MA in Christian Leadership (MACL)

Locations: ● Dallas ● Houston ● DC ● Extensions ◐ Online

Hours: 66 Languages: English

PURPOSE:

The Master of Arts in Christian Leadership degree program is designed to provide graduate-level biblical and theological education to prepare students for organizational leadership roles in a wide variety of ministry settings. The training prepares students to assume leadership positions in church, parachurch, missions, and marketplace contexts.

Goals

In addition to the goals common to all professional degree programs at the seminary (please refer to the Professional Master of Arts Degrees section of this catalog), students in this program will be able to:

- develop a biblical philosophy of Christian leadership;
- appraise the leadership needs of an organization;
- design a leadership development plan for an organization; and
- demonstrate transformational leadership skills within an organization.

Course Requirements

Sixty-six credit hours of coursework are required as a minimum for graduation. Of those hours, 22 are in prescribed Bible Exposition courses, 18 hours are in prescribed Systematic Theology courses, 3 are in the Christian Life and Witness course, 18 are in leadership and related courses from the Division of Ministries and Communication, 1 is in Orientation and Research Methods, and 3 hours are in Ministry Formation (INT5150 MACL Ministry Formation Internship). A 1-hour summative research project is also required.

Ministry Residency Option

Qualifying MACL students may complete a ministry residency requiring two weeks of intensive coursework on the Dallas campus (please see dts.edu/ministryresidency for a detailed explanation). The ministry residency (EML5801 and EML5802) replaces the INT5150 MACL Ministry Formation Internship, EML5330, and 6 hours of electives. Thus, after 44 hours online and a 12-hour ministry residency, only 10 hours need to be completed in a classroom to earn the MACL. These 10 hours can be completed through week-long intensives in Dallas or Houston, or through regular courses at any of the seminary's distance locations.

Mobile MACL

The mobile MACL is designed to allow qualifying students to stay in their current ministry while completing the requirements for the degree. The mobile MACL is a ccohort-delivery model that allows students in a particular locale to go through the program together. DTS partners with local church and parachurch ministries to offer the degree. Locations are approved

by the seminary as needed and when a sufficient number of students to comprise a cohort are enrolled in the program. DTS currently operates the MACL throughout the world, and the seminary continues to consider new locations at which to offer the mobile MACL.

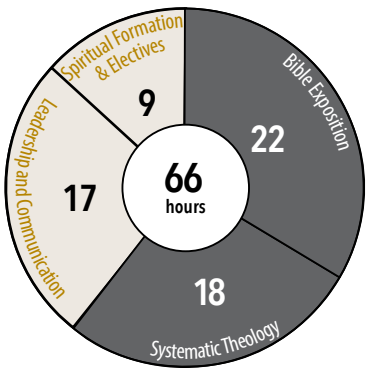
The model includes a combination of face-to-face or synchronous video courses at the mobile location, courses in Dallas (or at another approved location), and online courses.

For additional information on the mobile model and on current locations and new locations for the mobile MACL, please email distanceeducation@dts.edu.

Bible Exposition		22
BE5101	Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics	3
BE5102	Old Testament History I	3
BE5103	Old Testament History II and Poetry	2
BE5104	Old Testament Prophets	3
BE5105	The Gospels	2
BE5106	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
BE5107	Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation	3
BE5109	Ruth, Psalms, Jonah, and Selected Epistles	3
Systematic Theology		**18**
ST5101	Theological Method and Bibliology	3
ST5102	Trinitarianism	3
ST5103	Angelology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology	3
ST5104	Soteriology	3
ST5105	Sanctification and Ecclesiology	3
ST5106	Eschatology	3

Leadership and Communication		17
EML5101	Designing and Leading Effective Ministries	3
EML5105	Teaching Process and Media Presentations	3
EML5330	Personal and Organizational Leadership Development	3
PM5101	Christian Life and Witness	3
RS5101	Orientation and Research Methods	1
RS5103	Summative Research Project	1
INT5150	MACL Ministry Formation Internship	3
Spiritual Formation and Electives		**9**
SF5100	Spiritual Formation (4 terms)	0
	Electives*	9
Total		**66**

* Students must select 6 hours from approved MACL electives (listed at the end of this section). The remaining 3 hours may be taken from any course within the Division of Ministries and Communication.



earn up to **12** hours in ministry

complete up to **44** hours online

CURRICULUM (MA IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP)

The following table represents the required curriculum for the Master of Arts in Christian Leadership. Students should create an individualized plan of study in light of their current realities and future ministry plans in consultation with an academic advisor. The prerequisites and corequisites for each course may be found in the Course Descriptions section of this catalog. The terms during which courses are offered vary by location, and the plan provided below pertains specifically to Dallas-campus course offerings. Online courses are typically offered each fall, spring, and summer term. Courses may be cancelled or offered in alternate terms as needed. Required courses are regularly offered during summer terms in intensive or hybrid formats. Please refer to dts.edu/schedule for the most updated list of available course offerings.[1]

FIRST YEAR	HOURS	FALL	SPRING	ONLINE
BIBLICAL STUDIES				
BE5101 Bible Study Methods and Hermeneutics	3	●	●	●
BE5102 Old Testament History I	3		●	●
BE5105 The Gospels	2		●	●
BE5109 Ruth, Psalms, Jonah, and Selected Epistles	3		●	●
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES				
ST5101 Theological Method and Bibliology	3	●	●	●
ST5102 Trinitarianism	3		●	●
MINISTRY/COMMUNICATION/RESEARCH				
PM5101 Christian Life and Witness	3	●	●	●
EML5101 Designing and Leading Effective Ministries	3	●	●	●
EML5105 Teaching Process and Media Presentations	3	●	●	●
RS5101 Orientation and Research Methods	1	●		●
SF5100-1 Spiritual Formation[2]		●		
SF5100-2 Spiritual Formation			●	
Electives[4]	6			
FIRST YEAR HOURS	**33**			

SECOND YEAR

	HOURS	FALL	SPRING	ONLINE
BIBLICAL STUDIES				
BE5103 Old Testament History II and Poetry	2	●		●
BE5104 Old Testament Prophets	3	●		●
BE5106 Acts and Pauline Epistles	3	●		●
BE5107 Hebrews, General Epistles, & Revelation	3		●	●
THEOLOGICAL STUDIES				
ST5103 Angelology, Anthropology, and Hamartiology	3	●		●
ST5104 Soteriology	3		●	●
ST5105 Sanctification and Ecclesiology	3	●		●
ST5106 Eschatology	3		●	●
MINISTRY/COMMUNICATION/RESEARCH				
EML5330 Personal & Organizational Leadership Development	3		●	●
INT5150 MACL Ministry Formation Internship[3]	3	●	●	
RS5103 Summative Research Project	1			●
SF5100-3 Spiritual Formation[2]		●		
SF5100-4 Spiritual Formation			●	
Elective[4]	3			
SECOND YEAR HOURS	**33**			

1 Students studying at the Houston and Washington, DC, locations should contact their campus-specific academic advisor for schedule planning and course availability.

2 Completion of SF5100 Spiritual Formation requires two calendar years. Residential students who register for SF5100 need to keep in mind that the course is a four-term-long course that will meet at the same day and time each of the four terms. The first Spiritual Formation class is only offered in the fall term. Please see the Spiritual Formation section of this catalog for more information.

3 Students complete an internship over three consecutive terms. In order for students to complete their coursework by May graduation, students may begin their internship in the summer term prior to graduation. In lieu of the internship, EML330, and 6 hours of electives, qualifying students may elect to complete the Ministry Residency (EML5801 and EML5802) in a fall-spring, two term format. Please visit dts.edu/ministryresidency for detailed information about this option.

4 For the 9 credit hours of electives, students should select 6 hours from list of approved electives below. The remaining 3 hours can be for any course in the Division of Ministries and Communication.

MACL Approved Electives

EML5220	Creativity	3
EML5315	Introduction to Christian Mentoring and Coaching	3
EML5325	Legal & Financial Issues in Ministry	3
EML5335	Personal Assessment and Ministry Vision	2
EML5340	Team Leadership	3
EML5345	Christian Leadership and Organizational Culture	3
EML5355	Emotional Intelligence & Relationships in Leadership	3
EML5360	Change and Resistance in Christian Leadership	3
EML5370	Organizational Communication	3
EML5385	Readings in Leadership/Current Issues in Leadership	2
EML5390	Leadership Evaluation and Development (L.E.A.D.)	3
EML5420	Outdoor Ministry	3
EML5435	Effective Ministry with Women	3
EML5450	Women Teaching Women	3
EML5615	Applied Skills for Ministry Staff	3
EML5620	Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse	3
EML5901	Independent Study in Educational Ministries and Leadership	1–4
EML5905	Special Topics in Educational Ministries and Leadership	1–4
PM5301	Pastoral Theology & Leadership	3
PM5540	Developing and Leading the Culturally Diverse Church	3
ST5615	Ethics	2

*Alternate courses may be approved on a case-by-case basis.