



NEW ORLEANS

BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Master of Arts FAQs

■ Do I have to move to the new MA? Can I opt out?

With some of our core courses changing, our MAs had to be revised as well. While it is not required to move to the new MA, it is strongly encouraged. We will continue to offer courses for the old MA, but it will be harder and harder to take the classes you need if you stay under the old curriculum. Our general rule: If you are not graduating by December 2022, we recommend that you switch to the new MA.

■ What about all the courses I've already taken? Will I lose those credits?

Moving to the new curriculum will not hurt you academically, and we are going to honor all the courses that you have already taken. We will be very generous with course substitutions during this transition time. Our general rule: If you took a required course in the old curriculum, it will be used for a required course in the new curriculum.

■ If it's not required to move to the new curriculum, why should I do it?

While it's not required to move to the new curriculum, it will be harder and harder to take classes that you need to fulfill requirements in the old curriculum. They will not be offered as often, and you may have to take some of the new classes to substitute for the older courses. Thus, it would be simpler to switch to the new MA.

■ Will there only be 3 credit hour classes now?

Yes. NOBTS will no longer be offering courses less than three hours (except some exceptions in the music department, etc.) Again, we will be generous in making substitutions during the transition time, and we will honor any 1 or 2 credit hour courses you've already taken.

■ How will this affect my specialization?

Check out the revised MA curriculums [HERE](#). Please note, as a result of the curriculum update, most MAs have been lengthened to some degree. All previously stated rules and principles still apply for the MA.

■ When will this start?

The new MA curriculum will begin in August 2022 (pending trustee approval during the April 2022 meeting).

■ Who can help me figure out a plan for my next steps?

Your best next step would be to make an appointment with Academic Advising. They will be able to help you figure out what is best for you and what you will have left in your degree. You can make an appointment with them [HERE](#).