

**Concentration in Theology**

- Graduate Religion Core courses
- The balance of courses to be taken from 600 level courses in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry

<b>COURSE #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>.UNITS</b>
THE 647	Contemporary Theology and Ethics	.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>.36</b>

**Concentration in Biblical Studies**

- Graduate Religion Core courses
- Competency in a Biblical language
- One course outside of Bible taken from 600 level courses in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry
- The balance of courses to be taken from 600 level courses in Bible

**Master of Ministry**

The Master of Ministry is a professional degree designed for the active minister who desires additional academic development leading to a master’s degree focusing on Christian ministry.

The program for the degree consists of eight basic courses combined with elective Master of Ministry courses (675 and 685) and/or other electives chosen from 600 level courses in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry for a total of 36 semester units. All elective courses must be approved by the program director.

**VISION STATEMENT**

The purpose of this degree is to provide a program in academic and professional ministry competencies that is rooted in the classic theological disciplines and engaged with contemporary life, resulting in leadership skills in the formation of character in Christian communities. The desired outcome is the integration of theology and ministry culminating in graduates who are “practical thinkers and thinking practioners.” The program builds on basic prerequisites in undergraduate work and professional experience and provides education intended to lead to lifelong learning for the active minister.

The following eight courses are team taught by guest lecturers, professionals in their respective fields, along with faculty from the the School of Theology and Christian Ministry and other appropriate academic departments of the University.

**REQUIRED COURSES**

<b>COURSE #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>.UNITS</b>
CMI 612	The Life of the Minister	.3

CMI 622	Communicating the Gospel	.3
CMI 632	The Old Testament in the Christian Pulpit	.3
CMI 642	The New Testament and Ministry	.3
CMI 652	The Christian Faith	.3
CMI 662	Worship, Leadership and Liturgy	.3
CMI 672	Contemporary Ministry	.3
CMI 682	Stewardship and Management in Ministry	.3
<b>Total</b>		<b>.24</b>

**ELECTIVES**

<b>COURSE #</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>.UNITS</b>
CMI 675	Theology and Christian Ministry	.3
CMI 685	Bible and Christian Ministry	.3

*Electives may be repeated.*

**PREREQUISITES**

Completion of an acceptable undergraduate degree from an accredited institution plus the completion of one year of full-time Christian ministry in a local church setting.

Students should read carefully the general regulations concerning admission to a graduate program at Point Loma Nazarene University and the basic requirements for graduate degrees that appear in this *Graduate Catalog*.

**Graduate Bible Courses**

**BIB 670 (3) CONTEMPORARY PREACHING**

The use of the Bible for preaching today. Alt.\*

**BIB 696 (3) INTRODUCTION TO ISRAELITE HISTORY AND THE HEBREW BIBLE**

An introduction to the history of Israel from the early Iron Age into the Hellenistic period, with special attention to its place within Syro-Palestinian material culture and history, and the relationship of this history to the content and history of composition of the Hebrew Bible.

**BIB 697 (3) INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ORIGINS AND THE NEW TESTAMENT**

An introduction to the early Jesus movement and the diversity of Christian origins within the social-historical context of the Greco-Roman world and their relationship to documents that later became the New Testament. Alt. +

**Master of Ministry Courses**

**CMI 612 (3) THE LIFE OF THE MINISTER**

A study of factors that occur in the life of the minister. The study could include psychological profiles, stress factors, family life issues or relationships. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 622 (3) COMMUNICATING THE GOSPEL**

Aspects of public speaking, learning theory, writing, the minister as prophet, priest, and king, the reading of Scripture, and the proclamation of scriptural holiness. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 632 (3) THE OLD TESTAMENT IN THE****CHRISTIAN PULPIT**

The proclamation of the Old Testament. The literature and theology of the Old Testament are utilized in developing a perspective for ministry. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 642 (3) THE NEW TESTAMENT AND MINISTRY**

The New Testament, its literature and theology, will be explored as a resource for ministry. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 652 (3) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH**

Examination of one or more significant doctrines, persons, or historical movements with particular application for contemporary ministry. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 662 (3) WORSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND LITURGY**

Aspects of corporate worship and renewal, spiritual formation, models and theology of leadership, sociology of groups, community resources, and pastoral counseling. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 672 (3) CONTEMPORARY MINISTRY**

An analysis of demographic, social and cultural factors impacting ministry, with attention to pastoral care and church growth including ethnic diversity, urbanization, evangelism, and missions. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 675 (3) THEOLOGY AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

Selected topics relating to theological understanding and ministry. Designed for the Master of Ministry student. May be repeated.

**CMI 682 (3) STEWARDSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN MINISTRY**

The principles of finance as they relate to pastoral involvement in church and life, church budgeting, fund raising, building financing, family budgeting and long-range financial planning. Designed for the Master of Ministry student.

**CMI 685 (3) BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN MINISTRY**

Selected topics relating to Biblical interpretation and ministry. Designed for the Master of Ministry student. May be repeated.

**CMI 690 (1-4) SPECIAL STUDIES**

Selected studies in an area of Christian ministry. Permission of the Dean is required. May be repeated up to eight units.

## Graduate Religion Courses

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**GRE 600 (3) RESEARCH METHODS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Graduate level instruction in the scholarly methods used in the study of religion.

**GRE 690 (1-4) SPECIAL STUDIES**

Selected studies in an area of Religion. Permission of the Dean is required. May be repeated for up to nine units.

**GRE 691 (1-3) TOPICS IN RELIGION**

Selected topics in the graduate study of Religion. By permission of the Dean. May be repeated for a total of 15 units.

**GRE 699 (4) THESIS**

Credit granted for the completion of an acceptable thesis. Permission of the Dean, who also approves the Thesis Committee membership, is required.

## Graduate Theology Courses

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**THE 645 (3) THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT I**

A study of the development of Christian thought from the apostolic fathers to the beginnings of the Reformation. Alt.\*

**THE 646 (3) THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN THOUGHT II**

A study of the development of Christian thought from the Reformation to the twentieth century. Alt.\*

**THE 647 (3) CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY AND ETHICS**

A study of selected contemporary Christian theologians, ethicists and themes. Alt.+

**THE 695 (3) SEMINAR IN WESLEYAN THEOLOGY**

A study of the Wesleyan theological heritage from John Wesley's antecedents to present developments in the tradition. Alt.+

## Courses Designed for the Graduate Level

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Courses numbered at the 400-level in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry may be approved as electives (Graduate Religion 691) by the Dean. Graduate students taking such courses must meet higher qualitative and quantitative standards in order for the course to qualify for graduate credit.