

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree

(See the TBS 2006-2007 Catalog, Pp. 72-73)

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

Areas Sem. Hours	45
Biblical Studies/New Testament/Old Testament (+)	21
Bi 503 Biblical Hermeneutics (3)	
Bi 504 Introduction to Exposition (3)	
Bi 601 Biblical Research and Writing (3)	
OT 500 Old Testament Survey* (3)	
OT 701 Old Testament Introduction (3)	
NT 500 New Testament Survey* (3)	
NT 721 New Testament Introduction (3)	
Theology (+)	12
TH 511 Systematic Theology I* or Sub: _____ (3)	
TH 512 Systematic Theology II* or Sub: _____ (3)	
<i>Choose Two:</i>	
Apol./Theo. electives (6)	
Church History	3
CH 500 Survey of Church History (3)	
OR CH 604 Baptist History and Distinctives (3)	
Christian Education/Church Ministry	3
CE 502 C.E. in the Local Church (3)	
Missions/Evangelism (+)	6
ME 501 Personal Evangelism* (3)	
ME 502 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.