

Master of Arts in *Theology*

Master's Degree - Academic Track based
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The Master of Arts in Theology (MAT) is a graduate academic degree recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) that will prepare students to demonstrate a high level of competence in theoretical analyses, research, and teaching skills in the Christian ministry. Graduates of this program are being prepared to demonstrate competence in handling complex problems in the biblical, theological, and practical aspects of the ministry. They are expected to reproduce ministers: pastors, Christian educators, church planters, and chaplains. This degree program also prepares students for postgraduate studies and is designed as a two-year full-time residential study, with a Master's Thesis in the student's final year.

The Master of Arts in Theology is designed for individuals who sense a calling towards advanced studies (PhD or a ThD) or a vocation in the academe.

Program Learning Outcomes

At the end of the program, the students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate expertise in theoretical knowledge in theology as a whole;
2. Contribute to the advancement of specialized knowledge in theology;
3. Formulate solutions to theological problems through critical analyses and creative engagement of cultural realities and issues informed by the Christian faith in a holistic manner;
4. Undertake advanced independent and collaborative research in theology, including but not limited to, formulation of research problems, data gathering, data analysis, and presentation of findings, implications of the research to diverse audiences; and
5. Exemplify appreciation and life-long commitment to theological education, research, and ministry in service to the church and society.

Curriculum Requirements

Core Courses.....	12 units
Theology Courses...	18 units
Thesis.....	6 units
TOTAL.....	36 units

CORE COURSES (12 Units)

MAT 500 Research & Methodology.....	3 units
MAT 501 Statistics.....	3 units
MAT 502 Theological Thinking and Writing....	3 units
MAT 503 Baptist History & Distinctive.....	3 units

THEOLOGY COURSES (18 Units)

MAT 600 Biblical Greek & Hebrew.....	3 units
MAT 601 Asian Christology.....	3 units
MAT 602 Contextual Theology.....	3 units
MAT 603 Ecclesiology.....	3 units
MAT 604 Theology of Pastoral Care.....	3 units
MAT 605 Patristics.....	3 units

THESIS (6 Units)

MAT 505 Thesis 1.....	3 units
MAT 506 Thesis 2.....	3 units

BRIDGING COURSES (12 Units)

For students with no undergraduate degree in Theology or its allied fields, the following 12 units must be taken as bridging courses:

MATB 101 OT & NT Survey.....	3 units
MATB 102 Biblical Hermeneutics.....	3 units
MATB 103 Introduction to Theology.....	3 units
MATB 104 Ministerial Leadership.....	3 units

Major Requirement and Student Output

1. Passing the Comprehensive Examination
2. Thesis
3. Publication In a Peer-Reviewed Journal

Eligibility:

1. Commitment to Christian service.
2. Good standing in home, church, & community evidenced by letters of recommendation.
3. Completion of a bachelor's degree from a government-recognized college.

