

## **Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry (MAPTM)**

The BUA MAPTM degree offers a classical graduate theological education with practical ministry applications. This degree equips students with the required essential knowledge in biblical, historical, theological, and practical ministry studies to meet the challenges of servant leadership and ministry in our current global environment.

Graduates of the MAPTM degree will be equipped to serve as a senior or associate pastor, church staff minister, denominational minister, in a non-profit organization staff role, some chaplaincy services, or in a diverse para-church ministry capacity. In addition, the MAPTM degree will serve to enhance the academic foundation necessary to pursue further university and/or seminary training.

All courses in the MAPTM may be transferable for those seeking further university and/or seminary training (e.g. M.Div.), according to anticipated receiving institution regulations and or policies. Students transferring from other institutions are required to take at least 18 hours at BUA in order to earn MAPTM. All students are required to take the following courses with an asterisk below as a prerequisite for graduation.

### **Master of Arts in Practical Theology and Ministry (36 hours)**

#### **Required Core Courses**

- BIBL 5301: Survey of Hebrew Scripture, Part I (Genesis-Esther) (3hrs.)
- BIBL 5302: Survey of Hebrew Scripture, Part II (Job-Malachi) (3 hrs.)
- BIBL 5303: Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part I (Matthew-Acts) (3 hrs.)
- BIBL 5304: Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part II (Romans-Revelation) (3 hrs.)
- BIBL 5305: Hermeneutics\* (3 hrs.)
- THEO 5301: Theological Foundations\* (3 hrs.)
- THEO 5302: Systematic Theology\* (3 hrs.)
- THEO 5303: Biblical Ethics: The Kingdom of God\* (3 hrs.)
- MNST 5301: Pedagogy\* (3hrs.)
- LEAD 5301: Effective Spiritual Leadership/Internship\* (3 hrs.)

#### **Electives: Practical Theology and Ministry) (6 hrs.)**

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**Total Program 36 hrs.**

**\*Full Time Tuition & Fees for 9 hrs. = \$3,490**

## **Sequence of Courses**

### **Fall 2022**

- BIBL 5301: A Survey of Hebrew Scriptures, Part I (Genesis – Esther)
- THEO 5301: Theological Foundations
- THEO 5303: Biblical Ethics: The Kingdom of God

### **Spring 2023**

- BIBL 5303: A Survey of Hebrew Scriptures, Part II (Job – Malachi)
- THEO 5302: Systematic Theology
- BIBL 5305: Hermeneutics

### **Fall 2023**

- BIBL 5302: A Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part I (Matthew – Acts)
- MNST 5301: Pedagogy
- Elective: MNST 5302-5206 (3 hrs.)

### **Spring 2024**

- BIBL 5304: A Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part II (Romans – Revelation)
- LEAD 5301: Effective Spiritual Leadership
- Elective: MNST 5302-5306 (3 hrs.)

## **Admission Requirements and Process**

1. Application form
2. Two personal references
3. Pastor's recommendation (If the applicant is the pastor, please submit a recommendation from a church leader)
4. Application fee
5. Official (BA) transcript(s) from Accredited Institution(s)
6. Personal Statement. A student will write a 750-1000 word (reflective essay) on his/her call to ministry. Personal Interview if needed.
7. International students—need to take the TOFEL or similar tests for language proficiency, unless the student graduated from an English-speaking university.

## Graduation Requirements

In order to graduate, a student must complete the curriculum within a six-year period with GPA of 3.0 or better of the total 36 credit hours for the degree, as certified by the Dean of Academic Affairs. The student must have his financial account with the school cleared before graduation date, as certified by the Director of Finance and Administration. **Students transferring from other institutions are required to take at least 18 hours at BUA in order to earn the MAPTM.** All students are required to take the following courses below, as a prerequisite for graduation.

BIBL 5305: Hermeneutics\* (3 hrs.)

THEO 5301: Theological Foundations\* (3 hrs.)

THEO 5302: Systematic Theology\* (3 hrs.)

THEO 5303: Biblical Ethics: The Kingdom of God\* (3 hrs.)

MNST 5301: Pedagogy\* (3hrs.)

LEAD 5301: Effective Spiritual Leadership\* (3 hrs.)

A student's GPA will only reflect courses taken at BUA. Students pursuing a MA degree must fulfill two semester credits in the Christian Service Program (CSP). The CSP is comprised of approximately one hour per week (10-12 ministry service experiences in a semester). This will fulfill the requirement for graduation and provide authorization by the Board of Trustees, for the conferral of diplomas.

The following objectives support the stated purpose for students:

- 1. Christian Character:** The student is to adopt a lifestyle of service in the name of Jesus Christ by meeting human and organizational needs.
- 2. Inter-Cultural Competence:** The student is to learn to serve everyone regardless of diversity or differences.
- 3. Content Knowledge and Skills:** The student is to demonstrate classroom knowledge, skills, values, and principles learned in the classroom in service to others.

## Spiritual Formation

If in San Antonio, students will find numerous activities and programs to help them grow in their spiritual journey. They will enjoy a campus environment where fellow Christians study, dine together, participate in intramural sports, dialogue, and engage in daily fellowship with other students, faculty, and staff. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in evangelism efforts, the Rollins Lecture Series, worship service celebrated during the chapel hour, to serve in mission projects in the San Antonio area and beyond, and leadership roles in local churches.

## **Internship**

Internship is a graduation requirement for the master's program. The goal of this requirement is for students to apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes learned in their programs of study through practical experiences in those programs. Systematic meetings with the faculty member and/or field supervisors provide a forum for discussion, feedback, and reflection upon those experiences. The internship is for one 16-week semester or eight (8)-weeks for the summer term. The Internship is a partial requirement for the successful completion of the course LEAD 5301: Effective Spiritual Leadership.

## **MAPTM Course Descriptions**

All courses are identified with abbreviation and a four-digit number. The first digit indicates the Post-graduate level, the second digit is the number of hours in the classroom, and the last two digits are program identification numbers. Courses will be taught from the realization that the students are/or will be leaders in the church; therefore, special attention is given to the design of program outcomes that fosters a growing relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

### **BIBL 5301: Survey of Hebrew Scriptures, Part I (Genesis – Esther) (3hrs.)**

An introduction to the ancient Near Eastern milieu focusing on the canon of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), and the contents of Genesis-Esther with emphasis on their historical setting, their theological significance, and their contemporary applications.

### **BIBL 5302: Survey of Hebrew Scriptures, Part II (Job – Malachi) (3hrs.)**

An introduction to the ancient Near Eastern milieu focusing on the canon of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), and the contents of Job-Malachi with emphasis on their historical setting, their theological significance, and their contemporary applications.

### **BIBL 5303: Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part I (Matthew – Acts) (3hrs.)**

An introduction to the Jewish, Greco-Roman milieu, focusing on the canon of the Christian Scriptures (New Testament), and the contents of Matthew-Acts with emphasis on their historical setting, their theological significance, and their contemporary applications.

### **BIBL 5304: A Survey of Greek Scriptures, Part II (Romans – Revelation) (3hrs.)**

An introduction to the Jewish, Greco-Roman milieu, focusing on the canon of the Christian Scriptures (New Testament), and the contents of Romans-Revelation with emphasis on their historical setting, their theological significance, and their contemporary applications.

**BIBL 5305: Hermeneutics (3hrs.)**

An introduction to the field of Hermeneutics, with emphasis on the transmission of the Scriptures as well as the principles and procedures of their interpretation and application for teaching and preaching.

**LEAD 5301: Effective Spiritual Leadership (Internship) (3hrs.)**

A biblical exploration of leadership based on the teachings and model of Jesus Christ, with an emphasis on the qualities and practices of effective spiritual leadership.

**MNST 5301: Pedagogy (3hrs.)**

An introduction to different pedagogical learning styles and cultural assumptions necessary for the development of skills to follow the educational aspect of Paul's example of "being all things to all people so that some may be saved."

**MNST 5302: Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3 hrs.)**

An introduction to basic issues in the intersection between faith and reason. The course will provide an introduction on the use of logic in apologetics and special attention to the nature of God, the definition of faith, religious epistemology, the human nature, the human mind, and divine providence.

**THEO 5301: Theological Foundations (3 hrs.)**

An introduction to the world of theology, with special emphasis in the history of theology, including major theologians, and in the study of theological method and the articulation of theology, past and present.

**THEO 5302: Systematic Theology (3 hrs.)**

An exploration of the major Christian doctrines from a Systematic perspective with special attention to the particular content, history, and controversies of each doctrine, as well as its contemporary and contextual expressions. In addition, students will also have the opportunity to reflect from the perspective of their own denominational traditions.

**THEO 5303: Biblical Ethics: The Kingdom of God (3 hrs.)**

A biblical and theological exploration of the virtue approach of ethics, grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ, with special emphasis on the kingdom of God as it relates to social issues.