

## **Frequent Questions (FAQ)**

### **What is the Master of Theological Studies?**

The Master of Theological Studies at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University is an accredited graduate level program consisting of 12 courses and 36 credit hours (12 courses, 3 credit hours each). The Master of Theological Studies is a program that prepares people in pastoral ministry and/or church leadership through a series of courses in the areas of biblical studies, theology, and practice of ministry in a manner that is contextualized to the needs of Latino/a communities.

### **Who is eligible to enroll in this program?**

Anyone who is involved in church ministry and who has completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

### **Where can I pursue the Master of Theological Studies?**

Since this is an online program, you can study wherever you are. You only need a computer and internet connection. However, the program also requires students to participate in a 1-week orientation residency, which is completed at the beginning of each academic year at an accessible location for students in the region.

The program will be delivered in cohorts of 20 students each. There will be 3 cohorts for the next academic year (2016–2017): a cohort of students from Mexico City and surrounding areas; one from Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, and surrounding areas; and another with students currently residing in the U.S. If you live in Mexico or the U.S. and are interested in enrolling in our program, contact us!

### **How long does it take to complete the Master of Theological Studies?**

The Master of Theological Studies consists of 12 courses which are completed over the course of 2 years (6 courses per year). Each course is completed online throughout 7 weeks.

## **Which courses are included in the Master of Theological Studies?**

The Master of Theological Studies consists of the following 12 courses (3 credit hours each):

### **First Year:**

- Spiritual Formation
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- Biblical Interpretation for Ministry
- Introduction to Theology
- Church History

### **Second Year:**

- Pastoral Care & Counseling
- Homiletics
- Systematic Theology
- Bible Elective
- Ethics Elective
- Integrative Seminar

## **What kind of financial assistance is available for this program?**

American Baptist Home Mission Societies is offering scholarships to students who are members of ABC churches in the US and need financial assistance. Please contact Salvador Orellana at [Salvador.Orellana@abhms.org](mailto:Salvador.Orellana@abhms.org), or Maria Aguilar at [Maria.Aguilar@abhms.org](mailto:Maria.Aguilar@abhms.org)

Federal loans are also available for eligible students. Please contact the Financial Aid Office of Eastern University.

## **When will the program begin in Mexico and/or the US?**

The program will begin at the following dates:

**Mexico City:**

Residency week: August 22-26, 2016

Start date first online course: September 5, 2016

**USA:**

Residency week: October 17-21, 2016

Start date first online course: October 31, 2016

**Mexicali, Mexico:**

Residency week: January 23-27, 2017

Start date first online course: February 6, 2017

**How may I receive more information about the Master of Theological Studies?**

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