

ORU Graduate School of Theology & Ministry Degree Program Chart  
Degree Program Goals, Outcomes, and Artifacts  
**M.A. Practical Theology**

<b>GOALS</b> <b>The Purpose of the MPT Degree aims to do the following:</b>	<b>OUTCOMES</b> <b>As a result of completing the MPT Degree the student will:</b>	<b>ARTIFACTS:</b> <b>Type of artifact:</b>	<b>COURSES</b>
1. Prepare candidates with a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture within its cultural and historical context with application to selected contemporary situations	Articulate a foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture within its cultural and historical context with application to selected contemporary situations.	Research Paper	<i>One of the following:</i> GBIB 505 Intro to OT Lit. GBIB 506 Intro to NT Lit. GBIB 551 OT Synthesis GBIB 571 NT Synthesis
2. Prepare students to increase competence and understanding in the Word of God by utilizing basic methods of biblical interpretation.	Exhibit competence and understanding in the Word of God by utilizing basic methods of biblical interpretation	Research Paper	GBIB 507 Biblical Hermeneutics
3. Provide a basic knowledge of the contents and methods of Christian theology.	Exhibit a basic knowledge of the contents and methods of Christian theology.	<i>One of the following:</i> Theological Application Paper Research Paper	One of the following: GTHE 518 Intro. to Theology GTHE 551 Syst. Theology I GTHE 561 Syst. Theology II
4. Provide a basic knowledge of the key movements and figures together with their significance in the history of Christianity.	Research and synthesize key movements and figures together with their significance in the history of Christianity.	Research Paper	One of the following: GTHE 571 Church History I GTHE 581 Church History II GTHE 681 Historical Theology
5. Prepare students to effectively communicate the message of Christianity in various cultural contexts	Effectively communicate the message of Christianity through the medium of preaching or teaching	Preaching or Teaching Manuscript/Presentation	<i>One of the following:</i> PRM 560 Teaching the Bible PRM 663 Text to Sermon PRM 669 Practice Preaching
6. Promote a biblical/theological understanding of the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit.	Articulate a biblical/ theological understanding of the person, work, and ministry of the Holy Spirit.	Position Paper	GTHE 510 Holy Spirit Empowerment in Life and Ministry
7. Enable students to articulate clearly their ministry/ professional calling.	Articulate clearly their ministry/professional calling.	Self-Reflection Paper	PRFT 056 Entry Level Assessment or PRFT 055 Spiritual Formation & Assessment
8. Integrate theological reflection and practice through internship opportunities	Demonstrate understanding and skills for contemporary ministry contexts.	Synthesis Paper	FED 750 Ministry Practicum