



## CUGN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS Curriculum Summary

Our curriculum is divided into three primary components: Core 1 (required for the ***Certificate in Bible***), Core 2 (required for the ***Diploma in Biblical Studies***), and Core 3 (required for the ***Master of Arts in Religion degree***).

### Core 1 - Certificate in Bible

At CUGN we do not make assumptions about the level of your biblical and theological knowledge as you enter your study program. Core 1 leads you on a media-rich journey through the Bible, beginning with the basics of Bible study, an overview of the Old and New Testaments, then through in-depth courses on books of the Bible, ending with a short course in the theory and methodology of interpreting the scripture (hermeneutics). This is the self-study portion of the curriculum that allows you to study at your own pace, but with the goal of completing Core 1 in no more than six months. If you successfully complete the coursework, you receive a ***Certificate in Bible***.

### Core 2 - Diploma in Biblical Studies

Core 2 enriches your educational experience as you join an interactive student group going deeper into the study of the Old and New Testaments, while adding studies in theology, church history, and spiritual formation. In small groups you practice teamwork as you study these classical disciplines interactively. In Core 2 the course work is offered in three 8-week semesters, and if you successfully complete Core 2, you receive a ***Diploma in Biblical Studies***.

### Core 3 - Master of Arts in Religion (Guided Research)

Core 3 augments your learning experience still more with a guided research format. Because you are now working on the Master of Arts in Religion (MAR) graduate degree, you will choose a major and work with an experienced CUGN professor as guide and mentor in developing your own course of studies and a major research project applying your learning to ministry. CUGN offers six major areas in the MAR program: Old Testament, New Testament, Christian Theology, Church History, Missions/Missiology, and Ministry Leadership. Within the Leadership major you can choose to focus on preaching, men's or women's ministry, spiritual direction, or other areas of interest or need in your work. Over the course of three 8-week semesters you can explore any part of the full range of more than 70 CUGN graduate courses to enrich your research as you and your mentor move your classical learning into practice in ministry. If you successfully complete Core 3, you will receive the ***Master of Arts in Religion degree***.

### Core 3 – Master of Arts in Ministry Studies

An accredited Master of Arts in Ministry Studies (MAMS) degree option is now available through CUGN's affiliation with Grace College of Winona Lake, Indiana. You may apply to Grace master's degree program prior to completing your Diploma in Biblical Studies. Once accepted, Grace will apply your CUGN credits toward your MAMS degree. You will have to take six additional three-credit hour courses through Grace's online education program. Upon successful completion of those courses, Grace College will confer the MAMS degree which is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association. The degree offers advanced training in Bible, theology, and ministry skills preparation. All program courses are taught by Grace Seminary faculty and the teaching is cohort-based. Courses include Historical Development of Doctrine, Ministry and Cultural Diversity, Ministry Leadership, Ministry Philosophy for the Church, Principles and Practice of Prayer, and Ministry Preaching and Teaching.

The Core 1, 2, and 3 programs, culminating in the MAR degree, can be completed in two years. However, our flexible programs allow you to work at a slower pace if that is your desire. See our online catalog for detail descriptions of the Core programs.

For more information or to contact CUGN: <https://secure.rbc.org/offers/cugn/?list=>

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## GRADUATE PROGRAMS

### Master of Arts in Religion Degree

60 total credit hours (24 credits + 36 Core 1 & Core 2 credits)

### Master of Arts in Ministry Studies

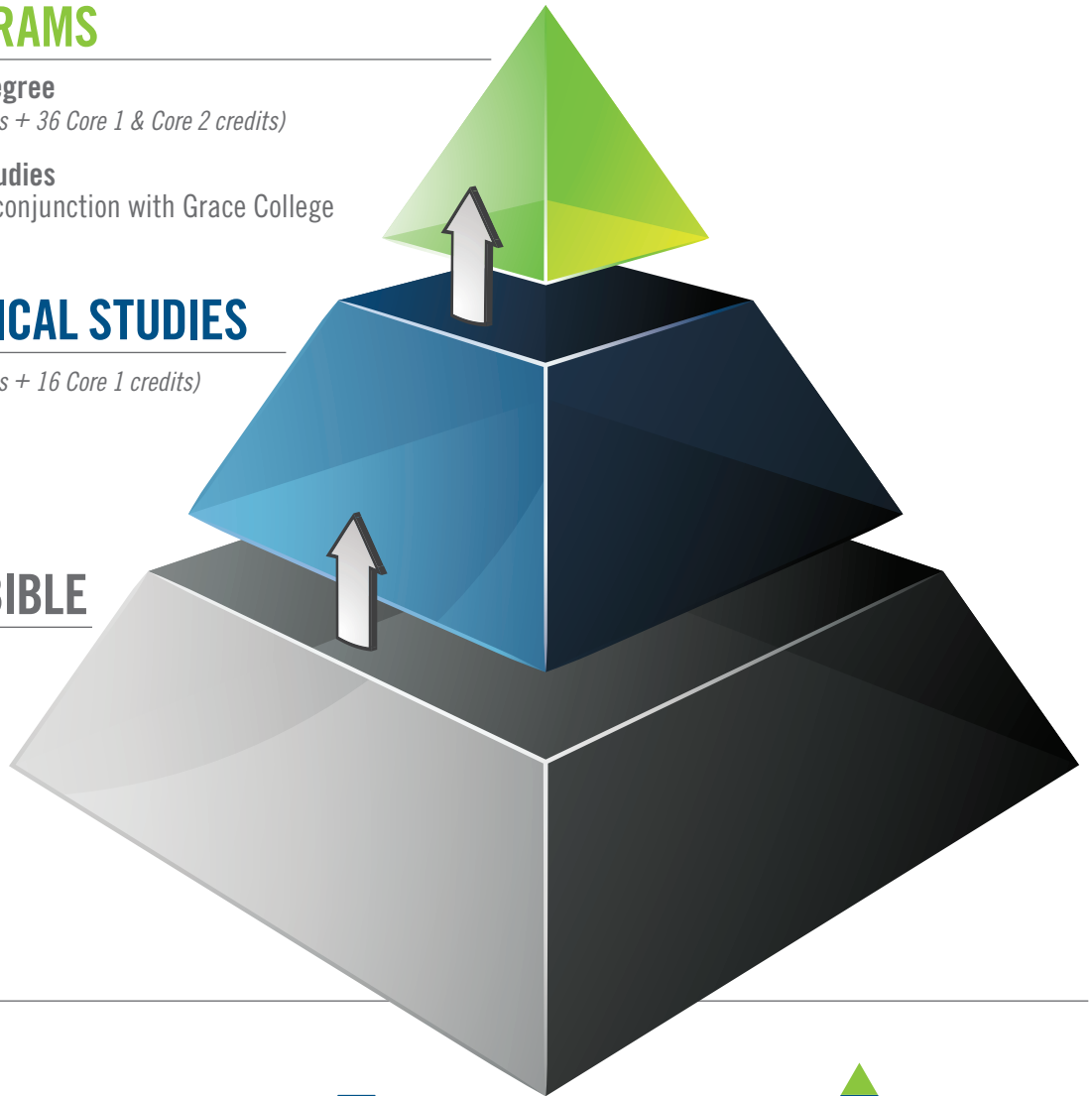
Accredited degree offered in conjunction with Grace College

## DIPLOMA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

36 total credit hours (20 credits + 16 Core 1 credits)

## CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE

16 total credit hours



## CORE 1

Certificate in Bible  
16 credit hours

## CORE 2

Diploma in Biblical Studies  
36 credit hours

## CORE 3

Master of Arts in Religion Degree  
60 credit hours

Master of Arts in Ministry Studies  
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