

Online Learning Catalog

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The Master's College Online allows conservative evangelical believers worldwide to experience the academic excellence and spiritual influence consistent with the college's on-campus programs. A variety of baccalaureate-level Biblical Studies and General Education courses are available in a fully online learning community taught by TMC faculty from a distinctively biblical worldview. The Master's College Online provides transferrable courses and a Bible Certificate to complement on-campus degree programs at TMC or other universities. Both for-credit and audit enrollment options exist to enrich local church membership and equip individuals for church ministry.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Individuals who could benefit from TMC Online classes include prospective undergraduate students, the college's currently enrolled students, academically strong 11th and 12th grade high school students, and students needing selected general education courses for transfer purposes. Church members desiring a rigorous study of the scriptures and college-age international students being mentored by a missionary will also find TMC Online courses to be an excellent equipping resource, whether taken for credit or audit.

ONLINE COURSE FORMAT

TMC Online courses are delivered through Joule, an online learning community, complete with streaming video and podcasts, PDF handouts, Power Point slides, and interactive discussion forums. All course assignments are delivered and submitted weekly via the course home page, and exams are taken fully online. Online courses are accelerated to an eight week format and therefore require logging in frequently and consistently (daily is recommended) for the student to succeed.

AVAILABLE COURSES

All courses are given in semester units. The number below represents the unit load of each course; this is the amount of baccalaureate credit a student will receive per course. The following courses are now available.

Biblical Studies:

B101	Old Testament Survey I.....	3
B102	Old Testament Survey II.....	3
B201	New Testament Survey I	3
B202	New Testament Survey II	3
B342	Romans	3
B346	Life of Christ	3
BC300	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BTH321	Christian Theology I	3
BTH322	Christian Theology II	3

General Education:

E110	English Composition	3
E211	English Literature I	3
LS200	Foundations of Science.....	3
MU190	Introduction to Music & Art.....	3
MA240	Critical Thinking & Problem Solving..	3
P311	Introduction to Philosophy.....	3
POL220	U.S. Government	3

ENROLLMENT OPTIONS

Courses can be taken for credit to receive baccalaureate-level semester units or audit which is an ungraded, non-credit option. All new students must go through the TMC Online admissions process, or be accepted to one of the TMC degree programs. Admission to the TMC Online program does not necessarily guarantee future admission to the College's undergraduate programs, but the educational experience can be a great segue for being full-time enrollment in TMC's degree programs. Current students may register for online courses during their normal semesters or as post session (e.g. during summer break) with the help of their academic advisor

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In order to be admitted to TMC Online, the applicant must (at minimum) have completed the tenth grade of high school. He or she must be able to give a clear, one or two page written personal testimony explaining the basis of his or her salvation with hope of eternal life with scriptural support. All applicants must be in general agreement with doctrinal position of the College, and be in consistent attendance at a local church. In addition, the applicant must submit a Pastoral Reference and official transcripts from the most recently attended school or university.

If the course is being taken for credit, exam proctoring may be required. Student with a proctored

exam requirement must submit a Proctored Testing Agreement Form signed by an approved proctor. For exams requiring proctoring, the student will be responsible to schedule a time with their proctor to take a test during the week it is assigned. The proctor will monitor the student in the taking of tests to make sure that test procedures are being followed.

The TMC Online application materials are available on the website
(www.masters.edu/admissions/onlineeducation)

Application materials can be sent to:

The Master's College Online
21726 Placerita Canyon Road
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

COURSE ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES

Accepted applicants will receive a username and password and instructions for registering on MasterNet (www.masters.edu/masternet). A TMC email account will also be provided for all correspondence pertaining to registration and classes. On or before the course start date, all registered students will be sent course home page access. Streaming video lectures or podcasts are built into the course web pages so the student can access them at any time. If the student cannot use the streaming video because of system limitations, a DVD set may be purchased. Once the course begins, students should plan to spend approximately ten to fifteen hours per week completing the required scheduled activities, which may include viewing lectures, completing assignments, and participating in discussion forums and group projects.

The audit student will be expected to watch the lectures according to the course schedule on the Joule website, and they are encouraged to participate in threaded discussions with their classmates and instructor. They can complete the class reading and assignments on an ungraded basis if they desire, but they will not have access to exams. Audit students should generally expect a workload of approximately four hours of video lectures per week.

TRANSFERRING COURSES

The Master's College Online courses are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and can be transferred to other universities

as baccalaureate-level semester credit. Each school has unique policies for what curriculum is required and which courses they will accept for transfer. The Master's College Online cannot guarantee that courses will fulfill curriculum requirement at any other university and recommends that the student check with the university's Registrar before enrolling to determine if our courses fulfill their requirements. This can easily be done by sending them the catalog course descriptions found here or on the website. (www.masters.edu/academics/onlineeducation/course-descriptions).

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BIBLICAL STUDIES

B101, B102 Old Testament Survey (3,3)

An introduction to the entire Old Testament, employing both thematic and exegetical methods. Literary structure, historical background, and parallel passages are also utilized to discover the unique and priceless lessons of each book. The first course surveys Genesis through Samuel, and the second covers Kings through Malachi.

B201, B202 New Testament Survey (3,3)

An introduction to the books of the New Testament, with special emphasis on the life, teachings, and redemptive work of Christ, the founding and growth of the church, and the teachings of the Epistles and Revelation. On the basis of the biblical text, parallel readings, projects and lectures, the events and messages of the New Testament will be portrayed against their historical and cultural setting. The first course surveys the Gospels and Acts, while the second is devoted to the Epistles and Revelation.

BTH321 Christian Theology I (3)

A survey of Christian theology in the areas of God (Theology Proper), the Bible (Bibliology), angels (Angelology) including Satan and demons, Christ (Christology), and the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology).

BTH 322 Christian Theology II (3)

A survey of Christian theology in the areas of humanity (Anthropology), sin (Hamartiology), salvation (Soteriology), the church (Ecclesiology), and last things (Eschatology).

B340 Biblical Interpretation (3)

An analysis of how to study and understand Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on the vital methods

used to apply a passage, and the specific rules used to interpret biblical narratives, poetry, parables, and prophecy.

B342 Romans (3)

An analysis emphasizing the great soteriological themes, including sin, justification, sanctification, glorification and an investigation of the practical implication of these doctrines.

B346 Life of Christ (3)

A thorough overview of the life of Jesus Christ on earth, with special attention to the developing emphases and distinctive purposes that prevailed during our Lord's public ministry. Theological and chronological difficulties are also considered.

BC300 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3)

A general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling. Students will discuss what biblical counseling is and what it involves, the role of the counselor in biblical counseling, the different kinds of counseling that are needed, the place of counseling in the ministry of the church, how biblical counseling theory and practice relate to and differ from some of the more common secular models and theories. Part of the course will involve a personal improvement project in which the student will evaluate his/her own counseling qualifications, design a plan for improving some area of his/her life, put that plan into action and then evaluate his/her progress as the course draws to a close.

GENERAL EDUCATION

E110 English Composition (3)

Instruction and supervised practice in the techniques of effective written expression, with emphasis on analytical reading and writing of expository prose. Includes one or more researched and documented essays. (Fulfills the general education requirement for writing competency.)

E211 English Literature I (3)

A chronological survey of the development of English literature, with emphasis on the major writers; some attention to the parallel developments in history, language, religion, and culture. First semester: Anglo-Saxon period through the Neoclassical period.

H211, 212 World History I, II (3,3)

A broad two-semester survey integrating important geographical, intellectual, cultural, social, political, and economic developments within the world's major

civilizations from the earliest times to the 17th century in the first semester and from the 17th century to present in the second semester.

H228 U.S. History Comprehensive (3)

A broad survey integrating significant political, economic, geographical, social, and cultural developments from colonial times to the present.

MU190 Introduction to Music and Art (3)

This course surveys the history of music and art in Western civilization from the Middle Ages to the present. The student will be introduced to the main styles and forms of the day, as well as the primary artists and composers and their work for each major stylistic period. The course also includes a segment of humnology, a visit to The Getty Center, and attendance at three concerts.

POL220 United States Government (3)

A survey of American institutions and processes. Included are such topics as the Constitution, federalism, Congress, the presidency, judiciary, and civil rights.

P311 Introduction to Philosophy (3)

A survey of the field of philosophy: its vocabulary, aims and purposes; the great systems of speculative thought; the leading thinkers.

LS200 Foundations of Science (3)

An introduction to the history, development and influence of science on the other academic disciplines. The impact of science on patterns of thought and society in general will also be addressed. How science functions today in various disciplines, how it has functioned historically and what it can and cannot produce as an outcome will be emphasized.

MA240 Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (3)

This course empowers students to use the tools of math to understand the 'what' the 'why' and the 'wherefore' of the universe around them. This course focuses on facilitating quantitative reasoning ability, thinking logically and critically, and how to provide accurate information to supply a basis for analysis of new information and the making of wise decisions.

Online Bible Certificate Program

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The Master's College offers an intensive Bible certificate program designed to give students a deeper understanding of God's Word and aid the church in equipping individuals for ministry. Providing students with the opportunity to build a solid foundation on the Word of God, the TMC Online curriculum offers a systematic study of the Bible and Theology in a flexible online learning environment.

Through the Online Bible Certificate, students gain a practical working knowledge of God's Word and the ability to express that knowledge. In addition to solid Bible training, upon completion of the Bible Certificate, two additional opportunities are available. First, a student may transfer the equivalent of one year of units into the baccalaureate program at The Master's College to complete a bachelor's degree. Second, the coursework is transferable to any other Christian college since The Master's College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

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Electives include the following courses and other as they are developed

B313 Gospel of John (3)

An expository treatment of this important Gospel for the purpose of bringing out the great message of the book. Special attention is given to theological and Christological content, along with practical truths.

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