

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Course of Study

Program Learning Outcomes			
Biblical	Transformational	Experiential	Missional
Increase biblical knowledge to an advanced level, along with interpretive skills and theological depth.	Develop and apply attitudes, values and beliefs which are consistent with transformed Christian character.	Integrate a deeper biblical understanding with hands-on ministry experience that prepares the student to serve the body of Christ in a leadership and/or teaching role.	Develop a missional Christian worldview to win, disciple and send others for Jesus Christ in increasingly globalized organizations and communities.

Foundational Courses in Biblical Studies	9 Credit Hours
Bible Study Methods and Interpretation	3
OT Introduction and Survey	3
NT Introduction and Survey	3
Theology, History and Culture	6 Credit Hours (of which a minimum of 3 in Theology)
Systematic Theology	3
Biblical Theology	3
Historical Theology	3
History of Christianity	3
American Church History	3
History of Missions	3
Global Christianity	3
Biblical Worldview	3
Christian Apologetics	3
The Literature of the Bible	18 Credit Hours
Old Testament Books	6 Hours Minimum
New Testament Books	6 Hours Minimum
Old or New Testament Books	6 Additional Hours
Free Elective	3 Credit Hours
Field Education Requirement	1 Credit Hour
Total	37 Credit Hours

Path to Completion

A pastor or ministry leader with a demanding schedule could complete the entire program in the space of four years, taking only one course per term and none in the summer.

The single credit-hour Field Education component would be best if completed toward the end of the program, but might be done sooner if student is presently in full or part-time ministry.

Year 1			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Optional Summer
Bible Study Methods and Interpretation	Old Testament Survey	New Testament Survey	Schedule as needed
Year 2			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Optional Summer
Theology, History and Culture Course 1	Theology, History and Culture Course 2	Theology, History and Culture Course 3	Schedule as needed
Year 3			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Optional Summer
Old Testament Book Study 1	Old Testament Book Study 2	Old Testament Book Study 3	Schedule as needed
Year 4			
Fall	Winter	Spring	Optional Summer
New Testament Book Study 1	New Testament Book Study 2	New Testament Book Study 3	Schedule as needed

- In the first year of offering the program, we would implement the Year 1 courses at a minimum and, as needed, offer more.
- Subsequent years would require the offering of additional categories of courses until all four categories of courses are offered every term.
- In the space of four years maximum, but likely less, we would offer one course in each of the four categories during each term.
- The Year 1 courses are the only ones that need to be taken at a specific time in the program, in this case, at the beginning. Other courses are not especially dependent on prerequisites to prepare the student for them.
- Thus, an ambitious student could conceivably take four courses per term, top it off with the field education requirement in the summer, and complete the whole program in the space of one year.

