

Share Your Interest

To add a master's degree program in religion, Rochester College must assess student interest. If you are interested in this program, please complete and submit the information below.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____

Academic Background:

A.A. major: _____

B.A. major: _____

M.A. major: _____

Other major: _____

Desired Degree Emphasis: (check one)

New Testament

Biblical Studies

Ministry

Career Objective: (check one)

Congregational

Campus/Youth

Counseling

Lay Ministry

Academic Goals: (check all applicable)

M.A. D.Min.

M.Div. Ph.D.

Please return this information to Dr. Craig D. Bowman, Department of Religion, Rochester College, 800 West Avon Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307.

ROCHESTER COLLEGE

announces a
proposal for the

Master of Arts in Religion



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Fall 2002*

Proposed Program

Statement of Intent. Rochester College announces its proposal to add a graduate program in religion by 2002.* We invite you to dream with us as we develop this degree.

Mission. The Master of Arts degree in religion at Rochester College provides theological education for men and women called to professional or lay ministry in the church. It is also a useful degree for those anticipating further graduate studies in preparation for an academic career.

Program Description. The Master of Arts in religion at Rochester College is a two-year graduate degree built around four foundational courses from which you may select one of three possible tracks: New Testament, biblical studies, and ministry. Each track has specific course requirements and culminates with either a thesis or cumulative examination. A preliminary exam is administered to all candidates prior to the final semester of classes.

Commitment to Ministry. The community of faith at Rochester College welcomes you to a long tradition of academic excellence and Christian ideals. The college seeks to create a campus-wide, Spirit-guided atmosphere where all decide to know and do the will of God. Members of the Rochester College religion faculty are committed Christians who are active in ministry and leadership at area churches. They have extensive experience in full-time ministry and are ready to mentor graduate students in their academic and vocational pursuits.

* The Master of Arts program in religion is subject to regulatory approval.
** Degree completion anticipated in 2001.

Full-time Religion Faculty



Melvin R. Storm
B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Baylor University)
Dr. Storm is chairperson, director of the M.A. program in religion, and professor of New Testament. His teaching and research areas are gospel studies and sociology of early Christianity.



David L. Fleer
B.A., M.Div., M.S., D.Min., Ph.D. (University of Washington)
Dr. Fleer is professor of religion and communication. His teaching and research areas are homiletics, rhetorical criticism, apologetics, and Martin Luther King, Jr.



Rex E. Hamilton
B.A., M.Div., Th.M., Ph.D. Candidate** (University of Aberdeen)
Mr. Hamilton is assistant professor of theology and ethics. His teaching and research areas are free church theology and ethics, atonement theology, and theology of worship.



Gregory M. Stevenson
B.A., M.Div., Ph.D. (Emory University)
Dr. Stevenson is professor of New Testament. His teaching and research areas are apocalyptic literature and New Testament backgrounds.



Craig D. Bowman
B.A., M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. (Princeton Theological Seminary)
Dr. Bowman is professor of Old Testament. His teaching and research areas are prophetic and historical literature and ancient Near Eastern backgrounds.



Ronald R. Cox
B.A., M.Div., Ph.D. Candidate** (University of Notre Dame)
Mr. Cox is assistant professor of New Testament. His teaching and research areas are Christology and Pauline literature.

Proposed Courses

Core Classes. Each student will complete a set of core classes (12 units).

Introduction to Graduate Studies
Advanced Introduction to Exegesis and Hermeneutics
Systematic Theology
Homiletics

Major Tracks. Each student will choose one of three possible tracks (18 units).

New Testament Track
Critical Introduction to the New Testament
World of the New Testament
New Testament Theology
Advanced Greek Readings
2 Seminars in New Testament

Biblical Studies Track
Critical Introduction to the New Testament
Critical Introduction to the Old Testament
Biblical Theology
Biblical Languages
1 New Testament Seminar
1 Old Testament Seminar

Ministry
Theology of Ministry
Spiritual Formation
Congregational Studies
New Testament Elective
Old Testament Elective
Practical Theology Seminar

Capstone. Each student will write a thesis in place of six units of seminars or take a comprehensive examination.