

MASTER OF ARTS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH (M.A.)

Purpose

This program is a research degree culminating in an academic thesis that is interdisciplinary in content and methodology. This program will equip students in two academic fields as researchers and ultimately practitioners of Interdisciplinarity.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Analyze the interdisciplinary relationship of knowledge from the literature of two distinct disciplines.
- Produce graduate level research using methods and evidence from two distinct academic disciplines.
- Evaluate interdisciplinary research in light of a Christian worldview.

Program Specific Admissions Requirements

In addition to the general admission requirements, admission to candidacy in the **M.A. in Interdisciplinary Research** program requires:

1. Earned baccalaureate degree or its equivalent from an institution accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (e.g., SACSCOC, TRACS, ABHE, etc.)
2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (on a 4.00 scale)
3. TOEFL (if applicable)

Students who do not meet the minimum Good Standing GPA requirement may be admitted on Academic Caution status. Students who have an undergraduate GPA below 2.5 will not be admitted to the program.

Transfer Credit

Students may transfer up to 23 credit hours from an accredited institution subject to department approval. In order to transfer credit, students must have earned the minimum grade of C-, and courses must have been completed within 10 years of the start date of the program. Credits from a prior degree on the same academic level earned through Liberty University are considered transfer credits.

Program of Study Delivery Format: Online Only

- Interdisciplinary Research (M.A.)

Areas of Study American LegalCriminal Justice

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
CJUS 500	Criminal Justice Integration	3
<i>Criminal Justice Area of Study Electives</i>		

Code	Title	Hours
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level CJUS course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
CJUS 500	Criminal Justice Integration	3
<i>Criminal Justice Area of Study Electives</i>		
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Criminal Justice Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level CJUS course not already applying into the Area of Study

Economics

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
BUSI 530	Managerial Finance	3
BUSI 600	Business Research Methods	3
BUSI 683	Money & Capital Markets	3
or ECON 613	Microeconomic Theory	
<i>Economics Area of Study Electives</i>		9
Choose nine hours of Economics Electives		
ECON 613	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 614	Macroeconomics Theory	
ECON 630	International Economics	
GEOG 620	Economic Geography	
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
BUSI 530	Managerial Finance	3
BUSI 600	Business Research Methods	3
BUSI 683	Money & Capital Markets	3
or ECON 613	Microeconomic Theory	
<i>Economics Area of Study Electives</i>		3
Choose three hours of Economics Electives		
ECON 613	Microeconomic Theory	
ECON 614	Macroeconomics Theory	
ECON 630	International Economics	

Code	Title	Hours
GEOG 620	Economic Geography	
Total Hours		12

English

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
ENGL 602	Methods and Materials of Research	3
<i>English Area of Study Electives</i>		
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level ENGL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
ENGL 602	Methods and Materials of Research	3
<i>English Area of Study Electives</i>		
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
English Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level ENGL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Ethnomusicology

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
ETHM 531	Resources and Materials in Ethnomusicology	3
ETHM 650	Research Methods in Ethnomusicology	3
<i>Ethnomusicology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level ETHM course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		

Code	Title	Hours
ETHM 531	Resources and Materials in Ethnomusicology	3
ETHM 650	Research Methods in Ethnomusicology	3
<i>Ethnomusicology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Ethnomusicology Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level ETHM course not already applying into the Area of Study

Geographic Sciences

Geography

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Geographic Sciences. Geography and Geographic Information Systems **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
GEOG 501	Research Methods	3
GEOG 505	Quantitative Analysis	3
<i>Geography Area of Study Electives</i>		
Geography Elective ¹		3
Geography Elective ¹		3
Geography Elective ¹		3
Geography Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level GEOG course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
GEOG 501	Research Methods	3
GEOG 505	Quantitative Analysis	3
<i>Geography Area of Study Electives</i>		
Geography Elective ¹		3
Geography Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level GEOG course not already applying into the Area of Study

Geographic Information Systems

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Geographic Sciences. Geography and Geographic Information Systems **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
GEOG 501	Research Methods	3

Code	Title	Hours
GEOG 505	Quantitative Analysis	3
<i>GIS Area of Study</i>		
GEOG 502	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
GEOG 640	Remote Sensing	3
GEOG 641	GIS for Urban Planning	3
GEOG 642	GIS for Disaster Management	3
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
GEOG 501	Research Methods	3
<i>GIS Area of Study</i>		
GEOG 502	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (GIS)	3
GEOG 640	Remote Sensing	3
GEOG 641	GIS for Urban Planning	3
or GEOG 642	GIS for Disaster Management	
Total Hours		12

Government and International Relations

Government

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Government and International Relations. Government and International Relations **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PPOG 502	Economics and Public Policy	3
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance: An Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3
Public Policy Elective ¹		3
Public Policy Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level PPOG or PPOL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PPOG 502	Economics and Public Policy	3
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
PPOL 501	Foundations of American Governance: An Introduction to Public Policy	3
PPOL 505	Applied Public Policy Research Methods	3
Total Hours		12

International Relations

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Geographic Sciences. Geography and Geographic Information Systems **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
<i>International Relations Area of Study Electives</i>		
Choose 15 Hours of International Relations Studies Electives		
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship, and Governance	
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy	
PPOG 540	Foreign Policy	
PPOG 640	Middle East Law and Policy	
PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	
PPOL 506	Introduction to Geopolitics	
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy, and Politics	
PPOL 652	U.S. Foreign Policy and Sovereignty Issues	
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PPOG 503	Political Philosophy	3
<i>International Relations Area of Study Electives</i>		
Choose nine hours of International Relations Studies Electives		
PPOG 504	Leadership, Statesmanship, and Governance	
PPOG 506	Introduction to Geopolitics and International Diplomacy	
PPOG 540	Foreign Policy	
PPOG 640	Middle East Law and Policy	
PPOG 641	U.S. Middle East Foreign Policy	
PPOL 506	Introduction to Geopolitics	
PPOL 650	International Law, Policy, and Politics	
PPOL 652	U.S. Foreign Policy and Sovereignty Issues	
Total Hours		12

History

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
or HIST 503	Public History Methods	
<i>History Area of Study Electives ¹</i>		
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
Total Hours		18

¹ HIST 501 and HIST 503 cannot be applied to the History Area of Study Electives.

² Any 500-600 level HIEU, HIST, HIUS, or HIWD course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
HIST 501	Historical Methods	3
or HIST 503	Public History Methods	
<i>History Area of Study Electives</i> ¹		
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
History Elective ²		3
Total Hours		12

¹ HIST 501 and HIST 503 cannot be applied to the History Area of Study Electives.

² Any 500-600 level HIEU, HIST, HIUS, or HIWD course not already applying into the Area of Study

Legal Studies

American Legal Studies

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Legal Studies. American Legal Studies and International Legal Studies **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
JURI 510	Introduction to Legal Systems and Research	3
JURI 515	Legal Writing and Analysis	3
JURI 520	Constitutional Law	3
<i>Americal Legal Studies Area of Study Electives</i>		
Juris Master Law Elective ¹		3
Juris Master Law Elective ¹		3
Juris Master Law Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level JURI course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
JURI 510	Introduction to Legal Systems and Research	3
JURI 515	Legal Writing and Analysis	3
JURI 520	Constitutional Law	3
<i>Americal Legal Studies Area of Study Electives</i>		
Juris Master Law Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level JURI course not already applying into the Area of Study

International Legal Studies

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Geographic Sciences. Geography and Geographic Information Systems **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
JURI 600	Foundations of Law	3
JURI 690	Legal Research and Writing I - Capstone	3
JURI 695	Legal Research and Writing II - Capstone	3
<i>International Legal Studies Area of Study Electives</i>		9
Choose nine hours of International Legal Studies Electives		
JURI 610	Jurisprudence/Legal History	
JURI 620	Law and Economics	
JURI 630	International Business Law	
JURI 640	International Public Law	
JURI 650	International Trade Law	
JURI 660	International Law and Diplomacy	
JURI 670	The Law of Armed Conflict	
JURI 680	International Human Rights Law	
Total Hours		18

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
JURI 600	Foundations of Law	3
JURI 690	Legal Research and Writing I - Capstone	3
JURI 695	Legal Research and Writing II - Capstone	3
<i>International Legal Studies Area of Study Electives</i>		3
Choose three hours of International Legal Studies Electives		
JURI 610	Jurisprudence/Legal History	
JURI 620	Law and Economics	
JURI 630	International Business Law	
JURI 640	International Public Law	
JURI 650	International Trade Law	
JURI 660	International Law and Diplomacy	
JURI 670	The Law of Armed Conflict	
JURI 680	International Human Rights Law	
Total Hours		12

Linguistics

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
LANG 500	Applied Language Studies	3
or LING 600	Advanced Semantics and Pragmatics	
LANG 501	Analysis of World Language	3
or LING 605	Advanced Phonetics	

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Linguistics Area of Study Electives</i>		
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level LING or SPAN course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
LANG 500	Applied Language Studies	3
or LING 600	Advanced Semantics and Pragmatics	
LANG 501	Analysis of World Language	3
or LING 605	Advanced Phonetics	
<i>Linguistics Area of Study Electives</i>		
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Linguistics Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level LING or SPAN course not already applying into the Area of Study

Military & National Security

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
ETHC 620	Just War Theory	3
MISC 501	Research, Doctrine, and Leadership	3
NSEC 501	National Security Structure and Responsibilities	3
<i>Military and National Security Area of Study Electives</i>		
Military and National Security Elective ¹		3
Military and National Security Elective ¹		3
Military and National Security Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level MISC or NSEC course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
ETHC 620	Just War Theory	3
MISC 501	Research, Doctrine, and Leadership	3
NSEC 501	National Security Structure and Responsibilities	3
<i>Military and National Security Area of Study Electives</i>		
Military and National Security Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level MISC or NSEC course not already applying into the Area of Study

Nutrition

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
HLTH 640	Principles of Nutrition	3
<i>Nutrition Area of Study Electives</i>		
Nutrition Elective ^{1,2}		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level NUTR or HLTH course not already applying into the Area of Study

² Allow FACS 570 as a substitute.

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
HLTH 640	Principles of Nutrition	3
<i>Nutrition Area of Study Electives</i>		
Nutrition Elective ^{1,2}		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Nutrition Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level NUTR or HLTH course not already applying into the Area of Study

² Allow FACS 570 as a substitute.

Psychology

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
<i>Psychology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level PSYC course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PSYC 510	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology I	3
PSYC 515	Research Methods and Statistics in Psychology II	3
<i>Psychology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Psychology Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level PSYC course not already applying into the Area of Study

Public Administration

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PADM 530	Politics, Strategies, and Initiatives of Community Economic Development	3
<i>Public Administration Area of Study Electives</i>		
Public Administration Elective ¹		3
Public Administration Elective ¹		3
Public Administration Elective ^{1,2}		3
Public Administration Elective ^{1,3}		3
Public Administration Elective ^{1,4}		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level PADM course not already applying into the Area of Study

² Allow GEOG 502 as a substitute.

³ Allow GEOG 541 as a substitute.

⁴ Allow GEOG 641 or GEOG 642 as a substitute.

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
PADM 530	Politics, Strategies, and Initiatives of Community Economic Development	3
<i>Public Administration Area of Study Electives</i>		
Public Administration Elective ¹		3
Public Administration Elective ¹		3
Public Administration Elective ^{1,2}		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level PADM course not already applying into the Area of Study

² Allow GEOG 502 as a substitute.

Religion

Apologetics

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Religion. Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament,

or Theology **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
<i>Apologetics Area of Study Electives</i>		
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level APOL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
APOL 500	Introduction to Apologetics	3
<i>Apologetics Area of Study Electives</i>		
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Apologetics Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ This area of study cannot be combined with the Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, or Theology areas of study in the MA Interdisciplinary Research.

² Any 500-600 level APOL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Church History

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Religion. Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, or Theology **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
CHHI 520	History of Christianity I	3
or CHHI 525	History of Christianity II	
CHHI 610	Historical Development of Christian Theology	3
<i>Church History Area of Study Electives</i>		
Church History Elective ¹		3
Church History Elective ¹		3
Church History Elective ^{1,2}		3
Church History Elective ^{1,3}		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level CHHI course not already applying into the Area of Study

² Church History Elective (CHHI 500-600 level) or APOL 520³ Church History Elective (CHHI 500-600 level) or HIEU 566

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study ¹		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
CHHI 520	History of Christianity I	3
or CHHI 525	History of Christianity II	
CHHI 610	Historical Development of Christian Theology	3
<i>Church History Area of Study Electives</i>		
Church History Elective	¹	3
Church History Elective	^{1,2}	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level CHHI course not already applying into the Area of Study² Church History Elective (CHHI 500-600 level) or APOL 520

New Testament

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Religion. Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, or Theology **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study ¹		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
<i>New Testament Area of Study Electives</i>		
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level NBST or NGRK course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
<i>New Testament Area of Study Electives</i>		
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
New Testament Elective	¹	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level NBST or NGRK course not already applying into the Area of Study

Old Testament

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Religion. Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, or Theology **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
<i>Old Testament Area of Study Electives</i>		
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level OBST or OTCL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
<i>Old Testament Area of Study Electives</i>		
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Old Testament Elective	¹	3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level OBST or OTCL course not already applying into the Area of Study

Theology

Note: Students may not choose a primary and a secondary area of study in Religion. Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, or Theology **cannot** be combined as a primary and secondary area of study.

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
THEO 610	Biblical Theology	3
<i>Theology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Theology Elective	¹	3
Theology Elective	¹	3
Theology Elective	¹	3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level THEO course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
THEO 610	Biblical Theology	3
<i>Theology Area of Study Electives</i>		
Theology Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level THEO course not already applying into the Area of Study

Strategic Communications

Code	Title	Hours
Primary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
STCO 534	Strategic Media Analysis	3
<i>Strategic Communications Area of Study Electives</i>		
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		18

¹ Any 500-600 level STCO course not already applying into the Area of Study

Code	Title	Hours
Secondary Area of Study		
<i>Research Methodology</i>		
STCO 534	Strategic Media Analysis	3
<i>Strategic Communications Area of Study Electives</i>		
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Strategic Communications Elective ¹		3
Total Hours		12

¹ Any 500-600 level STCO course not already applying into the Area of Study

Career Opportunities

- Postgraduate Education
- Research
- Teaching
- Writing