

14. Master of Arts in Classical Judaism (MA-CJ)

The program can also be completed by taking courses in English solely.

a. Program Goals

The Master of Arts in Classical Judaism degree program aims to enable students to develop a basic understanding of the history, religion, literature, language and culture of the Jewish people during the classical, formative period and its antecedents in post-exilic biblical times. It will offer courses on Jewish societies, Bible interpretation, the literature of Second Temple Judaism and Rabbinic periods and comparative studies of Judaism and Christianity. After completion, the student will acquire: i) an understanding of the development of the Second Temple Judaism and its literature; ii) a comparative understanding of early Judaism and Christianity, and the role of Bible interpretation in this process; iii) an explorative understanding of the ancient and modern Israel/Palestine.

b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a Bachelor of Theology degree or other bachelor's degree major in Christianity or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) applicants must have been baptized for at least three years prior to application for study; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

c. Program Content

i) Guided Electives on Jewish Studies (JS)	credits
4 courses	12
ii) Free Electives	
4 courses	12
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Total Credits Required for Graduation	24

d. Credits

Full-time students in the MA-CJ program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

e. Duration

This program requires two academic years. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed six years.

f. Requirements for Graduation

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

g. Further Study

If a MA-CJ degree holder continues to study for the Master of Divinity with Theological Degree (MDIV-T) program at LTS, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted.