

PROGRAMME DETAILS

The MA programme is a blended learning programme that combines both synchronous and asynchronous learning. Students will engage in reading materials, learning activities, watch pre-recorded lectures, and participate in weekly tutorial sessions.

METHODOLOGY

Self-learning is facilitated by structured learning in the LMS, which includes reflection questions, discussion questions, weekly examinations, and assignments. These activities are supplemented by weekly tutorial sessions with a qualified tutor.

ASSESSMENTS AND WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

- Weekly assessments and monitored progress within a tutorial group through face-to-face virtual sessions.
- There will be essays and assignments of approximately 1500 words per subject per semester.
- Some courses will also include paper presentations and practicums as a course requirement.

MA DISSERTATION

Completing a dissertation is a requirement for each student (10 credits). Dissertation writing starts in the second year, from the third semester onwards. Each student will select a topic related to his or her area of interest. The dissertation should be around 8000–12,000 words. A research guide/subject expert will supervise each student.

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MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The MA in Christian Studies programme is offered by North East Christian University (NECU), in partnership with Oxford Centre for Religion and Public Life (OCRPL). It provides learners with a comprehensive understanding of Christian history, beliefs and practices and accommodates a wide variety of applied and practical knowledge. The programme comprises a minimum of ten compulsory courses and seven optional courses from five different clusters that cover key areas which are essential in ministerial training, such as Biblical Studies, History and Missions, Theology and Ethics, Religions, and Christian Ministry (see below for more details).

The programme provides both theoretical and practical inputs with various components of learning and assessments that correspond with different learning requirements. In addition to this, a student is required to submit a research project in the form of a dissertation. The total number of credits will be 80, and each student is expected to cover 40 credits each year.

TIMETABLE

Date	Academic year	Information
January-June		Recruitment and Interviews
July-December	1st Year	Semester 1
January-May	1st Year	Semester 2
July-December	2nd year	Semester 3
January-May	2nd year	Semester 4

PROGRAMME BREAKDOWN (80 CREDITS)

CLUSTER 1

Bible, Culture and Context (MBCC)

This cluster emphasises that the Bible should be understood not in isolation, but within the cultural, historical, and social contexts of its composition and contemporary interpretation. This cluster emphasises that the Bible is the Word of God conveyed via culture and must be accurately interpreted within that context for meaningful applicability.

CLUSTER 2

Christian History and Missions for Multiplying (MCHM)

This cluster emphasises the importance of understanding the history of the global church and its missionary efforts to inspire and prepare believers for effective witness and discipleship in the present day. This cluster connects the teachings of Christian history with the current purpose of the church, equipping students to engage in the proliferation of disciples and churches globally.

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CLUSTER 3

Christian Theology and Ethics (MCTE)

This cluster examines the fundamental beliefs of the Christian faith and how these beliefs influence moral behaviour and decision-making. It examines key doctrines and connects them to ethical principles like justice, compassion, holiness, and human responsibility. It enables students to understand how theology can serve as the foundation for Christian ethics and the manner in which Christians can live a faithful life in their personal, social, and public lives.

CLUSTER 4

Religions, Ideologies and Persecution (MRIP)

This cluster examines the complex relationship between the realities of persecution, ideological systems, and religious traditions in both historical and contemporary contexts. Students will examine subjects including interreligious dialogue, the dynamics of primal religion, and the convergence of religious identity with political power.

CLUSTER 5

Christian Ministry in Management (MCMM)

This cluster is aimed at providing students with the essential biblical and practical principles of leadership, administration, and organisational management to facilitate the effective practice of Christian ministry. It fortifies faith-based organisations, missions, and congregations by combining faith with expertise in governance, stewardship, decision-making, and planning.

General

Research Methodology

This course equips students with the skills to systematically analyse sources, present findings in a scholarly manner, formulate theological questions, and conduct methodical research, all while integrating biblical and theological perspectives.

Dissertation

An original contribution at the master's level in about 8000-12,000 words (10 credits), excluding the bibliography/reference.

Highlight of the Course

Weekend tutorial sessions prepare you to connect with others and learn.