

MA in Urban Ministry

Prerequisites:

1. OT/NT Survey
2. Basic Doctrines
3. Intro to Theology
4. Intro to Missiology
5. Intro to Religions

YEAR1

Semester I

Urban Spirituality & Theology

CORE

- Urban Spirituality
- Urban Theology Process, Story-telling Pedagogy
- Hermeneutics

ELECTIVES

- Urban Spirituality Formation
- Urban Religious Movements

Semester II

Citywide Leadership

CORE

- Urban Leadership Strategies
- Understanding Urban Environment
- Developing Citywide Prayer Movements
- Citywide Revival & Transformation

ELECTIVES

- Urban Research Methods
- Partnership & Networking

YEAR2

Semester III

Urban Poor Movement Leadership

CORE

- Urban Poor Leadership
- Urban Poor Church-planting (Holistic Approach)

ELECTIVES

- Developing Elementary & Vocational Education
- Theory & Practice of Land Rights & Housing

Semester IV

Culture/ Civilisation Studies

CORE

- Urban Anthropology
- Language & Culture Learning
- Ecclesiology of the City
- City Systems Analysis

ELECTIVES

- Global Issues and Advocacy
- Urban Sociology, Economics and History

YEAR3

Semester V

Community Transformation

CORE

- Theology & Theories of Development and Transformation
- Advocacy and Community Organization
- Strategic Planning & Change Management

ELECTIVES

- Micro-enterprise Development & Primary Health Care
- Project Cycle Management

Semester VI

Organisational Management

CORE

- Pastoral Care
- Making Human Strengths Productive
- Financial Management

ELECTIVES

- Media and Communications
- Programme & Event Planning
- Information Technology & Web Designing

Optional Specialist Studies

Tools for Ministry among Christian Teens

Street Children Ministries

Relief & Crisis Management

Drug/Prostitutes Rehabilitation

HIV/AIDS Prevention And Care

English Language Proficiency

7. Supervised Field Experience
8. Integrational Seminar/Thesis

Each Course = 4 Units. Each Unit = 10 hours of teaching = 1 CD Rom

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Offered by
ACT-Urban Leadership Training Institute

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Eligibility

Pastors, Urban Ministry leaders and staff, and those involved in Cross-cultural and Community Development ministry, with a recognised University degree or 10 years in urban ministry and have fulfilled the pre-requisites, are eligible for admission to the programme.

Limited Residency Requirements

Students will come together at a residency usually 2 times for a total of ten days per year. The program can be completed in a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 5 years.

Cost

Course fees per semester-Rs.2,000
Residential session for 5 days-Rs.1,500
(including food and accomodation)

Appropriate Distance Learning Methodology

These methods will incorporate course workbook, readers and other additional material. Dialogue with faculty/mentors will be by a variety of means including face to face meetings, e-mail and other forms of online learning. Faculty/mentors are responsible for coaching and facilitating the dialogue, both individually and collectively, during the specified course period. Students have practical projects where they have to apply what they are learning to their current role and complete a number of written assignments. Students who want to specialise in any specific ministry, can choose the subject of their choice from the Optional Specialist Studies list.

Course starting in November 2004
1st residential session:
15-19 November 2004 in Mumbai

Urban populations are exploding in our world. Africa, Latin America and Asia are rapidly urbanizing. In India, we have 37 cities with a population of more than a million people, including the four metros with more than 10 million people, and 400 towns with more than 100,000 people. How does the church face the challenge? Over the past thirty years the need has been increasingly felt for adequate training for workers in the large cities.

The ‘M.A. in Urban Ministry’ is designed for those already working or interested in working in the large cities of India and the world, who cannot take out time to go to a long residential course and want the knowledge and skills without having to leave their place of ministry.

Course Objectives

- Urban Spiritual Formation to develop spiritual resources to respond with grace to the huge urban needs they face.
- Capacity Building: Many workers need enhancement of skills to better tackle their present ministry.
- Academic Reflection: Workers need theological and academic reflection to process the nature of issues they face.
- Exposure to best practice models in cities in their own countries
- The final comprehensive exam will seek to integrate all learning into a statement for urban mission.
- The Thesis for the course will be the students own choice of a specific urban ministry that will either enhance something already being done or of something that will be launched.