek competency examination in place of enrolling in and passing the three Greek courses.

NT0101 Greek I (Introduction to NT Greek; **non-credit, required**)

NT0102 Greek II (Introduction to NT Greek, part 2; **non-credit, required**)

NT0103 Greek III (Basic Principles of Greek Exegesis through translation and exegetical study of the NT letter of I John; **non-credit, required**)

NT 0101, 0102 and 0103 are non-credit, required courses and prerequisites for all NT book courses with exegesis components, i.e. all NT courses except NT 1203 and NT 1101. A student excelling in NT0101, 0102 and 0103 and interested in taking additional Greek, may be invited by the Greek lecturer to enroll in NT 1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis, a credit course.

NT1202 Advanced Greek Exegesis (an exegetical study of the NT letter of Ephesians or Colossians; optional for qualified students recommended by the Greek lecturer; must be taken as extra credit since this course is not required for any of the MATS program emphases or specializations)

Systematic Theology (18)

ST1101 Bible Interpretation

ST1204 Introduction to Reformed Theology
ST1102 Doctrine of Scripture, God
ST1103 Doctrine of Man
ST2105 Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ
ST2106 Doctrine of Redemption and the Work of the Holy Spirit
ST3107 Doctrine of the Church and of the Means of Grace
ST3108 Doctrine of the Last Things
ST3211 Christian Ethics (non-required elective for Pastoral Leadership emphasis)

Historical Theology (6)

HT2201 Early and Medieval Church History (not required for Pastoral Leadership emphasis)
HT2202 Reformation and Modern Church History
HT3204 The History of the Church and Missions in Africa

Practical Theology (10)

PT1101 Communications and Research Writing
PT3106 Prayer and The Christian Worker's Personal Life
PT2109 Personal Evangelism
PT2212 Church Growth, Revitalization, and Revival
PT3110 Church Conflict Resolution and the Principles of Biblical Peacemaking

Biblical Counseling (6)

BC1101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling
BC1202 Marriage and Family Counseling
BC2103 Premarital Counseling (PL and BC Emphases only);
BC2214 Groups Dynamics (required CE Emphasis; elective for BC Emphasis)

Apologetics (2)

AP1201 Introduction to Apologetics

Missions (2)

MS2101 Introduction to World Missions

CT1101 Computer Applications in Research (non-credit, required; equivalent to 2 credits)

A course offered to students who do not meet the computer technology entry requirement. Note: A student has the option of "testing out" of CT0101 Computer Applications in Research i.e. passing a computer competency examination in place of enrolling in and passing CT010.

PT2215 Research Methodology (2)

Mentored Internships

Two non-credit Mentored Internships are required for the MATS programs. Mentored Internships involve ministry experience and evaluation under an experienced pastoral or ministry supervisor and do not entail classroom work. These two internships are to be chosen from the list in PT3001-3020 Mentored Internships.

Courses for Each Emphasis or Specialization

Biblical Counseling Emphasis (8 courses, 18 credits)

Required Course: BC3217 (4 credits) Biblical Counseling Practicum and Project

Elective Courses

In addition to the core curriculum credits in biblical counseling, complete seven (7) courses and fourteen (14) credits from the following:

BC2105 Counseling and Lay Counselor Training in the Local Church I
BC2206 Introduction to Self-Counseling
BC2107 Advanced Biblical Counseling
BC3108 Counseling Theory

BC3109 Using the Bible in Counseling
BC3110 Biblical Approach to Addictions

BC2111 Understanding and Evaluating Professional Literature

BC3212 Readings in Biblical Counseling
(Tutorial)

BC2213 Biblical Parenting

BC2104 Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling

BC2214 Groups Dynamics

BC2215 Counseling in the Local Church II

BC3216 Case Studies in Biblical Counseling

Christian Education Emphasis (8 courses, 18 credits)

In addition to the core curriculum credits, and BC2214 Groups Dynamics, complete the following eight (8) required courses for a total of 18 credits in Christian Education:

PT2204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship

PT3227 Christian Education Project (4 credits)

PT3219 Teaching and Pedagogy in Christian Education

PT2220 Historical and Philosophical Foundations of Christian Education and the
Christian School

PT2221 Christian Education Curriculum Review and Development for the Local Church

PT3222 Curriculum Analysis and Evaluation for the Christian School

PT2223 Christian School Administration in Africa

PT3224 Christian School Planting in Africa

Pastoral Leadership Emphasis (12 courses, 26 Credits)

In addition to the core curriculum credits, complete the following twelve (12) required courses:

PT2102 Preaching I (Introduction to Biblical Preaching)

PT2203 Preaching II (God-Focused, Christ-Centered and Spirit-Anointed Preaching)

PT1204 Biblical Principles of Christian Education and Discipleship

PT2214 Leadership and Administration in the Local Church

PT3105 Biblical Church Government and Discipline

PT3107 Women's, Children's and Youth Ministry

PT3217 Leadership Development & Deployment

PT3218 Pastoral Ministry and Biblical and African Worldviews

PT3111 Public Worship and Music

PT2213 Covenant Theology and the Sacraments

PT3226 Pastoral Leadership Project (4 credits)

MS2252 Biblical Church Planting

The MATS program for all emphases is 82 total credits

Total required courses: 44 (40 are credit courses and 4 courses are required, non-credit courses for students who do not meet the entry requirements in Greek I, II, III and CT1000 Computer Applications in Research)

Total required credits: 82 (with Greek I, II and III and CT1000 equivalent to 90 credits)