

# Academic Programs Overview

The Master's College offers comprehensive academic undergraduate programs. Included in the undergraduate program are 13 major fields of study with 55 distinctive emphases. A number of cooperative study programs provide students with numerous opportunities for off-campus learning experiences.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREES

**Biblical Studies**, *or with emphases in:*

- Bible Exposition
- Biblical Counseling
- Biblical Languages
- Christian Education
- Intercultural Studies
- Theology

**Christian Ministries**

**Communication**, *or with emphases in:*

- Electronic Media
- Print Media
- Speech Communication

**English**

**History**, *or with emphasis in:*

- Church History

**Kinesiology & Physical Education**, *or with emphases in:*

- Physical Education with Teaching Credential
- Sports Injury Studies

**Liberal Studies**

**Liberal Studies with Teaching Credential**

**Mathematics**, *with emphases in:*

- Applied Mathematics
- Mathematics Education
- Pure Mathematics

**Music**, *or with emphases in:*

- Biblical Studies
- Communication
- Youth Ministry

**Organizational Management**

**Political Studies**, *with emphases in:*

- American Politics
- Constitutional Law
- Political Theory

## BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREES

- Composition
- Instrumental Performance
- Music Education
- Piano Performance (or with emphasis in)
  - Piano Pedagogy
- Vocal Performance
- Worship Music Ministries

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

**Biological Science**, *or with emphases in:*

- Cellular & Molecular Biology
- Natural History/Environmental Biology
- Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry
- Secondary Teacher Education in Life Sciences

**Business Administration**, *with emphases in:*

- Accounting
- Christian Ministries Administration
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Management Information Systems
- Marketing
- Pre-Law
- Public Relations

**Computer & Information Sciences**, *with emphases in:*

- Computer Science
- Information Systems

**Home Economics--Family and Consumer Sciences**, *or with emphasis in:*

- Secondary Education Minors

**Kinesiology & Physical Education**, *with emphases in:*

- Pre-Physical Therapy

## MINORS

- Bible
- Accounting
- Bible
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Communication
- Computer Science
- English
- History
- Home Economics--Family & Consumer Sciences
- Kinesiology & Physical Education

- Mathematics
- Music
- Political Studies

Minors are not printed on the diploma.

### THE MASTER'S INSTITUTE

year, 30-unit Diploma in Biblical Studies. See The Master's Institute section of this catalog for more information.

### ADVANCED START ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Master's College Advanced Start Academic Program (ASAP) enables high school students who are in 12th grade to take accredited, college-level Bible and general education courses which can meet both in high school graduation requirements and be counted toward an undergraduate degree at The Master's College.

Students enrolling in ASAP will be allowed to register in select undergraduate classes taught at The Master's College, Stanta Clarita campus. You will be expected to meet the same requirements as other students in the class.

To apply all incoming students must submit the following:

- Admissions application form
- \$40 Application fee
- High school transcript
- ACT or SAT scores
- Pastor recommendation form
- Educator recommendation form

Requirements to apply:

Minimum cumulative H.S. GPA of 3.0

Must have the following minimum SAT or PSAT scores:

SAT Verbal	600
SAT Mathematics	500
SAT Total:	1100

ACT Cumulative: 21

### DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

TMC offers, through the Center for Professional Studies, the following Bachelor of Arts degrees:

- Biblical Counseling
- Christian Ministries
- Liberal Studies
- Organizational Management

For complete program information see the Degree Completion Program section of this

catalog. Prospective applicants may request further information from the Center for Professional Studies by calling 1-661-362-2677.

### THE MASTER'S COLLEGE ONLINE

The Master's College Online provides an opportunity for students to complete a variety of survey-level biblical studies and general education courses in a distance education course delivery format. Each online course makes use of a combination of lectures given by full-time TMC faculty (available in either a streaming video or DVD based format) along with assignments, projects, threaded-discussions, and examinations that are accessed via the Internet through the College's website. All courses are taught from a thoroughly biblical worldview. Credit gained from completion of online courses can be used toward completing degree work at TMC, and may be transferable for use in degree programs at other colleges or universities. Students enrolling in an online course are required to have a staff member from their home church agree to proctor course examinations. Students may obtain more information and/or demonstration about TMC Online by contacting the administrative offices at 1-877-302-3337 or by accessing [tmconline@masters.edu](mailto:tmconline@masters.edu) on the web.

### MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

TMC offers Master of Arts degrees in:

- Biblical Counseling (MABC)
- Biblical Studies (MABS)
- Education (MAE)

See the Graduate Programs section of this catalog. Prospective applicants may request further information from the Graduate Programs Enrollment Counselor by calling 1-800-568-6248, extension 3034 for MABC, extension 3039 for MABS, or extension 3205 for MAE.

### THE MASTER'S SEMINARY

The Master's Seminary exists to advance the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ by equipping godly men to be pastors and/or trainers of pastors for excellence in service to Christ in strategic fields of Christian ministry. This is to be accomplished through an educational program and an environment of spiritual fellowship and relationships that emphasize unreserved commitment to the worship of God, submission to the authority of the Scriptures, a life of personal holiness, the priority of the local church and the mission of penetrating the world with the Truth.

The Master's Seminary offers six degree programs:

- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Bachelor of Theology (Th.B.)
- Diploma of Theology (Dip.Th.)
- Master of Theology (Th.M.)
- Doctor of Theology (Th.D.)
- Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)

The Master's Seminary is located on the campus of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California. Prospective applicants may request further information by calling The Master's Seminary Office of Admissions at 1-800-CALL-TMS (1-800-225-5867). Website: [www.tms.edu](http://www.tms.edu)

### COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS

The Master's College cooperative study programs provide students with numerous opportunities for off-campus learning experiences locally, nationally and internationally.

In addition to TMC's own Israel Bible Extension (IBEX), students benefit from the college's membership in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, which provides for off-campus learning opportunities. For information on Council-sponsored programs, write or call:

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
321 Eighth Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20002  
(202) 546-8713 • (202) 546-8914 fax  
e-mail: [info@bestsemester.com](mailto:info@bestsemester.com)  
web: [www.bestsemester.com](http://www.bestsemester.com)

### American Studies Program (ASP)

Founded in 1976, the American Studies Program has served hundreds of students as a "Washington, D.C. campus." ASP uses Washington as a stimulating educational laboratory where collegians gain hands-on experience with an internship in their chosen field. Participants explore pressing national and international issues in public policy seminars led by ASP faculty and Washington professionals. Students select enrollment in the Public Affairs or Marketplace track. Both tracks examine the same public issues and culminate in field projects assessing those issues in light of biblical principles and Christian responsibility. Students in the Public Affairs Track use policy concepts to evaluate contending approaches, while students in the Marketplace Track analyze the issues by assessing how business and commercial environments shape different perspectives. The aim of the program is to help Council schools prepare their students to live faithfully in contemporary society as followers of Christ. Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### Au Sable Institute of Environmental Studies

Students at The Master's College are eligible to take courses in environmental field studies through the Au Sable Institute. This Christian organization offers college-level courses at campuses in Michigan (Great Lakes); Whidbey Island in Puget Sound, Washington; Tangier Island, Virginia; Tamil Nadu, South Africa; and Kenya, Africa during January and in the summer. The four-unit course offerings include Marine Stewardships, Plant Ecology and Aquatic Biology among others. The students register at The Master's College for LS348 Biological Field Studies and take the course at the respective campus. The Institute also offers a Stewardship Ecologist Certificate, Naturalist Certificate and Land Resources Analyst Certificate. Several fellowships and scholarships are available through the Institute. Contact Dr. Dennis Englin, the Au Sable campus representative, about current offerings and registration procedures. Students earn 4 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### Australia Studies Centre (ASC)

Since Spring 2004, the CCCU has partnered with the Wesley Institute in Sydney, Australia to offer the Australia Studies Centre. Throughout the semester, students study theology, global justice issues affecting Australia, Indigenous cultures and the arts. Every student is required to take the courses "The View from Australia: Issues in Religion, Politics, Economics & Cultural Values" and "Indigenous History, Cultures & Identity."

Additionally, students choose electives in theology/ministry, music, drawing/ graphic design, dance and/or drama. Home stays, service learning and travel around Australia are important components of the ASC. Students observe Australia's beautiful landscape, live in the cosmopolitan melting pot of Sydney, connect with the poor of Sydney's multi-cultural ghettos, and engage the political capital Canberra and its power players. Students also come to know the traditions of Aboriginal people during an Outback excursion and spend the last week of each semester traveling to New Zealand to meet with Maori people. ASC students earn 16 semester hours of credit.

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### China Studies Program (CSP)

The China Studies Program enables students to engage China's ancient history and intrigue from an insider's perspective. While immersed in Chinese culture, students participate in seminar courses on the historical, cultural, religious, geographic and economic realities of this strategic and populous nation. Students

choose between completing a broad Chinese Studies Concentration or a Business Concentration, which includes an internship at an international business in China. Students also study standard Chinese language and apply their skills by serving in an orphanage or tutoring Chinese students in English. The program begins and finishes the semester in Hong Kong and introduces students to the diversity of China, including Beijing, Shanghai, Xi'an and Xiamen. This interdisciplinary, cross-cultural program enables students to communicate and understand the unique culture and people of China with an informed, Christ-centered perspective. Students earn 16-17 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Contemporary Music Center (CMC)**

The Contemporary Music Center provides students with the opportunity to live and work in the refining context of community while seeking to understand how God will have them integrate music, faith and business. The CMC offers three tracks: Artist, Executive and Technical. The Artist Track is tailored to students considering careers as vocalists, musicians, songwriters, recording artists, performers and producers. The Executive Track is designed for business, arts management, marketing, communications and related majors interested in possible careers as artist managers, agents, record company executives, music publishers, concert promoters and entertainment industry entrepreneurs. The Technical Track prepares students for careers in live sound, concert lighting and studio recording. Students within each of the tracks receive instruction, experience and a uniquely Christ-centered perspective on creativity and the marketplace, while working together to create and market a recording of original music. Each track includes coursework, labs, directed study and a practicum. Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Israel Bible EXtension (IBEX)**

This 15-week semester abroad program is a high quality educational opportunity in Israel for students who wish to enhance their knowledge of the Bible's historical, archaeological and geographic background. Classroom lectures are integrated with extensive field trips. Together, these expose the student to every corner of the land and to every period of the history of the people of that land. The student's educational experience, as well as his/her personal maturation, will be significantly enhanced by the cross-cultural experience which the semester provides. Students must apply for this program, be in reasonable physical condition and free of medical limitations, and must

have completed Old Testament Survey I prior to participation. For information on IBEX, see the IBEX pages within the Biblical Studies section of this catalog and/or contact the IBEX Office at 1-800-568-6248. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Latin American Studies Program (LASP)**

Based in San José, Costa Rica, the Latin American Studies Program introduces students to a wide range of experiences through the study of the language, literature, culture, politics, history, economics, ecology and religion of the region. Through living with local families, students become a part of the day-to-day lives of Latin Americans. Students also take part in a practicum/internship and travel to nearby Central American nations. Students participate in one of four concentrations: Latin American studies (offered both fall and spring terms); advanced language and literature (designed for Spanish majors and offered both fall and spring terms); international business (offered only in fall terms); and environmental science (offered only during spring terms). Depending on their concentration, students travel to nearby Central American nations including Nicaragua, Guatemala, Cuba and Panama. Students in all concentrations earn 16-18 semester credits. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Los Angeles Film Studies Center (LAFSC)**

Founded in 1991, the Los Angeles Film Studies Center trains students to serve in various aspects of the film industry with professional skill and Christian integrity. Each semester, students live, learn and work in L.A. The curriculum consists of two required seminars, Hollywood Production Workshop and Theology in Hollywood, focusing on the role of film in culture and the relationship of faith to work in this very influential industry. In addition, students choose one elective course from a variety of offerings in film studies. Internships in various segments of the film industry provide students with hands-on experience. The combination of the internship and seminars allows students to explore the film industry within a Christian context and from a liberal arts perspective. Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Middle East Studies Program (MESP)**

Based in Cairo, Egypt, this program offers students a unique opportunity to explore and interact with the complex and strategically important world of the modern Middle East. Students explore diverse religious, social, cultural and political traditions of Middle Eastern peoples through interdisciplinary seminars. They also study the Arabic language and may work as

volunteers with various organizations in Cairo. Through travel in the region (typically Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Turkey), students are exposed to the diversity and dynamism of the local culture. At a time of tension and change in the Middle East, MESP encourages and equips students to relate to the Muslim, Eastern Christian and Jewish worlds in an informed, constructive and Christ-centered manner. Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Russian Studies Program (RSP)**

RSP strives to give students a broad learning experience in the largest nation in the world. RSP students are exposed to the depth and diversity of Russian culture through encounters with the Federation's three largest cities: Moscow, St. Petersburg and Nizhni Novgorod. Students are offered three seminar courses (entitled History and Sociology of Religion in Russia; Russian Peoples, Culture and Literature; and Russia in Transition), and receive instruction in the Russian language, choosing either four or six semester hours of language coursework. For those choosing four hours of Russian, a seminar course, International Relations and Business in Russia, is available. The majority of the semester is spent in Nizhni Novgorod, where students complete intensive language instruction, participate in service learning and live with a Russian family. Additionally, students study in Moscow, the heart of both medieval and modern Russia, and the intriguing city of St. Petersburg, the Russian "window to the West." Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **The Scholars' Semester in Oxford (SSO)**

The Scholars' Semester in Oxford is designed for students who want to study intensively and to a high standard. Students develop their academic writing and research skills and explore the disciplines and interests of their choice. As Visiting Students of Oxford University and members of Wycliffe Hall, students study in the oldest university in the English speaking world. SSO students enroll in a primary and secondary tutorial, an integrative seminar (or thesis in the case of second term students), and the British landscape course. Students group their work in a concentration so that all elements of their programme work together. SSO is designed for students interested in classics, English language and literature, theology and the study of religion, philosophy, and history, though all majors may apply. Applicants are generally honors and other very high-achieving students and must have a 3.5 GPA to be considered for the programme. Students earn 17 semester hours of credit for a semester and may complete two semesters of the programme. *This program*

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### **Uganda Studies Program (USP)**

The Uganda Studies Program provides students with both immersion in a local community and broad exposure to a variety of people and places in Uganda and Rwanda. Students in the Uganda Studies Emphasis (USE) live on campus at Uganda Christian University (an international affiliate of the CCCU), sharing their lives with university students from Uganda and other parts of Africa. Students in the Intercultural Ministry & Missions Emphasis (IMME) live with host families within walking distance of the university. All USP students take classes from UCU professors and share meals with UCU students. These relationships give students a first hand perspective as they explore issues such as poverty, aid and missions, and as they seek to reconcile the realities of East Africa with their Christian faith. Students also spend time in Rwanda and rural Uganda. In addition to the core experiential course, students will choose from an approved selection of courses from the UCU Honours College to earn up to 16 hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Washington Journalism Center (WJC)**

The Washington Journalism Center (WJC) is a semester-long study program in Washington, D.C., created for students interested in the field of journalism. While in Washington students take classes focusing on their personal writing skills and on the history and future of the media. These classes—Foundations for Media Involvement; Reporting in Washington; and Washington, News and Public Discourse—combined with an internship at a top news publication help students learn to integrate their faith in a journalism career. Students also participate in service learning opportunities as part of the WJC experience. Students earn 16 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

### **Oxford Summer Programme (OSP)**

The Oxford Summer Programme (OSP) allows students, as affiliate members of Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford, to do intensive scholarship in the oldest university in the English speaking world. During the five-week programme, students hone their research and writing skills and delve into the areas that interest them most while exploring the relationship between Christianity and the development of the British Isles. Seminars and tutorials are given on specialized topics under expert Oxford academics in the areas of English language and literature, history, including the

history of art and history of science, philosophy, and theology and the study of religion. The programme is structured for rising college sophomores, juniors, and seniors, graduate and seminary students, non-traditional students, teachers, and those enrolled in continuing education programs. Students earn 6 semester hours of credit. *This program is sponsored by The Master's College & Seminary.*

### **Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Program**

#### **Air Force ROTC (AFROTC)**

AFROTC offers a variety of two-, three- and four-year scholarships, some of which pay the full cost of tuition, books, and fees. Successful completion of as little as four semesters of AFROTC academic classes and leadership laboratories can lead to a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Classes consist of one hour of academics and two hours of laboratory for freshman and sophomores; three hours of academics and two hours of laboratory for juniors and seniors. AFROTC cadets under scholarship and all juniors and seniors receive a monthly tax-free stipend and a textbook allowance. No military commitment is incurred until entering the last two years of the program (Professional Officer Course) or accepting an AFROTC scholarship.

Aerospace Studies classes and Leadership Laboratories are conducted at various times during the week on the campuses of LMU, USC, and UCLA. For more information, contact the Department of Aerospace Studies (AFROTC) at one of the following universities: LMU at (310) 338-2770, USC at (213) 740-2670, or UCLA at (310) 825-1742.

#### **Army ROTC (AROTC)**

AROTC is a program that enables students to become officers in the U.S. Army, Army Reserves, or Army National Guard while earning a college degree. The curriculum supplements students' academic majors by offering elective courses ranging from leadership and management to military law. Courses are augmented with leadership laboratories that stress practical skills such as first aid, land navigation, survival techniques, rappelling, military tactics, and scenario-driven leadership reaction courses.

Scholarships are available for two, three, and four years of academic study and are awarded on a competitive basis.

Students may select a branch of the Army in which to be commissioned from 16 specialty fields, including military intelligence, aviation, signal communications, finance, logistics, nursing, and engineering. Prior to completion of the ROTC program, students may

request to go on active duty or serve part-time in the Army Reserves or National Guard. For more information, contact AROTC at (818) 677-7855 or (310) 825-7381.