

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree

(TBS Catalog 2009-2010)

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 B.A., B.S., or the equivalent from a recognized college.

Curriculum

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| BIBLICAL STUDIES+ | (21 Hours) |
| BIBL-5723 Biblical Hermeneutics | |
| BIBL-5733 Introduction to Exposition | |
| BIBL-6733 Biblical Research and Writing | |
| BIBL-5113 Old Testament Survey* | |
| BIBL-6113 Old Testament Introduction | |
| BIBL-5413 New Testament Survey* | |
| BIBL-6413 New Testament Introduction | |
| THEOLOGY+ | (12 Hours) |
| THEO-5113 Systematic Theology I* | |
| THEO-5123 Systematic Theology* | |
| Apologetics/Theology Electives | |
| CHURCH HISTORY | (3 Hours) |
| THEO-5003 Survey of Church History | |
| or HIST-6733 Baptist History and Distinctives | |
| MISSIONS/EVANGELISM | (6 Hours) |
| CHMN-5013 Personal Evangelism* | |
| ICST-5013 Global Focus of the Local Church | |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ CHURCH MINISTRY | (6 Hours) |
| CHMN-5613 Discipleship in the Local Church | |
| CHMN 5113 Disciple I: Intro. To Disciplines of Disciple | |
| or PAST 6013 Spiritual Discipline & Development | |
| FOCUS ELECTIVES | (12 Hours) |

Total Hours.....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.