



# NEW ORLEANS

## BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### Master of Divinity FAQs

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

While it is not required to move to the new MDiv, it is strongly encouraged. We will continue to offer courses for the old MDiv, 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 MDiv.

#### ■ 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 MDiv.

#### ■ What if my degree program is no longer being offered in the new curriculum?

There are several degree programs that we will not be offering in our new curriculum. If you would like to continue in your current program, then you are free to do so! We also believe that we have a degree program that will fit your calling, and you can talk to the Registrar's Office about which one of these programs will fit your needs and calling best.

#### ■ 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?

Each specialization has been reworked for this curriculum revision, so you should check your new control sheet to see how your specialization has changed. You can check those out [HERE](#)

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- **When will this start?**

The new MDiv 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 steps 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](#).

