Introduction to Academic Programs

Distinction between Program Levels

Distinction between the Undergraduate Degree Programs and the Master Degree Programs

The undergraduate degree programs are separate and distinct from the master degree programs in both design and content. Undergraduate degree programs are not open to students in the master degree programs and may not be used to satisfy any of the requirements for the master of divinity degree, the master of arts in Christian education degree, master of Christian education degree, or the master of missiology and intercultural studies degree.

A student in the undergraduate degree programs may petition the dean of the master and undergraduate programs for permission to take courses for credit at the master degree level which usually are not available. Normally, this includes not more than two courses in addition to unrestricted Greek and/or Hebrew courses. Requests must be submitted to the dean of the master and undergraduate programs for evaluation on the basis of the student’s declared purpose, grade point average, and prior demonstration of academic proficiency. Normally, an undergraduate student must have completed at least 32 semester hours and must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 in order to take master-level courses for credit. Any exceptions must be approved by the Master and Undergraduate Committee.

Distinction between the Master Degree Programs and the Doctoral Degree Programs

Courses offered at the master level and at the doctoral level are separate and distinct. Master-level students are not allowed to enroll in doctoral seminars.

Doctoral students are not allowed to take master-level courses for credit to fulfill requirements for doctoral seminars. Doctoral students are allowed to audit or to take for credit master-level courses for remedial purposes or for their personal edification.

Dual Degrees at the Master Level

The master of divinity (ninety semester hours), master of Christian education (ninety semester hours), master of missiology and intercultural studies (ninety semester hours) and the master of arts in Christian education degree (sixty semester hours) may be earned concurrently with a minimum of one hundred twenty semester hours. A minimum of thirty hours of course credit is required, beyond the initial degree completion, for graduates to obtain a second degree.