ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

In line with our mission, the Seminary considers each degree program holistically with academic expectations, spiritual formation, ministry practice, and inter-cultural experiences.

Our field education is multifaceted. It varies from actual internship experience in the field to a vocational discernment process to reflection modules. See each degree program for specific requirements.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (MACF)

The forty-eight (48) credit hour MACF degree (plus seven credit hours of field education) focuses on Christian formation against a backdrop of selected foundational subjects and Christian Formation/Ministry electives. The MACF is designed to equip men and women for leadership in positions related to Christian formation in congregations. It may lead to Ordination to Word and Service in the Evangelical Covenant Church. Learning outcomes for the degree include the following:

- Interpret Scripture with historical and theological integrity in relation to Christian formation.
- Convey the Christian tradition for appropriation in the life and mission of the Church.
- Articulate the significance for ministry of educational, organizational, and spiritual models and theories of Christian formation.
- Demonstrate a theologically grounded ministerial identity and growing capacity to integrate it with the ministry of Christian formation.
- Engage diversity and exhibit growth towards intercultural competence for ministry reflective of God's global redemptive work.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Master of Arts in Christian Formation degree is awarded to students who:

- Complete all Vocational and Spiritual Formation for Leadership evaluations and receive approval by faculty vote.
- 2. Complete the required 48 semester hours of academic course work, plus 7 field education credit hours.
- 3. Maintain a grade point average of 2.5. No grade under C- shall be counted toward the degree.
- 4. Exemplify a quality of life and commitment suitable for ministry.

- 5. Rectify all incomplete grades no later than week seven of the semester in which they plan to graduate.
- 6. Fulfill all financial obligations to the Seminary.
- 7. Complete the degree program within seven (7) years from the time of matriculation.

Bible | 12 credit hours

BIBL 5210 Old Testament 1: Pentateuch and Interpretation BIBL 5220 Old Testament 2: Prophets and Preaching Legacy OR

BIBL 5230 Old Testament 3: Wisdom and Israel's Praise BIBL 5240 New Testament 1: The Texts and Their World BIBL 5250 New Testament 2: The Texts and Their Theology

History | 3 credit hours

HSTY 5210 Christian History 1: The Early Church to the Early Reformation (1-16c)

Theology | 3 credit hours

THEO 5110 Christian Theology

Spiritual Formation | 3 credit hours

SPFM 5201 Journey: The Story of Our Lives SPFM 5211 Intercultural Spirituality: Praying Together SPFM Spiritual Formation Elective

Foundations in Christian Ministry | 9 credit hours

CEDF 5100 Christian Education and Formation in the Church MNST 5108 Ministry Identity and Practice THEO 5120 Christian Worship

CEDF and MNST Electives | 9 credit hours

Students must take a combination of Christian Education and Formation and Ministry courses with at least one three credit course from each field.

Cultural Diversity Elective | 3 credit hours

Student selects one course from the following:

BIBL 6290 Intercultural Readings of the Bible

MNST 5110 Religions and Cultures

MNST 6125 Issues of Christian Faith in the Americas

MNST 6130 The Gospel in Asian Context

MNST 6135 Experiencing African Christianity

MNST 6140 Experiencing Global Christianity

MNST 6151 Cultural Dimensions of Mission

MNST 6152 Rethinking Mission: Lessons From Christian Art, History & Practice

MNST 6352 Journey to Mosaic

MNST 6401 Sankofa: Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation

THEO 5140 Advanced Seminar in Theology: Black Faith Matters

On occasion, a 7190 Topics course which is not offered on a regular basis will fulfill an area requirement.

Denominational Elective | 3 credit hours

Students seeking ECC ordination are encouraged to take HSTY 6300 History and Theology of the Covenant Church (3 credit hours). Students from a denomination other than the Evangelical Covenant Church may take a course in their home denomination's history, theology, and polity. Such courses may be taken through cross-registration at another school in the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, or as an independent study with North Park faculty. Students not seeking ordination in any denomination may substitute any class by petition.

General Elective | 3 credit hours Total Credit Hours for the Degree | 48 credit hours

Students are required to take 17 credit hours in residence at the main campus. Students are recommended for graduation when all requirements are fulfilled for the degree.

FIELD EDUCATION

Field education may be completed prior to, during, or post course completion for the MACF degree. The experiences designated as field education will be awarded seven (7) credit hours in addition to the forty- eight (48) credit hours required for the MACF degree.

FLDC 5300 Vocational Excellence

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7310 Internship Residency

4 credit hours toward field education requirements

FLDC 7315 Cultural Competency Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

FLDC 7318 Theological Reflection Module

1 credit hour toward field education requirements

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BIBL 5210	Old Testament 1: Pentateuch	
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HSTY 5210	Christian History 1: The Early Church	
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SPFM 5201	Journey: The Story of Our Lives	1
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective	3
FLDC 5300	Vocational Excellence	1
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CEDF 5100	Christian Education and Formation			
	in the Church 3			
	Total 3 academic			
Year One: Spring Semester				
BIBL 5240	New Testament 1: The Texts and			
	Their World			
THEO 5110	Christian Theology			
SPFM 5211	Intercultural Spirituality:			
	Praying Together			
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or			
	Ministry Electives			
	Total 10 academic			
Year Two: Fall Semester				
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	Preaching Legacy 3)			
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	Israel's Praise 3)			
THEO 5120	Christian Worship			
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or			
	Ministry Electives			
SPFM	Spiritual Formation Elective			
	General or Cultural Diversity Elective 3			
FLDC 7315	Cultural Competency Module 1			
	Total 13 academic, 1 field education			
Year Two: January Term				
MNST 5108	Ministry Identity and Practice			
	Total 3 academic			
Year Two: Spring Semester	•			
BIBL 5250	New Testament 2: The Texts and			
	Their Theology			
CEDF/MNST	Christian Formation or			
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