

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Standard

Vocational Calling

To serve in a wide variety of ministerial callings, including pastoral ministry, youth ministry, campus ministry, chaplaincy, and missions.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Electives Component (9 hours)

Free Electives **(9 hours)**

Total Required: 84 hours

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**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

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- **Dr. Jerry Barlow (Curriculum Coordinator and Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Distance Learning Track

Vocational Calling

To serve in a wide variety of ministerial callings, including pastoral ministry, youth ministry, campus ministry, chaplaincy, and missions.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
<i>Encountering the Biblical World</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>Exploring the Old Testament</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Exploring the New Testament</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Introductory Hebrew Grammar</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Introductory Greek Grammar</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis</i> ¹	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
<i>Systematic Theology 1</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Systematic Theology 2</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>History of Christianity: Early-Medieval</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Baptist Heritage</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>Philosophy of Religion</i> ¹ OR Christian Apologetics ²	3 hours
<i>NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program</i> ¹	*
Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum ²	2 hours
<i>Church Evangelism</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>Christian Missions</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Discipleship Strategies</i> ¹	2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
<i>Interpersonal Relationship Skills</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>Counseling in Ministry</i> ¹	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
<i>Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum</i> ¹	2 hours
<i>Church Leadership and Administration</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Pastoral Ministry</i> ¹ OR Christian Ministry ^{5**}	3 hours
<i>Church Revitalization</i> ¹	2 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
<i>Christian Ethics</i> ¹ OR Biblical Ethics ³	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 ⁴	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2 ⁴	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
<i>Worship Leadership</i> ¹	3 hours
<i>Proclaiming the Bible</i> ¹ OR <i>Teaching the Bible</i> ^{1***}	3 hours
<i>Preaching Practicum</i> ¹ OR <i>Teaching Practicum</i> ^{1***}	2 hours

Electives Component (9 hours)

Free Electives⁶ **(9 hours)**

Total Required: 84 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

¹Courses in italics may be taken as Internet courses.

²These courses should be available as Internet courses by Spring 2012.

³These courses may be taken by workshop, weekday Hybrid, or Saturday Hybrid.

⁴These courses may be taken at an NOBTS Extension Center.

⁵At this time these courses may be taken on the main campus, in an extension center, or as a workshop.

⁶Elective courses may be taken as Internet, workshop, Hybrid, or Extension Center courses.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jerry Barlow (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Craig Price (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**
- **Online Learning Center:**
800.662.8701, ext. 8064
cprice@nobts.edu
- **www.nobts.edu/OnlineSeminary/Online Learning Center.html**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Flexibility Track

Vocational Calling

To serve in a wide variety of ministerial callings, including pastoral ministry, youth ministry, campus ministry, chaplaincy, and missions.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (64 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(21 hours)
(*Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(14 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
(*History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours)
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	****
Disciple Making Competency	(7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
(*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours)
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
(*Church Revitalization	2 hours)
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(4 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
(*Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours)

Free Choice Electives Component (20 hours)

Elective Course Options	(6 hours)
Choose three courses from the following options:	
*Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
*History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
*Church Revitalization	2 hours
*Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours
Free Electives	(14 hours)

Total Required: 84 hours

*Free choice elective course.

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***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

****All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

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- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Biblical Languages

Vocational Calling

To serve as pastor, Christian educator, missionary, or church staff member. This degree program is designed for students desiring to develop advanced levels of skill in the study of the biblical text for preaching, teaching, and writing ministries. This program also is designed for students desiring to pursue research doctoral programs in biblical studies, theological and historical studies, and some pastoral ministries areas. Additional prerequisites for admission into Old Testament and Hebrew and New Testament and Greek doctoral programs are delineated in the Research Doctoral Programs section of the Graduate Catalog.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Biblical Languages Specialization Component (12 hours)

Biblical Languages Specialization	(12 hours)
Greek Exegesis (2 courses) (not including NT Textual Criticism)	6 hours
Hebrew Exegesis (2 courses)	6 hours

Electives Component (6 hours)

Free Electives **(6 hours)**

Total Required: 93 hours

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***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Dennis Cole (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Harold Mosley (Old Testament Advisor)**
- **Dr. William Warren (New Testament Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Biblical Studies

Vocational Calling

To serve as pastor, Christian educator, missionary, or church staff member. This degree program is designed for students desiring to develop advanced levels of skill in the study of the biblical text for preaching, teaching, and writing ministries.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Biblical Studies Specialization Component (12 hours)

Biblical Studies Specialization Electives	(12 hours)
Choose 12 hours of Biblical Studies Courses from the following areas:	
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours
English OT Exegesis	3 hours
English NT Exegesis	3 hours
Biblical Backgrounds	3 hours

Electives Component (6 hours)

Free Electives	(6 hours)
(These electives may be taken in biblical studies or in other disciplines.)	

Total Required: 93 hours

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***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

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- Dr. Harold Mosley (Old Testament Advisor)
- Dr. Gerald Stevens (New Testament Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Chaplaincy

Vocational Calling

To serve in one of various types of chaplaincy, such as hospital, hospice, industrial, military, or police chaplain.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (64-65 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(21 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(14 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies	3/2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible**	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum**	2 hours

Chaplaincy Competency Component (15 hours)

Theological and Practical Issues in Chaplaincy	3 hours
Advanced Pastoral Counseling	3 hours
Crisis Counseling	3 hours
Choose 6 hours from the following courses:	
Group Counseling	3 hours
Family Development	3 hours
A Practical Integration of Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality in the Counseling Setting	3 hours
The Bible in the Professional Christian Counselor	3 hours

Clinical Practicum Component (3 hours)

Basic Clinical Pastoral Education (PSYC5395) (OR Chaplains Candidate School 3 hours)	3 hours
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Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective (OR Chaplains Candidate School 2/3 hours)	(2/3 hours)
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Total Required: 84-86 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take Teaching the Bible instead of Proclaiming the Bible, and Teaching Practicum instead of Preaching Practicum.

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- **Dr. Preston L. Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Jerry N. Barlow (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Christian Apologetics

Vocational Calling

To serve pastor-teachers, student ministers, missionaries, evangelists, interfaith witness specialists, and academicians, with a focused preparation in defending the faith.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (65-66 hours)	Christian Apologetics Concentration (18 hours)
<p>Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the Old Testament 3 hours Exploring the New Testament 3 hours Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours Introductory Hebrew Grammar 3 hours Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis 3 hours Introductory Greek Grammar 3 hours Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis 3 hours Encountering the Biblical World 2 hours <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic Theology 1 3 hours Systematic Theology 2 3 hours History of Christianity: Early-Medieval 2 hours History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern 3 hours Baptist Heritage 2 hours Philosophy of Religion 3 hours NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program * <p>Disciple Making Competency (6-7 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization 2 hours Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies 3/2 hours <p>Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry 2 hours <p>Servant Leadership Competency (8 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum 2 hours Church Leadership and Administration 3 hours Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry** 3 hours <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics 3 hours Spiritual Formation 1 1 hour Spiritual Formation 2 1 hour <p>Worship Leadership Competency (5 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible *** 3 hours Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum*** 2 hours 	<p>Christian Apologetics Core (12 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Apologetics 3 hours The Problem of Evil 3 hours Apologetic Method 3 hours Logic 3 hours <p>Electives**** (6 hours)</p> <p>Take 6 hours from the following courses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cult Theology 3 hours Encountering World Religions 3 hours Philosophical Theology 3 hours Contemporary Hermeneutical Theory 3 hours Epistemology 3 hours Metaphysics 3 hours Jehovah's Witnesses 3 hours World Religions: Eastern Religions 3 hours World Religions: Islam 3 hours World Religions: Judaism 3 hours The Historical Jesus 3 hours Christianity and the Sciences 3 hours British Apologists 3 hours Theology of C. S. Lewis 3 hours Islam and the Doctrine of Revelation 3 hours Jesus and Islam 3 hours Creation and Creationism 3 hours Postmodernity & Contemporary Theological Issues 3 hours Heresy and Orthodoxy in the Early Church 3 hours
<p>Total Required: 86-87 hours</p>	
<p>*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.</p> <p>**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.</p> <p>***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take <i>Teaching the Bible</i> instead of <i>Proclaiming the Bible</i>, and <i>Teaching Practicum</i> instead of <i>Preaching Practicum</i>. Students who take <i>Teaching the Bible</i> must take the <i>Teaching Practicum</i> course.</p> <p>****This list is representative and may expand as new courses are developed.</p>	
<p>Elective Component (3 hours)</p>	
<p>Free Elective (3 hours)</p>	

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- Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Robert Stewart (Specialization Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Christian Education

Vocational Calling

To be pastors, associate pastors, ministers of education, ministers of discipleship, assimilation, or maturity, or other age-level church staff members, offering over 30 hours of specialized study in age group ministry and ministry evangelism.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (62-63 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(13 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4-5 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry OR Intro. to Social Work**	2/3 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry***	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Teaching the Bible	3 hours

Christian Education Specialization Component (17 hours)

Christian Education Specialization	(17 hours)
Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Church Community Ministries	3 hours
Total Wellness and the Minister	2 hours
Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School	3 hours
Philosophical Foundations	3 hours

Christian Education Concentration and Electives Component (12 hours)

Christian Education Electives **(6 hours)**
 (Note: If choosing a concentration, check to see how these hours are distributed. The concentrations are listed below.)

Free Electives **(6 hours)**

Total Required: 91-92 hours

Christian Education Concentration

Concentrations are available in Adult Ministry, Children's Ministry, Church Music, Church Recreation and Wellness, Collegiate Ministry, Discipleship, Educational Foundations, Gerontology, Leadership and Administration, Social Work, Women's Ministry, and Youth Ministry. A description of these concentrations is found in the Master of Arts in Christian Education section.

See specific required courses and free electives for each concentration under the Master of Arts in Christian Education listings.

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students choosing a Social Work concentration must take Introduction to Social Work.

***Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Randy Stone (Curriculum Coordinator and Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Christian Theology

Vocational Calling

To be pastor-teachers or academicians, with focused preparation for future doctoral work in classical theological disciplines.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (72-73 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(27 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization	2 hours
Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies	3/2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Rhyné Putman (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

Christian Theology Specialization Component (12 hours)

Christian Theology Core	(9 hours)
Ancient and Medieval Theology	3 hours
Reformation and Modern Theology	3 hours
Theological Method	3 hours

Electives in Christian Theology****	(3 hours)
Take 3 hours from the following courses:	
The Doctrine of the Trinity	3 hours
The Doctrine of God	3 hours
The Doctrine of Revelation	3 hours
The Person and Work of Christ	3 hours
The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit	3 hours
Eschatology	3 hours
Issues in Contemporary Theology	3 hours
Cult Theology	3 hours
The Doctrine of Salvation	3 hours
The Doctrine of the Church	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
The Historical Jesus	3 hours
Theology of Sexuality and Gender	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Theology of a Selected Theologian	3 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 87-88 hours

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**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

****This list is representative and may expand as new courses are developed. Contact Curriculum Coordinator for more information.

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Christian Thought

Vocational Calling

To be pastor-teachers or academicians, with focused preparation of over 50 hours in both biblical exegesis and theological reflection.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (72-73 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(27 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization	2 hours
Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies	3/2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Christian Thought Specialization Component (12 hours)

Theological and Historical Studies Electives (12 hours)
The student should take electives in theology, history, philosophy, and ethics.

Electives Component (3 hours)

Free Elective (3 hours)

Total Required: 87-88 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Robert Stewart (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Church Ministry Track

Concentration in Church Staff and Ministry Leadership

Vocational Calling

To serve as a ministerial staff member of a local church or in denominational leadership. The program is designed for students who are interested in combining classical educational approaches with experiential learning through church-based skill development and mentoring relationships. Upon completion of the Basic Ministerial Competency Component, the student will finish the degree requirements through a local church ministry experience under the supervision of a field mentor.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (70-71 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World*	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament*	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament*	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics*	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1**	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2**	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval*	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern*	3 hours
Baptist Heritage*	2 hours
Philosophical Foundations*	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program*	+

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum*	2 hours
Church Evangelism*	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4-5 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills*	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry OR Intro. to Social Work	2/3 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(13 hours)
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry*	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration*	3 hours
Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School*	3 hours
Youth, or Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1*	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2*	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Teaching the Bible*	3 hours

Ministry Praxis Component (16 hours)

Level One Praxis Study (Required)	
Praxis Semester One***	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry Praxis I (Specific CE)	3 hours
Professional Development I (Specific CE)	3 hours
Ministry Integration I	2 hours
(Note: These Praxis Semester One courses must be taken concurrently)	

Praxis Semester Two***	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry Praxis II (Specific CE)	3 hours
Professional Development II (Specific CE)	3 hours
Ministry Integration II	2 hours
(Note: These Praxis Semester Two courses must be taken concurrently)	

Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective	(2-3 hours)
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Total Required: 88-90 hours

*These courses must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One (no exceptions will be made).

**Either Systematic Theology 1 OR Systematic Theology 2 must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One.

***Praxis Semester One must be completed before entering Praxis Semester Two.

+All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester: however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Randy Stone (Curriculum Coordinator, Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Church Ministry Track

Concentration in Pastoral Ministry

Vocational Calling

To serve as a pastor, ministerial staff member of a local church, or in denominational leadership. The program is designed for students who are interested in combining classical educational approaches with experiential learning through church-based skill development and mentoring relationships. Upon completion of the Basic Ministerial Competency Component, the student will finish the degree requirements through a local church ministry experience under the supervision of a field mentor.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (71 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament*	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament*	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar**	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar**	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
 Christian Theological Heritage Competency	 (16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1***	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2 ***	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program*	+
 Disciple Making Competency	 (9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum*	2 hours
Church Evangelism*	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
 Interpersonal Skills Competency	 (2 hours)
Counseling in Ministry OR Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
 Servant Leadership Competency	 (8 hours)
Church Leadership and Administration*	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry*	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours
 Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	 (5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1*	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2*	1 hour
 Worship Leadership Competency	 (8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible* OR Teaching the Bible*	3 hours
Preaching Practicum* OR Teaching Practicum*	2 hours

Ministry Praxis Component (16 hours)

Level One Praxis Study (Required)	
Praxis Semester One****	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry Praxis I	3 hours
Professional Development I	3 hours
Ministry Integration I	2 hours
(Note: These Praxis Semester One courses must be taken concurrently)	
 Praxis Semester Two****	 (8 hours)
Supervised Ministry Praxis II	3 hours
Professional Development II	3 hours
Ministry Integration II	2 hours
(Note: These Praxis Semester Two courses must be taken concurrently)	

Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective	(2-3 hours)
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Total Required: 89-90 hours

*These courses must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One (no exceptions will be made).

**Either Introductory Hebrew Grammar OR Introductory Greek Grammar must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One.

***Either Systematic Theology 1 OR Systematic Theology 2 must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One.

****Praxis Semester One must be completed before entering Praxis Semester Two.

+All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Jake Roudkovski (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Church Music

Vocational Calling

To be worship leaders and church staff members for ministry in local churches, especially for students with interest and training in church music.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (57-58 hours)	Music Competency Component (33 hours)
<p>Biblical Exposition Competency (17 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encountering the Biblical World 2 hours Exploring the Old Testament 3 hours Exploring the New Testament 3 hours Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours Old Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours New Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (13 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic Theology 1 3 hours Systematic Theology 2 3 hours History of Christianity: Early-Medieval 2 hours History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern 3 hours Baptist Heritage 2 hours NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program * <p>Disciple Making Competency (6-7 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours Church Evangelism 2 hours Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies 3/2 hours <p>Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal Relationship Skills 2 hours <p>Servant Leadership Competency (8 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum 2 hours Church Leadership and Administration 3 hours Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry 3 hours <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics 3 hours Spiritual Formation 1 1 hour Spiritual Formation 2 1 hour <p>Worship Leadership Competency (6 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Leadership 3 hours Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible 3 hours 	<p>Concentrated Studies in Church Music Component (24 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technologies for Worship Ministries 3 hours Music of the Church in Worship and Performance I 3 hours Music of the Church in Worship and Performance II 3 hours Educational Principles of Church Music Ministry 3 hours Laboratory Choirs (non-credit) (Laboratory Choirs is taken in lieu of Supervised Ministry 2.) Music in Theory and Practice 3 hours Choral Conducting and Techniques 3 hours Ensemble Electives*** 6 hours <p>Music Concentration Electives (9 hours)</p> <p>Concentrations will be offered in the following areas:</p> <p>Church Music Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music Education courses beyond core 6 hours Electives in Church Music** 3 hours Comprehensive Examination (non-credit) Thesis (non-credit) <p>Composition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choral Arranging 2 hours Applied Composition 4 hours Electives in Church Music** 3 hours Comprehensive Examination (non-credit) Recital (Thesis) (non-credit) <p>Conducting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Conducting 2 hours Private Conducting 4 hours Electives in Church Music** 3 hours Comprehensive Examination (non-credit) Recital (non-credit) <p>Performance (Piano, Organ, Orchestral Instrument, Voice)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance/literature courses 2 hours Applied Performance 4 hours Electives in Church Music** 3 hours Comprehensive Examination (non-credit) Recital (non-credit)
<p>Elective Component (2-3 hours)</p> <hr/> <p>Free Elective (2-3 hours)</p> <hr/> <p>Specific admission requirements for the music portion of this degree are found on Master of Church Music (MMCM) degree pages of this catalog. They can also be obtained by contacting the office of the Division of Church Music Ministries.</p> <p>For further information, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Gregory A. Woodward (Curriculum Coordinator) • Dr. Darryl Ferrington (Specialization Advisor) • Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office 	<p>Total Required: 92-94 hours</p> <p>*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.</p> <p>**The student may take Theology of Worship, ensembles, or additional courses from the concentration area based on approval by the student's academic advisor.</p> <p>***Among the 6 hours of required ensemble electives, 4 of these hours must be Seminary Chorus (MUEN5107).</p>

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Church Planting International Track

Vocational Calling

This degree is designed for implementation in cooperation with the International Mission Board and other SBC seminaries offering the same degree. The 89-hour degree is intended to provide 69 hours of residential work followed by 20 field-based hours. The exact delivery system employed will be determined by the location of the field assignment.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (61 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (17 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours

*Students who have the biblical language skills needed may substitute Hebrew or Greek exegesis courses, including Intermediate Greek or Hebrew.

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Christian Apologetics OR Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	**

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
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Servant Leadership Competency (6 hours)

Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (6 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours

Cross-Cultural Church Planting Component (28 hours)

Eight hours will be taken on campus in a combination from the following areas. The remaining 20 hours will be taken on the field overseas.

Missions (4 hours)

Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements	2 hours
Life and Work of the Missionary	2 hours
(Both of these are required as on-campus courses)	

Free Electives (4 hours)

On the Field Overseas Suggested Course Schedule *** (Two-Year ISC Assignment) (20 hours)

Year 1:

Semester 1 (6 hours)

International Church Planting Practicum	2 hours
Field Language Acquisition	1 hour
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel (OR appropriate field-based course)	3 hours

Semester 2 (6 hours)

International Church Planting Practicum	2 hours
Field Language Acquisition	1 hour
World Religions Practicum	3 hours

Year 2:

Semester 1 (4 hours)

International Church Planting Practicum	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Evangelism	2 hours

Semester 2 (4 hours)

International Church Planting Practicum	2 hours
Discipleship Practicum	2 hours

Options for Year 2:

Guided Reading Elective (or appropriate field-based course)

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On the Field Overseas Suggested Course Schedule*** (Three-Year Apprenticeship Assignment) (20 hours)

Year 1:

Semester 1 (1 hour)
Field Language Acquisition 1 hour

Semester 2 (1 hour)
Field Language Acquisition 1 hour

Year 2:

Semester 1 (5 hours)
International Church Planting Practicum 2 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel 3 hours

Semester 2 (5 hours)
International Church Planting Practicum 2 hours
World Religions Practicum 3 hours

Year 3:

Semester 1 (4 hours)
International Church Planting Practicum 2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Evangelism 2 hours

Semester 2 (4 hours)
International Church Planting Practicum 2 hours
Discipleship Practicum 2 hours

Options for Years 2 and 3:

Guided Reading Elective (or appropriate field-based course)

**Total Required: 89 hours
(69 on campus, 20 on field)**

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

***In order to complete the 20 hours overseas, a student must be approved by the International Mission Board of the SBC to serve as an ISC missionary or missionary apprentice.

MDiv Church Planting, International Track

This degree plan is offered by the Seminary in cooperation with the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention. The degree is specifically designed for those who are preparing for long-term service with the IMB as career missionaries as well as those who feel called to serve short term for two years as an international church planter through the International Service Corps (ISC) of the IMB. The first 69 semester hours of the degree are completed on the New Orleans campus or one of the graduate extension centers. The remaining 20 hours are completed on the international mission field after a candidate has been appointed by the IMB.

Entrance Requirements

1. The entrance requirements are the same as those established for enrollment in the basic Master of Divinity degree for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. The application process with the IMB usually begins at least a year before possible appointment. Normally a student will begin Seminary studies before applying for service with the IMB. The student should understand that enrollment in the degree plan at NOBTS and the applicant's acceptance for service by the IMB are separate issues. In other words, enrollment in the degree plan does not guarantee acceptance by the IMB for ISC, Apprenticeship, or Career service. Individuals or couples with divorce in their background are not eligible for this program according to IMB guidelines. However, such persons may be candidates to be appointed through the ISC of the IMB separate from this degree plan.

Choices for Completing the Degree Plan

There are two ways a person can serve with the IMB while completing this degree. Course work will be coordinated with the professor working with students in this degree plan.

1. The two-year track would be through appointment for a two-year term of service with the International Service Corps of the IMB. The course work of 20 hours would be completed on the field usually during the fall and spring semester schedule for NOBTS during four semesters over the two-year period. Course work would be approximately 4-6 hours each semester.
2. The three-year track would be through appointment as a Missionary Apprentice. The course work would include 2 semester hours of language study during the first year on the field. The remaining 18 hours would be completed on the field normally during the fall and spring semesters in the second and third years. This would usually involve 4-5 hours of course work each semester.

Additional Information

Those interested in the degree plan may contact the Registrar's Office of NOBTS or the office of Dr. Philip Pinckard. Phone: 504.282.4455, Extension 3224. E-mail address: ppinckard@nobts.edu.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Philip Pinckard (Specialization Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in

Church Planting

North American Track

Vocational Calling

To be church planters or missionaries in settings in North America. This degree proposal is offered in partnership with the North American Mission Board through the Nehemiah Project and the Cecil B. Day Center for Church Planting. The 76-77-hour residency portion of the degree is designed to be completed on campus and the remaining 11 hours of the degree are designed to provide hands-on church planting experience. The off-campus component of the degree is designed to be completed in two semesters on the field to maintain a balance between church planting experience and academic studies.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (62-63 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(13-14 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of American Christianity OR American Denominations	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Christian Apologetics (3 hr) OR World Religions (2 hr)	2/3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours

Church Planting Component (11 hours)

Immigration and North American Church Planting	2 hours
Principles of Church Planting	2 hours
Spiritual Warfare in the Local Church	3 hours
Strategic Church Planting for Multiplication	2 hours
Urban Church Planting	2 hours

Church Planting Practicum** (11 hours)

**Internship I (Church Planting)	3 hours
**Internship II (Church Planting)	3 hours
**Ethnography and Church Planting	2 hours
**Ministry Integration Project	3 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective **(3 hours)**

Total Required: 87-88 hours
(76-77 on campus, 11 on field)

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

** Designates courses to be taken while on the field.

Master of Divinity with Specialization in Church Planting, North American Track (Continued)

Entrance Requirements

1. The entrance requirements are the same as those established for enrollment in the basic Master of Divinity degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. After the first year of studies, the student will complete an assessment to determine the student's potential suitability for church planting. At this time the student will either be redirected to another field of study or continue in the program.
3. Students interested in this specialization should contact the Director of the Cecil B. Day Center for Church Planting to assess their suitability for SBC church planting appointment.

Educational Methods

The students will be exposed to a variety of methods of learning: classroom, field, and independent study. The distinctive pedagogy of this program will be a significant component of supervised ministry. For the North American Track of 87-88 hours, students will take 76-77 hours on campus and up to 11 hours on the field as the church planting component. For the North American Track, off-campus work will consist of a church planting practicum and a research/reflection project.

Uniqueness

The characteristics of this degree will be beneficial to the student, the new church plant, and the Seminary:

1. In the North American Track partnerships will be developed with the Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board. Many of the programs necessary to complete the degree are already in existence at NAMB.
2. The degree will have multiple educational components to better equip the students for the task facing them upon graduation. The students could participate in some combination of Nehemiah Church Planting short-term internships and serve as a two-year Nehemiah Church Planter. The model would allow for both clusters of students in a given region and/or allow students to serve under the mentorship of a church planter who has recently planted a church.
3. The degree is competency-based. The degree is designed with the end result in mind. With the components of assessment, course design, and supervised field work, the students are better positioned to develop the skills necessary to plant a new church.

Components

The degree will consist of multiple components designed to equip the student for church planting:

Assessment

There will be a two-phase assessment in the North American Track:

1. Initial Interview and Assessment, to be completed after the first year of study. The purpose is to determine the student's interest, gift-mix, abilities, temperament, and past experience which might affect effectiveness as a church planter. Areas of strength are noted and areas needing strengthening will be identified to the student.
2. Second Interview and Reassessment, to be completed at the end of the student's second year of study and after an internship has been completed. The purpose is to reassess the potential church planting compatibility and success in light of additional academic studies and observations of the student's field experience.
3. Assessment will be channeled through the NAMB initial screening process to insure that candidates have the potential for career appointment.

Internship North American Track

The purpose of this component is to give students a short-term (10-13 weeks) experience as a key participant in a new or recent church plant. This experience will allow students to evaluate their personal interests, skills, and possible calling into church planting.

Ethnography/Ministry Project

The purpose of this component is to give students an in-depth experience in research and understanding the context of a new church plant and to verify if the model and methods of the new plant fit the socio-cultural realities on the ground. A qualified person, such as the sponsoring church pastor, minister of missions, or director of missions, etc., would serve as the field supervisor. After the research and input is received from the field personnel, the student may be afforded the opportunity to plant a new church under the mentorship of a qualified person. The mentor will guide the student in all of the pre-public phases of the church plant.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

| Collegiate Ministry Track

Vocational Calling

The purpose of the Master of Divinity - Collegiate Ministry Track degree program is to equip students with knowledge, attitudes, and skills through classroom and field ministry experiences that may be applied in the practice of professional collegiate ministry.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (63-64 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4-5 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry OR Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	2/3 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Teaching the Bible	3 hours

Collegiate Ministry Competency Component (12 hours)

Campus-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Church-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
The History and Philosophy of Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Guiding Collegians in Their Faith Pilgrimage	3 hours

Ministry Praxis Component (12 hours)***

Level One Praxis Study (Required)

Praxis Semester One	(6 hours)
Collegiate Ministry Track Praxis Semester I	6 hours

Praxis Semester Two	(6 hours)
Collegiate Ministry Track Praxis Semester II	6 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 90-91 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***The praxis component is intended to be a two-semester internship near the completion of the degree. Students are encouraged and assisted in securing an internship position with a Baptist Collegiate Ministry, local church, or state convention.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Randy Stone (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Allen Jackson (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Counseling Licensure Track

Vocational Calling

To serve as a professional Christian counselor, pastoral counselor, minister of family life and counseling, other church staff member, social ministry worker, chaplain, and related areas of service which require or benefit from licensure as a professional counselor. This degree provides a total of 61 semester hours in counseling necessary for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) licensure in most states and a richer study of the biblical and theological foundation for ministry than the Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Counseling degree.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (43-44 hours)	Christian Counseling Component (61 hours)
<p>Biblical Exposition Competency (15 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the Old Testament 3 hours Exploring the New Testament 3 hours Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours Old Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours New Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (11 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic Theology 1 3 hours Systematic Theology 2 3 hours History of Christianity: Reformation to Modern 3 hours Baptist Heritage 2 hours NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program * <p>Disciple Making Competency (6-7 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours Church Evangelism 2 hours Christian Missions (3 hr) OR Discipleship Strategies (2 hr) 2/3 hours <p>Servant Leadership Competency (3 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry 3 hours <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (2 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spiritual Formation 1 1 hour Spiritual Formation 2 1 hour <p>Worship Leadership Competency (6 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Leadership 3 hours Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible 3 hours 	<p>Psychology Component (15 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Disorders and Treatment 3 hours Personality Development 3 hours Human Development 3 hours Appraisal of Individuals 3 hours (Prerequisite: PSYC6474 Scientific Research I) Human Sexuality 3 hours <p>Professional Counseling Component (33 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Techniques and Skills in Therapy 3 hours Group Counseling 3 hours Lifestyle and Career Counseling 3 hours Clinical Marriage and Family Assessment 3 hours Family Systems Theories and Therapies 3 hours Social & Multicultural Issues in Counseling 3 hours Chemical Dependency: Theories & Therapies 3 hours The Bible in the Professional Christian Counselor 3 hours Practical Integration of Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality 3 hours Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues in Counseling (Prerequisite: PSYC6380 Clinical Practicum) 3 hours <p>At least one of the following courses (prerequisites for taking these courses: PSYC6302 and PSYC6350 or PSYC6351):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Disorders and Therapies 3 hours Contemporary Approaches to Marital/Pre-Marital Therapy 3 hours Structural and Strategic Therapy 3 hours Intergenerational Marriage and Family Therapy 3 hours Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy 3 hours Brief Approaches to Marriage and Family Therapy 3 hours <p>Clinical Practice Component (9 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Practicum 3 hours Clinical Internship I and II 6 hours <p>Research Language Component (4 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scientific Research I: Descriptive Statistics to Analysis of Variance 4 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

- For further information, please contact:**
- Dr. Kathy Steele (Curriculum Coordinator)
 - Dr. Kristyn Carver (Specialization Advisor)
 - Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

Total Required: 104-105 hours

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in

Counseling

Non-Licensure Track

Vocational Calling

To serve as a pastor, associate pastor, pastoral counselor, minister of family life, other church staff member, social ministry worker, chaplain, and related areas of service which require or benefit from training in counseling.

This degree **does not** qualify the graduate to apply for a license in counseling.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (4 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency (10 hours)

Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Christian Counseling Component and Electives

(12 hours)

Techniques and Skills in Therapy	3 hours
Mental Disorders and Treatment	3 hours
Contemporary Approaches to Marital/Pre-Marital Therapy	3 hours
Take ONE of the following courses:	
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3 hours
Brief Approaches to Marriage and Family Therapy	3 hours
Chemical Dependency	3 hours
Free Elective	3 hours

Total Required: 87 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Kathy Steele (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Jeff Nave (Specialization Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Evangelistic Church Growth

Vocational Calling

To serve as pastor, church staff member, vocational evangelist, denominational worker related to evangelism, or missionary. This degree is designed for those students who have a high interest in evangelism and church growth/health. This specialization also is the recommended track for students preparing to do PhD or DMin study in evangelism.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (4 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency (10 hours)

Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Evangelistic Church Growth and Health Specialization and Electives Component (12 hours)

Evangelism, Church Growth, Church Health (9 hours)

Great Revivals and Awakenings	3 hours
Contemporary Trends in Growing an Evangelistic Church	3 hours
Vital Signs of a Healthy Church	3 hours

Electives (3 hours)

The student may choose ONE course from the following:

Biblical Principles and Practices of Evangelism	3 hours
Church Models of Disciplemaking and Growth	3 hours
Reaching the Postmodern, Dechurched, and Uninterested	3 hours
Evangelistic Preaching	3 hours
Free Elective	3 hours

Total Required: 87 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Bill Day (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Expository Preaching

Vocational Calling

The Master of Divinity in Expository Preaching is a graduate specialization for those who are preparing for a ministry of proclamation in the local church. While incorporating a broad range of biblical, theological, historical, and practical courses to serve as a foundation for effective ministry, the primary intent is to provide training in the right proclamation of God's Word.

Students are equipped with specialized skills in the process of biblical exposition. This specialization also is the recommended track for students preparing to do PhD or DMin study in preaching.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (4 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency (10 hours)

Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum	2 hours

Expository Preaching Specialization and Electives Component (12 hours)

Specialization Courses (6 hours)

The student may choose 6 hours from the following:	
Contemporary Bible Exposition	2/3 hours
Pastoral Preaching	2/3 hours
Preaching Bible Doctrine	2/3 hours
Evangelistic Preaching	2/3 hours
History of American Preaching	2/3 hours
Pulpit Apologetics	2/3 hours

Elective Courses (6 hours)

The student may choose 6 hours from the following:	
Preaching from Historical-Narrative Literature	2/3 hours
Preaching from Poetic and Wisdom Literature	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Prophets	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Gospels	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Epistles	2/3 hours
Preaching from Apocalyptic Literature	2/3 hours
Free Elective	2/3 hours

Total Required: 87 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Dennis Phelps (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Islamic Studies

Vocational Calling

To serve in a wide variety of ministerial callings in which Islam and Muslims are addressed, such as International Missions and Urban Ministry.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (66 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Discipleship Strategies OR Church Revitalization	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(5 hours)
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Islamic Studies Component (15 hours)

Islamic Studies Core	(9 hours)
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Islam and the Doctrine of Revelation	3 hours
Islamic Studies Electives	(6 hours)

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 84 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Michael H. Edens (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Leadership

Concentration in Ministry Leadership and Administration

Vocational Calling

To serve as a ministerial staff member of a local church, chaplain, denominational leader and administrator, or in educational ministries (such as church administration or age group ministries).

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (69-70 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (17 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophical Foundations	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (4-5 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry OR Intro. to Social Work	2/3 hours

Servant Leadership Competency (10 hours)

Clinical Field Project in Christian Education Area	2 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Ministry Leadership and Administration Concentration Component (19 hours)

Church Business Administration	3 hours
Strategic Church Development through Sunday School	3 hours
Leading Team-Based Ministry	3 hours
Stress and Conflict Management	2 hours
Risk Management in Christian Ministry	3 hours

Must have one of the following combinations of two courses:

Leading in Adult Ministry	3 hours
Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours

Leading and Administering in Children's Ministry	3 hours
Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours

The Work of the Minister of Youth	3 hours
Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours

Church Community Ministries	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Groups	2 hours

Free Elective Component (2 hours)

Free Elective (2 hours)

Total Required: 90-91 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester: however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Randy Stone (Curriculum Coordinator and Ministry Leadership/ Admin. Concentration Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Leadership

Concentration in Pastoral Leadership Vocational Calling

To serve as a pastor, ministerial staff member of a local church, denominational leader, or military chaplain.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)	Pastoral Leadership Concentration Component (9-10 hours)
<p>Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encountering the Biblical World 2 hours Exploring the Old Testament 3 hours Exploring the New Testament 3 hours Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours Introductory Hebrew Grammar 3 hours Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis 3 hours Introductory Greek Grammar 3 hours Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis 3 hours <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systematic Theology 1 3 hours Systematic Theology 2 3 hours History of Christianity: Early-Medieval 2 hours History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern 3 hours Baptist Heritage 2 hours Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics 3 hours NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program * <p>Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours Church Evangelism 2 hours Christian Missions 3 hours Discipleship Strategies 2 hours <p>Interpersonal Skills Competency (4 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interpersonal Relationship Skills 2 hours Counseling in Ministry 2 hours <p>Servant Leadership Competency (10 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum 2 hours Church Leadership and Administration 3 hours Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry** 3 hours Church Revitalization 2 hours <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics 3 hours Spiritual Formation 1 1 hour Spiritual Formation 2 1 hour <p>Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Worship Leadership 3 hours Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible*** 3 hours Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum*** 2 hours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastoral Leadership 3 hours Leading Team-Based Ministry 2 hours Stress and Conflict Management 2 hours <p>Choose ONE of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School 2 hours Pastoral Preaching 2 hours Free Elective 3 hours <p style="text-align: center;">Total Required: 84-85 hours</p> <p>*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.</p> <p>**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.</p> <p>***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take <i>Teaching the Bible</i> instead of <i>Proclaiming the Bible</i>, and <i>Teaching Practicum</i> instead of <i>Preaching Practicum</i>. Students who take <i>Teaching the Bible</i> must take the <i>Teaching Practicum</i> course.</p> <p>For further information, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Reggie Ogea (Curriculum Coordinator, Pastoral Leadership Concentration Advisor) • Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

| Mentoring Track

Vocational Calling

To serve in a wide variety of ministerial callings, including pastoral ministry, church staff, chaplaincy, and missions.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (65 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for Old Test. Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for New Test. Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(7 hours)
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(3 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum	2 hours

Mentoring Component (14 hours)

Mentoring Praxis I** OR Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Mentoring Praxis II** OR Church Evangelism and Church Revitalization	4 hours
Mentoring Praxis III** OR Supervised Ministry 2 (Ministry Practicum)	2 hours
Ministry Integration I	3 hours
Ministry Integration II	3 hours

Elective Component (6 hours)

Free Electives **(6 hours)**

Total Required: 85 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students are encouraged to take the Mentoring Praxis courses but are not required to do so, and may take the alternative courses listed.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Jake Roudkovski (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

Master of Divinity Mentoring Track

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Application Process

The Office of Supervised Ministry has established an information and application process, as follows:

For Churches: Pastors and churches may apply to participate in this degree specialization track at their site through the scheduling of courses and through the supervision of graduate students who qualify to do a ministry internship with the church (note: the Director of Supervised Ministry will seek also to recruit churches to participate).

For Students: Students may apply to participate in this degree specialization track through the Registrar's Office (By signing the Mentoring Track specialization form) and through the Office of Supervised Ministry, which will connect the students with churches who have agreed to schedule graduate courses at their site and/or to supervise students who qualify to do a ministry internship with the church (note: the Office of Supervised Ministry works with the Registrar's Office in determining the qualifications of students who seek to participate).

Teaching the Mentoring Component Courses (Qualifications and Compensation)

The Office of Supervised Ministry has established an information and application process, as follows:

Teaching the Mentoring Component Praxis Courses: The praxis courses in the Mentoring Component may be offered in one of two formats. First, they may be offered in the manner of an online practicum where an on-campus professor develops the practicum course proposal and oversees the online component of the practicum course proposal. Secondly, the on-site mentor could be approved to teach praxis courses in the Mentoring Component as both the on-site instructor and mentor, pending availability and academic qualifications. Those mentors who qualify to teach would be provided with the approved course syllabus or practicum course proposal and would be compensated according to the current NOBTS adjunct faculty rate (note: pastors, staff members, and church members who only mentor may do so upon the certification of their academic credentials, experience, or expertise in the course subject area--and they will be compensated in accordance with the Seminary's practice).

Teaching the Other Mentoring Component Courses: Pastors, staff members, and members of participating churches may be able to qualify to teach one or more of the other courses in the Mentoring Component as graduate adjunct instructors. Those interested in

doing so may contact the Office of the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, who works with the graduate Division Chairs and Regional Associate Deans of the Extension Center system to certify instructors and to maintain the required adjunct faculty files. Those pastors, staff members, and members who qualify as adjunct instructors may teach such courses as online courses, practicum courses, and/or team-taught courses (i.e., courses taught with a seminary professor or another NOBTS adjunct instructor). The rate of compensation for graduate adjunct faculty is provided in the current NOBTS Faculty Manual and will be communicated by the Office of the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies to those who qualify as adjunct instructors from participating churches (note: some pastors, staff members, and members may not have the time or academic qualifications to serve as adjunct instructors, but they may be involved in courses as guests, due to their experience or expertise, and will therefore be compensated in accordance with the Seminary's practice).

Flexibility

The Mentoring Track specialization offers flexibility in course scheduling, teaching, and mentoring. The Mentoring Component offers students multiple scheduling options, either courses at a church site, at a seminary campus (i.e., at the main campus or at an Extension Center), or online. Participating churches have options concerning their participation in teaching and mentoring, depending upon the availability and qualifications of their pastors, staff members, and members.

Notes

Students who choose to take the Mentoring Praxis courses should take the courses in sequence (i.e., Mentoring Praxis I before II and II before III).

Students should take Ministry Integration I and II in the final year of their study in the Mentoring Track specialization, if they can.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Jake Roudkovski (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Missions

Vocational Calling

To serve in a variety of positions in missions agencies.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (73 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Christian Apologetics OR Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum	2 hours

Missions Component (14 hours)

Missions Specialization (11 hours)
Students who are planning to pursue research doctoral studies in missions should consult with the missions professors concerning recommended courses for missions specialization. Only MISS courses qualify for this category.

Free Elective (3 hours)

Total Required: 87 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Philip Pinckard (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Ken Taylor (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Missions Strategies

Vocational Calling

To serve in international missions with a focus on missions strategies.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (62 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (17 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis: Acts (English)*	3 hours

*Students who have the biblical language skills needed may substitute Hebrew or Greek exegesis courses, including Intermediate Greek or Hebrew.

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Christian Apologetics OR Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	**

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)

Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
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Servant Leadership Competency (5 hours)

Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum	2 hours

Missions Strategies Specialization Component (12 hours)

Missions Strategies Specialization (12 hours)

Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements	2 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2 hours
Missions Strategies Practicum	2 hours
Last Frontier	2 hours
Life and Work of the Missionary	2 hours
Missions Elective (MISS)	2 hours

Electives Component (10 hours)

Free Electives (10 hours)

Total Required: 84 hours

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

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- **Dr. Philip Pinckard (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Ken Taylor (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Pastoral Care

Vocational Calling

To serve as military and hospital chaplain, pastor, social worker, church staff member in pastoral care and counseling, and related areas wherein a license in counseling is not required. Some pastors who desire a specialization in pastoral care would also pursue this degree.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (72-73 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies	3/2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry**	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry***	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible****	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum****	2 hours

Pastoral Care Component (18 hours)

Psychology Component	(6 hours)
Mental Disorders and Treatments	3 hours
Personality Development	3 hours

Pastoral Counseling Component	(9 hours)
Advanced Pastoral Counseling	3 hours
Crisis Counseling	3 hours
Group Counseling	3 hours

Clinical Practice Component	(3 hours)
(Prerequisites: PSCY5302, 6301, 6303; 6302 strongly recommended)	
Basic Clinical Pastoral Education	3 hours

Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective	(2-3 hours)
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Total Required: 92-94 hours

Additional Pastoral Care Courses strongly recommended as electives but not required for the degree:

- Death, Loss, Grief
- Chemical Dependency
- “Therapy” courses: PSYC6351, 6352, 6353, 6354, 6355
- Stress Management
- Conflict Management

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students with a calling in chaplaincy may substitute Theological and Practical Issues in Chaplaincy.

***Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

****Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jerry Barlow (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Jeff Nave (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar’s Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Pastoral Ministry

Vocational Calling

To serve as pastor or ministerial staff member of a local church or as a military or hospital chaplain.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (75 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(10 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum	2 hours

Pastoral Ministry Specialization and Electives Component

(12 hours)

Specialization Courses	(9 hours)
Stress and Conflict Management	3 hours
Pastoral Preaching	3 hours
Pastoral Leadership	3 hours
Elective Courses	(3 hours)
The student may choose ONE course from the following:	
Contemporary Bible Exposition	3 hours
Pulpit Apologetics	3 hours
Evangelistic Preaching	3 hours
Free Elective	3 hours

Total Required: 87 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jerry Barlow (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Reggie Ogea (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in Philosophy

Vocational Calling

To serve as academicians, pastor-teachers, and apologists, with a focused preparation in the pursuit of classical wisdom in the Christian tradition.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (63-64 hours)	
Biblical Exposition Competency	(21 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(13 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization	2 hours
Christian Missions OR Discipleship Strategies	3/2 hours
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills OR Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry**	3 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible ***	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum***	2 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Philosophy Concentration (21 hours)	
Christian Philosophy Core	(15 hours)
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Logic	3 hours
Epistemology OR Metaphysics	3 hours
Philosophical Theology	3 hours
Christian Philosophy Electives****	(6 hours)
Take 6 hours from the following courses:	
Development of Christian Ethical Thought	3 hours
Encountering World Religions	3 hours
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
Apologetic Method	3 hours
Contemporary Hermeneutical Theory	3 hours
Current Ethical Issues	3 hours
Ministerial Ethics	3 hours
Marriage and Family: A Christian Perspective	3 hours
World Religions: Eastern Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
World Religions: Judaism	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
British Apologists	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Postmodernity & Contemporary Theological Issues	3 hours

Total Required: 87-88 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students who do not have a pastoral ministry calling (e.g., pastor, ministry staff, chaplain, or church planter) may choose to take Christian Ministry instead of Pastoral Ministry.

***Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

****This list is representative and may expand as new courses are developed.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Robert Stewart (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

PBL Ministry Track

Concentration in Church Staff and Ministry Leadership

Vocational Calling

To serve as a ministerial staff member of a local church or in denominational leadership. The Problem-Based Learning (PBL) specialization is designed for students who are interested in combining classical educational approaches with experiential learning through church-based skill development and mentoring relationships. Upon completion of the Basic Ministerial Competency Component, the student will finish the degree requirements under the supervision of a PBL mentor.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component* (70-71 hours)

A. Traditional Pedagogy Courses (33 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophical Foundations	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	+

B. Blended Traditional & PBL Pedagogy Courses (37-38 hours)

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4-5 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Pastoral Counseling OR Introduction to Social Work	2/3 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(13 hours)
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School	3 hours
Youth, or Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Teaching the Bible	3 hours

PBL Praxis Component (16 hours)

C. PBL Pedagogy Courses (16 hours)

PBL Semester One**	(8 hours)
Leadership Development	3 hours
Team Ministry	3 hours
Personal Development 1	2 hours
(Note: These PBL Semester One courses must be taken concurrently)	

PBL Semester Two**	(8 hours)
Advanced Leadership Development	3 hours
Advanced Team Ministry	3 hours
Personal Development 2	2 hours
(Note: These PBL Semester Two courses must be taken concurrently)	

Total Required: 86-87 hours

*These courses must be completed prior to PBL Semester One (no exceptions will be made).

**PBL Semester One must be completed before entering PBL Semester Two.

+All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Randy Stone (Curriculum Coordinator, Specialization Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

PBL Ministry Track

Concentration in Pastoral Ministry

Vocational Calling

To serve as a pastor, ministerial staff member of a local church, or in denominational leadership. The Problem-Based Learning (PBL) specialization is designed for students who are interested in combining classical educational approaches with experiential learning through church-based skill development and mentoring relationships. Upon completion of the Basic Ministerial Competency Component, the student will finish the degree requirements under the supervision of a PBL mentor.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component*

(71 hours)

A. Traditional Pedagogy Courses (39 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency (23 hours)

Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	+

B. Blended Traditional & PBL Pedagogy Courses (32 hours)

Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency (2 hours)

Pastoral Counseling OR Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
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Servant Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)

Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency (8 hours)

Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum	2 hours

PBL Praxis Component

(16 hours)

C. PBL Pedagogy Courses (16 hours)

PBL Semester One** (8 hours)

Leadership Development	3 hours
Team Ministry	3 hours
Personal Development 1	2 hours
(Note: These PBL Semester One courses must be taken concurrently)	

PBL Semester Two** (8 hours)

Advanced Leadership Development	3 hours
Advanced Team Ministry	3 hours
Personal Development 2	2 hours
(Note: These PBL Semester Two courses must be taken concurrently)	

Total Required: 87 hours

*These courses must be completed prior to PBL Semester One (no exceptions will be made).

**PBL Semester One must be completed before entering PBL Semester Two.

+All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Jake Roudkovski (Specialization Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Urban Missions

Vocational Calling

To serve as a pastor, church planter, church staff member, or missionary in an urban environment. This degree is applicable to those interested in international or North American ministry settings.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (67 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)*	3 hours
*Students may substitute a year of either biblical language for these courses (Intro to Greek Grammar and Intermediate Greek for Exegesis or Intro to Hebrew Grammar and Intermediate Hebrew for Exegesis).	
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Christian Apologetics OR Philosophy of Religion OR World Religions	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Disciple Making Competency	(11 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hour
Discipleship Strategies OR Practicum in Mission Strategies	2 hour
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum	2 hours

Urban Ministry Specialization Component (14-16 hours)

Urban Ministry Specialization	(14-16 hours)
Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions OR New Orleans Missions: Disaster Relief Training & Experience	2/3 hours
Church-Community Ministries	3 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel OR Life and Work of the Missionary OR Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements	2 hours
Practicum in Urban Missions 1 OR Supervised Ministry 2	2/3 hours
Practicum in Urban Missions 2 OR Principles for Church Planting OR Urban Church Planting	2 hours

Electives Component (2 hours)

Free Electives **(2 hours)**

Total Required: 83-85 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Ken Taylor (Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Women's Studies

Vocational Calling

To be women's ministry leaders, Bible study teachers, and thoughtful Christian women who desire to serve in the Kingdom. The purpose of this degree program is to equip women called by God to minister to other women with focused preparation and specialized study in woman-to-woman discipleship, theological reflection, and biblical exegesis in order to address biblically the concerns and needs of women.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (73 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(23 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(9 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Counseling in Ministry	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Christian Ministry	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Teaching Practicum	2 hours

Women's Studies Component (9 hours)

Competency Component (Required)	(6 hours)
Biblical Womanhood OR	
Theology of Sexuality and Gender	3 hours
A Survey of Feminist Theology	3 hours

Women's Studies Electives	(3 hours)
Students are allowed to take women's ministry (CEWM) or women's studies (WSTU) courses for elective credit.	

Women's Ministry Component (6 hours)

Ministry Component (Required)	(6 hours)
Introduction to Women's Ministry	3 hours
Advanced Women's Ministry	3 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 91 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator and Specialization Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Worship Ministries

Vocational Calling

To be worship leaders and church staff members for ministry in local churches, especially for students with interest and training in church music.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (61 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(17 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)	3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(16 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Disciple Making Competency	(7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism OR Church Revitalization	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(2 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(5 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours

Worship Ministries Competency Component (25 hours)

Common Worship Core	(14 hours)
Theology of Worship	3 hours
History of Worship	3 hours
Technologies for Worship Ministries	3 hours
Congregational Song in Corporate Worship	3 hours
Advanced Readings in Worship	2 hours

Students will choose one Track from the following:

Preaching	(11 hours)
Preaching Practicum	2 hours
Nine (9) credit hours in advanced preaching courses	9 hours

Education	(11 hours)
Educational Principles of Church Music Ministries	3 hours
Corporate Worship & the Process of Spiritual Formation	3 hours
Laboratory Choirs	(no credit)
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Three (3) credit hours from Christian Education/Administration	3 hours

Music	(11 hours)
Music in Theory and Practice	
or Music Theory for Worship Leaders	3 hours
Planning and Leading Worship	3 hours
Worship Leadership Laboratory	2 hours
Worship and Music Ministry Administration	3 hours

Missions/Church Planting	(11 hours)
Music and Missions	2 hours
Global Worship Perspectives	3 hours
Worship and Church Planting	3 hours
Church Planting or Missions course	3 hours

Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective	(2-3 hours)
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Total Required: 88-89 hours

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix or Dr. Gregory A. Woodward (Curriculum Coordinators)**
- **Dr. Dennis Phelps (Preaching Track Advisor)**
- **Dr. Michael Sharp (Education and Music Track Advisor)**
- **Dr. Damian Emetuche (Missions/Church Planting Track Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS

Vocational Calling

To serve in a full or part-time ministry of Christian apologetics, or to equip pastors, student ministers, missionaries, evangelists, or apologetics specialists to share and defend their faith more completely. The Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics is a professional Masters degree designed for practical preparation and is not a degree that leads to doctoral work without significant leveling. It can be earned through residential or non-residential study.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (15 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(6 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament*	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament*	3 hours
Upon transcript evaluation, eligible students may substitute <i>Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics</i> and/or <i>Dealing with Bible Difficulties</i> for the Exploring Old and/or New Testament courses.	
Christian Theological Competency	(6 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	***
Ministry Specialization Competency	(3 hours)
Supervised Apologetics Ministry Practicum	3 hours

Christian Apologetics Component (21 hours)

Christian Apologetics Core	(9 hours)
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Logic	3 hours
Christian Apologetics Electives**	(12 hours)
Take 12 hours from the following courses:	
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Apologetic Method	3 hours
Cult Theology	3 hours
The Historical Jesus	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Metaphysics	3 hours
Epistemology	3 hours
Mormonism	3 hours
New Age Spirituality	3 hours
Jehovah's Witnesses	3 hours
Encountering World Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
World Religions: Eastern Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Judaism	3 hours
Heresy and Orthodoxy in the Early Church	3 hours
Philosophical Theology	3 hours
Contemporary Hermeneutical Theory	3 hours
Pulpit Apologetics	3 hours
Campus Apologetics	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
British Apologists	3 hours
Islam and the Doctrine of Revelation	3 hours
Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Creation and Creationism	3 hours
Postmodernity and Contemporary Theological Issues	3 hours
Persecution and Martyrdom Yesterday and Today	3 hours
Mission Trip to Middle East for Muslim	
Witness and Evangelism	3 hours
Christian Responses to Islamic Worldviews	3 hours
Doctrine of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
Christian Ethics	3 hours
Doctrine of the Trinity	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Dealing with Bible Difficulties	3 hours

*Credit for some courses may be achieved through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

**This list is not all-inclusive. Any of the courses listed here will count as electives for the Master of Arts in Christian Apologetics degree. Other courses may be suitable. Students should check with the Curriculum Coordinator or the Concentration Advisor and the Registrar's Office for more information on other courses and to confirm that courses not on this list are suitable.

***All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

- For further information, please contact:**
- Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)
 - Dr. Robert Stewart (Concentration Advisor)
 - Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

Total Required: 36 hours

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vocational Calling

To serve in educational ministries (including ministry to children, youth, and adults; church administration; social work; ministers of discipleship, assimilation, maturity; and associate pastors) primarily in local churches, as well as missions, denominational agencies, and other related ministries.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (53-54 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(8-9 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Encountering the Biblical World OR Biblical Hermeneutics OR Biblical Studies Elective	2/3 hours

Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(8 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophical Foundations	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Disciple Making Competency	(13 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Church Community Ministries	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(7 hours)
Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Total Wellness and the Minister	2 hours

Interpersonal Skills Competency	(5 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Essentials of Helping OR Introduction to Social Work	3 hours

Worship Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Worship Leadership	3 hours

Servant Leadership Competency	(6 hours)
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Strategic Church Development through Sunday School	3 hours

Christian Education Concentration Component (12 hours)

Christian Education Electives (12 hours)
(Note: If choosing a concentration, check to see how these hours are distributed.)

Total Required: 65-66 hours

Concentrations in Christian Education

The MACE student may choose a concentration in a number of areas. To do so, the student must substitute the requirements for such a concentration listed in this section. These requirements will replace the Electives section under the Christian Education Component listed before.

General Guidelines for MACE Students

1. Each student who enrolls for the Master of Arts in Christian Education degree is required to complete 12 hours of specialization studies in Christian Education as listed in this catalog. Students are urged to complete those courses as early as possible in the degree program to provide foundation for other courses and to avoid schedule conflicts as graduation time approaches.
2. If the student chooses a Christian education concentration, he or she must notify the Academic Advisor's Office in writing of the choice **prior to the beginning of the second year of study**. The Declaration of Major form is provided by the Academic Advisor's Office.
3. A Master of Arts in Christian Education student who does not declare a concentration area will be considered a "generalist" and must complete 12 hours in Christian Education courses to fulfill the concentration component of the degree.
4. PhD eligibility: Master of Arts in Christian Education students who are contemplating PhD should realize that additional requirements may apply for admissions to the PhD in Christian Education programs.

Concentrations in Christian Ministries (12 hours)

Students choosing a specialization must substitute the following requirement for the Electives section in the basic degree.

Adult Ministry

Leading in Adult Ministry	3 hours
Choose 9 hours from any combination of the following	
Ministry with Young Adults	3 hours
Family Life Education	3 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	3 hours
Up to 6 of the 9 hours in this category may be taken from	
Clinical Field Project in Adult Education	1, 2, or 3 hours
Independent Directed Study in Adult Education	1, 2, or 3 hours
Special Topics in Adult Education	1, 2, or 3 hours
Christian Education Internship Program in Adult Education	6 hours

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Children's Ministry

Leading and Administrating in Children's Ministry	3 hours
Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours
Choose 6 Hours from any combination of the following:	
Weekday Early Education Ministries	2 hours
Ministering to Children in Crisis	2 hours
Special Needs Ministry	2 hours
Introduction to Orphanology	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Children's Ministry	2 hours

Church Music*

Educational Principles of Church Music Ministries	3 hours
Laboratory Choirs**	(non-credit)
Worship and Music Ministry Administration	3 hours
Congregational Song in Corporate Worship	3 hours
Performance/Ensemble Electives	2 hours
Music Elective	1 hour

*Some courses in the Church Music Concentration require prerequisites. See the description of courses in the Division of Church Music Ministries section.

**Recital Laboratory is required of all enrolled music students. Students must attend 75% of all calendar scheduled events for three semesters.

Church Recreation and Wellness

Adventure Recreation & Games Leadership	3 hours
Recreation and Sports Ministry	3 hours
Intentional Sports Ministry	3 hours
Choose 3 hours from any combination of the following	
Rec Lab	1 hour
Church Drama	2 hours
Recreation and Wellness in the Senior Years	2 hours
Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
Clinical Field Project in Church Recreation and Wellness	1/2/3 hours

Collegiate Ministry

The History and Philosophy of Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Guiding Collegians in Their Faith Pilgrimage	3 hours
Church-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Campus-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours

Discipleship

Disciple Making through Small Group Ministry	3 hours
Choose 9 hours from any combination of the following	
Experiencing Transformational Discipleship	3 hours
Disciplemaking with Youth and Families	3 hours
Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours
Special Event: Catalyst Conference	3 hours
Up to 6 of the 9 hours in this category may be taken from	
Clinical Field Project in Discipleship	1, 2, or 3 hours
Independent Directed Study in Discipleship	1, 2, or 3 hours
Special Topics in Discipleship	1, 2, or 3 hours
Christian Education Internship Program in Discipleship	6 hours

Educational Foundations

Curriculum Design	2 hours
Ethical Issues in Christian Education	2 hours
Teaching Practicum	2 hours
Historical Foundations of Christian Education	3 hours
Foundations in Educational Psychology	3 hours

Gerontology

Introduction to Gerontology	2 hours
Field Experience in Gerontology	
OR Internship Program in Gerontology	1/2/3/6 hours
Choose remaining hours from any combination of the following	
Social Work Practice with the Aging and Their Families	3 hours
Death, Loss, and Grief	3 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	3 hours

Leadership and Administration

Risk Management in Christian Ministry	3 hours
Leading Team-Based Ministry	3 hours
Church Business Administration	3 hours
Using Technology in the Work of the Church	3 hours

Social Work

Social Work Practicum	4 hours
Choose 8 hours from any combination of the following:	
Social Work Practice with Groups	2 hours
Social Welfare Policy and Planning	2 hours
Social Work Practice with Juvenile Delinquents	2 hours
Death, Loss, and Grief	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Children and Families	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3 hours
Social Work Practice with the Aging and Their Families	3 hours
Introduction to Gerontology	2 hours

*Note: Those taking this concentration must take Introduction to Social Work as a core class. See a description of Social Work courses in the Division of Church and Community Ministry section of this catalog.

Women's Ministry

Introduction to Women's Ministry OR	
Women's Work in the Local Church plus one hour in Ministry Planning or Discipleship elective	3 hours
Advanced Women's Ministry OR	
Clinical Field Project in Women's Ministry	3 hours
Choose 6 hours from any combination of the following:	
Girls' Enrichment Ministry	3 hours
Biblical Womanhood	3 hours
A Survey of Feminist Theology	3 hours
And/or from the electives below and following page:	
Interpersonal Skills	
Support Groups for Women	1 hour
Relationship Skills for Women	1 hour
Lay Counseling for Women	1 hour
Christian Theology	
Biblical Womanhood	1 hour
A Survey of Feminist Theology	1 hour
Teaching Basic Baptist Beliefs for Women	1 hour
Leadership	
Spiritual Gifts of Women	1 hour
Leadership Training for Women	1 hour
Women and Church Growth	1 hour

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Ministry Skills	
Women Mentoring Women	1 hour
Expanding Your Women's Ministry through Writing	1 hour
Public Speaking for Women	1 hour
Ministry Planning	
Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour
Women's Ministry Programs	1 hour
Multicultural Women's Ministry	1 hour
Discipleship	
Missions for Women	1 hour
Lifestyle Witnessing for Women	1 hour
Bible Study for Women	1 hour
Special Interests	
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
Girls' Enrichment Ministry	1 hour
Women's Ministry to Mothers	1 hour
Ministry with Grievors	1 hour

Youth Ministry

The Work of the Minister of Youth OR	
Introduction to Youth Ministry*	3 hours
Youth Culture OR	
Exploring a Biblical Worldview*	3 hours
Disciplemaking with Youth and Families OR	
Experiencing Transformational Discipleship*	3 hours
Choose one 3-hour elective from:	
Youth Ministry Institute	3 hours
Adolescent Psychology	3 hours
Communication and Evangelism for Youth Audiences	3 hours
Implementing Doctrines in Youth Ministry*	3 hours
Equipping Youth for Decision Making and Critical Thought*	3 hours
Mentoring in Youth Ministry*	3 hours
Leadership Development in Youth Ministry*	3 hours

**Weekend Hybrid classes only*

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Randy Stone** (Curriculum Coordinator and Educational Foundations Advisor)
- **Dr. Donna Peavey** (Children's Ministry Advisor)
- **Dr. Greg Woodward** (Church Music Advisor)
- **Dr. Judi Jackson** (Church Recreation and Wellness Advisor)
- **Dr. Allen Jackson** (Collegiate Ministry and Youth Ministry Advisor)
- **Dr. Hal Stewart** (Discipleship & Adult Ministry Advisor)
- **Dr. Angie Bauman** (All Extension Center CE Advising)
- **Dr. Jody Dean** (Leadership and Administration Advisor)
- **Dr. Loretta Rivers** (Social Work Advisor)
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MA IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

Vocational Calling

To serve as a Christian counselor in a church-based ministry, social service agency, marriage and family therapy ministry, or other Christian ministries. This degree fulfills the academic requirements in most states for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and for clinical membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. The MAMFC also meets the course requirements in many states for licensure in Marriage and Family Therapy (LMFT).

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (21-22 hours)

Biblical Exposition Competency	(9 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Christian Theological Heritage Competency	(8-9 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*
Choose any one of the following courses:	
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Christian Ethics	3 hours
Christian Devotional Classics	2 hours
History of Modern Christianity	3 hours
Disciple Making Competency	(2 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Spiritual and Character Formation Competency	(2 hours)
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour

Christian Counseling Component (67 hours)

Marriage and Family Studies	(9 hours)
Family Development	3 hours
Clinical Marriage and Family Assessment	3 hours
Family Systems Theories and Therapies	3 hours
Marriage and Family Therapy	(9 hours)
(Prerequisites: PSYC6302 and PSYC6350 or PSYC6351)	
Choose any three of the following:	
Structural and Strategic Therapy	3 hours
Intergenerational Therapy	3 hours
Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3 hours
Brief Approaches to Marriage and Family Therapy	3 hours
Childhood Disorders and Therapies	3 hours
Contemporary Approaches to Marital/ Pre-Marital Therapy	3 hours
Human Development	(9 hours)
Personality Development	3 hours
Human Development	3 hours
Human Sexuality	3 hours

Additional Psychology and Counseling Studies (27 hours)

Group Counseling	3 hours
Lifestyle Development and Career Counseling	3 hours
Chemical Dependency: Theories and Therapies	3 hours
Mental Disorders and Treatment	3 hours
Techniques and Skills in Therapy	3 hours
Appraisal of Individuals	3 hours
The Bible in the Professional Christian Counselor	3 hours
Practical Integration of Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality	3 hours
Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues in Counseling	3 hours

Research (4 hours)

Scientific Research I: Descriptive Statistics to Analysis of Variance	4 hours
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Practicum and Internship (9 hours)

Clinical Practicum	3 hours
Clinical Internship I and II	6 hours

Electives: The student may select additional courses (beyond those required for the degree) in consultation with a departmental faculty member. These courses may be selected in consideration of licensure and other desired professional credentials.

Social and Multicultural Issues in Counseling (highly recommended)

Students who intend to apply to the PhD program should complete PSYC6475 Scientific Research II: Multivariate Analyses, Research Design, and Methodology.

Total Required: 88-89 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

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GRADE POINT AVERAGE AND GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION

The grade point average (GPA) and the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) quantitative, verbal and analytical writing scores will be considered on the following five-point sliding scale. For the application to be accepted, the individual must have a combined score of “-3” or higher on the four components.*** Scores can be no older than 5 years. The institutional code for New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is 6472.

	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
GPA	2.75-3.0	3.01-3.25	3.26-3.5	3.51-3.75	3.76-4.0
GRE Quantitative	below 140	140-143	144-145	146-149	above 149
Prior to August 2011*	below 400	400-490	500-540	550-610	above 610
GRE Verbal	below 146	146-152	153-156	157-160	above 160
Prior to August 2011*	below 400	400-490	500-540	550-610	above 610
GRE Writing	below 4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0-5.5	6.0
Prior to August 2011*	below 4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0-5.5	6.0

**In August 2011, the GRE revised General Test replaced the GRE ® General Test, changing the scoring standard. GRE exams taken prior to August 2011 will be evaluated at the earlier standard.*

Admission Requirements

Minimum standards for entrance into the MA in Marriage and Family Counseling include the following:

Degree Prerequisites

The applicant must have the Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent from a college or university accredited by an agency related to CHEA.

Major Area of Study

Either during or following the completion of the BA degree (or its equivalent), 18 semester hours of undergraduate or graduate study in the social sciences is required, with a minimum GPA as described below. (Students who have not completed this course work prior to the application deadline may enter the MDiv Counseling Program, assuming other related requirements are met, and take the necessary course work to comply with this requirement. However, the completion of this course work does not guarantee that a student will be admitted to the MAMFC degree program.

Scholarship and Graduate Record Examination

The applicant must have a minimum undergraduate or graduate GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent (the graduate GPA is based on a minimum of 30 graduate semester hours) and GRE scores as outlined above (GRE scores must be less than 5 years old).

Conditional Acceptance to the MAMFC

If the combined score of the 4 components is lower than “-3” after the second attempt on the GRE, a student may be accepted “Conditionally” to continue in the application process for the program. Upon successful completion of the psychometric tests and the Departmental Interview, and upon recommendation of the Department, the student may proceed in the MAMFC degree program as a Candidate. To remain in the MAMFC degree program, the student must maintain a 3.0 GPA (overall). If the overall GPA drops below a 3.0, the student will be transferred to one of the MDiv specializations in Counseling (licensure track or non-licensure track). Students who wish to be admitted to NOBTS and have not yet taken the GRE should apply to NOBTS under the M.Div in Counseling (Licensure Track) degree program. After completing the GRE and meeting all requirements, the student may transfer to the MAMFC program.

Departmental Entrance Interview

The final step in the application process is the departmental interview. A satisfactory interview with the Admissions Committee from the

Department of Psychology and Counseling is required for admission. Interviews are scheduled only after all application requirements are submitted. Once a completed application has been received by the Seminary and forwarded to the Psychology Department, an interview will be scheduled with one of the department faculty members. This interview may be waived at the discretion of the committee for students who have been enrolled in other NOBTS graduate counseling curriculums for at least one year.

Application Process

- Request an application for admission from the Registrar’s Office and return completed form and all requested references to that office.
 - Request that all transcripts of college, university, and Seminary work be forwarded to the Registrar’s Office, if those have not been filed there previously.
 - Forward your GRE scores to the Registrar’s Office.
 - When the requirement of at least a -3 points on the point system chart is met for the GRE and GPA, the applicant will be invited to schedule and complete all required psychometric tests with the Testing and Counseling office. Psychometric tests are valid for six months. Departmental interview must take place within six months of MAMFC testing.
 - After the completion of the prior 4 steps, call the Psychology and Counseling Department and request that the completed application be reviewed and an interview scheduled. After the Admission Committee has reviewed the materials, the Psychology Department will contact the student to schedule an interview. Materials must be received in a timely manner to allow for review and scheduling of the interview.
 - Pass the entrance interview conducted by the Admissions Committee of the Department of Psychology and Counseling. The interview must be completed prior to the approval deadline.
 - **The deadlines for completion of the application process for both Spring and Fall semester registration are as follows (admission to the MAMFC is available only at the beginning of each semester):**
 - **Fall Semester Entrance: Approval Deadline is August 1****
 - **Spring Semester Entrance: Approval Deadline is December 15****
- **These deadlines apply to new and existing students requesting a degree change.**

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Kathy Steele (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Jeff Nave (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar’s Office

MASTER OF ARTS IN MISSIOLOGY

Vocational Calling

To serve in a variety of positions in missions agencies. The degree plan can be applicable to those presently engaged in mission work or to those who are preparing for mission service. The degree would benefit those who are now serving on the mission field with previous Seminary studies as well as those who are enrolled in Seminary to prepare for missionary service. Those who choose the practicum track would be engaged in mission service which would include academic requirements and reflections. Persons who have completed twenty to thirty hours of Seminary studies as preparation for service with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention should be able to use those hours in this degree plan with academic approval of this Seminary.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (20 hours)

Biblical Studies Component (9 hours)	
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours
Theological and Historical Studies Component (11 hours)	
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Philosophy of Religion OR Christian Apologetics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Ministry Studies Competency Component (9 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Plus one of the following courses:	3 hours
Counseling in Ministry	
Social and Multicultural Issues in Counseling	
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	
Pastoral Ministry	
Worship Leadership	
Church Leadership and Administration	
Discipleship Strategies	
Church-Community Ministries	
OR appropriate Christian Education courses or other approved courses in ministry studies component	

Missiology Concentration Component (17 hours)

Missiology Concentration Component (9 hours)	
Christian Missions	3 hours
Life and Work of the Missionary	2 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2 hours
Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements	2 hours
(Prerequisite: Christian Missions)	
Approved Mission Focus (8 hours)	
(Must be MISS prefix courses)	

Electives Component (3 hours)

Free Electives	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 49 hours

Note: Certain courses for the degree may be obtained through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Master of Arts in Missiology (Continued)

Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Arts in Missiology requires the following.

- Applicants must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, TOEFL for international students, etc.
- Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree, normally with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the education equivalent.
- Applicants may apply for acceptance to pursue the Master of Arts in Missiology upon approval for admission to the Seminary. The application forms will be available through the Registrar's Office.
- In some cases the missions admissions committee and/or the Pastoral Ministries Division may require a personal interview with the applicant.
- Applicants must submit to the Seminary a sense of call to ministry that includes cross-cultural sharing of the gospel in some type of missions setting in a three- to five-page typed essay.
- Each applicant should demonstrate in a written form that he or she has completed a minimum of two years in missionary service or has plans to complete a minimum of a two-year cross-cultural missions assignment. This may come through verification of a mission-sending agency or a written explanation of present or future ministry goals that include cross-cultural evangelism and missions ministry verified by an outside source such as a missions agency or local church.
- The missions admissions committee, in consultation with the Registrar, will evaluate the transcript of the applicant. Students should evidence the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for the particular application of this degree. Students with strong undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be eligible for advance standing and may therefore take advanced electives in that discipline rather than introductory courses in that discipline. After review of the transcript and cross-cultural ministry essay, the missions admissions committee will weigh these factors and approve those accepted for this degree plan. Applicants accepted into the degree plan will be assigned a faculty advisor to design a plan of study tailored to the needs of the students and guide them in their course of study. The student will be expected to cooperate with the advisor to complete degree requirements.
- Applicants will have two years to complete the admissions process. Failure to complete the process within two years will necessitate going through the admissions process again.

Academic Requirements

The 49-hour course requirements of the Master of Arts in Missiology are intended to introduce students to a broad range of missiological and theological disciplines necessary for further studies in missiological research or interdisciplinary studies related to missiology. Students in the MA in Missiology must maintain at least a B average in the program. Those who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA will go on probation status after the first semester and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester below a 3.0 average.

Enrollment in Degree Plan and Graduation

It is preferred that an individual be accepted into this degree plan at least one semester before anticipated graduation when transferring from another degree plan at NOBTS. This will help provide guidance to a student in suitable course selections for the conclusion of the degree plan.

PhD Eligibility

Students who complete the degree requirements of the MA in Missiology must also meet all of the application requirements for a PhD at NOBTS with a major in missions. Prior to application, applicants must have completed a minimum of 8 semester hours of master's-level Greek and 8 semester hours of master's-level Hebrew (for NOBTS students these courses would include NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar and OTHB6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar); and 9 semester hours of German, French, or Latin. Details are given in the NOBTS Graduate Catalog under Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Inactive Status

Missionaries serving with a mission-sending agency such as the IMB of the SBC may apply for an inactive status for the degree plan by notifying the Registrar's Office in writing if they do not want to take courses for the degree plan while on the mission field.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Philip Pinckard (Concentration Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF ARTS IN WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Vocational Calling

To serve the local church in the area of worship leadership. Foundational courses offering a broad theological understanding are complemented by in-depth studies in the field of worship. Three tracks are available: Preaching, for those whose primary vocational calling is to proclaim the Word of God in the local church or a related ministry; Education, for those whose primary vocational calling is to teach and coordinate discipleship efforts in the local church or a related ministry; Music, for those whose primary vocational calling is to lead and facilitate the musical worship in the local church or related ministry; and Missions/Church Planting, for those whose primary vocational calling is to plant churches or do mission work.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (24 hours)

Foundational Studies Component	(24 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Worship Ministries Competency Component (25 hours)

Common Worship Core	(14 hours)
Theology of Worship	3 hours
History of Worship	3 hours
Technologies for Worship Ministries	3 hours
Congregational Song in Corporate Worship	3 hours
Advanced Readings in Worship	2 hours

Students will choose one Track from the following:

Preaching	(11 hours)
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
Preaching Practicum	2 hours
Six (6) credit hours in advanced preaching courses	6 hours

Education	(11 hours)
Educational Principles of Church Music Ministry	3 hours
Corporate Worship & the Process of Spiritual Formation	3 hours
Laboratory Choirs	(non-credit)
Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Three (3) credit hours from Christian Education/Administration	3 hours

Music	(11 hours)
Music in Theory and Practice	
or Music Theory for Worship Leaders	3 hours
Planning and Leading Worship	3 hours
Worship Leadership Laboratory	2 hours
Worship and Music Ministry Administration	3 hours

Missions/Church Planting	(11 hours)
Music and Missions	2 hours
Global Worship Perspectives	3 hours
Worship and Church Planting	3 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 52 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Master of Arts in Worship Ministries

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Admission Requirements

Admission to the Master of Arts in Worship Ministries requires the following:

- Applicants must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, TOEFL for international students, etc.
- Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the educational equivalent.

Academic Requirements

The 52-hour course requirement of the Master of Arts in Worship Ministries degree is intended to introduce students to Christian worship in its biblical, historical, and theological dimensions. This two-year program of study offers a curriculum of basic ministry courses combined with specialized worship offerings. The Common Worship Core blends academic study with practical ministry courses to prepare students for worship in the 21st century. Four optional Tracks (Preaching, Education, Music, and Missions/Church Planting) complete the curricular offerings. Students in the program must maintain at least a "B" average. Those unable to maintain a "B" average will go on probation status after the first semester, and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester with less than a 3.0 average.

Music Track

Proficiency Examination

Each MAWM student on the music track must pass the Applied Music Proficiency Examination consisting of voice and either keyboard or guitar. Requirements may be obtained in the Church Music Ministries Division Office or from Dr. Michael Sharp at the North Georgia Hub.

Local Church Ministry Involvement

It is expected that the MAWM Music Track student will be involved in some capacity of leadership in the worship ministry of a local church during each of the four semesters he/she is enrolled. The position may be volunteer or paid and can be any position designated by the church as a worship ministry role.

PhD or DMin Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the MA in Worship Ministries need to have the equivalent of a Master of Divinity degree in order to be eligible to apply to the PhD or DMin program at NOBTS.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix or Dr. Gregory A. Woodward**
(Curriculum Coordinators)
- **Dr. Michael Sharp (Program Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF MUSIC IN CHURCH MUSIC

Vocational Calling

To serve in the music ministry of Southern Baptist churches and denominational agencies or institutions, or to serve as missionaries.

Degree Requirements

The curriculum of the Master of Music in Church Music degree requires 51 hours and includes the courses listed below. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of "B" or above in all graduate music courses in order to graduate.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (18 hours)

Foundational Studies Component	(18 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Systematic Theology 1 or 2	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	2 hours
Worship Leadership	3 hours
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Music Competency Component (33 hours)

Concentrated Studies in Church Music Component	(24 hours)
Technologies for Worship Ministries	3 hours
Music of the Church in Worship and Performance I	3 hours
Music of the Church in Worship and Performance II	3 hours
Educational Principles of Church Music Ministries	3 hours
Laboratory Choirs	(no credit)
(Laboratory Choirs is taken in lieu of Supervised Ministry 2.)	
Music in Theory and Practice	3 hours
Choral Conducting and Techniques	3 hours
Ensemble Electives***	6 hours

Music Concentration Electives (9 hours)

Concentrations will be offered in the following areas:

Church Music Education	
Music Education courses beyond core	6 hours
Electives in Church Music**	3 hours
Comprehensive Examination	(non-credit)
Thesis	(non-credit)

Composition	
Choral Arranging	2 hours
Applied Composition	4 hours
Electives in Church Music**	3 hours
Comprehensive Examination	(non-credit)
Recital (Thesis)	(non-credit)

Conducting	
Advanced Conducting	2 hours
Private Conducting	4 hours
Electives in Church Music**	3 hours
Comprehensive Examination	(non-credit)
Recital	(non-credit)

Performance (Piano, Organ, Orchestral Instrument, Voice)	
Performance/literature courses	2 hours
Applied Performance	4 hours
Electives in Church Music**	3 hours
Comprehensive Examination	(non-credit)
Recital	(non-credit)

Total Required: 51 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**The student may take Theology of Worship, ensembles, or additional courses from the concentration area based on approval by the student's academic advisor.

***Among the 6 hours of required ensemble electives, 4 of these hours must be Seminary Chorus (MUEN5107).

NOTE: Recital Laboratory is required of all enrolled music students. Students must attend 75% of all calendar scheduled events for three semesters.

Master of Music in Church Music

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Admission Requirements

Specific admission requirements for music degrees may be obtained by contacting the Division of Church Music Ministries office.

To be admitted to the Master of Music in Church Music degree program, students must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and demonstrate a satisfactory competency level in the areas covered by the following courses.

These courses (or their equivalents) comprise the undergraduate preparation for MMCM study:

Music Fundamentals I	3 hours
Music Fundamentals II	3 hours
Music Fundamentals III	3 hours
Music Fundamentals IV	3 hours
Music History and Literature I and II	6 hours
Elementary Conducting	3 hours
Basic Orchestration	3 hours
Performance* (undergraduate level)	8 hours
Undergraduate Recital	non-credit
Ensembles	4 hours
Recital Laboratory 2 semesters	non-credit

*For voice emphasis students, 2 of the 8 hours required for performance must be Vocal Diction (MUVO2301).

Total Prerequisite Hours: 36 hours

The student who demonstrates competency in any of the above areas through the Placement Examinations will not be required to take the corresponding undergraduate courses, provided those courses appear on the student's undergraduate transcript. If any of the listed undergraduate courses are not on the student's transcript, the student will be required to take the missing course(s). All students must pass the undergraduate piano proficiency exam. Information regarding the piano proficiency is located in the Music Student Handbook, which may be obtained in the Music Division Office.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Gregory A. Woodward (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Darryl Ferrington (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office



MASTER OF ARTS (APOLOGETICS)

Vocational Calling

To serve as a teacher, researcher, and/or writer in the field of Christian apologetics. The Master of Arts (Apologetics) is an academic degree, intended to prepare the student for entry into the PhD program. It can be earned through residential and non-residential study.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (29 hours)

Biblical Studies Component	(12 hours)
Greek Exegesis courses	6 hours
Hebrew Exegesis courses	6 hours
Students with elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew credits at the collegiate level are able to go directly into advanced Greek and Hebrew exegesis courses. Through the Baptist College Partnership Program, such students may automatically receive transcribed credit at NOBTS for elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew. Applicants who cannot earn credit in elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew through the Baptist College Partnership Program must earn these credits as a condition of graduation.	
Historical Studies Component	(5 hours)
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval*	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern*	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and the Cooperative Program	**
Theological Studies Component	(6 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
Philosophical/Ethical Studies Component	(6 hours)
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Christian Ethics* OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours

*Credit for some courses may be achieved through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Notes: The Seminary's accreditation agency (ATS) has approved this degree to be offered as an all-online degree. The degree may be earned either residentially or non-residentially, or through a mixture of both.

The faculty recommends strongly that apologetics students attend the January *Defend the Faith* conference, which features some of the nation's top apologists. Students can earn up to six hours of course credit toward this degree each year through the *Defend the Faith* conference.

Apologetics Core and Electives Component (18 hours)

Apologetics Core	(9 hours)
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Logic	3 hours
Apologetic Electives	(9 hours)
Note: Electives may be taken from the following categories within the Theological and Historical Studies Division: Islamic Studies, Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics.	

Summative Evaluation Component (3 hours)

Theological Research and Writing Seminar	3 hours
Note: Students are to register for Theological Research and Writing Seminar during their last semester of coursework.	

Total Required: 50 hours

Academic Requirements

The 50-hour course requirement of the MA (Apologetics) degree is intended to introduce students to a broad range of theological disciplines necessary for further studies in apologetics research. Students in the degree must maintain a 3.5 GPA. Those who do not maintain this standard will be on academic probation after the first semester that their GPA drops below 3.5 and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester below a 3.5 average.

PhD Eligibility

Students who complete the MA (Apologetics) are eligible to apply for the PhD at NOBTS. Students should, however, refer to all current admission requirements for Research Doctoral Programs to ensure the MA (Apologetics) meets the criteria for specific majors.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Robert Stewart (Concentration Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY)

Vocational Calling

To prepare students for research in the field of biblical archaeology. This degree also would provide the necessary foundations to enable the student to pursue the PhD degree in the field.

Prerequisites: A minimum of 3 semester hours in each of the following areas: Old Testament Introduction, New Testament Introduction, and Biblical Backgrounds.

Foundational Studies Component (21 hours)

Anthropological and Cultural Studies (6-9 hours)

Introduction to Anthropology (MSU)*	3 hours
Cultural Anthropology (MSU)*	3 hours
Social and Cultural Settings of Ancient Israel	3 hours
Social and Cultural Settings of Israel (during Hellenistic & Roman Periods)	3 hours
Ceramic Analysis (MSU)*	3 hours

Archaeology Courses (12-15 hours)

Archaeology of Ancient Israel & Canaan	3 hours
Archaeology of the New Testament World	3 hours
Archaeology of the Ancient Near East	3 hours
Archaeology and History of the Early Church	3 hours
Archaeological Practicum (Israel Excavation)	3 hours
Archaeological Method and Theory	3 hours

Biblical Languages Component (15 hours)

Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
Biblical Aramaic OR Northwest Semitic Inscription	3 hours

Electives Component (6 hours)

Choose 6 hours from any of the following options:

Option 1:	
Hebrew Exegesis OR Greek Exegesis	3 hours
History of Ancient Israel	3 hours
History of the Second Temple Period	3 hours
Historical Geography of the Lands of the Bible	3 hours

Option 2:
Any archaeology or anthropological course listed in this degree plan which is not being applied toward the Foundational Studies Component or the Biblical Languages Component

Option 3: Free electives
Any Master's level course(s)

Option 4:
Any combination of courses from Options 1-3.

Thesis Component (4 hours)

Thesis (4 hours)

Required Course (0 hours)

NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program**

*Course taken through Mississippi State University (MSU).

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Total Required: 46 hours

Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology)

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Admission Requirements and Process

Admission to the Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology) requires the following:

1. Applicants must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, TOEFL for international students, etc.
2. Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree, normally with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the educational equivalent.
3. Applicants must have completed a total of at least 24 transcript credit hours with a grade of "B" or above in biblical studies, theology, historical studies, philosophy, and ethics.
4. The Division of Biblical Studies, in consultation with the Registrar, will evaluate the transcript of the applicant. Students should evidence the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for the particular application of this degree. Students with weak undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be required to take introductory courses or, in some cases, remedial work to insure minimum competency in that discipline. Students with strong undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be eligible for advanced standing and may therefore take advanced electives in that discipline rather than the introductory courses in that discipline. After the transcript evaluation and the approval of the Division of Biblical Studies, a faculty advisor will be assigned who will assist in the design of a plan of study tailored to meet the needs of the student.

Prerequisite Studies

Prerequisite to entry into Intermediate Greek and Hebrew courses are elementary Greek and Hebrew, and Biblical Hermeneutics at the collegiate level; thus, the student with such prerequisites would be able to go directly into advanced Greek and Hebrew exegesis courses. Applicants who cannot earn credit in elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew through the Baptist College Partnership Program must earn these credits prior to entry into the MA (Biblical Archaeology) program. Students who complete the MA (Biblical Archaeology) program will have earned the 12 hours each in Greek and Hebrew required for application to the PhD program in the area of Old Testament or New Testament.

Academic Requirements

The 46 hour course requirement of the Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology) degree (as delineated above) is intended to introduce students to a broad range of theological disciplines necessary for further studies in biblical studies. A thesis is required. Students in the MA (Biblical Archaeology) must maintain at least a B average in the program. Those who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA will go on probation status after the first semester and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester below a 3.0 average.

Thesis Guidelines

An acceptable research thesis of 75-100 pages in Turabian style must be written in the student's area of concentration.

Thesis Proposal

1. Upon the completion of 30 semester hours of the degree program, the student will inform the Division Chair who will then appoint a Thesis Advisor to assist the student in the development of a Thesis Proposal.

2. During the last semester of coursework, (after completion of at least 45 hours) but no later than one semester following completion of coursework, the student shall present the Thesis Proposal for approval (1 hard copy and 1 pdf) to the Thesis Advisor. The Thesis Proposal must be approved by February 1 for May graduation or September 1 for December graduation.
3. The Thesis Advisor will approve the Thesis Proposal in consultation with the division faculty and provide guidance to the student during the writing of the thesis.
 - Upon approval, the Thesis Advisor must contact the Registrar's Office to approve enrollment into the thesis component.
 - The student must enroll in the thesis component the semester after the completion of coursework with or without submission of a Thesis Proposal.
4. Upon enrollment into the thesis component, an additional reader will be appointed by the Division Chair to assist the Thesis Advisor in evaluating the thesis.

Thesis Approval

1. The student should submit the following to the Division Chair's office no later than April 1 for May graduation and November 1 for December graduation:
 - Two plain-paper copies of the thesis
 - An electronic copy of the thesis
 - Completed Thesis Fee and Order Form
 - Check for the indicated fees made out to NOBTS
 - Graduation application

The Division Chair's Assistant will then send the thesis copies to the Thesis Advisor and additional reader. The Thesis Advisor will work with the student to generate a final approved thesis.
2. Upon final approval of the revised thesis, the Thesis Advisor will submit the following documents to the Division Chair:
 - Thesis Advisor Checklist
 - Thesis Review Report
 - Thesis Report Form
3. Following final approval of the revised thesis, the student should submit the following to the Division Chair's office no later than May 1 for May graduation and December 1 for December graduation:
 - 4 final copies (plus any additional copies the student may have ordered on the Thesis Fee and Order Form) on 20-lb., white, 100% cotton paper. Students receive 1 bound copy from the 4 copies they are required to submit.
 - A completed ProQuest/UMI Dissertation/Master's Thesis Submission Form
 - A plain paper copy of the thesis title page and abstract for submission with the UMI form
4. Should a student not meet either the Thesis Proposal or Thesis Approval deadlines, the student will register the following semester for a program continuance course and will register in that course each subsequent semester until the thesis is submitted for graduation: The student will pay the necessary continuance fees. Students that do not complete their thesis during the semester in which they are enrolled in the thesis component, will receive an "E" (extension) for that semester. The Thesis Advisor must send approval to the Registrar's Office in order for the student to be registered for the thesis component the following semester.
5. MA students may not walk in graduation exercises without submission of the final four copies of the thesis.

NOTE: Further guidance on the thesis process may be obtained from the Division Chair's Office in conjunction with the Associate Graduate Dean's Office

Master of Arts (Biblical Archaeology)

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PhD Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the MA (Biblical Archaeology) are eligible to apply to the PhD at NOBTS in the majors of Old Testament or New Testament. Students who choose to major in other disciplines may be required to take other prerequisite courses as required in those majors.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Dennis Cole (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Archie England (Old Testament Advisor)**
- **Dr. Charles Ray (New Testament Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL STUDIES)

Vocational Calling

To prepare students for research degrees in biblical studies for the purpose of teaching, research, or writing in various fields of biblical studies. Students may opt for a broad-based degree in Biblical Languages or for a concentration in Old Testament and Hebrew, New Testament and Greek, or Biblical Backgrounds.

Prerequisites: Equivalent of 3 hours each of Introductory Greek Grammar, Introductory Hebrew Grammar, Exploring the Old Testament, Exploring the New Testament, and Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (36-37 hours)

Biblical Studies Competency	(14 hours)
Encountering the Biblical World*	2 hours
Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis*	3 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis*	3 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Theological and Historical Studies Competency	(16 hours)
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval*	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern*	3 hours
Baptist Heritage*	2 hours
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	**
One course from the following:	3 hours
Philosophy of Religion,	
Christian Ethics*	
Contemporary Philosophical Hermeneutics	
Ministry Studies Competency	(6-7 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
Spiritual Formation 2	1 hour
Ministry Studies elective	2-3 hours
(choose one of the following)	
Church Leadership and Administration	2 hours
Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Worship Leadership	3 hours

*Credit for some courses may be achieved through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

**All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester: however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Biblical Studies Concentration (9 hours)

Concentration	(9 hours)
An area of concentration should be declared no later than the beginning of third semester of course work in order to fulfill the requirements for the concentration and write a satisfactory thesis. Students may choose a concentration in one of the following areas:	
New Testament and Greek	9 hours
Greek Exegesis	6 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Old Testament and Hebrew	9 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	6 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours
Biblical Languages	9 hours
Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Greek Exegesis	3 hours
Biblical Aramaic	3 hours
Biblical Backgrounds***	9 hours
Any Biblical Backgrounds and Archaeology courses	9 hours

***Students taking the Biblical Backgrounds concentration will need to take 3 semester hours each of Greek and Hebrew Exegesis courses if they intend to make application to the PhD program in the Division of Biblical Studies.

Electives Component (4-6 hours)

Free Electives	(4-6 hours)
These two courses may be taken from within the Division of Biblical Studies or outside the division.	

Thesis Component (4 hours)

Thesis	(4 hours)
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Total Required: 53-56 hours

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Admission Requirements and Process

Admission to the Master of Arts (Biblical Studies) requires the following:

1. Applicants must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, TOEFL for international students, etc.
2. Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree, normally with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the educational equivalent.
3. Applicants must have completed a total of at least 24 transcript credit hours with a grade of "B" or above in biblical studies, theology, historical studies, philosophy, and ethics.
4. The Division of Biblical Studies, in consultation with the Registrar, will evaluate the transcript of the applicant. Students should evidence the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for the particular application of this degree. Students with weak undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be required to take introductory courses or, in some cases, remedial work to insure minimum competency in that discipline. Students with strong undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be eligible for advanced standing and may therefore take advanced electives in that discipline rather than the introductory courses in that discipline. After the transcript evaluation and the approval of the Division of Biblical Studies, a faculty advisor will be assigned who will assist in the design of a plan of study tailored to meet the needs of the student.

Prerequisite Studies

Prerequisite to entry into Intermediate Greek and Hebrew courses are elementary Greek and Hebrew, and Biblical Hermeneutics at the collegiate level; thus, the student with such prerequisites would be able to go directly into advanced Greek and Hebrew exegesis courses. Applicants who cannot earn credit in elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew through the Baptist College Partnership Program must earn these credits prior to entry into the MA (Biblical Studies) program. Students who complete the MA (Biblical Studies) program will have earned the 12 hours each in Greek and Hebrew required for application to the PhD program in the area of Old Testament or New Testament.

Academic Requirements

The 53-56 hour course requirement of the Master of Arts (Biblical Studies) degree (as delineated above) is intended to introduce students to a broad range of theological disciplines necessary for further studies in biblical studies. A thesis is required. Students in the MA (Biblical Studies) must maintain at least a B average in the program. Those who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA will go on probation status after the first semester and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester below a 3.0 average.

Thesis Guidelines

An acceptable research thesis of 75-100 pages in Turabian style must be written in the student's area of concentration.

Thesis Proposal

1. Upon the completion of 30 semester hours of the degree program, the student will inform the Division Chair who will then appoint a Thesis Advisor to assist the student in the development of a Thesis Proposal.

2. During the last semester of coursework, (after completion of at least 45 hours) but no later than one semester following completion of coursework, the student shall present the Thesis Proposal for approval (1 hard copy and 1 pdf) to the Thesis Advisor. The Thesis Proposal must be approved by February 1 for May graduation or September 1 for December graduation.
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5. MA students may not walk in graduation exercises without submission of the final four copies of the thesis.

NOTE: Further guidance on the thesis process may be obtained from the Division Chair's Office in conjunction with the Associate Graduate Dean's Office.

Master of Arts (Biblical Studies)

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PhD Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the MA (Biblical Studies) are eligible to apply to the PhD at NOBTS in the majors of Old Testament or New Testament. Students who choose to major in other disciplines may be required to take other prerequisite courses as required in those majors.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Dennis Cole (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Archie England (Old Testament Advisor)**
- **Dr. Charles Ray (New Testament Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF ARTS (CROSS-CULTURAL STUDIES)

Vocational Calling

To serve in any field missions position while simultaneously developing more perfect knowledge and skill in performing cross cultural mission tasks with excellence. The degree combines field experience with theological education by pairing agency supervisors and trainers with faculty and the student/mission worker into a developmental team. This program is designed to create a unique relationship whereby the missionary receives theological training while at the same time is immersed in a field based missionary endeavor. This will provide a learning context which will enhance the impact of theological education in the laboratory of missions service. While the program of study is designed with the International Mission Board, other appropriate mission agencies can provide the high quality mentors and supervisors needed in this partnership.

Basic Ministerial Competency Component (27 hours)

Biblical Studies Component	(15 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis (English)**	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis (English)**	3 hours
Introduction to Hermeneutics***	3 hours

Theological and Historical Studies Component	(12 hours)
Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval***	2 hours
Baptist Heritage***	2 hours
Anthropology for Missions OR Urban Missions***	2 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	+

Cross-Cultural Field Component (15 hours)

Theology and Philosophy of Missions*	3 hours
Basic Evangelism	3 hours
Cross Cultural Church Planting	3 hours
Introduction to Orality and Oral Cultures	3 hours
World Religions	3 hours

(Note: Field component can be adapted to meet specific field needs and will be delivered in Mentor relationships in a cross-cultural setting, during the first year on the field.)

Elective Component (3 hours)

Free Elective***	(3 hours)
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Total Required: 45 hours

*This course should be taken during orientation, prior to the first term of service.

**Students with an undergraduate degree in biblical languages would have the option of taking biblical language exegesis courses.

***These courses must be taken on stateside assignment, after completing the first term of service on the field.

+Students must take this course during their stateside assignment; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Master of Arts (Cross-Cultural Studies)

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Admission Requirements

- This degree plan is for cross-cultural missionary candidates and is designed for completion in partnership with qualified field mentors under faculty supervision. The simultaneous involvement in academic courses and cross-cultural experiences guides and informs the professional development of the candidate/student. Only students who have been approved for cross-cultural mission work may apply for this degree.
- Candidates for the degree will make application for the seminary degree program at the time of their approval for missionary service. Final approval will be contingent on being accepted to both the IMB Macedonia Project ISC program or other cross-cultural mission program and the Master of Arts (Cross-Cultural Studies) of the seminary.
- Applicants must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, and TOEFL for international students. The mission sending organization will certify the candidate in the areas of church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, etc.
- Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree, normally with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the education equivalent.

Academic Requirements

Students in the degree program will have 4-5 years to complete the 45-hour degree. The steps to completing the degree are as follows:

- Students will begin the degree when they arrive for Orientation following their appointment into the service. The first class they will take will be Theology and Philosophy of Missions while at Orientation training.
- During the first year of service on the field and/or while at Orientation, students will take 12 hours consisting of the courses in the Training Component. These courses may include language study, evangelism, church planting, or other applicable training courses.
- During the second, third, and/or fourth year of the student's field service, he/she will take Internet courses composed of the biblical studies and theological and historical studies components.
- Following the student's field service, he/she will complete their term on stateside assignment taking the remaining 9 hours of courses to complete the degree.

PhD Eligibility

Students who complete the degree requirements of the MA (Cross-Cultural Studies) must also meet all of the application requirements for a PhD at NOBTS with a major in missions. Prior to application, applicants must have completed a minimum of 8 semester hours of master's-level Greek and 8 semester hours of master's-level Hebrew (for NOBTS students these courses would include NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar and OTHB6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar); and 9 semester hours of German, French, or Latin. Details are given in the NOBTS Graduate Catalog under Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Inactive Status

Missionaries serving with a mission-sending agency such as the IMB of the SBC may apply for an inactive status for the degree plan by notifying the Registrar's Office in writing if they do not want to take courses for the degree plan while on the mission field.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Philip Pinckard (Concentration Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY)

Vocational Calling

To prepare students for research degrees in theological studies for the purpose of teaching, research, or writing in a field of theological studies. Students may opt for a generalist degree or for a concentration in Theology, Church History, Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics, Christian Ethics, or Islamic Studies. This is an **advanced** degree, not a first degree in Religion. Students must have a baccalaureate degree in Religion. The goal is to prepare the student for entry into the PhD program.

Basic Competency Component * (36 hours)

Biblical Studies Component (12 hours)

Greek Exegesis courses 6 hours
 Hebrew Exegesis courses 6 hours

It is presupposed that students will have had elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew at the collegiate level; thus, the student would be able to go directly into advanced Greek and Hebrew exegesis courses. Through the Baptist College Partnership Program, such students with such prerequisites would automatically receive transcripted credit at NOBTS for elementary and intermediate Greek and/or Hebrew. Applicants who cannot earn credit in elementary and intermediate Greek and Hebrew through the Baptist College Partnership Program must earn these credits during the MA (Theology) program as a condition of graduation. Students who complete the MA (Theology) program will have earned the 12 hours each in Greek and Hebrew required for application to the PhD program in the areas of theology and church history.

Historical Studies Component (7 hours)

History of Christianity: Early-Medieval** 2 hours
 History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern** 3 hours
 Baptist Heritage* 2 hours
 NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program ***

Theological Studies Component (6 hours)

Systematic Theology 1 3 hours
 Systematic Theology 2 3 hours

Philosophical/Ethical Studies Component (6 hours)

Philosophy of Religion 3 hours
 Christian Ethics** OR Biblical Ethics 3 hours

Ministry Studies Component (5 hours)

Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible 3 hours
 Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours

Theology Concentration & Electives Component (18 hours)

Concentration (9 hours)

In order to complete these hours, students may choose to pursue a generalist degree or a concentration in one of the following areas:

- Christian Ethics
- Church History
- Islamic Studies
- Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics
- Theology
- Theological Studies Generalist (*hours taken from any courses offered in the T&H Division*)

Note: No later than the third semester of course work the student should declare an area of concentration and secure a Thesis Advisor.

Electives (9 hours)

Note: Electives are to be taken from within the Division of Theological and Historical Studies.

Thesis Component (4 hours)

Thesis (4 hours)

An acceptable research thesis of 75-100 pages in Turabian style must be written in the student's area of concentration. The division will appoint a Thesis Advisor to approve the thesis proposal (in consultation with the division) and provide guidance to the student in the writing of the thesis. The thesis proposal must be submitted for approval no later than within one semester of completion of coursework. The thesis will be evaluated by the Thesis Advisor and one additional reader.

Total Required: 58 hours

*Upon the transcript evaluation by the division, students with strong undergraduate preparation may be accorded advanced standing for certain introductory classes, and advanced electives may then be substituted for those introductory courses.

**Credit for some courses may be achieved through the Baptist College Partnership Program.

***All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester: however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

Master of Arts (Theology)

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Admission Requirements

Applicants for the MA (Theology) degree must fulfill all the normal admission requirements for NOBTS, including the admission form, transcript, church endorsement, statement of call, medical clearance, TOEFL for international students, etc. Upon admission to the Seminary, students desiring admission to the MA (Theology) program will apply to the Theological and Historical Studies Division for admission to the MA (Theology) program. The following criteria will be used in reviewing applications for the MA (Theology) program:

- Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree, normally with at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale, from an institution accredited by a regional accreditation agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or holding membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada, or the educational equivalent.
- Applicants must have completed a total of at least 24 transcribed credit hours with a grade of "B" or above in biblical studies, theology, historical studies, philosophy, and/or ethics.
- Applicants must submit a research paper on a topic in some area of theological studies for consideration by the Theological and Historical division. In some cases the division may require a personal interview with the applicant.
- Students should evidence the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for the particular application of this degree.
- The Theological and Historical Studies Division, in consultation with the Registrar, shall determine the applicant's suitability for admission and admit qualified candidates into the MA (Theology) program. Upon admission to the MA (Theology) program, the Theological and Historical Studies Division, will tailor a program of study for each student. Students with weak undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be required to take introductory courses or, in some cases, remedial work to insure minimum competency in that discipline. Students with strong undergraduate preparation in a discipline may be eligible for advanced standing and may therefore take advanced electives in that discipline rather than the introductory courses in that discipline.

Academic Requirements

The 58 hour course requirement of the MA (Theology) degree (as delineated above) is intended to introduce students to a broad range of theological disciplines necessary for further studies in theological research or interdisciplinary studies related to theology. A thesis is required. Students in the MA (Theology) must maintain at least a B average in the program. Those who do not maintain a 3.0 GPA will go on probation status after the first semester, and will be dismissed after the second consecutive semester below a 3.0 average.

Thesis Guidelines

An acceptable research thesis of 75-100 pages in Turabian style must be written in the student's area of concentration.

Thesis Proposal

1. Upon the completion of 30 semester hours of the degree program, the student will inform the Division Chair who will then appoint a Thesis Advisor to assist the student in the development of a Thesis Proposal.
2. During the last semester of coursework, (after completion of at least 45 hours) but no later than one semester following completion of coursework, the student shall present the Thesis Proposal for approval (1 hard copy and 1 pdf) to the Thesis Advisor. The Thesis Proposal must be approved by February 1 for May graduation or September 1 for December graduation.
3. The Thesis Advisor will approve the Thesis Proposal in consultation with the division faculty and provide guidance to the student during the writing of the thesis.
 - Upon approval, the Thesis Advisor must contact the Registrar's Office to approve enrollment into the thesis component.
 - The student must enroll in the thesis component the semester after the completion of coursework with or without submission of a Thesis Proposal.
4. Upon enrollment into the thesis component, an additional reader will be appointed by the Division Chair to assist the Thesis Advisor in evaluating the thesis.

Thesis Approval

1. The student should submit the following to the Division Chair's office no later than April 1 for May graduation and November 1 for December graduation:
 - Two plain-paper copies of the thesis
 - An electronic copy of the thesis
 - Completed Thesis Fee and Order Form
 - Check for the indicated fees made out to NOBTS
 - Graduation application

The Division Chair's Assistant will then send the thesis copies to the Thesis Advisor and additional reader. The Thesis Advisor will work with the student to generate a final approved thesis.
2. Upon final approval of the revised thesis, the Thesis Advisor will submit the following documents to the Division Chair:
 - Thesis Advisor Checklist
 - Thesis Review Report
 - Thesis Report Form
3. Following final approval of the revised thesis, the student should submit the following to the Division Chair's office no later than May 1 for May graduation and December 1 for December graduation:
 - 4 final copies (plus any additional copies the student may have ordered on the Thesis Fee and Order Form) on 20-lb., white, 100% cotton paper. Students receive 1 bound copy from the 4 copies they are required to submit.
 - A completed ProQuest/UMI Dissertation/Master's Thesis Submission Form
 - A plain paper copy of the thesis title page and abstract for submission with the UMI form
4. Should a student not meet either the Thesis Proposal or Thesis Approval deadlines, the student will register the following semester for a program continuance course and will register in that course each subsequent semester until the thesis is submitted for graduation: The student will pay the necessary continuance fees.

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Students that do not complete their thesis during the semester in which they are enrolled in the thesis component, will receive an "E" (extension) for that semester. The Thesis Advisor must send approval to the Registrar's Office in order for the student to be registered for the thesis component the following semester.

5. MA students may not walk in graduation exercises without submission of the final four copies of the thesis.

NOTE: Further guidance on the thesis process may be obtained from the Division Chair's Office in conjunction with the Associate Graduate Dean's Office.

PhD Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the MA (Theology) are eligible to apply to the PhD at NOBTS in the majors of Church History and Theology. Students who choose to major in other disciplines may be required to take other prerequisite courses as required in those majors.

For further information, please contact:

- **Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)**
- **Dr. Michael H. Edens (Concentration Advisor)**
- **Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office**

MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Vocational Calling

To provide a basic understanding of a broad range of theological disciplines at the graduate level for lay ministers, bi-vocational ministers, those who can only pursue graduate theological training in an online format, and others interested in broad-based theological studies. The degree may be used to prepare the student for further graduate theological studies.

However, the MTS is normally not deemed sufficient for admission to DMin or PhD programs without additional graduate work. Those called to engage in full-time pastoral ministry, and those interested in future enrollment in the DMin or PhD degrees are encouraged to seek the MDiv degree.

Foundational Studies Component (34 hours)

Biblical Studies Component (15 hours)

Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
Old Testament Exegesis	3 hours
New Testament Exegesis	3 hours
Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics	3 hours

Theological Studies Component (14 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
Christian Apologetics OR Christian Ethics	3 hours
NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program	*

Worship Leadership Component (5 hours)

Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible**	3 hours
Preaching Practicum OR Teaching Practicum**	2 hours

*All graduate students must take this course during orientation in their first semester; however, students will not receive a credit hour or be charged for the course.

**Students not called into a preaching ministry may choose to take *Teaching the Bible* instead of *Proclaiming the Bible*, and *Teaching Practicum* instead of *Preaching Practicum*. Students who take *Teaching the Bible* must take the *Teaching Practicum* course.

***See next page for details on the Summative Assessment process. Further guidance on the process may be obtained from the Office of the Curriculum Coordinator.

Controlled Electives Component (8 hours)

Electives to be taken from Biblical Studies and Theological/Historical Studies.

Free Electives Component (6 hours)

Summative Assessment*** (1 hour)

Total Required: 49 hours

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Jeffrey B. Riley (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Michael H. Edens (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

Master of Theological Studies

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MTS Summative Assessment

The Summative Assessment is a comprehensive exam component of the Master of Theological Studies degree. To take the exam, the student must enroll into *MTSA6100 Summative Assessment* and pay fees like a normal class. Students must register for the course the semester that they anticipate graduating. Students, in communication with the Office of the Registrar, are responsible for knowing where they are in their program and when they must take the exam.

Registration Process

1. During registration for the semester that students anticipate graduation, they must register and pay fees for *MTSA6100*.
2. Once students register for *MTSA6100*, they must contact the Office of the Curriculum Coordinator and ask to be enrolled into the Summative Assessment Blackboard site, which houses the exam and additional helpful information.
3. All graduation deadlines are firm.

Summative Assessment

1. The Summative Assessment consists of 100 true-false and multiple choice questions gleaned from the courses that make up the Foundational Studies Component of the degree. This timed exam is taken and graded via the Summative Assessment Blackboard site.
2. The exam is opened for students to take during the following periods of time:
 - **December graduation:** after November 1, but no later than December 1
 - **May graduation:** after April 1, but no later than May 1
 - **July Conferral:** after June 1, but no later than July 1

In the event that a student fails the Summative Assessment, the following options are available:

- If a student fails the Summative Assessment, the exam may be retaken after 5 days if 5 days falls within the period that the exam is open. Students are limited to 3 attempts at passing the exam per semester.
- If a student fails the Summative Assessment and/or does not take the exam within the allotted period, the student must contact the Office of the Registrar to withdraw from graduation.
- If a student fails the Summative Assessment and/or does not take the exam within the allotted period, the student must enroll into *MTSA6100 Summative Assessment* in the subsequent semester.

Further guidance on the Summative Assessment process may be obtained from the Office of the Curriculum Coordinator.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

The graduate program offers thirty-three certificates for 2014-15. These certificates provide students with helpful knowledge of the Bible, administration, Christian apologetics, church history, church leadership, church planting, discipleship, evangelism, Islamic studies, ministry, missions, preaching, theology, and worship beyond the baccalaureate degree.

Vocational Calling

Graduate certificates equip students in selected areas of ministry who are called to serve as pastors, staff members, worship leaders, or missionaries. Christians who serve in local churches or denominational organizations and agencies can benefit as well through certificate study.

Future Study

These thirty-three certificates are composed of graduate courses. Certificate students who desire additional educational preparation may pursue a Master of Divinity degree or a Master of Arts degree with the possibility of transferring earned credit from graduate certificate courses.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Jerry N. Barlow (Curriculum Coordinators)
- Dr. Craig Price (Certificate Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

(Note: The graduate program offers a Korean Graduate Certificate in Biblical Studies. For information on the Korean Program, see the Seminary website at www.nobts.edu/Extensions/NGA/Academics/KoreanProgram.html.)

(Note: The graduate program also offers one professional graduate certificate. For additional information on this certificate, please see the Professional Doctoral Program section in this catalog.)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Adult Discipleship

Required Courses (12 hours)

*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Disciple Making through Small Group Ministry	3 hours
*Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School	3 hours
Family Life Education	3 hours
Clinical Field Experience	1 hour

Designated Elective Course (3 hours)

Elective (<i>choose one of the following</i>)	
Leading in Adult Ministry	3 hours
Ministry with Young Adults	3 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Biblical Languages

Required Courses (18 hours)

*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
*Intermediate Greek Grammar for Exegesis	3 hours
*Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
*Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for Exegesis	3 hours

Total Required: 18 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Biblical Preaching

Required Core Courses (5 hours)

*Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
*Preaching Practicum	2 hours

Preaching Courses (6 hours)

Expository Preaching Courses

Choose at least ONE from the following:

Pastoral Preaching	2/3 hours
Evangelistic Preaching	2/3 hours
Contemporary Bible Exposition	2/3 hours
Pulpit Apologetics	2/3 hours
Preaching Bible Doctrine	2/3 hours

Bible Exposition Courses

Choose at least ONE from the following:

Preaching from Historical-Narrative Literature	2/3 hours
Preaching from Poetic and Wisdom Literature	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Prophets	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Gospels	2/3 hours
Preaching from the Epistles	2/3 hours
Preaching from Apocalyptic Literature	2/3 hours

Total Required: 11 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Biblical Studies

Required Courses (17 hours)

*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Encountering the Biblical World	2 hours
*History of the Bible	3 hours
*New Testament English Exegesis	3 hours
*Old Testament English Exegesis	3 hours

Total Required: 17 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Bi-Vocational Ministry

Required Core Courses (6 hours)

Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Bi-Vocational Ministry	3 hours

Ministry Courses (6 hours)

Choose from the following:

Pastoral Leadership	3 hours
Stress and Conflict Management	2 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
*Church Evangelism	2 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
*Vital Signs of a Healthy Church	2 hours

Total Required: 12 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Children's Ministry

Required Courses (8 hours)

*Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Leading and Administering Children's Ministry	3 hours
Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours

Elective Courses (7 hours)

Choose 7 semester hours from the following:

Weekday Early Education Ministries	2 hours
Ministering to Children in Crisis	2 hours
Special Needs Ministry	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Childhood Education	1/2/3 hours
Special Event in Childhood Education	1/2/3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Christian Apologetics

Required Core Course (3 hours)

Christian Apologetics	3 hours
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Apologetics Electives* (15 hours)

Choose FIVE of the following:

The Problem of Evil	3 hours
Advanced Apologetics: History and Methodology	3 hours
Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
Logic	3 hours
Cult Theology	3 hours
The Historical Jesus	3 hours
Philosophical Theology**	3 hours
Contemporary Philosophical Hermeneutics***	3 hours
Theology of C. S. Lewis	3 hours
Metaphysics	3 hours
Christianity and the Sciences	3 hours
British Apologists	3 hours
Issues in Contemporary Theology	3 hours
Heresy and Orthodoxy in the Early Church	3 hours
Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Christian Responses to Islamic Worldviews	3 hours
Encountering World Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Islam	3 hours
World Religions: Eastern Religions	3 hours
World Religions: Judaism	3 hours
Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Development of Christian Ethical Thought	3 hours
Postmodernity and Contemporary Theological Issues	3 hours
Cult Theology	3 hours
Epistemology	3 hours

Total Required: 18 hours

The entire certificate can be earned through online courses and special apologetics events**** or academic workshops although certain electives may only be available as semester courses.

*This list of electives is a representative, not an all-inclusive, list.

**Prerequisite: Philosophy of Religion.

***Prerequisites: Philosophy of Religion and Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics.

****Special event courses include Apologetics Schools sponsored by the NOBTS Institute for Christian Apologetics (ICA) and NOBTS Study Trips (Oxford, Reformation, etc.) and other special events.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Church Administration

Required Courses (15 hours)

*Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
Risk Management in Christian Ministry	3 hours
*Leading Team-Based Ministry	3 hours
*Church Business Administration	3 hours
Using Technology in the Work of the Church	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Church and Community Ministry

Required Core Courses (8 hours)

*Church Community Ministries	3 hours
*Essentials of Helping	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours

Designated Electives (7 hours)

Choose 7 semester hours from the following courses:

Social Work Practice with Groups	2 hours
Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3 hours
Clinical Field Project in Social Work	1/2/3 hours
*Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
New Orleans Missions: Disaster Relief Training and Experience	3 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Church Leadership

Basic Ministerial Competency Required Courses (8 hours)

Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
*Church Evangelism	2 hours
*Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours

Church Leadership Courses (5-6 hours)

Choose TWO of the following:

Pastoral Leadership	3 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours

Total Required: 13-14 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Church Planting

Required Core Courses (9-11 hours)

Principles of Church Planting	2 hours
Strategic Church Planting for Multiplication	2/3 hours
Spiritual Warfare in the Local Church	2/3 hours
Internship I--Church Planting	3 hours

Church Planting Designated Elective (2 hours)

Choose ONE of the following:

Urban Church Planting	2 hours
Immigration and North American Church Planting	2 hours

General Elective (2-3 hours)

Choose ONE of the following:

*Practicum in Urban Missions	2/3 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
Disciple Making through Small Group Ministry	3 hours

Total Required: 13-16 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Collegiate Ministry

Required Courses (12 hours)

The History and Philosophy of Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Guiding Collegians in their Faith Pilgrimage	3 hours
Church-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Campus-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours

Elective Course (3 hours)

Elective (*choose from the following*)

Adolescent Psychology	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
*Teaching the Bible	3 hours
*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours
Intentional Sports Ministry	3 hours
Using Technology in the Work of the Church	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Evangelistic Church Growth

Required Evangelistic Church Growth Courses (12 hours)

*Church Evangelism	2 hours
*Church Revitalization	2 hours
*Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
*Vital Signs of a Healthy Church	3 hours
*Contemporary Trends in Growing an Evangelistic Church	3 hours

Evangelistic Church Growth Courses (3 hours)

Choose ONE of the following courses:

*Great Revivals and Awakenings	3 hours
Biblical Principles and Practices of Evangelism	3 hours
Church Models for Disciple Making and Growth	3 hours
Reaching the Postmodern, Dechurched, and Uninterested	3 hours
Evangelistic Preaching	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Family Ministry

Required Courses (15 hours)

Family Life Education	3 hours
*Disciplemaking with Youth and Families	3 hours
Leading and Administering in Children's Ministry	3 hours

Elective Courses (6 hours)

Choose six hours from the following:

*Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours
*Youth Culture	3 hours
Church-Based Collegiate Ministry	3 hours
Ministry with Young Adults	3 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	3 hours
Intentional Sports Ministry	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Foundations for Mission Service: Career Service Basic (Apprentice)

Required Courses (15 hours)

*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Christian Missions**	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 1 or 2	3 hours
*Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics OR General Ministry Elective***	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

**Another 3 hour Missions course may be substituted.

***Head of household must take the hermeneutics course. Wives may take a general ministry elective in place of the hermeneutics course.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Foundations for Mission Service: Career Service Advanced

Required Core Courses (9-12 hours)

*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 1 or 2	3 hours
*Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics**	3 hours

Designated Core Courses (2-3 hours)

Choose from the following:

*Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
*Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
*Baptist Heritage	2 hours
*Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Missions Required Courses (5 hours)

*Christian Missions	3 hours
*Life and Work of the Missionary OR *Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements (Prerequisite: Christian Missions)	2 hours

Missions Designated Courses*** (3-4 hours)

Choose from the following:

Anthropology for Missionaries	2 hours
*Last Frontiers	2/3 hours
Ministry to Refugees, Immigrants, and Internationals	3 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2 hours
*Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
Alternative field-based course****	2 hours
Missions Practicum****	2-4 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
Missions Strategies Practicum	2/3 hours
*Practicum in Urban Missions	2/3 hours

Total Required: 20 hours

*Available Online

**Head of household must take the hermeneutics course. Wives may take a general ministry elective in place of the hermeneutics course.

***Head of household would already have 20 hours from the above courses.

****These courses could be taken on the mission field with approval of IMB leadership.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Foundations for Mission Service: Team Strategy Leader

Required Core Courses (9-12 hours)

*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 1 or 2	3 hours
*Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics**	3 hours

Designated Core Courses (5-6 hours)

Choose from the following:

*Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry	3 hours
*Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
*Baptist Heritage	2 hours
*Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Christian Apologetics	3 hours
*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Missions Required Courses (7 hours)

*Christian Missions	3 hours
*Life and Work of the Missionary	2 hours
*Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements (Prerequisite: Christian Missions)	2 hours

Missions Designated Courses (6-9 hours)

Choose from the following:

Anthropology for Missionaries	2 hours
*Last Frontiers	2/3 hours
Ministry to Refugees, Immigrants, and Internationals	3 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2 hours
*Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
Alternative field-based course***	2 hours
Missions Practicum***	2-6 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
Missions Strategies Practicum	2/3 hours
*Practicum in Urban Missions	2/3 hours

Total Required: 30 hours

*Available Online

**Head of household must take the hermeneutics course. Wives may take a general ministry elective in place of the hermeneutics course.

***These courses could be taken on the mission field with approval of IMB leadership.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Greek Studies

Required Courses (18 hours)

*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Introductory Greek Grammar	3 hours
*Intermediate Greek Grammar for NT Exegesis	3 hours
*Greek Exegesis (2 courses)	6 hours

Total Required: 18 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Hebrew Studies

Required Courses (18 hours)

*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Introductory Hebrew Grammar	3 hours
*Intermediate Hebrew Grammar for OT Exegesis	3 hours
*Hebrew Exegesis (2 courses)	6 hours

Total Required: 18 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in History of Christianity: Historical Studies

Required Core Courses (7 hours)

*History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
*History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
*Baptist Heritage	2 hours

Designated Elective Courses (9 hours)

Choose THREE of the following:

History of Early Christianity	3 hours
Renaissance & Reformation	3 hours
The Radical Reformation	3 hours
History of Modern Christianity	3 hours
History of American Christianity	3 hours

Total Required: 16 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in History of Christianity: Advanced Historical Studies

Advanced Elective Courses* (Beyond Basic Certificate) (12 hours)

Choose FOUR of the following:

History of Early Christianity	3 hours
Renaissance & Reformation	3 hours
The Radical Reformation	3 hours
History of Modern Christianity	3 hours
History of American Christianity	3 hours
Heresy & Orthodoxy in the Early Church	3 hours
Women in the Early Church	3 hours
History of American Preaching	3 hours
Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today	3 hours
History of Non-Western Christianity	3 hours
American Denominations	3 hours
Ancient and Medieval Theology	3 hours
History of Baptist Missions	3 hours
History of Christian Missions	3 hours

*This list of electives is a representative, not an all-inclusive, list.

Total Required: 12 hours

Work toward these certificates may be completed through Internet, on-campus, workshop, and "special event" courses of study. Special event courses may include international study tours.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Islamic Studies

Required Core Courses (9 hours)

*Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
*World Religions: Islam OR Encountering World Religions	3 hours

Designated Elective Courses (6 hours)

Choose TWO of the following:

Christian Responses to Islamic Worldviews	3 hours
*Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Doctrine of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
*Islam and the Doctrine of Revelation	3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Advanced Islamic Studies

Required Core Courses (6 hours)

Christian Apologetics	3 hours
Advanced Christian Apologetics	3 hours

Designated Elective Courses (6 hours)

Choose TWO of the following:

Christian Responses to Islamic Worldviews	3 hours
*Jesus and Islam	3 hours
Doctrine of God in Christianity and Islam	3 hours
*Islam and the Doctrine of Revelation or other Islamic studies courses to be developed	3 hours

Total Required: 12 hours

*Available Online

Both the Basic and Advanced certificates can be earned entirely through online courses, special events (including Apologetics Schools sponsored by NOBTS Institute for Christian Apologetics [ICA]), or academic workshops.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Missions

Required Core Courses (7-9 hours)

*Christian Missions	3 hours
*Life and Work of the Missionary	2/3 hours
*Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements (Christian Missions is a pre-requisite to this course)	2/3 hours

Designated Mission Courses (3-5 hours)

Choose 3-5 hours from the following:

New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
New Orleans Disaster Relief Training and Experience	3 hours
*Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2/3 hours
*Last Frontier	2/3 hours
Missions Strategies Research Practicum	2/3 hours
Missions Practicum	2/3 hours

Total Required: 12-14 hours**

*Available Online

**Total hours must add up to a minimum of 12 semester hours.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Advanced Missions

Required Core Courses (9 hours)

Choose 9 hours from the following:

*Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
*Exploring the New Testament	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 2	3 hours

Designated Core Courses (2-3 hours)

Choose ONE of the following:

*Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible OR *Teaching the Bible	3 hours
*Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
*Baptist Heritage	2 hours
*Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Christian Apologetics	3 hours

Missions Required Courses (7 hours)

*Christian Missions	3 hours
*Life and Work of the Missionary	2 hours
*Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements (Prerequisite: Christian Missions)	2 hours

Missions Designated Courses (4-6 hours)

Choose TWO of the following missions electives:

Anthropology for Missionaries	2 hours
*Last Frontier	2 hours
Transcultural Communication of the Gospel	2 hours
*Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
Alternative field based course**	2 hours
Missions Practicum**	2-6 hours
New Orleans Ministry & Missions	2 hours
Missions Strategies Practicum	2 hours
*Practicum in Urban Missions	2/3 hours

Total Required: 22-25 hours

*Available Online

**These courses could be taken on the missions field with approval of IMB leadership.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Pastoral Ministry

Pastoral Ministry Required Courses (11 hours)

*Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Pastoral Leadership	3 hours
*Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
*Church Revitalization	2 hours

Pastoral Ministry Courses (2-3 hours)

Choose ONE of the following:

Pastoral Preaching	2/3 hours
Stress and Conflict Management	2 hours
Contemporary Bible Exposition	2/3 hours
Leading Team-Based Ministry	2 hours
*Worship Leadership	3 hours
*Church Evangelism	2 hours

Total Required: 13-14 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Recreation and Sports Ministry

Required Core Courses (11 hours)

*Total Wellness and the Minister	2 hours
*Recreation and Sports Ministry	3 hours
Intentional Sports Ministry	3 hours
Adventure Recreation and Games Leadership	3 hours

Designated Electives (4 hours)

Choose 4 semester hours from the following courses:

Rec Lab	1 hour
Recreation and Wellness in the Senior Years	2 hours
Church Drama	2 hours
Church Recreation/Wellness Practicum	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Recreation/Wellness	1/2/3 hours
Special Topics in Recreation/Wellness	1/2/3 hours
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Senior Adult Ministry

Required Courses (5-6 hours)

Ministry with Older Adults	3 hours
Clinical Field Project in Gerontology	2/3 hours

Elective Courses (9-10 hours)

Electives (*choose 9 or 10 hours from the following, to complete the 15 hours on this certificate*)

Leading in Adult Ministry	3 hours
Death, Loss, and Grief	3 hours
Social Work Practice with the Aging and Their Families	3 hours
Recreation and Wellness in the Senior Years	2 hours
Special Topics in Gerontology	1/2/3 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Teaching

Required Courses (13 hours)

*Philosophical Foundations	3 hours
*Teaching the Bible	3 hours
Foundations in Educational Psychology	3 hours
*Teaching Practicum	2 hours
*Curriculum Design	2 hours

Designated Elective Course (2 hours)

Elective (*choose one of the following*)

*Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
*Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
*Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
*Discipleship Strategies	2 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Theological & Historical Studies

Required Courses (19 hours)

*Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
*Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
*History of Christianity: Early-Medieval	2 hours
*History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern	3 hours
*Baptist Heritage	2 hours
*Philosophy of Religion	3 hours
*Christian Ethics	3 hours

Total Required: 19 hours

*Available Online

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Women's Ministry

Required Courses (6 hours)

Introduction to Women's Ministry	OR	
Women's Work in the Local Church (+ any 1 hr WM elective listed below)		3 hours
Advanced Women's Ministry	OR	
Clinical Field Project in Women's Ministry**		3 hours

Elective Courses (9 hours)

Choose 9 hours from any combination of the following:

*Missions for Women	1 hour
*Spiritual Gifts of Women	1 hour
Public Speaking for Women	2 hours
*Leadership Training for Women	1 hour
*Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour
*Women's Ministry Programs	1 hour
*Support Groups for Women	1 hour
Relationship Skills for Women	1 hour
*Lifestyle Witnessing for Women	1 hour
*Bible Study for Women	1 hour
*Women and Church Growth	1 hour
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
*Girls' Enrichment Ministry	1/3 hours
*Women Mentoring Women	1 hour
Expanding Your Women's Ministry Through Writing	1 hour
Lay Counseling for Women	1 hour
*Women's Ministry to Mothers	1 hour
Biblical Womanhood	1/3 hours
Ministry with Grievors	1 hour
A Survey of Feminist Theology	1/3 hours
Multicultural Women's Ministry	1 hour
*Teaching Basic Baptist Beliefs for Women	1 hour

Total Required: 15 hours

*Available Online

**Clinical Field Project in Women's Ministry (3 hours) may be taken as an elective if not taken as a required course

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Worship Ministries

Required Courses (15 hours)

Theology of Worship	3 hours
History of Worship	3 hours
Planning and Leading Worship	3 hours
Music Theory for Worship Leaders	3 hours
Conducting for the Non-Major	1 hour
Voice for the Non-Major	2 hours

Total Required: 15 hours

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE in Youth Ministry

Required Courses (14 hours)

*Youth Culture	3 hours
The Work of the Minister of Youth	3 hours
*Disciplemaking with Youth and Families	3 hours
*Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
*Adolescent Psychology	3 hours

Elective Course (3 hours)

Elective(s) may include, but are not limited to:

Youth Ministry Institute (January)	3 hours
Communication and Evangelism for Youth Audiences	3 hours
*Girls' Enrichment Ministry	3 hours
Adventure Recreation & Games Leadership	3 hours

Total Required: 17 hours

*Available Online