

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

ORU SEMINARY—A GLOBAL PLACE FOR WORLD-CLASS TRAINING IN MINISTRY, COUNSELING, AND LEADERSHIP

The Oral Roberts University Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (Seminary) provides sound academic, biblical, and theological education with a distinctive charismatic perspective. Its mission is to prepare men and women empowered by the Holy Spirit for effective leadership. Through an advanced comprehensive curriculum, graduates are equipped for ministry, counseling, and leadership within the context of the church, church-related agencies, and clinical and professional settings in the greater global community.

PROFESSORS WHO MENTOR

ORU has a distinguished charismatic theological faculty. In addition to holding earned doctorates from major universities and seminaries worldwide, they also come with rich and varied experiences, a heart for ministry and the desire to lead others to an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Students' academic education will be enriched by their wealth of professional competence as they serve as mentors and models. In the classroom, professors provide biblical understanding, theological insight, ministry preparedness, and clinical expertise in an atmosphere of caring accountability. Professors also spend one-on-one time helping students identify their strengths and weaknesses, develop spiritually, and actualize their calling by discovering and developing their spiritual gifts for vocational ministry.

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I decided to attend ORU because of the institution's philosophy on the theology of the Holy Spirit and the holistic perspective of mind, body, and spirit. The knowledge I have acquired in the Dr. of Ministry Program has equipped me to be an informed practitioner and agent of change in today's society. The campus diversity has enabled me to obtain insights about religion from different cultures and nationalities. I have formed relationships with faculty and peers who share my passion to be Spirit-filled ambassadors for Christ. (S.G.) ”

ACCREDITATION

- Oral Roberts University is accredited regionally by the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- In addition to the HLC accreditation, the ORU Graduate School of Theology and Ministry is also accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS)

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is the basic degree for professional ministry, integrating biblical literature, theological/historical studies and the practices of ministry. To enable students to focus on their particular ministry needs and callings, a significant portion of the course requirements are electives to be selected by students in conjunction with a faculty advisor. The Master of Divinity is also the prerequisite degree for those planning to continue their studies and pursue a Doctor of Ministry degree. Students may complete an M.Div. either through residential or modular formats. An M.Div with a concentration in Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy is also available.

MASTER OF ARTS

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Academic Master of Arts degrees are designed to equip students to understand and appreciate biblical, historical, and theological content of the Christian faith within a charismatic context to assist students in interpreting and communicating that faith. Each four-semester program prepares students for teaching, writing, or doctoral studies.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Biblical Literature
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Advanced Languages
- Biblical Literature with a concentration in Judaic-Christian Studies
- Theological/Historical Studies

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

Professional Master of Arts degrees prepare students for specialized ministries within the local church, church-related agencies, or other clinical and professional settings. Each degree is a four-semester program.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS INCLUDE:

- Christian Counseling (Licensed Professional Counselor Track)
- Christian Counseling (Licensed Marital and Family Therapy Track)
- Missions
- Practical Theology (available through a residential or modular format)
- Practical Theology with a concentration in Teaching Ministries (available through a residential or modular format)
- Practical Theology with a concentration in Urban Ministry (available through a residential or modular format)

MODULAR AND DISTANCE EDUCATION DELIVERY SYSTEM

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry Modular/Distance Education Program offers the following degrees in a distance learning format:

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Practical Theology
- Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a Teaching Ministries Concentration
- Master of Arts in Practical Theology with an Urban Ministry Concentration

This distance learning format offers a combination of fully online courses and blended courses that allow students to attend class on campus for all or half of a 5-day intensive week, while completing the rest of the course work online. It is a unique schedule, tailor-made for students seeking spiritual, academic, and professional training, while maintaining their current jobs and homes. By selecting modules that fit their schedules, students control how long it takes to complete their degrees. One half of each available degree may be completed online. Students may enroll in online and blended courses concurrently.

JOINT DEGREES

The Graduate School of Theology and Ministry offers an innovative program where two degrees may be taken simultaneously. By pursuing two distinct degrees, students reduce overall program time by up to a year. Those interested in seeking joint degree status are encouraged to speak with an academic advisor for more information on their particular combination.

DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

The Doctor of Ministry program also offers a degree in a modular and distance learning format. The Doctor of Ministry, now celebrating its 30th year at ORU, is an in-ministry degree for those currently in professional ministry who have a minimum of three years post-master's ministry experience. Students attend modules on the Tulsa campus for one-week intensive sessions and are immediately able to incorporate what they've learned into their ministries. Tracks available include Church Ministries and Leadership, and Pastoral Care and Counseling.