

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree – Military Chaplaincy

(TBS Catalog 2009-2010)

Purpose

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (M.A.B.S.) – Military Chaplaincy program is designed for those who desire to enhance their knowledge of the Scripture and select military protocol from an evangelical perspective, all in preparation for service as a military chaplain. 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 B.A., B.S., or the equivalent from a recognized college.

Curriculum

BIBLICAL STUDIES+	(21 Hours)
BIBL-5723 Biblical Hermeneutics	
BIBL-5733 Introduction to Exposition	
BIBL-6733 Biblical Research and Writing	
BIBL-5113 Old Testament Survey*	
or BIBL 5123 Old Testament Lit	
BIBL-6113 Old Testament Introduction	
BIBL-5413 New Testament Survey*	
or BIBL 5423 New Testament Lit	
BIBL-6413 New Testament Introduction	
THEOLOGY+	(09 Hours)
THEO-5113 Systematic Theology I*	
THEO-5123 Systematic Theology II*	
Apologetics/Theology Electives	
CHURCH HISTORY	(03 Hours)
THEO-5003 Survey of Church History	
or HIST-6733 Baptist History and Distinctives	
INTERCULTURAL STUDIES +	(06 Hours)
ICST-5013 Global Focus of the Local Church	
ICST 5713 Introduction to Cults & World Religions	
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/ CHURCH MINISTRY	(09 Hours)
CHMN-5013 Christian Life & Evangelism	
CHMN-5613 Discipleship & Christian Education in the Local Church	
CHMN 5113 Disciple I: Intro. to Disciplines of Discipleship	
or PAST 6013 Spiritual Discipline & Development	
FOCUS REQUIREMENTS +	(24 Hours)
PAST 6713 Biblical Counseling	
PAST 7303 Foundations of Biblical Communication	
PAST 7313 Expository Communication	
PAST 7713 Church Administration	
PAST 7613 <i>Introduction to Chaplaincy - Military</i>	
PAST 7623 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Garrison Operations</i>	
PAST 7633 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry -Transition to War</i>	
PAST 7643 <i>Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Combat & Re-deployment</i>	

Total Hours..... 72

* Required for students without undergraduate equivalence

(+) Core Courses—minimum passing grade is C

Specific Graduation Requirements

The completion of 72 hours of classes with a GPA of 2.00.