

Overview:

The Master of Arts (Christian Studies) (MA(CSt)) degree program focuses on the classical theological disciplines of Scripture, church history, theology, and ethics, and reflects [Seattle Pacific University's vision](#) to engage the culture and change the world with the transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. If you select the MA(CSt) degree, you will combine a core study of general theology with specialized study in Christian Studies.

As a Master of Arts (Christian Studies) student, you will develop the knowledge, skills, and multicultural sensitivities you need to understand the Christian faith and put it into faithful and effective practice in a hurting world. You will also experience rich opportunities for worship, fellowship, and personal spiritual growth in the context of SPU's evangelical Wesleyan heritage.

Learning Outcomes of the Master of Arts (Christian Studies):

The Master of Arts (Christian Studies) is designed to educate students according to the learning outcomes listed below. To view how the academy, abbey, and apostolate focus of our curriculum is integrated into these learning outcomes, please visit the Seattle Pacific Seminary website at the following address: <http://spu.edu/academics/seattle-pacific-seminary/about/academy-abbey-and-apostolate>.

- LO 1. Graduates will develop an informed Christian faith.
- LO 2. Graduates will interpret and respond to the Christian Scriptures.
- LO 3. Graduates will engage with others of diverse ethnicities, cultures, backgrounds and beliefs.
- LO 4. Graduates will develop Christian virtues, values and vocation.
- LO 5. Graduates will practice the classical spiritual disciplines of the Christian faith.
- LO 6. Graduates will practice the professional skills suitable to their calling.

The sixth learning outcome aligns to “apostolate” learning objectives and is unique to the vocational interests of the Christian Studies degree. In addition to learning outcomes 1-5, MA (CSt) students will also receive training in the following learning objectives:

- i. Graduates will speak, write and teach effectively; and
- ii. Graduates will be equipped for doctoral study in theology; or
- iii. Graduates will be equipped with a broad theological framework for doctoral study in any of the humanities or social sciences; or
- iv. Graduates will be equipped for the educational ministry of the church or private Christian schools and undergraduate colleges.

Vocational Opportunities:

Graduates of the Master of Arts (Christian Studies) degree program will be equipped to pursue careers in Christian ministry, missions, camping ministry, youth ministry, church relations, Christian non-profit, curriculum development, and program development.