

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary  
International Mission Board, SBC

# FROM THE PARISHES TO ALL PEOPLES



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BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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## Dear Macedonia Project Student,

We are honored and excited that you are considering New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as your seminary partner as you seek to get the gospel to where it is needed most. We have designed a study plan especially for you. Our program is designed to maximize your field training as well as guiding your studies to enhance your ministry. Our school has been intimately involved in missionary education since its inception. We have a passion for your work and a system to make your experience as smooth as possible.

Our Master of Arts in Cross Cultural Studies is designed to provide you with a high quality education that is both challenging and useful. This means your studies at NOBTS will equip you for better missionary service and will also allow you to help others.

We look forward to walking with you over the next years of ministry and study.

From the Parishes to All Peoples,

Dr. Greg Mathias  
Associate Professor of Global Missions  
Director, Global Mission Center

## BENEFITS

Go straight to the mission field after your undergraduate degree.

Acquire on field experience while completing your education.

Cost-effective as you complete your education on the mission field.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What degrees do you offer in conjunction with the IMB's Macedonia Project?**

The Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies has been tailored to fit the Macedonia Project, though other options of study are available. See "Do I have the option to continue on toward an M.Div.?" for more details.

### **How much does the degree cost?**

Because tuition for this program is provided through the IMB and NOBTS, this degree is free to those selected for the IMB's Macedonia Project. Textbooks will need to be purchased.

### **Is it completely online?**

Yes, this degree can be received completely online.

### **Do I have to take it all online?**

No, not necessarily. While you will complete a majority of your credit hours on the field, you will have the option of taking six specific courses (18 hours) in a variety of delivery methods, including online, and main campus.

### **Do I have the option to continue on toward an M.Div.?**

There are two options for studying with NOBTS through the Macedonia Project. Once you have returned from your initial overseas assignment, the IMB and NOBTS are committed to 100% tuition for the remaining hours on your MA in in Cross-Cultural Studies. However, if you decide to transfer into a Masters of Divinity, please keep in mind that tuition assistance is only for completion of the MA in Cross-Cultural Studies. However, other scholarships may apply due to your missionary service.

The second option would be to graduate with the MA in Cross-Cultural Studies and continue on toward and M.Div. In this case, the credit hours transferred may not exceed half of the original degree and half of the new degree.

### **How do I apply to NOBTS?**

[APPLY HERE](#)

### **Who are my primary contacts at NOBTS?**

Dr. Greg Mathias  
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Registrar Office  
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# Master of Arts in 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.

### For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Greg Mathias (Program Supervisor)
- Dr. Ken Taylor (Program Coordinator/Advisor)

### Master of Arts Core (27 hours)

#### Biblical Studies (12 hours)

Interpreting the Old Testament 1	3 hours
Interpreting the Old Testament 2	3 hours
Interpreting the New Testament 1	3 hours
Interpreting the New Testament 2	3 hours

#### Theological/Historical Studies (9 hours)

Systematic Theology 1	3 hours
Systematic Theology 2	3 hours
Baptist Heritage	3 hours

#### Applied Ministry Studies\* (6 hours)

Evangelism OR Christian Missions	3 hours
Discipleship and Spiritual Formation	3 hours

### Cross-Cultural Core (12 hours)

Theology and Philosophy of Missions	3 hours
OR Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements	
Intercultural Communication	3 hours
Select 6 hours from any MISS courses	6 hours

### Total Required: 39 hours

\*One course from the Applied Ministry Studies section must be taken in a mentoring format

## 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.
- Candidates for the degree will submit an 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 and the Master of Arts in Cross-Cultural Studies of the seminary.
- Applicants must complete all admission requirements for NOBTS, including application, all supplemental items, and TOEFL for international students. The IMB will certify the candidate in the areas of church statement, references, 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 3-4 years to complete the 39-hour degree. The steps to completing the degree are as follows:

- Students can begin the degree when they arrive for Field Personnel Orientation following their appointment into the service.
- Through Field Personnel Orientation and while on the field first year of service on the field students will take at least 18 hours consisting of their biblical studies and theological/historical studies components.
- Students are also eligible for up to 9 additional credit hours based upon verified experiences on the field. These courses may include Mission Practicum, Language Learning and Acquisition, Christian Missions, Evangelism, or International Church Planting.
- Following the student's field service, he/she will complete their term on stateside assignment taking the remaining hours of courses to complete the degree. These courses are offered online or on the New Orleans main campus.

## 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.

## PHD ELIGIBILITY

Students who complete the degree requirements of the MA in Cross-Cultural Studies must also meet all of the application requirements for a PhD at NOBTS with a major in missiology. Prior to application, applicants must have completed a minimum of 6 semester hours of Master's-level Greek OR Master's-level Hebrew. Additionally, proficiency in German, French, Spanish, or Latin is expected no later than the end of the first year of doctoral study. More details given in the NOBTS Graduate Catalog under Admission Requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

## OTHER MISSIONS DEGREES

### MASTER OF ARTS

Missiology

### MASTER OF DIVINITY

Missions

International Church Planting

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Missiology

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE DEGREES, CLICK HERE.**