There is a great deal of flexibility in the order that you take your MACH courses. All core requirements (e.g. TH501, Theology Survey I or OT500, Old Testament Survey) are offered at least once every year. Concentration courses, however, may vary from year to year. Thus, if you see a particular concentration or elective course that interests you, you may want to take it immediately since it may not be offered again during your time at Gordon-Conwell.

While there is great freedom in how you sequence your courses, there are a few important points to keep in mind in order to ensure that you are able to complete your degree in two years.

- If there is a particular topic in church history that interests you, you may want to considering working with a faculty member one-on-one to create a Reading or Research Course focusing on that area.

- BTI courses will not count as part of your church history concentration unless you get a Waiver Petition approved to allow this.

- If you desire to write a thesis, discuss this with a faculty member from the Division of Christian Thought early in your studies since the thesis invitation process can take several months.

- If you do not test out of OT and/or NT Survey, you must take these foundational courses immediately to ensure that you can register for other courses.

- Always register as soon as you are permitted in order to ensure that you get maximum priority on limited courses.

- Consider taking Semlinks or January and Summer session courses to lighten your load in the Fall and Spring semesters.