

The letters 'MACM' are rendered in a large, bold, blue font. Each letter is filled with a detailed image of a city skyline, featuring various skyscrapers and buildings under a blue sky with light clouds.

**Master of Arts in
Christian Ministry**

MERCER
UNIVERSITY

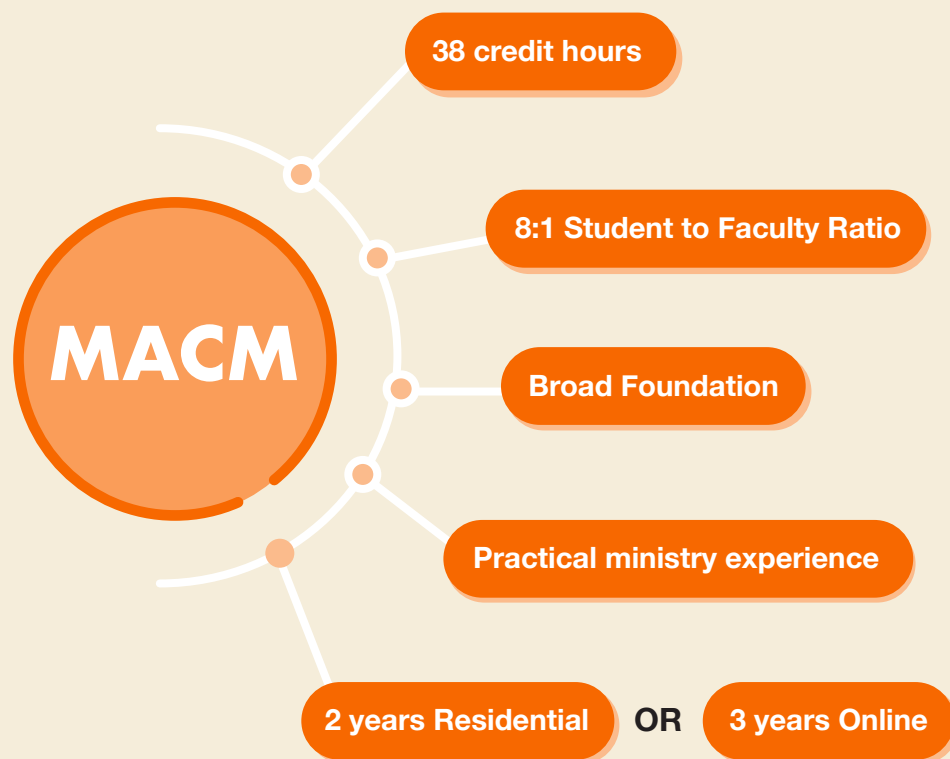
SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

MACM

The MACM prepares students to lead and serve in specialized ministries within their faith communities. MACM students develop a broad foundation of theological understanding that can be adapted to a variety of ministry contexts. Students are equipped with a theological framework and the practical skills necessary for local church ministry.

Formats include Residential, Fully Online, and Hybrid:

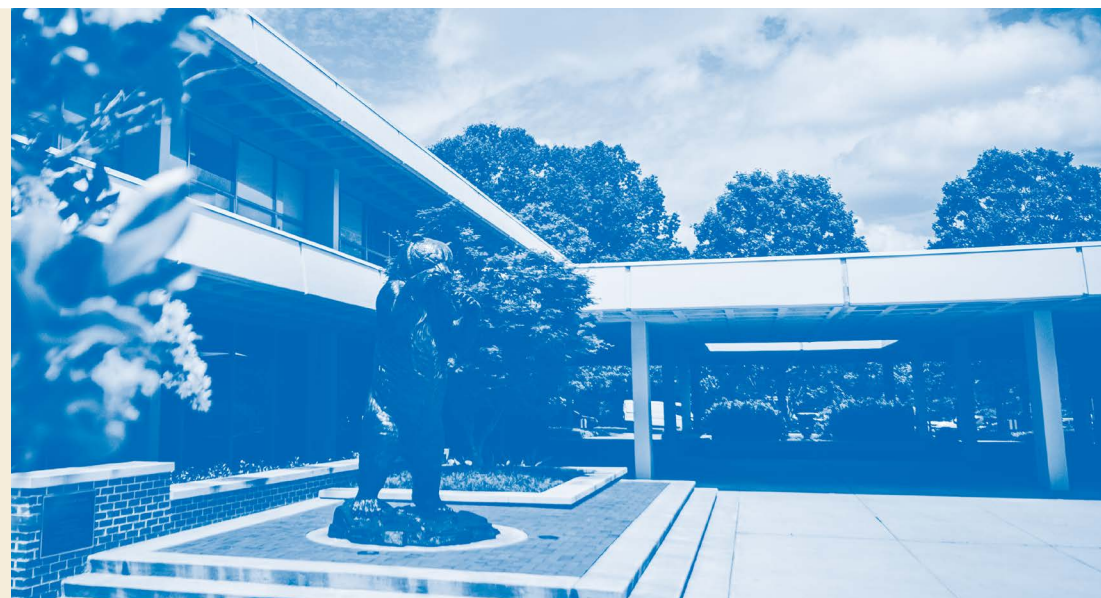
- Residential Program – Spring (January) or Fall (August)
- Online Program – Fall ONLY (August)



The MACM offers three specializations for students to focus their studies.

- Congregational Ministry
- Community Engagement
- Faith Formation

See pages 10-11 for course sequences.



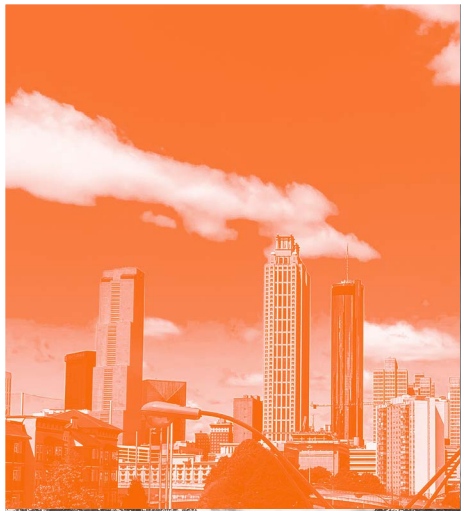
Combined Degrees

MACM & MS in Organizational Leadership with a Nonprofit Concentration

This program is designed to prepare students for leadership in both faith-based communities and today's complex organizations by developing the practical abilities and skills needed in those settings. Through exploring nonprofit specific strategies in development, budget, volunteerism, governance, and strategic planning, this program is ideal for those seeking to create change in their communities.

- 60 credit hours, as little as 3 years
- Students attending full-time in the residential MACM program can expect to complete both degrees in two years including summers.
- Students who are a part of the online MACM program can expect to complete both degrees in three years including summers.
- Contact copa.admissions@mercer.edu or 678.547.6417 for more information about the Organizational Leadership program and its admissions process.

Combined Degrees require a **separate admissions process** with the College of Professional Advancement or the Stetson-Hatcher School of Business at Mercer depending upon your program of choice.



THIS IS WHAT AN *MACM* LOOKS LIKE

MACM Graduates pursue both ministerial and lay leadership positions. Many go on to further graduate studies including but not limited to Counseling, Organizational Leadership, Business Management Administration, etc.

**Associate Pastor
Bi-vocational Minister
Business Owner
Career Coach
Chaplain
Community Engagement
Coordinator
Counselor
Director of Communications
Director of Faith Based Camps
Director of Vacation Bible
School
Director of Youth
Director of Programming
Events Coordinator
Lay Leader**

**Leader of Specialized Ministries
within their Church
Life Coach
Minister of Education
Minister with Children and
Families
Minister with College Students
Minister with Senior Adults
Minister with Youth and Students
Missionary
Nonprofit Ministry Leader
Senior Pastor
Worship Pastor**



Application

All applicants for admission to the School of Theology at Mercer University are required to hold a bachelor's degree with a liberal arts core from a college or university nationally accredited by an institutional accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education or proof of an equivalent degree from a foreign university.



1. Submit Online App

- **Submit application online:** <https://theology.mercer.edu/admissions/apply-now/>
- Ask your Admissions Counselor for a code to **waive your application fee!**



2. Background Check

- **Background Check*:** Completed online at Castle Branch. Please allow up to a month for us to receive the report. The package cost is \$31.75, which must be ordered and purchased directly online by the applicant.



3. Additional Written Documents

The following can be uploaded by the applicant to the online application portal or emailed to **theologyadmissions@mercer.edu**

- **Resume:** Including church positions and service; secular occupations; community involvement; academic honors; and research, civic, or leadership awards.
- **Autobiographical Essay:** In 1,250-1,500 words speak to the following four questions: Give an account of your Christian pilgrimage. Tell the story of your personal commitment and call to ministry. What factors have led you to apply to McAfee School of Theology for your theological training? What are your ministry goals (the kind of ministries you envision for yourself)?
- **Writing Sample:** 2,000-2,500 words of an academic paper on any topic. This may be an excerpt of an academic paper on any topic. Please include bibliography and in-text citations or footnotes.

Applicants who do not have an academic writing sample may email theologyadmissions@mercer.edu for a prompt. Must include a bibliography and in-text citations or footnotes.

* If you are applying to the **fully online MACM program**, you will also need to submit:

- **Letter of Church Support:** All applicants to the Online MACM program must fill out the Letter of Church Support form stating that they will be connected with a church during their time in the online program. The form outlines the expectations of the church and student.



4. Official Transcripts

The following will need to be submitted to us **directly from** your recommenders and your higher education institutions:

- **Official Transcripts:** Required from all higher educational institutions previously attended. Applicants are required to have a regionally accredited bachelor's degree or proof of an equivalent degree from a foreign university. Transcripts can be submitted electronically from your previous school's ordering service or through the mail in a sealed envelope to:

McAfee School of Theology, Mercer University
Office of Admissions
3001 Mercer University Drive
Atlanta, GA 30341



5. Recommendations

Applicants will need a total of three recommenders to complete our MACM Recommendation Form. Your recommenders can submit the completed form to us at **theologyadmissions@mercer.edu**. Recommenders chosen must consist of the following:

- Pastor/Church Leader
- Professor/Supervisor
- Professor/Supervisor

* Admissions Interviews are conducted on an as needed basis.

Note: Failure to undergo the background check will result in exclusion from admission consideration. An individual with a criminal conviction is not automatically excluded from admission; the School will evaluate the time frame, nature, gravity, and relevancy of the conviction or charge offense in making a decision. Applicants may appeal the decision and will have the opportunity to present information to dispute the background check.



Transfer Credit

Students may receive credit for courses taken at another institution as transfer credit. The number of hours accepted as transfer credit will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. The maximum allowed credit is 11 credit hours for the MACM. Transfer credit can only be considered when a student has not yet had their degree conferred from their previous higher education institution. Only courses taken at a regionally accredited college or university are considered for transfer credit.

Scholarships and Tuition

Tuition is \$545 per credit hour after a 60% tuition grant has automatically been applied. A completed application for admission also serves as a student's application to be considered for a merit-based scholarship. Scholarships are not guaranteed, but we recommend applying for admission as soon as possible. We have rolling admissions which means you can apply up until classes begin.

For priority consideration for scholarship and admission into the program, you'll want to apply by our Priority Deadlines.

- Spring Priority Deadline: October 15
- Fall Priority Deadline: January 15

Tuition Breakdown by Credit Hour:



In addition to tuition, there is a facility and technology fee that will be a maximum of \$150 per semester.



Financial Aid

Federal student loans, FAFSA inquiries, and tuition balances and payments are administered through Mercer Office of Student Financial Planning (OSFP). You can contact their office here:

- Call: 678.547.6444
- Text: 478.841.9558

To find out more about Financial Aid at Mercer, check out:

- <https://financialaid.mercer.edu/>

To start your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), go to:

- <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- Mercer's school code is **001580**.

Have more questions? Schedule an appointment with your Admissions Counselor or go to <https://theology.mercer.edu/admissions/faq/>

MACM Residential {2- Year Sequence}

Fall

Spring

Year One

THOT 500 Foundations in Old Testament

THNT 500 Foundations in New Testament

THCH 500 Foundations in Church History

THTP 500 Foundations in Theology

Elective

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THSP 511 Spiritual Formation 1

THSP 512 Spiritual Formation 2

10 Hours

10 Hours

Year Two

Cultural Context Elective

THPT 500 Global Perspectives in Ministry & Mission

Elective

THET 500 Ethics

THPT 701 Leadership in Context or Elective

THPT 702 Leadership & Polity in the Church or Elective

9 Hours

9 Hours

MACM Online {3- Year Sequence}

Fall

Spring

Year One

THNT 500 Foundations in New Testament

THOT 500 Foundations in Old Testament

THCH 500 Foundations in Church History

Elective

THSP 511 Spiritual Formation 1

THSP 512 Spiritual Formation 2

7 Hours

7 Hours

Year Two

THTP 500 Foundations in Theology

Cultural Context Elective

THET 500 Ethics

Elective

6 Hours

6 Hours

Year Three

THPT 701 Leadership in Context or Elective

THPT 702 Leadership & Polity in the Church or Elective

THPT 500 Global Perspectives in Ministry & Mission

Elective

6 Hours

6 Hours





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