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 Introduction to Chaplaincy - Military
- PAST 7623 Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Garrison Operations
- PAST 7633 Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Transition to War
- PAST 7643 Military Chaplaincy Ministry - Combat & Re-deployment

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.