

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree - Military Chaplaincy (M.A.B.S.)

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies - Military Chaplaincy (M.A.B.S.) program is designed for those who desire to enhance their knowledge of the Scripture and specialty ministry skills in preparation for service as military chaplains. The following are encouraged to consider this program:

- a. Those desiring biblical, theological training to serve in vocational ministry as military chaplains.
- b. Those in pastoral ministries who are seeking additional opportunities of ministry as military chaplains in reserve or national guard units.
- c. Those with ministries in the immediate vicinity of military bases seeking to serve the military community.

Objectives

To enable the students to demonstrate:

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

Admission

The applicant must have a Bachelor of Arts degree, Bachelor of Science degree, or the equivalent from a recognized college, and a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75.

Program Curriculum

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
BIBL 5723 Biblical Hermeneutics or BIBL 7713 Computer-Assisted Biblical Herm. / Exeg.	3
BIBL-5733 Introduction to Exposition	3
BIBL-6733 Biblical Research and Writing	3
BIBL-5113 Old Testament Survey*; or BIBL 5123 Old Testament Lit.	3
BIBL-6113 Old Testament Introduction	3
BIBL-5413 New Testament Survey*; or BIBL 5423 New Testament Lit.	3
BIBL-6413 New Testament Introduction	3
THEO-5113 Systematic Theology I*	3
THEO-5123 Systematic Theology II*	3
THEO Apologetics / Theology Electives.....	3
HIST-5703 Survey of Church History or HIST-6733 Baptist History and Distinctives	3
CHMN-5013 Christian Life and Evangelism*	3
ICST 5013 Global Focus of the Local Church* or ICST 5213 Biblical Theology of Missions	3
ICST 5713 Introduction to Cults & World Religions	3
CHMN 5113 Disciple. I: Intro. to Disciplines of Disciple or PAST 6013 Spiritual Discipline & Development	3
CHMN-5613 C.E. in the Local Church	3
PAST 6713 Biblical Counseling.....	3
PAST 7303 Foundations of Biblical Communication	3
PAST 7313 Expository Communication	3
PAST 7713 Church Administration	3
PAST 7613 <i>Introduction to Chaplaincy - Military</i>	3
PAST 7623 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Garrison Operations</i>	3
PAST 7633 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry -Transition to War</i>	3
PAST 7643 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Combat & Re-deployment</i>	3
Total Hours	72