



**Real-life
experience
for real-world
ministry.**

Ministry is changing.

Join the conversation.

Ministry happens in many different ways. And the needs of those who lead and work within it are changing like never before. For the men and women whose passion is to serve, teach and guide, we have developed a unique theological experience that is academic, spiritual and personal, that speaks to the real issues of faith we see and hear about today, which ultimately helps our students develop a purposeful lifestyle as they pursue a deeper relationship with God.

At Lipscomb, theology goes beyond the degree you earn. It's about the personal journey you take as you study Scripture, church history, Christian thought and personal formation. Here, you will not only experience the academic subject matter, but you will also learn how it affects the pursuit of ministry in all its forms. As one of only a handful of Association of Theological Schools-accredited graduate schools in the region, the Hazelip School of Theology offers not only the quality academics you would expect, but real-world experiences you will carry forward for a lifetime.

Discover the right degree for your path.

We have seen many students come through our programs—each with a unique story to share, each with their own goals and dreams. We embrace their narratives, encourage discussion and equip them with skills to develop balanced theological insights. Here, you'll be part of a select group where you can focus on experiential training with faculty who aren't just in class to teach, but to mentor and walk beside you.

You'll have an advisor to help you through the coursework, and to work with you, one-on-one, in setting goals and in making the best plans for where you want to be. All faculty members have earned doctorates and are active in and have strong ties to the church. They understand what students today want out of theological education and how best to take what they learn and apply it to the lives of those they serve.

Flexibility for your lifestyle.

What our students have to say about our program is what continues to make the Hazelip School one of the best choices in the area. You'll enjoy having flexibility in your degree plan so that it fits your personal path. You'll like the diversity of coursework, the practical discussions, experiences in our learning communities and the approachability of our instructors.

Degrees are offered both on campus and online. Many of our students study part-time, so our class scheduling accommodates busy lifestyles.

Your choice for a theological education makes a difference.

Lipscomb University has a history of well-respected ministry training that spans our almost 125 years. As part of this long line of academics, the Hazelip School of Theology, a member of the Association of Theological Schools, prepares followers of Jesus for leadership and service in God's kingdom, especially the church, by providing education in Scripture, theology and history, global contextualization and ministry skills in the framework of faith in God and formation by the Spirit.

If you are seeking a deeper understanding of Scripture and theology, you can choose from three master's programs within the Hazelip School: the Master of Divinity, the Master of Theological Studies and the Master of Arts in Christian Ministry.



Degrees for those ready to serve others.

We welcome a range of interests into our programs and find that collaboration between diverse backgrounds adds greater value and interest to the whole learning experience.

The Master of Divinity M.Div. (75 hours)

(67 percent may be completed online)

The Master of Divinity is a professional degree for ministers, chaplains and other full-time workers at churches and faith-based organizations. It has traditionally been considered to provide the best preparation for service in ministry and provides comprehensive training in Scripture, theology and pastoral skills. Through the coursework students are equipped to integrate academic training into real contexts of ministry.

The Master of Theological Studies MTS (48 hours)

(100 percent may be completed online)

The Master of Theological Studies stresses advanced knowledge of Scripture, theology and the history of Christian thought. It is very customizable and designed for those who intend to go on for further academic studies or for those who desire a strong theological education for various vocational and personal goals. It is ideal for those who want to examine the Bible in depth and to learn to think critically while developing a meaningful foundation in the academic discipline of theology.

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry MACM (48 hours)

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry provides a good balance between theological study and pastoral skill development. The MACM introduces students to disciplined theological reflection as a means for enriching their Christian service, whether in the church or around the world. This degree is useful to those whose vocational pursuits do not normally require the Master of Divinity or other professional credentials.

The Master of Divinity

I. Foundations (12 hours)

GB 5003	Introduction to Theological Study
GB 5013	Critical Introduction to the Bible
GB 5043	Hebrew I
GB 5033	Greek I

II. Scripture (18 hours)

GB 6083	OT Interpretation and Theology
GB 6093	NT Interpretation and Theology
OT Narrative/Law Course*	
OT Poetry/Prophecy Course*	
NT Gospel Course*	
NT Letters Course*	

**OT or NT GB 5An3 may be substituted for one of the above*

III. Theology and History (15 hours)

GB 5503	Systematic Theology
GB 5423	Historical Theology I
GB 5443	Historical Theology II
GB 5433	American Church History
GB 5473	Christian Ethics

IV. Ministry (18 hours)

GB 5603	Theology of Ministry
GB 5613	Introduction to Preaching
GB 5653	Counseling for Church Leaders
GB 5553	Spiritual Formation and Guidance
GB 5643	Missional Strategies in Emerging Culture Practicum

V. Electives (12 hours)

VI. Comprehensive Exam

"I earned my B.A. in Bible from Lipscomb in 2004 and my M.Div. from Hazelip in 2009. I have been in ministry for more than nine years, most of them in youth ministry. I have been with my current church for seven-and-a-half-years: as youth minister, as minister for our licensed childcare programs and now as the preaching minister. People in our church and community have recognized, in a variety of ways, the resources with which my education has supplied me. I am able to interpret the Bible in healthy ways, and I was well prepared to understand the dynamics of congregations."

– Daniel Gordon

The Master of Theological Studies

I. GB 5003 Introduction to Theological Study

II. Scripture (15 hours)

GB 5013	Critical Introduction to the Bible
GB 6083	OT Interpretation and Theology
GB 6093	NT Interpretation and Theology
Scripture Electives (6 hours)	

III. Theology and History (12 hours from the following)

GB 5503	Systematic Theology
GB 5423	Historical Theology I
GB 5443	Historical Theology II
GB 5433	American Church History
GB 5473	Christian Ethics
GB 5Cn3	Seminar in Theology
GB 5Dn3	Seminar in Historical Theology

IV. Emphasis—choose from the following (9 hours)

Old Testament

GB 5043	Hebrew I
GB 5063	Hebrew II
OT Scripture Elective	

New Testament

GB 5033	Greek I
GB 5073	Greek II
NT Scripture Elective	

Scripture

OT Scripture Electives (3-6 hours)	
NT Scripture Electives (3-6 hours)	

Theology and History

Theology and History Electives (9 hours)

No Emphasis

Electives (9 hours)

V. Electives

(9 hours from any courses offered by Hazelip School of Theology that are not already counting toward the above requirements or emphasis)

VI. Comprehensive Exam

The Master of Arts in Christian Ministry

I. GB 5003 Introduction to Theological Study

II. Scripture (12 hours)

GB 6083 OT Interpretation and Theology
GB 6093 NT Interpretation and Theology
OT Scripture Course
NT Scripture Course

III. Theology and History (9 hours from the following)

GB 5503 Systematic Theology
GB 5423 Historical Theology I
GB 5443 Historical Theology II
GB 5433 American Church History
GB 5473 Christian Ethics

IV. Ministry (18 hours)

GB 5603 Theology of Ministry
GB 5653 Counseling for Church Leaders
GB 5553 Spiritual Formation and Guidance Practicum
Ministry Electives (6 hours from Ministry and Culture)

V. Electives (6 hours)

VI. Comprehensive Exam

Continue your faith journey here. Learn more about our programs.

We have developed a unique set of degrees that will continue to evolve as the world of ministry changes. These programs will not only complement what you do, but help you serve others wherever your personal journey is leading you.

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Black teaches Luke-Acts, Synoptic Gospels, New Testament Theology, Corinthians, New Testament Exegesis and Biblical Ethics.

He received his B.A. in Bible from Freed-Hardeman University, his M.A. and M.Th. from Harding University Graduate School of Religion, his Th.M. degree from Princeton Theological Seminary and his Ph.D. from Emory University. He has ministered in Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee.



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Degrees are offered through the Hazelip School of Theology, a member of the Association of Theological Schools. ATS is the preeminent accrediting body for graduate theological education in North America.



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