

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
Pastoral Counseling	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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For further information, please contact:

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

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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
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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 Pastoral Counseling	2 hours
Servant Leadership Competency	(8 hours)
Supervised Ministry 2: Ministry Practicum	2 hours
Church Leadership and Administration	3 hours
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Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics	3 hours
Spiritual Formation 1	1 hour
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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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- Dr. Michael H. Edens (Specialization Advisor)
- 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.

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Biblical Languages Specialization Component (12 hours)

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Advanced Greek Exegesis (2 courses) (not including NT Textual Criticism)	6 hours
Advanced Hebrew Exegesis (2 courses)	6 hours

Electives Component (6 hours)

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- Dr. Walter Brown (Old Testament Advisor)
- Dr. William Warren (New Testament Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

MASTER OF DIVINITY

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Biblical Studies Specialization Component (12 hours)

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

Electives Component (6 hours)

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(These electives may be taken in biblical studies or in other disciplines.)

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- Dr. Harold Mosley (Old Testament Advisor)
- Dr. Gerald Stevens (New Testament Advisor)
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MASTER OF DIVINITY

Specialization in | Christian Apologetics

Vocational Calling

Pastor-teachers, student ministers, missionaries, evangelists, interfaith witness specialists,
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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.

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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 Pastoral Counseling	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)

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Total Required: 87-88 hours

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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)	Ministry Praxis Component (16 hours)
<p>Biblical Exposition Competency (17 hours)</p> <p>Encountering the Biblical World* 2 hours</p> <p>Exploring the Old Testament* 3 hours</p> <p>Exploring the New Testament* 3 hours</p> <p>Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics* 3 hours</p> <p>Old Testament Exegesis (English)* 3 hours</p> <p>New Testament Exegesis (English)* 3 hours</p> <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (16 hours)</p> <p>Systematic Theology 1** 3 hours</p> <p>Systematic Theology 2** 3 hours</p> <p>History of Christianity: Early-Medieval* 2 hours</p> <p>History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern* 3 hours</p> <p>Baptist Heritage* 2 hours</p> <p>Philosophical Foundations* 3 hours</p> <p>NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program* +</p> <p>Disciple Making Competency (9 hours)</p> <p>Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum* 2 hours</p> <p>Church Evangelism* 2 hours</p> <p>Christian Missions 3 hours</p> <p>Discipleship Strategies 2 hours</p> <p>Interpersonal Skills Competency (4-5 hours)</p> <p>Interpersonal Relationship Skills* 2 hours</p> <p>Pastoral Counseling OR Introduction to Social Work 2/3 hours</p> <p>Servant Leadership Competency (13 hours)</p> <p>Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry* 3 hours</p> <p>Church Leadership and Administration* 3 hours</p> <p>Strategic Church Development through the Sunday School* 3 hours</p> <p>Youth, or Children's Ministry in Theory and Practice 2 hours</p> <p>Church Revitalization 2 hours</p> <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (5 hours)</p> <p>Christian Ethics OR Biblical Ethics 3 hours</p> <p>Spiritual Formation 1* 1 hour</p> <p>Spiritual Formation 2* 1 hour</p> <p>Worship Leadership Competency (6 hours)</p> <p>Worship Leadership 3 hours</p> <p>Teaching the Bible* 3 hours</p>	<p>Level One Praxis Study (Required)</p> <p>Praxis Semester One*** (8 hours)</p> <p>Supervised Ministry Praxis I (Specific CE) 3 hours</p> <p>Professional Development I (Specific CE) 3 hours</p> <p>Ministry Integration I 2 hours</p> <p>(Note: These Praxis Semester One courses must be taken concurrently)</p> <p>Praxis Semester Two*** (8 hours)</p> <p>Supervised Ministry Praxis II (Specific CE) 3 hours</p> <p>Professional Development II (Specific CE) 3 hours</p> <p>Ministry Integration II 2 hours</p> <p>(Note: These Praxis Semester Two courses must be taken concurrently)</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Elective Component (2-3 hours)</p> <hr/> <p>Free Elective (2-3 hours)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Total Required: 88-90 hours</p> <p>*These courses must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One (no exceptions will be made).</p> <p>**Either Systematic Theology 1 OR Systematic Theology 2 must be completed prior to Praxis Semester One.</p> <p>***Praxis Semester One must be completed before entering Praxis Semester Two.</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>For further information, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator) • Dr. Jerry Pounds (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)
Pastoral Counseling 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
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Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective **(2-3 hours)**

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. Jerry Barlow (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)

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	(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	(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 OR Teaching the Bible	3 hours

Elective Component

(2-3 hours)

Free Elective (2-3 hours)

For further information, please contact:

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

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 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

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: 92-94 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.

Specific admission requirements for the music portion of this degree are found on Master of Church Music (M.M.C.M.) degree pages of this catalog. They can also be obtained by contacting the office of the Division of Church Music Ministries.

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
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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**Master of Divinity with Specialization
in Church Planting, International Track**
(Continued)

On the Field Overseas Suggested Course Schedule*
(Three-Year Apprentice 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.

M.Div. 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, Apprentice, 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 75-76-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 Planting for Multiplication	2 hours
Urban Church Planting	2 hours

Church Planting Practicum***
(11 hours)

**Internship 1 (Church Planting)	3 hours
**Internship 2 (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 planting 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)
- Dr. Damian Emetuche (Specialization Advisor)
- 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.

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***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. Jerry Pounds (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> <p>Exploring the Old Testament 3 hours</p> <p>Exploring the New Testament 3 hours</p> <p>Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours</p> <p>Old Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours</p> <p>New Testament Exegesis (English) 3 hours</p> <p>Christian Theological Heritage Competency (11 hours)</p> <p>Systematic Theology 1 3 hours</p> <p>Systematic Theology 2 3 hours</p> <p>History of Modern Christianity 3 hours</p> <p>Baptist Heritage 2 hours</p> <p>NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program *</p> <p>Disciple Making Competency (6-7 hours)</p> <p>Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum 2 hours</p> <p>Church Evangelism 2 hours</p> <p>Christian Missions (3 hr) OR Discipleship Strategies (2 hr) 2/3 hours</p> <p>Servant Leadership Competency (3 hours)</p> <p>Pastoral Ministry OR Christian Ministry 3 hours</p> <p>Spiritual and Character Formation Competency (2 hours)</p> <p>Spiritual Formation 1 1 hour</p> <p>Spiritual Formation 2 1 hour</p> <p>Worship Leadership Competency (6 hours)</p> <p>Worship Leadership 3 hours</p> <p>Proclaiming the Bible OR Teaching the Bible 3 hours</p>	<p>Psychology Component (15 hours)</p> <p>Mental Disorders and Treatment 3 hours (Prerequisite: PSYC6380 Clinical Practicum)</p> <p>Personality Development 3 hours</p> <p>Human Development 3 hours</p> <p>Appraisal of Individuals 3 hours (Prerequisite: PSYC6474 Scientific Research I)</p> <p>Human Sexuality 3 hours</p> <p>Professional Counseling Component (33 hours)</p> <p>The Art of Counseling: Techniques and Skills in Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Group Counseling 3 hours</p> <p>Lifestyle and Career Counseling 3 hours</p> <p>Clinical Marriage and Family Assessment 3 hours</p> <p>Family Systems Theories and Therapies 3 hours</p> <p>Social & Multicultural Issues in Counseling 3 hours</p> <p>Chemical Dependency: Theories & Therapies 3 hours</p> <p>The Bible in the Professional Christian Counselor 3 hours</p> <p>Practical Integration of Psychology, Theology, and Spirituality 3 hours</p> <p>Ethical, Legal, and Professional Issues in Counseling 3 hours (Prerequisite: PSYC6380 Clinical Practicum)</p> <p>At least one of the following courses (prerequisites for taking these courses: PSYC6302 and PSYC6350 or PSYC6351):</p> <p>Childhood Disorders and Therapies 3 hours</p> <p>Contemporary Approaches to Marital/Pre-Marital Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Structural and Strategic Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Intergenerational Marriage and Family Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Brief Approaches to Marriage and Family Therapy 3 hours</p> <p>Clinical Practice Component (9 hours)</p> <p>Clinical Practicum 3 hours (Prerequisites: PSYC6301, PSYC6302, PSYC6303; and PSYC6350 or PSYC6351; and Director of Clinical Training recommendation)</p> <p>Clinical Internship I and II 6 hours (Prerequisites: PSYC6380, PSYC6350, and PSYC6351; one other therapy course; and Practicum Site Supervisor and Director of Clinical Training recommendation)</p> <p>Research Language Component (4 hours)</p> <p>Scientific Research I: Descriptive Statistics to Analysis of Variance 4 hours</p>
Total Required: 104-105 hours	

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- For further information, please contact:**
- Dr. Kathy Steele (Curriculum Coordinator)
 - Dr. Kristyn Carver (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 Ph.D. or D.Min. 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
Pastoral Counseling	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

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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 Ph.D. or D.Min. 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
Pastoral Counseling	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

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- Dr. Preston Nix (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Dennis Phelps (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
Pastoral Counseling OR Introduction 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 (18-19 hours)

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

Must have one of the following combinations of two courses: 4-5 hours

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

Leading in Children's Ministry	2 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

(Note: Any course combination totaling 5 hours will reduce the free elective to 2 hours)

Free Elective Component (2-3 hours)

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(Note: Free elective is 3 hours unless one of the 5-hour combinations is chosen in the Concentration Component. Then the free elective in this category would be 2 hours.)

Total Required: 90-91 hours

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- For further information, please contact:**
- Dr. Steve Echols or Dr. Jerry Pounds (Curriculum Coordinators)
 - Dr. Reggie Ogea (Pastoral Ministry Concentration Advisor)
 - Dr. Jerry Pounds (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 Pastoral Counseling 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 C.E. 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 Teaching the Bible instead of Proclaiming the Bible, and Teaching Practicum instead of Preaching Practicum.</p> <p>For further information, please contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Steve Echols or Dr. Jerry Pounds (Curriculum Coordinators) • Dr. Reggie Ogea (Pastoral Ministry Concentration 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
Pastoral Counseling	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

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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 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.

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

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- 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
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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)

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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)

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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 Philosophy

Vocational Calling

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)	Philosophy Concentration (21 hours)
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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.

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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 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	(11 hours)
Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Church Evangelism	2 hours
Christian Missions	3 hours
Church Revitalization	2 hour
Discipleship Strategies	2 hour
Interpersonal Skills Competency	(4 hours)
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Pastoral Counseling	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 (15 hours)

Urban Ministry Specialization	(15 hours)
Introduction to Urban Missions	3 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
Church-Community Ministries	3 hours
Principles for Church Planting OR Urban Church Planting	2 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	3 hours

Electives Component (5 hours)

Free Electives **(5 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. 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.

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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
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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

Elective Component (2-3 hours)

Free Elective	(2-3 hours)
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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.

For further information, please contact:

- Dr. Preston Nix or Dr. Gregory A. Woodward (Curriculum Coordinators)
- Dr. Dennis Phelps (Preaching Track Advisor)
- Dr. Michael Sharp (Music Track Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

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. Students will receive one credit hour but will not 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
ChurchCommunity Ministries	3 hours

Spiritual and Character Formation	(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 and Free 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. Ph.D. eligibility: Master of Arts in Christian Education students who are contemplating Ph.D. should realize that additional requirements may apply for admissions to the Ph.D. 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 Education	
Adult Ministry in Theory and Practice	2 hours
Family Life Education	2 hours
Leading in Adult Ministry	2 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	2 hours
Ministry with Single Adults	2 hours
Clinical Field Practicum in Adult Education	2 hours

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Childhood Education

Advanced Childhood Education	3 hours
Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours
Leading in Children's Ministry	3 hours
Ministering to Children in Crisis	3 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/Wellness

Church Recreation	2 hours
Church Recreation/Wellness Practicum	2 hours
Adventure Recreation & Games Leadership	2 hours
Intentional Sports Ministry	2 hours
Two hours from any of the following	
Rec Lab (Contemporary Models for Recreation and Sports Ministry)	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Church Recreation/Wellness	2 hours
Church Drama	2 hours
Recreation and Wellness in the Senior Years	2 hours
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour
Free Elective	2 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

Contemporary Discipleship Models	3 hours
Disciple Making through Small Group Ministries	3 hours
Children and the Christian Faith	3 hours
Disciple Making for Youth and Families	3 hours

Educational Foundations

Foundations in Educational Psychology	2 hours
Curriculum Design	2 hours
Ethical Issues in Christian Education	2 hours
Historical Foundations of Christian Education	3 hours
Risk Management in Christian Education	3 hours

Gerontology

Introduction to Gerontology	2 hours
Gerontology Practicum	2 hours
8 hours from any combination of the following:	
Clinical Field Project in Gerontology	2 hours
Death, Loss, and Grief	3 hours
Independent Directed Study in Gerontology	1/3 hours
Ministry with Older Adults	2 hours
Recreation and Wellness in the Senior Years	2 hours
Social Work with the Aging and Their Families	3 hours
Special Topics in Gerontology	2 hours
Understanding Adults	3 hours

Leadership and Administration

Advanced Church Administration	3 hours
Leading Team-Based Ministry	2 hours
Clinical Field Project in Administration	3 hours
Using Computers in the Work of the Church	2 hours
Free Electives	2 hours

Social Work

Social Work Practicum	4 hours
8 hours from any combination of the following:	
Clinical Field Project in Social Work	2 hours
Death, Loss, and Grief	3 hours
Independent Directed Study in Social Work	1/3 hours
Social Welfare Policy and Planning	3 hours
Social Work Practice with the Aging and Their Families	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Children and Families	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Groups	2 hours
Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families	3 hours
Social Work Practice with Juvenile Delinquents	2 hours
Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities	3 hours

*Note: Those taking this concentration must take Introduction to Social Work as a core class.

Women's Ministry

Women's Work in the Local Church (+ any 1-hour course listed below)	
OR Introduction to Women's Ministry	3 hours
Women's Ministry Project (+ any 1-hour course listed below)	
OR Advanced Women's Ministry	3 hours
4 hours from any combination of the following:	
Bible Study for Women	1 hour
Biblical Womanhood	1/3 hours
Clinical Field Training in Women's Ministry	2 hours
Contemporary Models for Women's Ministry	1/2 hours
Expanding Your Ministry through Writing	1 hour
Feminism in America	1/3 hours
Girls' Enrichment Ministry	1 hour
Lay Counseling for Women	1 hour
Leadership Issues in Women's Ministry	1 hour
Leadership Training for Women	1 hour
Lifestyle Witnessing for Women	1 hour
Ministry with Grievors	1 hour
Missions for Women	1 hour
Multicultural Women's Ministry	1 hour
Planning Special Events for Women	1 hour
Public Speaking for Women	1/2 hour
Recreational Programs for Women	1 hour
Relationship Skills for Women	1 hour

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Spiritual Gifts of Women	1 hour
Supervised Reading in Women's Ministry	1 hour
Support Groups for Women	1 hour
Women and Church Growth	1 hour
Women Mentoring Women	1 hour
Women's Ministry Field Training	1 hour
Women's Ministry Programs	1 hour
Women's Ministry to Mothers	1 hour
Free Electives	2 hours

Youth Education

On-campus students:

The Work of the Minister of Youth	3 hours
Youth Culture	3 hours
Disciplemaking for Youth and Families	3 hours
Adolescent Psychology	3 hours

Off-campus students:

12 hours from any combination of the following:

**Youth Ministry Institute I	3 hours
**Youth Ministry Institute II	3 hours
Youth and Family Ministry	2 hours
*Communication and Evangelism for Youth Audiences	2 hours
*Building Blocks of Youth Ministry	2 hours
*Introduction to Youth Ministry	2 hours
*Foundations for Youth Discipleship and Evangelism	2 hours
*Ministering to Hurting Youth	2 hours
*Implementing Doctrines in Youth Ministry	2 hours
*Building Relationships with Teenagers	2 hours
*Leadership Development in Youth Ministry	2 hours
*Youth Sunday School Leadership and Administration	2 hours
*Youth Bible Teaching and Evangelism	2 hours
*Understanding Discipleship and Decision Making	2 hours
*Exploring a Biblical Worldview	2 hours
*Experiencing Transformational Discipleship	2 hours
*Transitioning Youth From High School to College	2 hours

*YMI Weekend Classes

**Offered in January Workshops

Combinations of semester-length and weekend classes may be negotiated.

For further information, please contact:

- CE Division Chair (Curriculum Coordinator)
- Dr. Allen England (Concentration Advisor)
- Academic Advisor in the Registrar's Office

M.A. 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: 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 Treatments	3 hours
(Prerequisite: PSYC6380 Clinical Practicum)	
The Art of Counseling: Techniques and Skills in Therapy	3 hours
Appraisal of Individuals	3 hours
(Prerequisite: PSYC6474 Scientific Research I)	
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
(Prerequisite to PSYC6378 Appraisal of Individuals)	
(Students are encouraged to complete both statistics courses)	

Practicum and Internship	(9 hours)
Clinical Practicum	3 hours
(Prerequisites: PSYC6301, PSYC6302, PSYC6303; and PSYC6350 or PSYC6351; and Director of Clinical Training recommendation)	
Clinical Internship I and II	6 hours
(Prerequisites: PSYC6380, PSYC6350, and PSYC6351; one other therapy course; and Practicum Site Supervisor and Director of Clinical Training recommendation)	

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 Ph.D. 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 400	400-490	500-540	550-610	above 610
GRE Verbal	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

Admission Requirements

Minimum standards for entrance into the M.A. 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 B.A. 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 M.Div. Psychology and 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).

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.
- 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.

***Students who do not meet the -3 cut point score may proceed in the MAMFC degree program as candidates. Students who maintain a 3.0 GPA (overall) will be allowed to continue in the program.

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 (17 hours)

Biblical Studies Component	(6 hours)
Exploring the Old Testament	3 hours
Exploring the New Testament	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 (12 hours)

Supervised Ministry 1: Personal Evangelism Practicum	2 hours
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	2 hours
Spiritual Formation 1 and 2	2 hours
Plus two or more of the following courses:	6 hours
Pastoral Counseling	
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 (14 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 (Prerequisite: Christian Missions)	2 hours

Approved Mission Focus (5 hours)
(Must be MISS prefix courses)

Specialized Classes, Thesis, Project, or Practicum Component** (4 hours)

Specialized Classes	(4 hours)
Students may choose from any designated missions (MISS) courses <i>OR</i>	
Research Thesis	(4 hours)
<i>OR</i>	
Special Project	(4 hours)
<i>OR</i>	
Practicum	(4 hours)
Two semesters of Missions Practicum at 2 hours per semester.	

Electives Component (6 hours)

Free Electives (6 hours)

Total Required: 53 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.

**The option selected must be approved by the Missions Faculty and the Academic Counselor and be completed to meet this component requirement of the degree plan.

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.
- Applicants must submit a research paper on a topic in an area of missiological studies for consideration by the missions admissions committee and/or the Pastoral Ministries Division.
- 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 and the Pastoral Ministries Division, 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, research paper, and cross-cultural ministry essay, the missions admissions committee and Pastoral Ministries Division 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 53-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. A thesis, project, practicum, or specialized approved courses are required. Students in the M.A. 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.

Thesis, Project, Practicum, or Specialized Courses

One of the following options must be approved and completed to meet this requirement of the degree plan.

- An acceptable research thesis of 75-100 pages must be written on a topic approved by the missions professors in the Pastoral Ministries Division. The thesis should follow the guidelines of the latest edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian. The missions admissions committee will appoint a Thesis Advisor to approve the thesis proposal (in consultation with the division) and provide guidance to the student in writing the thesis. One other reader will join the Thesis Advisor in evaluating the thesis.
- An acceptable project report of 75-100 pages must be written on a topic approved by the missions professors in Pastoral Ministries Division. The project proposal should follow the guidelines of the latest edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations* by Kate L. Turabian. The missions admissions committee will appoint an Advisor to approve the project proposal (in consultation with the division) and provide guidance to the student in writing the project report. One other reader will join the Advisor in evaluating the project.
- Those who are accepted to participate in a practicum will do specialized academic work on the mission field under the direction of a qualified field supervisor and a faculty advisor. The church planting practicum represents an option for those primarily engaged in cross-cultural church planting. The missions practicum would be an option for those engaged in missions service who have primary job responsibilities in an area other than church planting. They would also be expected to be involved in church planting efforts during the missions practicum.
- A candidate with the faculty advisor's approval may in some cases substitute specialized courses in lieu of a thesis, project, or practicum.

Ph.D. Eligibility

Students who complete the degree requirements of the M.A. in Missiology must also meet all of the application requirements for a Ph.D. 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 Biblical Hebrew); 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; and Music, for those whose primary vocational calling is to lead and facilitate the musical worship in the local church or related ministry.

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	35 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

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 (Continued)

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. Three optional Tracks (Preaching, Education, and Music) 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 M.A.W.M. 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 M.A.W.M. 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.

Ph.D. or D.Min. Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the M.A. in Worship Ministries need to have the equivalent of a Master of Divinity degree in order to be eligible to apply to the Ph.D. or D.Min. 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 Ministry	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.

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 M.M.C.M. study:

Class Piano I, II, and III (for the purpose of passing the Piano Proficiency Examination)	6 hours
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
Counterpoint	2 hours
Basic Orchestration	2 hours
Analytical Techniques	2 hours
Performance (undergraduate level)	6 hours
Undergraduate Recital	non-credit
Vocal Diction (required only of those students giving voice recitals)	3 hours
Ensembles	4 hours
Recital Laboratory	2 semesters (non-credit)

Total Prerequisite Hours: 46 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). College graduates without a degree in music may complete the above courses at the Seminary or, with permission, at a local university.

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 (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)
Intermediate Greek Grammar*	3 hours
Advanced Greek Exegesis	2 hours
Intermediate Hebrew Grammar*	3 hours
Advanced Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Encountering the Biblical World*	2 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
Introduction to Philosophy of Religion,	
Introduction to 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)	
Servant Leadership	2 hours
Pastoral Ministry	3 hours
Proclaiming the Bible	3 hours
Interpersonal Relationship Skills	3 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
Advanced Greek Exegesis	6 hours
Advanced Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Old Testament and Hebrew	9 hours
Advanced Hebrew Exegesis	6 hours
Advanced Greek Exegesis	3 hours
Biblical Languages	9 hours
Advanced Hebrew Exegesis	3 hours
Advanced 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 Advanced Greek and Hebrew Exegesis courses if they intend to make application to the Ph.D. 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)

Total Required: 53-56 hours

Master of Arts (Biblical Studies)

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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. Applicants must submit a research paper on a topic in some area of theological studies for consideration by the Division of Biblical Studies. In some cases the division may require a personal interview with the applicant.
5. 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 M.A. (Biblical Studies) program. Students who complete the M.A. (Biblical Studies) program will have earned the 10 hours each in Greek and Hebrew required for application to the Ph.D. 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 M.A. (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 done in the student's area of concentration.

1. Upon the student's completion of 30 semester hours of the degree program, the division chairperson will appoint a Thesis Advisor, who will assist the student in development of a Thesis Proposal.
2. The student shall present the Thesis Proposal for approval to the Thesis Advisor no later than one semester after the completion of all course work in the degree program.
3. The Thesis Advisor will approve the Thesis Proposal in consultation with the Division of Biblical Studies and provide guidance to the student during the writing of the thesis.
4. The thesis shall be submitted not later than March 1 for May graduation or October 1 for December graduation. Corrections shall be completed no later than May 1 and December 1 respectively.
5. An additional reader will be appointed to assist the Thesis Advisor in evaluating the thesis.

Ph.D. Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the M.A. (Biblical Studies) are eligible to apply to the Ph.D. 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 (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/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 Ph.D. program.

Basic Competency Component * (42-43 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 M.A. (Theology) program as a condition of graduation. Students who complete the M.A. (Theology) program will have earned the 10 hours each in Greek and Hebrew required for application to the Ph.D. program in the areas of theology and church history.

Historical Studies Component (7-8 hours)

History of Christianity: Early-Medieval** 2 hours
 History of Christianity: Reformation-Modern** 3 hours
 Baptist Heritage (OR Elective in Church History)* 2-3 hours
 NOBTS, SBC, and Cooperative Program ***

Theological Studies Component (9 hours)

Systematic Theology 1 3 hours
 Systematic Theology 2 3 hours
 Christian Devotional Classics 3 hours

Philosophical/Ethical Studies Component (9 hours)

Introduction to Philosophy of Religion 3 hours
 Christian Ethics** 3 hours
 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 (15 hours)

Concentration (9 hours)

Electives (6 hours)

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

Theological Studies Generalist
 Church History
 Theology
 Philosophy/Ethics
 Islamic Studies

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

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: 61-62 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) (Continued)

Admission Requirements

Applicants for the M.A. (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 M.A. (Theology) program will apply to the Theological and Historical Studies Division for admission to the M.A. (Theology) program. The following criteria will be used in reviewing applications for the M.A. (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 M.A. (Theology) program. Upon admission to the M.A. (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 61-62 hour course requirement of the M.A. (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 M.A. (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.

Ph.D. Eligibility

Students who complete all the degree requirements of the M.A. (Theology) are eligible to apply to the Ph.D. 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

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

The graduate program offers twenty-one certificates for 2010-11. These certificates provide students with helpful knowledge of the Bible, church history, church leadership, church planting, evangelism, ministry, missions, 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 twenty-one 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 Web site at www.nobts.edu/Extensions/NGA/Academics/Korean Program.html.)

(Note: The graduate program also offers two professional graduate certificates. For additional information on these certificates, please see the Professional Doctoral Program section in this catalog on page 94.)

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

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

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: Introduction to Philosophy of Religion.

***Prerequisites: Introduction to 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 Community Ministries

Required Core Courses
(6 hours)

Church Community Ministries	3 hours
Essentials of Helping	3 hours

Designated Electives
(6 hours)

Choose 6 semester hours from the following courses:

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

Total Required: 12 hours

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
in Church Planting

Required Core Courses
(8-11 hours)

Principles of Church Planting	2 hours
Strategic Church Planting for Multiplication	2/3 hours
Spiritual Warfare in the Local Church	2/3 hours
Church Planting Internship I	2/3 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	3 hours
New Orleans Ministry and Missions	2 hours
Disciple Making through Small Group Ministry	3 hours

Total Required: 12-16 hours

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

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	3 hours
Advanced 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	3 hours
Advanced 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

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

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	3 hours
or other Islamic studies courses to be developed	3 hours

Total Required: 12 hours

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**

*Internet-available courses.

**Total semester 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
Urban Missions Practicum	3 hours

Total Required: 22-25 hours

*Internet-available courses.

**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

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

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

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