

# Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies prepares persons for ministry in the evangelical Christian church, persons able to lead and teach a congregation or other groups to grow, mature, and reach out to the world around them, near and far. The degree also provides training for persons committed to other ministry, such as evangelism, missions, Christian education, etc., in either a church-related or parachurch context. It may also be used to provide training for parachurch ministry, or other church-related ministry.



## M.A. Biblical Studies Program Objectives:

1. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Old and New Testaments, including a synthetic development of each of sixty-six books of the Bible.
2. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
3. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of Biblical Languages, including grammar, syntax, and exegesis of specific books.
4. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of hermeneutical principles and an ability to apply them to the biblical text.
5. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
6. Demonstrate a basic knowledge in Christian Apologetics.
7. Do further graduate work if they so desire.
8. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
9. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socio-economic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
10. Love and serve people in whatever spiritual, moral, or physical condition they meet them and to seek to show them God's love and truth.
11. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
12. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, specifically in relationship to counter-cult and apologetic ministries.
13. Communicate the truth of God effectively in a ministry or academic setting.

### Prerequisite Course – 3 hours *Pass/Fail*

SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

### Apologetics – 6 hours

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)

AP Elective (3)

### Biblical Languages – 18 hours

GK501 Greek Grammar 1 (3)

GK502 Greek Grammar 2 (3)

GK503 Greek Syntax and Exegesis (3)

HB501 Biblical Hebrew 1 (3)

HB502 Biblical Hebrew 2 (3)

HB503 Biblical Hebrew Syntax and Exegesis or

GK504 Advanced Greek Exegesis (3)

### Biblical Studies – 18 hours

#### Old Testament – 9 hours

OT501 Old Testament Survey 1: Genesis–Esther (3)

OT502 Old Testament Survey 2: Job–Malachi (3)

OT500 Old Testament Book (3)

#### New Testament – 9 hours

NT501 New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts (3)

NT502 New Testament Survey 2: The Epistles and Revelation (3)

NT500 New Testament Book (3)

### Historical Theology – 3 hours

HT501 Historical Theology: A Survey (3)

### Systematic Theology – 18 hours

ST501 Prolegomena and Bibliology (3)

ST502 Theology Proper and Creation (3)

ST503 Hamartiology and Soteriology (3)

ST504 Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology (3)

ST505 Hermeneutics (3)

ST511 Advanced Hermeneutics (3)

### Field Experience – 0 hours

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)

FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)

Total hours for the M.A. in Biblical Studies: 63 hours

Suggested Course Sequence  
for M.A. in Biblical Studies

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	AP elective	3
GK501	3	GK502	3
HB501	3	HB502	3
OT501	3	OT502	3
ST501	3	ST502	3
FE501	0	FE502	0
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Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
HT501	3	NT502	3
NT501	3	HB503 or GK504	3
GK503	3	ST504	3
ST503	3	OT500	3
ST505	3	NT500	3
		ST511	3
	15		18

Total hours: 63