



Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.) program is designed for those who desire to enhance their knowledge of the Scripture. The following are encouraged to consider this program:

- a. Those with several years of pastoral experience who desire further Biblical and theological study
- b. Those leading various church-related ministries other than the pulpit ministry
- c. Those who seek to develop competence in studying and teaching the Bible effectively

Objectives

To enable the students to demonstrate:

- a. A general knowledge of the Bible, including a basic understanding of selected books
- b. A general knowledge of conservative Christian theology
- c. The necessary skills to use the Bible effectively in ministry
- d. Competence in teaching Biblical truth
- e. An understanding of the Biblical foundations of the local church and its various ministries
- f. Necessary skills to lead a local church ministry or a church-related ministry

Admission

The applicant must have a Bachelor of Arts degree, Bachelor of Science degree, or the equivalent from a recognized college.

Curriculum

Concentration Hours	45
Biblical Studies/New Testament/Old Testament (+)	21
BIBL 5723 Biblical Hermeneutics (3)	
BIBL 5733 Introduction to Exposition (3)	
BIBL 6733 Biblical Research and Writing (3)	
BIBL 5113 Old Testament Survey* (3)	
BIBL 6113 Old Testament Introduction (3)	
BIBL 5413 New Testament Survey* (3)	
BIBL 6413 New Testament Introduction (3)	
Theology (+)	12
THEO 5113 Systematic Theology I* or Sub: _____ (3)	
THEO 5123 Systematic Theology II* or Sub: _____ (3)	
<i>Choose Two:</i>	
Apol./Theo. electives (6)	
Church History	3
HIST 5703 Survey of Church History (3)	
OR HIST 6733 Baptist History and Distinctives (3)	
Christian Education/Church Ministry	3
CHMN 5613 C.E. in the Local Church (3)	
Missions/Evangelism (+)	6
CHMN 5013 Personal Evangelism* (3)	

ICST 5013 Global Focus of the Local Church (3)

Specialization/Focus Concentration Electives (+) 15
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TOTAL 60

* Required for students without undergraduate equivalence

(+) Core Courses—minimum passing grade is C

Specific Graduation Requirements

The completion of 60 hours of classes with a GPA of 2.00.