

# Master of Arts in Biblical Studies (MABS)

## Total Program Hours: 30

Salt your professional capacity with essential biblical engagement skills. Go wide AND deep with a curated skill-development mix that will immediately grow your biblical capacity and multiply your ministry impact in any context or role.

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the **MA Biblical Studies** program, students will engage and leverage the Word effectively within any professional ministry or lay leadership environment as demonstrated by the following competencies:

1. Demonstrate understanding of a biblical hermeneutic approach that engages the Scriptures as the authoritative power for life and practice.
2. Apply foundational exegetical skills to the examination of Scripture resulting in a clear understanding of what the text says, what it means, and its implications for life.
3. Articulate the contextual message of the whole of Scripture and the relation of each part to the whole.
4. Interpret a narrative text in context with its historical and cultural settings so as to enable dynamic and legitimate application in diverse cultural settings.
5. Exegete a prescriptive text in its historical and cultural context in a manner that enables dynamic and legitimate understanding of its implications for today.
6. Respond to questions and challenges that arise out of constantly changing cultures by applying a broad understanding of the Bible, synthesis of its various teachings, and principles of application.
7. Communicate Scriptures formally or informally through preaching, teaching, discussion, or in writing, with a view to helping others hear, consider, and respond to its teachings and their implications.

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**Program Length:** Typically 2 years (4 semesters)

**Delivery:** online

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### Core Biblical Studies (12 Credits)

#### **BIB501 – Old Testament Foundations (3 credits)**

A comprehensive overview of the Old Testament's historical, literary, and theological dimensions. Emphasis is placed on the covenantal framework, major themes, and God's redemptive activity through Israel's history.

**BIB502 – New Testament Foundations (3 credits)**

An introduction to the background, structure, and theological message of the New Testament. Focuses on the life of Jesus, the development of the early church, and the theological unity of the New Testament canon.

**BIB503 – Biblical Hermeneutics (3 credits)**

Examines the principles and methods for interpreting Scripture. Students will explore genre-specific strategies, historical context, authorial intent, and application with a focus on sound exegesis and Spirit-led understanding.

**BIB504 – Biblical Theology: Unity of the Scriptures (3 credits)**

Traces the redemptive narrative of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Focuses on the progressive revelation of God's plan and the unifying themes of covenant, kingdom, and Messiah across both Testaments.

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**✚ Theology & Biblical Languages (9 Credits)****THE501 – Systematic Theology I: God, Christ, Salvation (3 credits)**

Explores foundational doctrines including the nature and attributes of God, the person and work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation. Develops theological precision and gospel-centered application.

**THE502 – Systematic Theology II: Church, Spirit, Eschatology (3 credits)**

Covers the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, the nature and mission of the Church, and biblical eschatology. Includes engagement with diverse perspectives and practical implications for ministry.

**LAN501 – Introduction to Biblical Greek or Hebrew (3 credits)**

An introductory course to the grammar and vocabulary of either Biblical Greek or Hebrew (student choice). Emphasis is on reading and interpreting biblical texts in their original language. *Alternate option: Students may substitute this course with Advanced Hermeneutics or Christian Apologetics if not pursuing language study.*

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**🎯 Electives (6 Credits)**

*Students choose two based on their intended focus area.*

**BIB510 – Pauline Theology (3 credits)**

Explores key theological themes in the letters of Paul, including justification, sanctification, union with Christ, and ecclesiology. Attention given to Pauline authorship, context, and relevance for the Church today.

**BIB511 – Apocalyptic Literature: Daniel & Revelation (3 credits)**

A study of apocalyptic themes and symbolism in the books of Daniel and Revelation. Emphasizes biblical hope, perseverance, and the sovereignty of God in end-times literature.

**MIN512 – Teaching the Bible in Church and Classroom (3 credits)**

Equips students with skills for effective Bible teaching in various ministry contexts. Covers instructional design, audience engagement, and integration of theology into teaching practices.

**COU515 – Biblical Counseling Foundations (3 credits)**

Introduces the core principles of biblical counseling, including the sufficiency of Scripture, the role of the heart, and how to help others biblically with common personal and relational struggles.

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**Capstone or Thesis (3 Credits)**

**RES599 – Capstone Research Project or Thesis (3 credits)**

A culminating academic or ministry project that integrates biblical, theological, and practical learning. Students may choose between a thesis-style research paper or a ministry-based project, completed under faculty supervision.