

## Biblical Interpretation PhD Major

With a focus on both Old and New Testaments, the PhD major in Biblical Interpretation is designed for pastors and denominational leaders, who need expertise in both testaments, and for college faculty, who may be required to teach both New and Old Testament introductory courses. Seminars and colloquia in this major will meet in a block format that requires students to come to the main campus only four times each semester.

### Prerequisites

Applicants for the new major need the following:

- M.Div., M.A., or equivalent degree from an ATS-accredited theological institution
- 24 hours of master's-level biblical studies course work
- Languages
  - 9 semester hours of Greek
  - 9 semester hours of Hebrew
  - 9 semester hours of French, German, or Latin

### Application Process

- **Deadline for Fall 2012: July 2**
- GRE verbal and writing scores and GPA must equal 0 or better on the following scale:

	-2	-1	0	+1	+2
GPA	< 3.0	3.0-3.25	3.26-3.5	3.51-3.75	3.76-4.0
GRE V	<146	146-152	153-156	157-160	>160
GRE W	< 4.0	4.0	4.5	5.0-5.5	6.0

- Application forms are downloadable from <http://www.nobts.edu/Research/Program%20Materials.html> or available from the PhD office.
- Master's-level research paper required
- Interview with division faculty: may be in person or by phone

### Degree Requirements

- 5 major seminars
- 2 Biblical Interpretation seminars each in Old Testament and New Testament
  - 1 seminar in backgrounds or archaeology (NTGK9410 or one of the BSBB seminars)

- 2 minor seminars  
1 elective  
4 supervised reading colloquia
- BISR9301 Readings in Old Testament Genre
  - BISR9302 Readings in New Testament Genre
  - BISR9303 Readings in Biblical Backgrounds
  - BISR9304 Readings in Biblical Interpretation

#### ReDOC courses

- RDOC9300 Introduction to Research and Writing
- RDOC9302 Teaching Methods
- RDOC9303 Prospectus Development

Dissertation on Old Testament studies, New Testament studies, or the Bible as a whole

## Preaching PhD Major

The revised PhD major in Preaching now offers a choice of one of three areas of concentration:

#### Biblical Exposition

- 5 preaching seminars in biblical exposition
- 2 minor seminars
- 1 elective

#### Pastoral Theology

- 5 preaching seminars, including Pastoral Leadership and Studies in Classical and Contemporary Pastoral Theology
- 2 minor seminars
- 1 elective

#### Homiletics

- 5 preaching seminars
- 2 minor seminars
- 1 elective

The prerequisites and application process have not changed. Details are available on our PhD Web page at <http://www.nobts.edu/Research/Admissions.html>

## Schedules

Seminar schedules for the Biblical Interpretation and Preaching majors coordinate to allow students to take classes in both areas.

**Application deadline for Spring 2013  
September 4, 2012**