

# Master of Divinity in Biblical Studies

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) is a three year professional degree that prepares individuals for ministry in pastoral and non-pastoral positions. This degree, which usually is a terminal program, may also be preliminary to further study toward a Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree. The M.Div. degree helps prepare pastors and teachers for evangelical Christian church ministry to assist them in leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world around them.



## M.Div. 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 Historical Theology, especially the development of each of the major doctrines from Pentecost to the present.
3. Demonstrate a general knowledge of Systematic Theology, especially in relating the major biblical doctrines to current cultural and apologetic issues.
4. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of Biblical Languages, including grammar, syntax, and exegesis of specific books.
5. Demonstrate an extensive knowledge of hermeneutical principles and an ability to apply them to the biblical text.
6. Demonstrate an introductory knowledge in Apologetics, including the basics of various ideas and how they relate to particular contemporary philosophies, theologies, and ethical dilemmas and decisions.
7. Demonstrate an introductory knowledge and experience in Christian Education and World Missions.
8. Do further graduate work if so desired.
9. Evidence an increasing likeness to Christ as manifested in love for God, love for others, and evidence of the fruit of the Spirit.
10. Develop a deep commitment to reach people from widely variant socioeconomic strata with the Gospel and love of Jesus Christ.
11. 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.
12. Develop a growing commitment to the local church, especially in regard to worshipping God and serving His people.
13. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an intercultural context, either in a pastoral or non-pastoral position.
14. Communicate the truth of God effectively in an evangelical Christian church ministry, especially in regard to leading and teaching a congregation or other group in growth, maturity, and outreach to the world.

**Prerequisite Course – 3 hours Pass/Fail**  
SM501 Writing and Research Skills (3)

### **Apologetics – 6 hours**

AP501 Introduction to Christian Apologetics (3)  
AP512 Ethics (3)

### **Biblical Languages – 18 hours**

**Greek – 12 hours**  
GK501 Greek Grammar 1 (3)  
GK502 Greek Grammar 2 (3)  
GK503 Greek Syntax and Exegesis (3)  
GK504 Advanced Greek Exegesis (3)

### **Hebrew – 6 hours**

HB501 Biblical Hebrew 1 (3)  
HB502 Biblical Hebrew 2 (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)  
OTE Old Testament Elective (3)  
**New Testament – 9 hours**  
NT501 New Testament Survey 1: Gospels and Acts (3)  
NT502 New Testament Survey 2: The Epistles and Revelation (3)  
NTE New Testament Elective (3)

### **Christian Education – 3 hours**

CE501 Educational Program of the Church (3)

### **Missions and Evangelism – 9 hours**

ME507 History of Missions & World Christianity (3)  
ME508 Biblical Theology & Principles of Missions (3)  
ME510 Culture & Worldview (3)

### **Pastoral Theology – 9 hours**

PT501 Homiletics (3)  
PT502 Pastoral Care (3)  
PT503 Biblical Counseling (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)

### **Electives – 6 hours**

a) Any Elective (3)  
b) One course from CE, PT, or ME (3)

### **Field Experience – 0 hours**

FE501 Field Experience 1 (0)  
FE502 Field Experience 2 (0)  
FE503 Field Experience 3 (0)  
FE504 Field Experience 4 (0)

Total hours for the M.Div. degree with major in Biblical Languages: 90 hours.

Suggested Course Sequence for M.Div. in Biblical Studies

Year One			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
AP501	3	AP512	3
GK501	3	GK502	3
OT501	3	ME507	3
ST501	3	OT502	3
ST505	3	ST502	3
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Year Two			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
CE501	3	Elective	3
GK503	3	GK504	3
NT501	3	NT502	3
PT503	3	OTE	3
ST503	3	ST504	3
FE501	0	FE502	0
	15		15
Year Three			
First Term	hrs.	Second Term	hrs.
HB501	3	HB502	3
HT501	3	ST511	3
ME508	3	NTE	3
ME510	3	PT502	3
PT501	3	CE, PT, ME	3
FE503	0	FE504	0
	15		15

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