

## **NOBTS Baptist College Partnership (BCP) Information Sheet**

### **Advantages of the Baptist College Partnership (BCP)**

- NOBTS requires 30 hours of any Masters degree to be earned on-campus either in New Orleans or at one of the seminary's regional hubs (including Atlanta and Orlando). However, students may receive on-campus credit for any work done through BCP. Union students who complete the requirements listed below may earn up to 16 hours of on-campus credit through testing, 12 hours of on-campus credit through one-week seminars, and six hours of on-campus credit through 2 week summer language courses.
- The BCP can save Union students both time and money as they work towards completing Masters level degrees at NOBTS. First, the advanced focus seminars cost approximately one-fourth less than the equivalent semester course (\$100 per hour rather than the prevailing rate of approximately \$170.) Second, the credit-by-testing courses cost a mere \$50 per hour, for which an extension center student would save approximately \$360 for a 3 hour course. Third, you are credited with lower level biblical languages courses. Finally you may earn up to 28 hours of your degree through testing and workshops, while still taking courses during the semester, which could substantially reduce the amount of time required to complete your degree.
- Union students who have taken religion courses may not be required to repeat the same courses at the Masters level. Students may have the option of taking advanced workshops in areas where they have had substantial undergraduate work, or students may receive graduate level credit for some courses they have already completed at the undergraduate level through BCP tests.

### **Specialty Focused Seminars**

Union seniors and graduates can qualify for advanced seminars, which build on your collegiate study. These seminars are designed especially for college religion students. Union students who qualify are eligible to earn up to 12 hours of credit by means of one-week seminars combined with directed study. These seminars are offered in January, May, June, and August of each year. Completed courses of at least 6 hours with a "B" grade in the subject areas at the college level are prerequisites. A written assignment (a paper or an exegesis) in the subject area is also required.

Union students can become eligible to take 3 focused seminars, each of which is 4 credit hours, if they meet the following requirements.

- Students are eligible for the New Testament seminar, BCNT5400, if they take CHR112 and one of the following: CHR423, CHR327, CHR325, and CHR321
- Students are eligible for the Old Testament Seminar, BCOT5400, if they take CHR111 and one of the following: CHR314, CHR317, CHR415, and CHR416.

- Students are eligible for the Developmental Studies/Human Development Seminar, BCCE5400/BCPY5400, if they take 2 of the following classes: CHR271, CHR375, and CHR471.

- Students are eligible for the History of Christianity focused seminar, BCHI5400, if they take 2 of the following courses: CHR300, CHR305, CHR306, CHR313, and CHR316.

## **CREDIT EARNED BY TESTING**

Union students are eligible to earn up to 15 hours of credit in specific introductory courses by successfully completing a 1-hour long test on the subject matter. Tests are administered on a pass/fail basis. Each test costs \$50 per credit hour. Study guides are available which detail the material the test will cover. The student must have made a “B” or higher in the class to be eligible to receive NOBTS credit for the course by testing. Also, students are expected to work through the NOBTS study guides before taking the test. The study guides include, among other items, a list of readings based upon the course as taught at NOBTS and an annotated list of the topics covered in the course.

Union students can qualify for the following tests at NOBTS by taking the corresponding classes at Union:

- BSHM5310 Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics by taking CHR113 Introduction to Bible study and Interpretation.
- BBBW5300 Encountering the Biblical World by taking CHR213 Biblical Backgrounds.
- HIST5323 Baptist Heritage, by taking CHR405 History of the Baptists.
- EVAN5350 Church Evangelism, by taking CHR367 Introduction to Christian Evangelism.
- MISS5330 Introduction to Missions by taking CHR377 Survey of Missions.
- ETHC5300 Introduction to Christian Ethics by taking CHR243 Approaches to Moral decision making.

Union Students may also earn credit for the biblical languages courses at NOBTS by taking 6 or more hours in a given language. Students who have had 6 hours or more of a language with a grade of “B” or above may enroll in the intermediate language course at NOBTS. Upon completion of the intermediate course at NOBTS with the grade of a “B” or above, the student will then receive NOBTS credit for the introductory course.

- Students may qualify to earn credit for NTGK5300 Introductory Greek Grammar by taking both GRK211 Elementary Greek 1 and GRK212 Elementary Greek II at Union, earning at least a B in both of these courses, and then enrolling in NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar at NOBTS.
- Students may qualify to earn credit for OTHB5300 Introductory Hebrew Grammar by taking HBR311 Elementary Hebrew 1 and HBR312 Elementary Hebrew II, earning at least a B in both of these courses, and then enrolling in OTHB6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar at NOBTS.

- Students, who take GRK411 and GRK412 at Union, earning at least a B in both of these courses, qualify to be placed in an advanced exegesis course at NOBTS. Upon completion of the advanced exegesis course with a grade of B or above, the student will receive credit for both NTGK4300 Introductory Greek Grammar and NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar at NOBTS.
- Students, who take HBR411 and HBR412 at Union, earning at least a B in both of these courses, qualify to be placed in an advanced exegesis course at NOBTS. Upon completion of the advanced exegesis course with a grade of B or above, the student will receive credit for both OTHB5300 Introductory Hebrew Grammar and OTHB6300 Intermediate Hebrew Grammar.

Please note that not all of the seminary's degrees require Intermediate Greek and Hebrew. Students pursuing degrees such as the M.Div. Standard are required to take only Introductory Greek and Hebrew and an Introductory Exegesis class in each language. Union students who take 6 hours of Greek or Hebrew may take Intermediate Greek and Hebrew (these classes are offered on a rotating schedule as workshops during the summer) and substitute the Intermediate Languages class for an Introductory Exegesis Class.

### **Taking Seminary Classes Before You Finish College**

A limited number of students who have completed their junior year in college and maintained a cumulative "B" average are invited to complete up to 8 hours of graduate course work during the summer seminars held at NOBTS. A letter of recommendation from the chairperson of the college religion department and an official copy of your current transcript are required.

### **Current Enrollment**

Undergraduate students nearing graduation who enroll in the BCP program may take up to 8 hours of course work toward their graduate degree while still enrolled in undergraduate classes. NOBTS students may take these courses either in New Orleans or an NOBTS extension center.

### **For More Information**

For more information, please visit the BCP website at [www.nobts.edu/BCP](http://www.nobts.edu/BCP), call 1-800-NOBTS-01 ext. 8171 to speak to the BCP office, or email the BCP office at [bcpp@nobts.edu](mailto:bcpp@nobts.edu). The BCP program does require an evaluation of your college transcript before you can enroll in BCP programs or begin working towards a Masters degree, so contact the BCP offices to find out how the BCP can help you further your education.