



Description of Programs

Grace Communion Seminary (GCS) provides ministry and pastoral educational programs for the Worldwide Church of God. Courses in the Advanced Diploma program can be accessed through www.gcs.ambassador.edu. Each course in GCS includes ten weeks of lectures and assignments, with an additional four weeks allowed for fulfilling requirements. Enrollment in courses takes place in early January, early May or late August.

Certificate in Theological Studies (CTS) –

The CTS program consists of four courses: select any two in theology and any two in biblical studies. (Please refer to the matrix on the GCS website.) Upon completion of the CTS program, students will receive a Certificate of Completion. Students with a 2.5 (B-) grade point average or higher will receive a computer-generated query from GCS about continuing into the Advanced Diploma program.

Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry (ADCM) –

The ADCM program consists of three courses in addition to the CTS courses already completed: one in church history, and two in Christian ministry. Students who have entered the ADCM program will be allowed to transfer four completed courses from the CTS. (Please refer to the matrix on the GCS website.) Students who successfully complete the ADCM program will receive a diploma stating the accomplishment. Students who complete the ADCM with a grade point average of 2.5 (B-) will receive a computer-generated query from GCS about continuing into the Master's program.

Master of Pastoral Studies (MPS) –

The MPS consists of fourteen courses (42 units). (Please refer to the matrix on the GCS website.) Courses completed for the Certificate and Advanced Diploma will automatically be transferred into the Master's degree. Up to five courses in graduate study from accredited seminaries or universities that have been completed within eight years prior to enrollment in GCS may be transferred into the Master's program, based on demonstrating equivalent course content. Students who complete the MPS with a grade point average of 2.5 or higher will receive a Master's degree in Pastoral Studies.

GCS Program Outcomes

Grace Communion Seminary educates its students to accomplish the following outcomes:

1. Explain the revelation of the Bible in its historical and cultural setting and its principles for Christian life today.
2. Reason from a sound theological basis as new covenant Christians.

3. Model the love of God the Father, the grace of the Son, Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit in congregation.
4. Conduct the work of pastoral ministry of the Word (for Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry and the Master of Pastoral Studies program).