



Equipping Leaders for Gospel Ministry

Memphis City Seminary advances the kingdom of God by educating, equipping, and mobilizing Christ-like leaders for effective gospel ministry.

Comprehensive

MCS believes in holistic, lifelong theological education and offers degree programs in preparation for ordination and ministry leadership. These degree programs integrate specific instruction aimed at four interconnected goals:

- **Knowledge:** A robust, Reformed theological education that is respectful of all denominations.
- **Character:** Lasting character formation fostered by caring and experienced mentors and instructors.
- **Skills:** Competencies built through internships and coursework in practical ministry contexts.
- **Vision:** Clarity in ministry calling as the Spirit leads through biblical study and spiritual direction.

Contextual

With professors and courses involved in the ongoing needs of our cultural moment, MCS prepares its students for Christian ministry in and with local churches in Memphis. We are a diverse institution reflecting Memphis' denominational, socio-economic, and ethnic makeup, eager to highlight theological contributions from around the world. Therefore, we shape our courses around the following:

- **The Memphis context:** pastoral expertise for the spiritual and practical needs of the city (Jer. 29:7)
- **Minority voices:** inclusion of credible voices missing from historical seminary discourse (Rev. 5: 9-10)
- **Ministry application:** immediate use of coursework in ministry service (1 Cor. 12:28-31)

Affordable

Because of the economic difficulties facing much of Memphis, graduate-level training is out of reach for most ministry leaders. To meet this challenge, MCS keeps its tuition at \$100 per credit hour, well below typical seminary costs.

Accessible

To lessen the impact on bi-vocational pastors or full-time workers, our classes utilize in-person and online formats so each can be accessed in Memphis with no travel to other cities. Class intensives, online classes, and library resources are integrated into all MCS degree programs.

Academic Programs

Degree	Academic Hours <i>Classroom hours</i>	Experience Hours <i>Practical application in supervised environments.</i>	Mentorship Hours <i>Meetings with seminary-approved mentors.</i>	Total Hours
CBS <i>Certificate of Biblical Studies</i>	30 <i>9 required classes & 6 elective classes</i>	0	0	30
MABS <i>Master of Arts In Biblical Studies</i>	52 <i>26 total classes</i>	6 <i>270 experience hours</i>	2 <i>20 mentored hours</i>	60
MDIV <i>Master of Divinity in Theological Studies</i>	72 <i>36 required classes</i>	12 <i>540 experience hours</i>	6 <i>60 mentored hours</i>	90



Memphis City Seminary holds applicant status with the Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on Accreditation. Applicant status is a pre-membership status granted to those institutions that meet the ABHE Conditions of Eligibility and that possess such qualities as may provide a basis for achieving candidate status within five years.



Memphis City Seminary is an Affiliate institution of the Association of Reformed Theological Seminaries. As such, it participates in and contributes to collegial and professional development activities of the Association, and is committed to the quality of education ARTS promotes. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ARTS accredited status at present or in the future.



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