Chinese Bi-cultural and Pastoral Ministries Program

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“In ATS I find the balance between ‘making study and making character.’ ATS is not a seminary which focuses solely on academic study while overlooking the spirituality of students. The special time of study at ATS has become an inerasable memory in my life. May God bless ATS, and ATS bless God too!”

Yu Lin Liu
The Potential
Chinese churches worldwide are standing at a threshold of opportunity at the beginning of this new millennium. Churches ministering in Chinese languages continue to multiply in North America. Second generation Chinese ministries continue to expand. An increasing number of North American Chinese churches send missionaries around the world. Well-equipped and ministry-skilled men and women are in great demand.

The Chinese Bi-cultural and Pastoral Ministries Program (Chinese Studies Program) shares the responsibility to meet this great need by providing master-level trained pastors, missionaries and lay leaders for serving the Chinese churches.

Distinctives
Students entering this program will be spiritually enriched, intellectually challenged, and psychologically prepared for what God has for them in their future ministry.

An Integrating-Learning Community
The Chinese Studies Program functions as both a whole and a part of a learning community. Our unique set of core courses are designed particularly to train students in the theological, cultural, and linguistic nuances of the Chinese church. On the other hand, we are an integral part of a larger community – the Alliance Theological Seminary. Students study with Anglo students, as well as with international students from Africa, Middle East, Latin America and South East Asia. This context provides ample opportunities for students to absorb the good points of Western theological education and become internationally minded.

Spiritual and Personal Formation
We have always emphasized cultivating the spiritual lives of our students alongside their biblical and theological studies through:
- Formal classroom instruction that builds into the student a spiritual and godly character, cultural sensitivity and understanding, and a theological foundation.
- A one-to-one mentoring relationship with an experienced pastor that helps to develop the student’s spiritual life; to counsel and encourage and to provide an accountability structure.

Practical Ministry Training
Classes have a practical ministry orientation, and students can experience a variety of hands-on-ministry opportunities in their cultural settings, through serving church in an internship program or through participation in the Chinese Studies Program gospel team.
- Over 100 Chinese churches in our surrounding areas provide ministry opportunities for current students and open future ministries for our graduates.
- Students who are in the Missions Track are strongly encouraged to do an extended period of overseas missions as part of their internship experience.

Resources
The Chinese Research Library Center is a rich collection of Chinese books, journals, and research materials that resources the study of specific geographic areas and cultural strategies for doing ministry to Chinese people in North America or throughout the world.

Programs of Study
The Chinese Studies Program offers specialized courses within the M.Div. and M.P.S. curricula of ATS.

MASTER OF DIVINITY (93 CREDITS)

Core courses (16)
- Personal/Professional/Theological Foundations For Ministry
- Reading the Old Testament
- The Hebrew Bible and the Eastern Mediterranean World
- Reading the New Testament
- The Greek Bible and the Western Mediterranean World
- Hermeneutics
- Biblical Theology
- Theology in Global Context
- History of Christianity
- People as Social and Cultural Beings
- Church as a Social and Cultural Institution
- Church in the Urban World
- Perspectives in Mission
- Working with People (Evangelism, Apologetics, Counseling)
- Chinese Preaching (I)
- Worship in the Chinese Church

Bible & Theology Track Courses (6)
- Biblical Hebrew I or NT Greek I
- Biblical Hebrew II or NT Greek II
- Biblical Hebrew III or NT Greek III: Exegesis
- Book Study (NT if following Hebrew track; OT if Greek)
- Systematic Theology I: God & Humanity
- Systematic Theology II: Christ / Church

Mentored Development Courses (3)
- Initiation in Spiritual Formation
- Field Education
- Spiritual Formation Capstone

Specialization options (6)
(A) Chinese Pastoral Ministries Track
- Development of the Chinese Church to the 21st Century
- Chinese Preaching (I)
- Planting and Growing Healthy Chinese Churches
- Theological and Cultural Issues in the Chinese Church
- Leadership & Pastoral Ministry for the Chinese Church
- Elective (1)

(B) Chinese Mission Track
- Development of the Chinese Church in the 21st Century
- Chinese Preaching (I)
- Planting and Growing Healthy Chinese Churches
- Mission Outreach in the Chinese Church
- Electives (2)

MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (48 CREDITS)

Core courses (7)
- Church as a Social & Cultural Institution
- Reading the Old Testament
- Reading the New Testament
- Personal/Professional/Theological Foundations For Ministry
- Biblical Theology
- Theology in Global Context
- History of Christianity

Mentored Development Courses (2)
- Initiation in Spiritual Formation
- Field Education

Chinese Ministries Electives (7)