

17. Master of Arts in Mission (MA-M)

This program can also be completed by taking courses solely in the evening and Saturday. For pastoral enhancement, it can also be completed by taking courses solely in English.

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Mission degree program aims to equip students in carrying out and supporting mission work in other countries as well as in their home countries. After completion, students would acquire: i) the capacity for critical and constructive theological reflection regarding the mission ministry and on the relation between Christian faith and the life of people of other cultures; ii) capabilities in the design, implementation, and assessment of a holistic mission ministry encompassing proclamation, diakonia, sensitivity to cultural differences, and advocacy for social justice; iii) an understanding of the various disciplines that undergird mission ministry; and iv) growth in personal and spiritual maturity and in the ability to be a witness for Christ in this world.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least one year prior to application for study; iii) previous experience in relation to the mission work of the churches or mission organizations; iv) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; v) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

i) Core Courses

credits

OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
CT1000 Introduction to Christian Ethics	3
MC1000 Introduction to Missiology	3
DM2009 Dogmatics (Module A)	3
DK2019/CH2016 Diaconal Theology and Practices in History	3
MC3009/PT3010 Cultural Exploration and Mission*	3
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subtotal	21

ii) Guided Electives on Missiology (MC)/Religion and Culture (RC)

4 courses 12

iii) Free Electives

3 courses 9

Total Credits Required for Graduation 42

- * Students from Hong Kong are required to participate in the Cultural Exploration and Mission trip, while participation by students from abroad is recommended. The expenses incurred in/ related to the trip should be borne by students. Students who cannot participate in the Cultural Exploration and Mission trip are required to take an elective instead.

d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-M program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

Conditions	Credit Exemption
i) graduate of graduate certificate or graduate diploma or a master's degree programs in the Theological Education by Extension	a maximum of half of the earned credits with a grade of 'B+' or above
ii) a bachelor's degree holder with a major in Christianity	a maximum of 18 credits on the foundational theological training

e. Duration

This program requires two academic years if taking courses at all times; four academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

f. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

g. Further Study

If a MA-M degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program at LTS, or for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program with a Bachelor of Theology degree, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.

If a MA-M degree holder continues to study for the Master of Arts program in a specific emphasis (MA-CC/MA-CS/MA-SD/MA-D) or Master of Arts in Theology (MA-T) program at LTS, a maximum of 18 or 21 credits can be exempted respectively.