CENTER FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

Northwestern College CGS offers a Master of Arts in Education degree (MAED), a Master of Arts in Human Services degree (MAHS), a Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree (MATS), a Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.), a Master of Organizational Leadership degree (MOL), and Graduate Certificates in Christian Studies and Organizational Leadership. Students in the Master of Arts in Education degree program choose an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction, Instructional Technology, or Immigration and Education. Students in the Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree program choose an emphasis in Bible Exposition, Biblical Studies, or Theology. Students in the Master of Divinity degree program choose an emphasis in either Bible Exposition or Biblical Studies.

The graduate programs use an accelerated format, meeting one night per week, online, or blended in a cohort structure. The M.Div. degree requires approximately three years of study. The MAED, MAHS, MATS, and MOL degrees can be completed within a two-year period of time. A certificate can be completed in approximately eight months.

REGISTRATION AND MATERIALS

Students register for courses before each semester and complete one course at a time. Students order materials and textbooks, which can then be shipped or picked up. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office Suite is essential to student success. Students need access to a computer and the Internet while in the program. For online courses students need access to a high-speed Internet connection.

ON-SITE, ONLINE, OR BLENDED

On-site courses are held on the campus of Northwestern College and other convenient locations in the metro area. Classes meet once a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings from 6 p.m.–10 p.m. The online programs allow students to take courses from any location with a high-speed Internet connection. Blended programs are held on-site and online. Classes meet once a week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings from 6 p.m.–8:30 p.m. with the remainder of the course being online. Students are responsible for locations and times of classes; this information can be found on theROCK.

Master of Arts in Education

The Master of Arts in Education (MAED) is a non-licensure graduate degree ideal for licensed teachers in PK–16 schools or other educational settings (social service agencies, education cooperatives, or business) who wish to expand their knowledge and skill related to curriculum and instruction, instructional technology or immigration and education.

Upon completion of the core courses, students will choose from one of three concentrations (12 credits) listed below. Concentrations are offered based on adequate enrollment.

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Instructional Technology
- Immigration and Education

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The **MAED** degree is granted upon completion of 36 credits.

Core Courses		**24 cr**
EDU5100	Worldview and Educational Leadership	3 cr
EDU5105	Educational Leadership for Educational Improvement	3 cr
EDU5110	Assessment and Evaluation	3 cr
EDU5115	Learners and Learning in Diverse Classrooms	3 cr
EDU5120	Theoretical Foundations of Learning	3 cr
EDU5125	Instructional Technology	3 cr
EDU5130	Educational Research for Educational Improvement	3 cr
EDU5855	Action Research Capstone and Seminar	3 cr

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONCENTRATIONS:

Concentration in Curriculum and Instruction		***12 cr***
EDU5200	Current Trends of Curriculum and Instruction	3 cr
EDU5205	Cognition and Instruction	3 cr
EDU5210	Curriculum Theory and Practice	3 cr
EDU5215	Technology Integration	3 cr

Concentration in Instructional Technology		***12 cr***
EDU5300	Instructional Design	3 cr
EDU5305	Computer-Based and Online Instruction	3 cr
EDU5310	Application of Educational Media and Technology	3 cr
EDU5315	Technology Leadership Issues in P–12 Schools	3 cr

Concentration in Immigration and Education		***12 cr***
EDU5400	Global Issues and Immigration Policies Affecting Schools	3 cr
EDU5405	Immigrant Children and Families	3 cr
EDU5410	Social Integration Theories and Practice	3 cr
EDU5415	Teaching and Learning in a Cross-Cultural Context	3 cr
Total		**36 cr**

Master of Arts in Human Services

The Master of Arts in Human Services (MAHS) program is designed for individuals who want to combine their Christian faith with their work in private or public social services settings, as they assist people with a variety of needs. Students may choose this program if they are interested in advancing in their human service-related career or continue with further graduate study in human services or social sciences programs.

Students will complete coursework that focuses on the foundations of human services, human development, worldview and ethics, legal issues, diversity, interviewing skills, and research methodology. Students will develop an understanding of how to assist people experiencing complex, problematic situations, how research can facilitate understanding people and their needs, and how to design and evaluate human services programs.

Upon completion of the core courses, students will begin the concentration in family studies (15 credits).

The **MAHS** degree is granted upon completion of 36 credits.

Core Courses		**21 cr**
HMS5110	Worldview, Leadership, and Human Services	3 cr
HMS5112	Human Services Foundations and Systems	3 cr
HMS5114	Theories of Human Development	3 cr
HMS5210	Research Methods and Human Services	3 cr
HMS5220	Ethics and Legal Issues i Human Services	3 cr
HMS5230	Multicultural/Diversity Issues in Human Services	3 cr
HMS5240	Interviewing and Assessment Skills	3 cr

Concentration in Family Studies		***15 cr***
HMS5310	Family Studies and Education	3 cr
HMS5312	Family Communication and Relationships	3 cr
HMS5314	Parent Education	3 cr
HMS5316	Marriage and Family Dynamics	3 cr
HMS5318	Intervention Strategies with Families	3 cr
TOTAL		**36 cr**

Master of Arts in Theological Studies

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) is designed for individuals who desire to study the Word of God and ground their faith in the rich theological truths found within its pages. This degree will prepare students in any profession who would like to increase their biblical knowledge and bring a Christian worldview to their profession. It is also geared toward those who feel called to lay leadership, professional ministry, or those who are anticipating service in professional ministry, such as assistant ministers, worship leaders, Christian education workers, youth ministers, campus ministries staff, or missionaries. Individuals may also have the desire to pursue a teaching ministry, whether in ecclesiastical or academic settings with the MATS degree. The MATS degree is also designed to prepare students for additional graduate studies.

The MATS degree offers an exclusive specialized core component. These core courses are required to prepare students for their area of concentration. In these courses, students will develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship, learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation, study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testaments, survey the history of Christianity, and construct a personal theology of leadership.

Upon completion of the core courses, students will choose from one of three concentrations (20 credits) listed below. Concentrations are offered based on adequate enrollment.

- Bible Exposition
- Biblical Studies (Prerequisite: Completion of Greek Qualifying Exam with a score of 140 or above.)
- Theology

The **MATS** degree is granted upon completion of 36 credits.

Core Courses		**16 cr**
BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2 cr
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics	4 cr
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4 cr
BIA5019	History of Christianity	4 cr
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2 cr

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONCENTRATIONS:

Concentration in Bible Exposition		***20 cr***
BIB6211	Pentateuch	4 cr
BIB6212	Old Testament Prophets	4 cr
BIB6213	Old Testament Writings	4 cr

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BIB6214	Gospels	2 cr
BIB6215	Acts of the Apostles	2 cr
BIB6216	Pauline Epistles	2 cr
BIB6217	Hebrews to Revelation	2 cr
Concentration in Biblical Studies		***20 cr***
ACL6113	Beginning Hebrew I	4 cr
ACL6114	Beginning Hebrew II	4 cr
BIA6111	New Testament Exegetical Methods	2 cr
BIA6115	Old Testament Exegetical Methods	2 cr
BIB6112	New Testament Exposition: Ephesians	4 cr
BIB6116	Old Testament Exposition: Jeremiah	4 cr
Concentration in Theology		***20 cr***
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena	2 cr
BIB6312	Biblical Theology	4 cr
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I	4 cr
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II	4 cr
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology	2 cr
PHI6316	Apologetics and Ethics	4 cr
TOTAL		**36 cr**

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree is designed for individuals who desire a comprehensive program, combining Bible exposition and theology with Christian ministry, preparing students for pastoral and chaplaincy positions. The M.Div. includes the same core courses as the MATS degree, as well as courses in theology and Christian ministry to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful pastors, ministers, church planters, or missionaries.

In their core courses students will develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship, learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation, study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testaments, survey the history of Christianity, and construct a personal theology of leadership. Theology courses will focus on biblical theology, systematic theology, contemporary issues in theology and apologetics. In ministry courses students will study such areas as pastoral ministry, church leadership, biblical counseling, global ministry, and relationships. Students will be embedded in a local ministry during this program, providing the relevant context for applied learning, personal development, and required internships.

Upon completion of the core courses, students will choose from one of two concentrations (20 credits) listed below. The final component of the M.Div. degree includes ministry courses (20 credits).

The **M.Div.** degree is granted upon completion of 76 credits.

Core Courses		**36 cr**
BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2 cr
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics	4 cr
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4 cr
BIA5019	History of Christianity	4 cr
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena	2 cr
BIB6312	Biblical Theology	4 cr
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I	4 cr
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II	4 cr
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology	2 cr
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2 cr
PHI6316	Apologetics and Ethics	4 cr

SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONCENTRATIONS:

Concentration in Bible Exposition		***20 cr***
BIB6211	Pentateuch	4 cr
BIB6212	Old Testament Prophets	4 cr
BIB6213	Old Testament Writings	4 cr
BIB6214	Gospels	2 cr
BIB6215	Acts of the Apostles	2 cr
BIB6216	Pauline Epistles	2 cr
BIB6217	Hebrews to Revelation	2 cr
Concentration in Biblical Studies		***20 cr***
ACL6113	Beginning Hebrew I	4 cr
ACL6114	Beginning Hebrew II	4 cr
BIA6111	New Testament Exegetical Methods	2 cr

BIA6115	Old Testament Exegetical Methods	2 cr
BIB6112	New Testament Exposition: Ephesians	4 cr
BIB6116	Old Testament Exposition: Jeremiah	4 cr
Ministry Courses		**20 cr**
MIN5210	Leading and Organizing Ministry	4 cr
MIN5310	Pastoral Ministries	4 cr
MIN5410	Ministries of Word and Worship	4 cr
MIN5510	Ministry Relationships	2 cr
MIN5610	Ministering Culturally and Globally	2 cr
MIN5995	Graduate Internship Assessment I	2 cr
MIN5996	Graduate Internship Assessment II	2 cr
TOTAL		**76 cr**

Graduate Certificate in Christian Studies 16cr

In these courses, students will develop biblical principles for spiritual formation and discipleship, learn advanced principles of biblical interpretation, study the socio-historical worlds that gave rise to the Old and New Testament, survey the history of Christianity, and construct a personal theology of leadership.

Required Courses: BIA5011, BIA5015, BIA5017, BIA5019, MIN5110

Master of Organizational Leadership

The Master of Organizational Leadership (MOL) integrates a Christian perspective into the context of leadership. Organizations are recognizing the need for leaders who possess relevant knowledge and skills necessary to effectively navigate increasingly complex environments. Learners will be equipped in the principles and practices needed to be effective leaders in public and private organizations. Coursework is designed to be relevant and immediately applicable to professional work.

Specifically, the MOL degree focuses on:

- Leadership through change
- Leadership in complex organizations
- Effective communication
- Strategic leadership

The **MOL** degree is granted upon completion of 36 credits.

Core Courses		**36 cr**
LDR5100	Personal Growth for Effective Leadership	3 cr
LDR5103	Introduction to Leadership Theory	3 cr
LDR5104	Application of Leadership Theory	3 cr
LDR5200	Strategic Leadership	3 cr
LDR5202	Effective Communication and Leadership	3 cr
LDR5300	Program Evaluation	3 cr
LDR5302	Diversity and Leadership	3 cr
LDR5304	Leading in the Knowledge Economy	3 cr
LDR5306	Leading for Organizational Success	3 cr
LDR5308	Leading Organizational Change	3 cr
LDR5400	Case Studies in Leadership Ethics	3 cr
LDR5855	Capstone Project (portfolio)	3 cr
TOTAL		**36 cr**

Graduate Certificate in Leadership 15cr

This certificate is designed to provide a foundation in leadership principles from a Christian perspective, preparing leaders to incorporate leadership skills into a variety of organizational settings.

Required Courses: LDR5100, LDR5103, LDR5104, LDR5200, LDR5202

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course Description Legend

cr – Credit(s)
PQ – Prerequisite(s)

Directed studies and topics are available.

FOCUS Courses

ANCIENT LANGUAGES

ACL2009 Elementary Greek I **4 cr**
The introductory study of Koine Greek with emphasis on vocabulary and morphology.

ACL2019 Elementary Greek II **4 cr**
(PQ: C- or better in ACL2009) A continuation of the introductory study of Koine Greek.

ANTHROPOLOGY

ANT2049 Anthropology **3 cr**
A study of selected individual societies ranging from bands to states, representing a wide range of geographical environments. Students conduct an in-depth study of one particular society. Equivalent to ANT2045.

ART

ART1009 Art Appreciation **3 cr**
An introductory study in the field of art, covering the elements and principles of design and representational and creative expression. The course is designed to develop the student's appreciation of art. Equivalent to ART1005.

BIBLE

BIB1009 Old Testament Studies **2 cr**
A survey of critical passages of the Old Testament that tie together God's plan as manifested through the covenants. Attention is given to the role of Israel as God's agent on earth and the prophetic references to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan. Important principles for ministry and Christian living are identified. Credit for BIB1009 may not be counted toward/for BIB1001.

BIB1019 New Testament Studies **2 cr**
A survey of critical passages of the New Testament, focusing on the work of Christ and showing the place of the church and Israel in God's plan. Attention is given to the extension of Christ's work through the Apostles and local churches as a basis for formulating biblical principles of ministry. Equivalent to BIB1002.

BIB2229 Jesus in the Gospels **4 cr**
A study of the socio-historical background of the gospels, the various interpretative methods applied to the gospels, the portraits of Jesus found in the four gospels, and a survey of the life of Christ. Meets the requirements for BIB2220.

BIBLICAL ARTS

BIA1009 Spiritual Living and Discipleship **2 cr**
A study of spiritual formation and the role of discipleship in