

## Programs & Courses

We offer **two masters degrees: Master of Pastoral Studies and Master of Theological Studies**. Either degree requires 14 courses, or 42 semester hours of credit. The main difference between the degrees is that the MPS requires more ministry courses, and the MTS requires more theology courses.

As stepping stones toward the degree, you may earn a Certificate of Theological Studies (4 courses) and an Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry (7 courses). All courses count towards the master's degree. After completing seven courses, you may formally enter one of the Master's degree programs.

For detailed requirements, see our **Academic Catalog**, posted on the home page of our website, **www.gcs.edu**.

### Theology courses

TH501: Nature of God and Jesus Christ

TH502: Nature of Humanity and Salvation

TH503: The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Eschatology

TH504: Scientific Theology of T.F. Torrance

TH505: Doctrine of the Trinity

TH507: Theology of C.S. Lewis

TH508: Christology of T.F. Torrance

### Biblical studies

BI501: Hermeneutics

BI541: Intro. to Biblical Greek 1

BI542: Intro. to Biblical Greek 2

BT501: The Pentateuch

BT502: The Prophets

BT503: The Writings

NT501: New Testament Background

NT502: The Gospels

NT503: Acts of the Apostles

NT504: Epistles of Paul

### Church history

CH501: Church History: The First Millennium

CH502: Church History: The Second Millennium

### Christian ministry

CM501: Ministerial Leadership

CM503: Christian Counseling

CM504: Practice of Ministry

CM505: Men and Women in Leadership

CM506: Trinitarian Youth Ministry

CM507: Experiencing the Trinity

CM508: Church Planting and Development

CM510: Polity of Grace Communion International

CM511: Homiletics

### Capstone courses

TH519: Theological Thesis. Advisor to be assigned based on topic. Usually requires two semesters.

TM501: Theology of Ministry. Advisor to be assigned based on topic. Often requires two semesters.

**Affordable - Accredited - Online**

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# Grace Communion Seminary

## “Equipping the Saints for Pastoral Ministry”

**Grace Communion Seminary** serves the needs of pastors and other Christian leaders who want to grow deeper in relationship with our Triune God, learn more about him, and to be able to more effectively serve in the church.

**Grace** is the essence of our lives. By grace, our Lord Jesus Christ reveals God to us, gives us life in him, leads us in forgiving and being forgiven, and gives us salvation. Our Triune God and his grace and love revealed in Jesus Christ form the center of our theology.

**Communion** defines the relationship we have with God, Jesus, and one another (2 Corinthians 13:14). The communion of the Holy Spirit binds us with Jesus, enlivens God's love in our hearts, and unites us as followers of Jesus Christ. We live in unity in Christ in the continuing effects of the Incarnation, Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, and Pentecost.

**Seminary** describes the scope of our educational goal. We offer graduate level courses in theology, Bible, and ministry. You can earn an accredited master's degree entirely online, without any need to travel. We want to help you minister more effectively where you are, not to remove you from the community you are in. We teach from a perspective of Incarnational Trinitarian theology.

**Accreditation:** Grace Communion Seminary is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission, [www.deac.org](http://www.deac.org). DEAC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

**Ministry based on the life and love of the Father, Son, and Spirit**



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## Incarnational Trinitarian theology

We believe that theology should be rooted in the Bible, especially the New Testament. We see a reliable theology articulated by Irenaeus, Athanasius, Gregory Nazianzus, and more recently, Karl Barth, Thomas F. Torrance, and many others. Our teachings include:

The Triune God created all people through the Son of God, who also is known as the Word of God.

We were created so that we could participate in the love relationship enjoyed by the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We are enabled and qualified to participate in this relationship of love through Jesus Christ.

The Son became human, the man Jesus Christ, taking on our human nature.

He did this to reconcile all humanity to God through his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension.

The crucified, resurrected and glorified Jesus is the representative and the substitute for all humanity.

As Savior and Lord of all humanity, Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father, and he draws all people to himself by the Holy Spirit.

In Christ, humanity is loved and accepted by the Father.

Jesus Christ paid for all our sins—past, present and future—so there is no longer any debt to pay.

The Father has in Christ forgiven all our sins, and he eagerly desires that we receive his forgiveness.

We can enjoy his love only as we trust that he loves us. We can enjoy his forgiveness only when we trust he has forgiven us.

As we respond to the Spirit by turning to God, believing the gospel and picking up our cross and following Jesus, the Spirit leads us into the transformed life of the kingdom of God.

For details, see *Statement of Beliefs of Grace Communion International (GCI)* at: [www.gci.org/aboutus/beliefs](http://www.gci.org/aboutus/beliefs)

### GCS Mission Statement

We are committed to equip the saints for pastoral ministry through quality graduate-level distance education programs in biblical, theological, ministerial and pastoral studies informed by Incarnational Trinitarian faith.

### Seven Reasons to Study at Grace Communion Seminary

**Worship:** We want to love God with all our mind. We love to learn about the One we love.

**Service:** We come not to be served, but to serve. We want to help others apply truth to life.

**Incarnational Trinitarian theology:** We offer a survey of theology and the merits of a Trinitarian perspective.

**Biblical:** Our doctrines and theology are based on a high view of Scripture.

**Practical:** We offer a range of topics useful for ministry.

**Flexible:** Our program is designed to serve people who are already serving in local congregations. Students may take courses part time or full time.

**Affordable:** Our tuition charges are among the lowest in the nation for an accredited degree.

### Seminary Staff



Gary Deddo, **GCS President**, has a PhD from the University of Aberdeen. He worked for 20 years in campus ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, and later as senior editor with InterVarsity Press. He teaches courses in theology and also works with GCI.



Michael Morrison has a PhD in New Testament Studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. He has worked as a writer and editor for GCI since 1983. He is **Dean of Faculty** and an instructor for several courses. Mike is also associate pastor at a GCI church in Glendora, CA.



Russell Duke has a PhD in practical theology and has served the church for more than 46 years in many capacities, both pastoral and administrative. He is **GCS Liaison Officer**, an instructor and Vice-President of GCI.

Georgia McKinnon serves as **Registrar**. She can help you with registration and other aspects of our seminary programs.

### Q & A

**Do I have to be a pastor to apply?** We welcome students from all walks of life who want to take classes for personal and/or professional enrichment.

**What are the admission requirements?** A bachelor's degree is required for entry into the master's degree programs. Students with some college credit may also apply, and take courses on a continuing education basis, and in some circumstances may eventually be admitted to the master's degree program.

**What is the cost?** Tuition is \$600 per course and a master's degree is \$8,450 plus application and book costs, which is less than most seminaries.

**Do I have to make a long-term commitment?** No. All students begin in the category of continuing education, taking courses according to their own interest. There is no obligation to take more courses.

**Will this enable me to get a job as a pastor?** Our courses are designed to help students do better at what they are currently doing. If it helps you get a job, we rejoice with you, but we cannot make any promises about jobs.