**Program Outcomes and competencies: Master of Arts in**

**New Testament**

**A. Master of Arts graduates in New Testament will demonstrate insight into the writings and context of the Christian scriptures and will work at an intermediate level in Biblical Greek.**

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**B. Master of Arts graduates in New Testament will be prepared to share their knowledge and skills in appropriate education settings, whether in congregations or in academic settings.**

(1b) You will be able to work with a variety of tools and methodologies useful for interpreting the New Testament including literary and theological perspectives. In particular, you will apply these tools by translating the New Testament from Greek with the help of aids, including Bible software.

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(2b) You will be able to interpret the various types of biblical literature in ways that are faithful to the way truth claims are made in various forms of genres.

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(3b) In order to contextualize these interpretations, you will learn about the historical and cultural contexts of the New Testament, including Jewish, Greek, and Roman worlds. You will then be able to invite others to appreciate the connection between ancient contexts and our reading of these texts.

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(4b) Similarly, you will be able to lead others to examine their own cultural contexts and imagine how these perspectives shape, narrow, and enliven their reading of the texts of Scripture.

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(5b) You will read and interpret New Testament and related first-century texts with care and accountability including an understanding of the ways in which biblical texts and the communities that read them influence one another.

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(6b) You will become familiar with the various ways the relationship between the two testaments has been described in the past and how it is being expressed today. With this knowledge, you will be able to teach others and lead them to reflect on how the relationships between the two testaments shape Christian faith.

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**C. Master of Arts graduates in New Testament will gain competence in forms and styles of academic communication, especially writing and research.**

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**D. Master of Arts graduates in New Testament will gain the appropriate skills and knowledge to flourish in further academic study, if that is their chosen path.**

(1d) You will be able to research critical questions using a variety of digital and analog resources.

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(2d) You will learn how to discern what makes for incisive scholarship and critique such work with precision and insight.

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(3d) Your written work will be characterized by critical thinking and integration skills in the final project.

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