



for Theological Studies

## NON-DEGREE MASTER'S PROGRAMS

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### **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (GCTS) is designed for students who wish to achieve a basic introduction to the major theological disciplines. This program is taught at the masters level and requires a student to have finished their bachelor's degree or equivalent.

The GCTS is designed to be completed in two years part-time or one year full-time. The GCTS is ideal for lay persons that wish to better prepare themselves for ministry in the local church, complement professional careers, or to challenge themselves towards deeper intellectual and spiritual growth.

### **GCTS Courses (20 Hours)**

Spiritual Formation (2)  
Old Testament Interpretation I and II (4)  
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Introduction to Theological Studies (2)  
Christian Ethics (2)  
Philosophy for Theology (2)  
Global Church History (2)  
Global Perspectives in Ministry and Mission (2) **OR**  
Christianity and Culture: Postmodern Thought and the Church (2) **OR**  
Any Other Introductory Course (2)

### ***20 Total Credit Hours***

### **Graduate Special Student**

Graduate Special Students (GSS) may take up to 12 credits of masters level course work that permits them to explore academic interests. It is ideal for individuals who wish to take courses for credit but do not wish to pursue a degree.

### **Visiting Special Student**

Visiting Special Students (VSS) may take up to 12 credits of masters level course work that permits them to explore academic interests. It is ideal for students that are unable to finish a degree they started in another location or would like to complete academic requirements in cooperation with their degree granting school.

### **Audit Student**

Ideal for the person that wishes to learn in an academic setting with the understanding that completion and grading of assignments and examinations is not required or expected.



### About The John Leland Center for Theological Studies

The John Leland Center for Theological Studies is named for the influential 18th century Virginia Baptist leader, John Leland, who is noteworthy for his opposition to slavery, his defense of freedom of the Gospel, and his advocacy in the cause of religious liberty.

Leland was founded in 1998 and offers classes in Northern Virginia, and several other locations throughout Virginia. Leland is a broadly evangelical, pan-Baptist institution whose students and faculty have ties to a wide array of denominations and churches. Leland Seminary was fully accredited to award its masters degrees by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in 2006. Leland is also a member of the prestigious Washington Theological Consortium.

Leland was founded to address the needs of local churches. Before Leland's inception, many Baptist and other evangelical students in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area had to leave their local churches, communities, and jobs to go to other regions of the country for theological education. Leland's curriculum was designed to allow current and future ministers and leaders to stay in the area to receive ministerial and leadership preparation. Leland offers courses in the evening and on weekends to accommodate the demands of full-time professionals without sacrificing academic rigor or quality.

Leland places great value on teacher/practitioners who are well qualified academically but also serve as pastors, educators, and leaders in local churches and ministries. This emphasis causes Leland to be ever mindful of the demands of local ministry and to maintain a consistent relationship with partner churches.

Leland's cutting-edge curriculum and international faculty are well suited for today's multi-cultural environment. Leland boasts one of the most ethnically and racially diverse student bodies among area seminaries, united to advance the Kingdom. Leland is a place to study God's Word and prepare for ministry with brothers and sisters from a wide range of churches.

Leland strives to keep costs low and scholarships accessible while maintaining high academic standards. As the most affordable accredited seminary in the area, Leland provides a great value for students.

### Locations

Non-degree master's program courses are offered at Leland's Main Campus in Arlington, VA, at the Hampton Roads Extension location, and in Southwest Virginia.

### Visit Us!

The best way to learn about Leland Seminary is to visit. To schedule an individual visit, please contact the Office of Admissions at 703-812-4757 ext. 204 or [info@leland.edu](mailto:info@leland.edu).

### Apply Now

Visit [www.leland.edu](http://www.leland.edu) to begin the application process. **Applications for non-degree master's programs are due January 6, 2012 for Spring 2012 and August 3, 2012 for Fall 2012.**



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