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Teaching the revelation of the Creator as He actually gave it, so that men and women may know Him and His design, not according to the words of men, but according to the words of God

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Abbreviations Occurring in This Catalog

- TBC Tabernacle Baptist Church
- TBBC Tabernacle Baptist Bible College
- TBS Tabernacle Baptist Seminary
- TBBCS Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary

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A Word from Our President

Welcome to Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary! In this catalog you will find many areas of interest and blessing to help you in developing your knowledge of God. God has uniquely equipped Tabernacle Baptist Church with this ministry of teaching and preparation, and your enrollment here will open doors for you to learn Biblical truths and their application in the service of Jesus Christ wherever He would have you to be.



Preparation is essential in the work of the ministry, and Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary will provide you with the preparation you need to effectively handle the Word of God and His people. At the same time, we will work to help you develop a right heart for the Lord and every aspect of His ministry. Both knowledge and a right heart are necessary to be a proper servant of the Lord, and we desire the fullness of both in the life of every student.

Our dedicated faculty and staff will uphold our high academic standards and will be a blessing to both men and women as you study. Whether you are preparing for the ministry, studying the Bible as a layperson, or simply sharpening your tools to become more effective in some ministry of your local church, you will benefit from the learning you receive here. With our direct live interaction program and internet-based video recordings, class participation from anywhere in the world is a reality and a real convenience. Let me encourage you to consider the benefits and distinctive blessings of small class sizes and close interaction with faculty members. We pray that you will make Tabernacle the place for your college or seminary studies. May the LORD bless you with wisdom as you decide.

Dr. James W. Baker
President

Pastor Baker serves as the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church. He holds both Bachelor of Arts (1977) and Master of Arts (1979) degrees from Bob Jones University and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Ambassador Baptist College in May 2008. Before coming to Tabernacle in 2004, he founded Grace Baptist Church in Kettering, Ohio, and pastored there for twenty-one years. He served previously as assistant pastor of Meadow Hills Baptist Church in Huntsville, Alabama, for three years and as assistant pastor at First Baptist Church in Oxford, Michigan.

The Importance of Your Choice of a School

Whenever a person decides to seek formal Bible college or seminary training, he or she is faced with the question: **How do I decide which Bible college or seminary to attend?** When one begins to look at all the possibilities, the choice can seem very complicated. From the outside, schools may appear very similar, but a closer look often reveals substantial, and sometimes crucial, differences. Their curricula, even the names of courses and degrees, may seem to be the same, but their people, their goals, and the way they view what they teach can be extremely different. These internal influences determine the true nature of instruction because they affect how the school interacts with the constant external influences of humanism as man seeks to replace the Creator's value system with one of his own design. Indeed, God created man and all that exists to operate according to His perfect design criteria, His "law," His "way," but, as it has been from the beginning, all men want to set the criteria of "good and evil" for themselves. This is the essence of humanism, and it pervades all human existence.

The effects of humanism in a Bible college or seminary are subtle and are often unrecognized, having so altered the thinking of those involved that only those completely outside the situation can perceive the error. When a school reaches this condition, the error inherent in humanistic influences tends to promote and perpetuate itself, passing from generation to generation and demanding acceptance by promoting a legalistic elitism that demeans and severely criticizes anyone who calls attention to its existence. Loyalty to the school becomes more important than the school's loyalty to God, and in the eyes of some, loyalty to the school *becomes* the definition of loyalty to God. Many will think only that the school has "softened" its stand, not recognizing that, in reality, it has moved to a position where certain truths of God's revelation must be denied or redefined in order to "Biblically" justify school practices and perspectives. Eventually, a "business-minded" leadership replaces true spiritual leadership, and the school inexorably follows the subtle humanistic perspective toward the practices and values of the God-hating world system

The danger is great for students who train at such colleges and seminaries, because **a student may graduate with the honors of men, but without the ability to truly distinguish between "the holy and the profane," between that which corresponds to the design of God and that which violates it.** Then, in their future ministry, these individuals continue to mix the things of the world with the things of God, and "the latter end is worse than the first," because, like Saul of Tarsus, they think they are doing God's work while actually doing the opposite.

The profound influence which teachers have upon students makes the spiritual character and discernment of instructors a primary factor in choosing a place to study and prepare. Those who instruct must be, above all, men and women of "the faith" who have a personal walk in accord with the design of God. They must also be gifted by God to be "able to teach" and properly

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communicate Christ and the content of His revelation. Ability to teach is not, therefore, a matter of having been *taught* how to teach; it is a matter of the design of God.

While the drift into humanism can occur in any school, Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary (TBBCS) is protected not only by its association with Tabernacle Baptist Church, but also by its faculty. **Those who teach at TBBCS, and in any courses sanctioned by this school, must give evidence of their firm belief in the preeminence of God's revelation of Himself and His design over any other set of criteria or concepts.** This *proper* Biblical perspective insures a unity of purpose for instilling both a heart never satisfied with its knowledge and understanding of the Creator and the tools necessary for accurate interpretation and application of His revelation.

TBBCS does not offer the extracurricular activities available at larger schools, but **in those aspects of study that truly prepare one for effective ministry of the Word of God, this school is second to none.** If your heart is compelled to know and understand "what God really said," TBBCS can provide you with the Biblical languages and the theological tools for doing so. If you feel that urge to learn those things that will help you and others understand how God designed life to be, TBBCS can provide the Biblical tools for applying God's design. If you just want to be able to confidently and accurately answer not only your own questions but those of others, TBBCS can provide both the answers and the understanding necessary for proper correlation of all the elements of Scripture. TBBCS does not presume to be the best school, but it combines a commitment to excellence with an intense, analytical study of God's revelation.

Which Bible college or seminary should you choose? You should consider carefully and wisely. **You should discern that which is right in the sight of the Creator and then pursue it. You should choose the place where you will become best prepared for that which He has designed you to do.** If we can help you discern His will in the matter, please contact us. May the LORD, the God-Who-Is, guide you in your choice!

Kenneth F. Sheets
Dean

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Schedule of the Academic Year

The TBBCS academic year consists of three fourteen-week trimesters. Thus, each trimester begins at approximately the same time each year. Specific dates for each trimester and for specific events within the trimester will be published on the TBBCS website and other internet media sites. Changes to the schedule, special course sessions, and block course schedules will be communicated on the website, by email, and by other internet media. The schedule of trimesters will follow the general pattern indicated below.

Spring Trimester

Beginning..... January, 1st or 2nd Monday
Holiday: No Classes..... Presidents Day
End.....April, 2nd or 3rd Friday

Summer Trimester

Beginning..... May, 2nd or 3rd Monday
Holiday: No Classes..... Memorial Day
End.....August, 2nd or 3rd Friday
Commencement & Graduation Reception Sunday, One Week After End

Fall Trimester

Beginning.....September, Monday After Labor Day
Holiday: No Classes..... Thanksgiving Day & Friday
End.....December, 2nd or 3rd Friday

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Background and Beginnings

Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary began in 1970 as the Bible Institute ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church under its founding pastor, Rod Bell, Sr. Though the church had only begun in 1967, Dr. Bell and the people of Tabernacle saw a need in the Atlantic coastal region for a church-based Bible school, a school that stood for the fundamentals of the faith of Jesus Christ and trained fervent preachers of the Word of God.

In 1986, under the leadership of Dean Edward G. Caughill, the church expanded its Bible institute ministry to a full four-year college, Tabernacle Baptist Bible College. Dr. Caughill had come to the ministry in 1985 bringing broad experience and expertise in the Bible college movement and proved to be just the man to orchestrate this expansion.

Soon after that expansion, the church and college leadership responded to the need to offer an advanced level of Bible study, and in 1987, Tabernacle Baptist Church added to its Bible college ministry by establishing Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary. Under Dr. Caughill's continued leadership, the seminary provided advanced degrees for students desiring a more complete study of the Scriptures. With this new aspect of the ministry in place, the College and Seminary made intensive Bible study available to a wide range of individuals looking to serve more effectively in their local church ministries and desiring to develop a greater knowledge and understanding of God and His design for life.

Since its inception, God has used TBBCS to prepare hundreds of men and women for faithful service of Christ as pastors, teachers, missionaries, evangelists, educators, and even as lay members in churches. With God's blessing upon the College and Seminary, Tabernacle Baptist Church has seen its influence for Jesus Christ extend around the world, having provided training not only for American missionaries, but also for believers from other nations who came to Tabernacle to prepare for the service of God in their own countries. The present administration of the College and Seminary is committed to a continuing expansion of this influence to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ in all the world.

Location and Climate

The College and Seminary is nestled within the sixteen-acre campus of Tabernacle Baptist Church, a vibrant and growing church serving the Hampton Roads area. Though specifically located in Virginia Beach, the cities of Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, Hampton, Newport News, and even Suffolk are within an easy drive. The opportunities for housing and employment are many and varied.

The area enjoys a true four-season climate, but with little snowfall. Numerous historic and educational sites related to the founding of the nation, including Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Yorktown, are no more than a short

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drive away. Even our nation's capital is only a few hours' drive away. The rich history of Virginia, so important during so much of the nation's history, provides an excellent teaching platform for children and adults alike. Recreational sites, such as the Outer Banks, the Shenandoah Valley, and the Blue Ridge Mountains are also within easy driving distance.

Purpose

Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary exists for the purpose of teaching the revelation of God to men and women, and developing in them the knowledge and understanding of the LORD, the transcendent Creator God, thus equipping them to accurately perceive and apply His design in every aspect of human existence. This purpose necessarily centers on the Lord Jesus Christ and intensive, analytical study of His Word and related subjects which aid in discerning its truths. Fulfillment of this purpose necessarily involves provision of instruction at various locations, by various means, in formats appropriate for communication of the content, and in secure environments characterized by the truth and righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please note: The primary purpose of Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary is to provide theological education. On this basis, the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia [SCHEV] granted an exemption to TBBCS from the requirement for SCHEV certification IAW 8 VA 40-31-50 on May 3, 1989.)

Distinctives

The foundation of the entire academic program of TBBCS is the truth that the LORD, the transcendent Creator God, has revealed Himself and His design for the entirety of His creation, and that He has provided a written record of much of that revelation in the Scriptures, the Bible, the Holy Word of God. As God, He is unchanging and cannot be false in any way or to any degree, and His every expression, in whatever form, is a perfect representation of His person.

All members of the faculty and administration of TBBCS are committed to establishing this foundation in each student, and thus, every teaching and every practice seeks to honor and reflect God and His revelation of Himself. No human entity, whether a man, an organization of men, or a theological system devised by men, can be allowed to usurp the authority that alone abides in the Word of God. Neither does the authority for interpretation of the Word of God rest in any man or human system; the Scriptures must be interpreted in accord with what they are and how they were given.

Thus, TBBCS teaching is rooted in a normal interpretation of the Scriptures, not only according to the grammar and history of the time in which they were given, but also with a full assurance that God has thoroughly and completely preserved His revelation to the present day. All students will be encouraged to develop some ability to use the original language texts, not as a measure of academic prestige, but as tools to aid them in accurate understanding and application of what God actually said.

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TBBCS recognizes that human expressions and translations of God's revelation bear His authority to the degree that they accurately reflect His revelation. The minds of men, with all their various abilities, purposes, and limitations, have been involved in the production of all translations, and thus, the translations vary greatly in their accuracy and value for instruction. For this reason, TBBCS classes, activities, and services use the Authorized (King James) Version as the English Bible text, and classes involving the original language texts use the Hebrew Massoretic Text (MT) and the Greek Textus Receptus (TR), as their primary texts.

Statement of Our Faith

TBBCS may accept students from churches and assemblies which are not Baptist in name, but the school will not compromise or change its teaching to accommodate those who disagree with truths foundational to a Biblical faith in Christ. Such students may attend in order to receive the excellent Bible-related training offered at TBBCS, but they will not be allowed to adversely influence other students in any way. The Administration may summarily terminate the enrollment of any student deemed to exert an undesirable theological or philosophical influence. The following articles of the TBBCS Statement of Faith cannot be challenged:

The Bible, the Scriptures, comprised of both the Old and New Testaments, is the Word of God, His revelation of Himself and His design for all that exists. God inspired the very words of the Scriptures in their entirety, and He has preserved these words, making them the only rule for faith and practice.

God is the Creator of all that exists and is the only God who exists. He is one God who has manifested Himself as a tri-unity of three Persons. He is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, all one in essence and inseparable, but each discernible in His functions and activities. By virtue of His Being, He can never violate His Person and, thus, cannot change or misrepresent Himself in any way, nor can contradiction of any sort exist within or among the Persons of God.

Jesus Christ, God the Son, the virgin-born son of Mary, came in the flesh to die to pay God's price for man's violation and rejection of His design. Jesus Christ lived a perfect, sinless life; He died, was buried, rose bodily from the dead, and ascended back into heaven exactly in accord with the Scriptures.

The forgiveness of God comes only through the new birth and is received only by believing in the sacrificial work accomplished by Jesus Christ on the cross. This faith in Christ reconciles a person to God and establishes him in the state of salvation; a salvation which is by grace, through faith alone, to whomever will receive it, without any admixture of meritorious works, and thus renders the believer eternally secure.

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The Genesis account of origins is completely historical and accurate, including its statement that, in six literal days of creation, God brought into existence all that exists, thus making Him Creator, Owner, Designer, and Absolute Authority over all that exists. God constructed the creation to continually and accurately testify of Himself, and this testimony coincides perfectly with His written revelation.

The return of Jesus Christ to remove all believers from the earth prior to the beginning of the tribulation is an imminent event. He will return a second time at the end of the tribulation to reign on earth for a thousand years, a reign that will then continue through eternity.

Every human who has ever lived will be resurrected by God to stand before Him in judgment. Those who have believed in His Son will be saved and continue in everlasting blessedness in the presence of God, but those who have not believed will be lost and continue in everlasting punishment separated from His presence. The saved will be judged by Christ for their stewardship after salvation; the lost will be judged at the Great White Throne but with no hope of salvation.

God designed the work of the Great Commission to be done through believers who have individually chosen to identify with Christ in baptism and who have voluntarily joined with other believers into autonomous, local assemblies where the activities of each individual and of the whole purposely reflect the design of God for human life.

God preserved His revelation of Himself and His design from the time He gave it to man, and that He preserved this revelation in the Hebrew Massoretic Text for the Old Testament and the Greek Textus Receptus for the New Testament. The King James Bible is an excellent translation of these original language texts and is inspired to the degree that it accurately represents God's intended meaning.

Biblical Language Studies

God's original choice of Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic for communicating His written revelation made those languages the absolute best for that purpose. In His infinite wisdom, He established these ancient languages as the foundation through which men of all time would know Him. He preserved these ancient language texts to provide man with an authoritative source for translating His revelation into the various languages of humankind, languages ordained by God Himself when He created their origins at the Tower of Babel, and to provide an absolute standard by which to evaluate all subsequent "knowledge of God."

Certainly, as with every perfect thing God provides, some men have greatly misused these languages and their study, as though "knowing" Greek or Hebrew gave them understanding unattainable by others who did not know the languages. While the knowledge of Biblical languages can give insights not normally seen by those who study the Scriptures casually, God never intended such knowledge

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and insight to have a divisive effect on the Body of Christ. Instead, it was to bind the individual members one to another, each one contributing that gift which God had sovereignly given to make the members of the Body interdependent.

Misuse of the Biblical languages by some, however, led to error on the part of others who either never learned them or never developed a proper understanding of their true value. For many such men, Biblical language study was something to be feared or demeaned; it became the object of misleading comments and bantering, even by those familiar with the languages. This, in turn, engendered still more fear and demeaning, often with the opposite effect of attributing unusual intelligence to those who mastered or taught in this field.

In reality, the mastery of Greek and Hebrew is not a measure of intelligence in any way; for indeed, millions of ordinary people both ancient and modern learned and used these languages to accurately communicate in every aspect of life. To these people, Greek and Hebrew were not different from any other language; they were but tools to facilitate communication with others, and this was exactly the purpose of God in the writing of His revelation. He did not choose difficult or unusual languages to communicate His will to man. Instead, He chose two common, widely-known, and easy-to-learn languages to facilitate man's accurate understanding of what He desired man to know.

The ancient Biblical languages, then, are nothing more than tools that every man can develop to assist him in understanding and knowing God as He has revealed Himself. They are not to be sources of pride and contention nor are they to be objects of ridicule and derision. For a faithful believer, they must be what God made them to be: the perfect vehicle for communicating the truth He recorded in them. For any man to regard or treat the study of Biblical languages in a manner inconsistent with how God actually used them is for that man to usurp authority over the very Giver of Scripture.

At TBBCS, the Biblical language faculty is not committed to teaching but to the learning of students, in order that they may use these tools faithfully and accurately in discerning that which God actually said. The LORD Himself made the languages important. TBBCS seeks but to act in accord with that importance to prepare the students He places here.

Textual Matters

We recognize that all men do not have the same experience and opportunity for study. Thus, differing views may exist among those who love God and His Word. This is especially true in the matter of Bible texts and versions, an area wherein the actual text of Scripture cannot be used as an arbiter because the arguments are external to it and are, at best, limited by incomplete history. The sheer volume of written material makes it difficult to reach a studied conclusion, and the technical nature of many arguments requires far more than a passing knowledge of the Biblical language involved. To the many individuals who have not been exposed to Biblical language training, the prospect of a firm conclusion can seem totally unattainable.

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The effect is that most will be lacking the detailed evidence they would like to have on a matter of such importance, but unable to ignore it, they must reach some conclusion, some foundation upon which to stand. This forces them to rely on the ideas and opinions of others. Many have thus adopted the positions of trusted teachers and authorities but without having examined the evidence for themselves and without having acknowledged the fallibility of those teachers and authorities. Even those who teach or use authority well have been subject to the same influences faced by those over whom they themselves exercise influence.

The simple truth is that many tenets of the Bible text and version debate bear only the authority of man's opinion; and yet, rarely are these opinions presented as such. Whether by force of academic persuasion or by power of oral proclamation, the teacher's support for his own position seldom leaves room for valid disagreement. The potential for unscriptural division among brethren is clear, and though the College and Seminary holds firmly to the King James Bible and the particular Hebrew and Greek texts which underlie it, we work to preclude such division.

The brotherhood and the love we share in Christ dictate that we seek to understand one another and to adopt an attitude of concern where we disagree. For this reason, we are committed to helping, as they will receive it, those who hold divergent views of the Bible version and text issues. Argumentation and inflammatory speech rarely if ever convert one party to the views of another, so these are to be avoided. Discussions must be moderated by the expression of genuine love among those involved whether in this matter or any other. This is but an extension of our desire to present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

Accreditation

As a ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church, TBBCS is an institution of higher learning that is not, and cannot be, bound to any external convention, council, or group that would in any way excessively encumber or interfere with its freedom or ability to accurately and thoroughly represent the criteria of God's design and their relationship to any activity of any entity or being.

Thus, TBBCS is not accredited, nor is it seeking accreditation, by any agency external to the church. This allows an academic and financial freedom from outside influences which tend to increase the burden of administration and bind students to prescribed theological positions. With no intent to demean the accreditation of other schools, TBBCS has chosen to maintain, without accreditation, its administration, its teaching, and the content of its programs and courses at a level equivalent to or above that in other schools.

Standard of Conduct

Accurate representation of the God Who Exists and His design requires a level of commitment that affects every aspect of life, and, because TBBCS purposes to develop individuals who do indeed accurately reflect His Person, a high standard of conduct and appearance, as determined by the Administration, is

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required of students. TBBCS will not tolerate students who practice actions or expressions which, in the opinion of the Administration, are inconsistent with a proper testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ, the school, or the student.

Attendance at TBBCS is not a right but a privilege, a privilege which may be forfeited by any student who does not conform to school standards and policies. The Administration may at any time terminate the enrollment of any student who is deemed to be inconsistent with the spirit of the school, regardless of that student's conformity to specific policies and guidelines.

Chapel Services

TBC and TBBCS will, at times, schedule pastors, missionaries, evangelists, faculty, or others to present messages from God's Word or speak on topics related to Biblical ministry. These presentations form an integral part of the student's development of a truly Biblical perspective and, thus, all students who are present on campus at the time of such services are required to attend.

Special Conditions

Individuals with Special Educational Needs

TBBCS recognizes that not all students are able to conform to the rigors and requirements of the traditional education process offered. Those applicants who have special educational needs will be considered on a case-by-case basis in order to insure that TBBCS is able to meet those needs in a manner that is in the best interests of the applicant.

Individuals Who Are Divorced and/or Remarried

The position of TBBCS on divorce or divorce and remarriage is consistent with its existence as a ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Accordingly, TBBCS does not condone divorce or remarriage after divorce, but neither does it condemn in any way persons whose marriages have succumbed to the multitude of divisive influences inherent in the present world condition.

Instead, TBBCS works both to strengthen existing marriages and to help divorced individuals by teaching God's design for all human relationships, including those associated with fractured marriages. No one can relive the past, and God has demonstrated His design to greatly use faithful individuals who do not seek to justify their past violations. TBBCS, then, does not enter into the issue of divorce, or divorce and remarriage, for or against any individual, but it does provide counsel in cooperation with local pastors and others who hold a truly Biblical view of the matter.

Thus, persons who are divorced, or divorced and remarried, are not excluded from attending TBBCS by virtue of this condition. The intensive Biblical training and the act of submitting oneself to learning God's truth will enable any individual to enhance his or her value and effectiveness as a representative of Jesus Christ in every aspect of human life. Ordination is a local church matter; and TBBCS does not ordain individuals or take authority over any church. Churches should recognize that attendance at a Bible college or seminary or the completion of any degree program does not in itself indicate that an individual is ready for ordination.

Individuals of Questionable Character

TBBCS is not designed to reform individuals of questionable character but rather to develop the character of those who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God. Accordingly, TBBCS reserves the right to reject the application or re-enrollment of anyone with a history of any practice or any type of violation of God's design which, in the estimation of the Administration, may be characteristic, or characteristically recurrent, or which may in any way endanger any other person. Individuals who withhold information regarding conditions of this sort may be summarily expelled whenever the condition is recognized.

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The inseparable relationship between TBBCS and Tabernacle Baptist Church necessitates that all who are a part of any aspect of this ministry be protected from students who may fit this category. For this reason, TBBCS will require the cooperation of all students in providing these protections. Accordingly, students who cover or aid in covering information regarding this type of behavior in the life or background of any other student, regardless of societal relationship, are subject to expulsion as well.

Confidentiality of Information

TBBCS maintains a high degree of confidentiality and does not, as a practice, divulge private or financial information to entities or individuals deemed to lack both legal and Biblical authority to possess that information. The Administration will not, however, withhold information that, in the estimation of TBBCS, would endanger or compromise the testimony and integrity of Tabernacle Baptist Church or any church considering a student for ministry position.

Certification of Degrees

The purpose of TBBCS as an institution providing religious training and theological education makes the school exempt from the requirement of state certification. The school cooperates voluntarily with the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), but is not governed thereby. Degrees awarded are neither certified nor accredited by the State of Virginia or any organization or regional agency. The content, however, of TBBCS degrees and the level of course instruction are both maintained at a high level, even meeting the criteria for State certification or organizational accreditation.

Military and Military Veterans

Individuals currently serving in the U.S. military services or who are military veterans may use the education benefits provided through the Veterans Administration to fund their schooling at TBBCS. The VA determines these benefits based on the individual's service record and degree program, and TBBCS cooperates with both the VA and the student in these matters. The status of TBBCS as a non-accredited school precludes the use of the active-duty tuition assistance program.

The Virginia State Approving Agency (SAA) is the approving authority of education and training programs for Virginia and is responsible for investigating complaints by GI Bill beneficiaries. While most complaints should initially follow the school grievance policy (by contacting either the Dean of Students or the Dean of the Seminary directly), if the situation cannot be resolved at the school, the beneficiary should contact the SAA office via email at saa@dvs.virginia.gov.

Foreign Students

Students who reside outside the United States may enroll in courses and attend classes by the use of digital media or direct live interaction, as indicated

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in the Attendance section of this catalog. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security currently prohibits TBBCS from accepting non-resident immigrant students, but this status may change in the future. If and when such a change occurs, the appropriate information will be published.

Non-resident foreign students may be eligible for reductions in tuition and fee rates, dependent upon their actual financial resources. To apply for tuition and fee reductions, students must submit a completed application for financial aid. Submission of the application does not guarantee that a reduction will be granted. Any award granted is actually underwritten by Tabernacle Baptist Church and others who give to meet school and student needs. Thus, students needing financial assistance should first request such assistance from their home church and others willing to assist in their Biblical education.

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Basic Costs

Application Fee

Those applying for admission must submit this one-time, nonrefundable fee with their application. This fee is \$50.00, if not transferring credits from another school. For those transferring credits from other schools, this fee increases in increments of \$25.00 for each school for which transcripts must be evaluated. Applications will not be considered complete until this fee is received.

Matriculation Fee

All students pay this nonrefundable \$20.00 fee for each course in which they enroll. This fee applies to all courses, whether credit or audit.

Administrative Fee

All students pay this nonrefundable \$35.00 fee for each trimester in which they enroll. This fee applies to all registered students, whether credit or audit.

Undergraduate Tuition

Tuition is charged on a semester-hour basis according to the total number of semester hours in which a student enrolls. The current rate is \$205.00 per semester hour.

Graduate Tuition

Tuition is charged on a semester-hour basis according to the total number of semester hours in which a student enrolls. The current rates for masters and doctoral level courses are \$225.00 and \$245.00 per semester hour, respectively.

Auditing and Continuing Education Tuition

Students who are not seeking course credit or who are seeking only continuing education credits may enroll in classes on an audit basis. Tuition is charged on a semester-hour basis according to the total number of semester hours in which a student enrolls. The current rate is \$45.00 per semester hour. Auditing and continuing education students receive all class materials and grading for assignments done, and may change to full credit status during the trimester by fulfilling standard requirements.

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Graduation Fees

A one-time graduation fee will be assessed in the student's final trimester prior to graduation. The rate is dependent upon the level of the degree to be received as follows:

Associate	\$80.00
Bachelors	\$100.00
Masters	\$120.00
Doctoral	\$150.00

Other Fees

Transcript	\$10.00
Equivalence Credit Evaluation	\$150.00 per course

Student Housing Rental

On-campus housing is open to single students enrolled in TBBCS on a space-available basis. Students secure this housing by completing a lease agreement with Tabernacle Baptist Church for each term in which they enroll. Those enrolling for an entire three-trimester year may commit to a single lease covering that period.

Payment of Tuition and Fees

All tuition, fees, and other charges are due and payable at registration. Students who are unable to make full payment at registration must receive a waiver from the TBC Financial Office.

TBBCS allows Veterans Administration beneficiaries to attend a course of education for up to 90 days from the date the student provides their certificate of eligibility (VAF 28-1905), thus allowing the student to attend class until the VA provides payment to the institution. Additionally, TBBCS will not impose a penalty, nor require the beneficiary to borrow additional funds to cover tuition and fees due to late payments from the VA.

Cancellation and Withdrawal

Non-VA students who officially withdraw within the opening days of a semester or session will receive a refund of tuition and refundable fees according to the number of equivalent class-weeks completed at the time of withdrawal. However, students receiving Veterans Administration benefits who withdraw should be aware that government regulations require that their withdrawal be completed **on or before the first day of the term** in order to avoid liability for benefits paid to them for that term.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

The costs of studying at TBBCS may add a substantial burden to a student's financial status, a burden which may even preclude enrollment. To assist those needing financial aid, TBBCS provides a series of scholarships for which students

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may apply by submitting a completed financial aid application to the Dean's office for each trimester in which financial aid is sought. The need for financial aid is evaluated based upon information from this application. For this reason, a completed application must be submitted before any request for financial aid can be considered.

Students applying for financial aid should evaluate their need based upon Biblical principle. That is to say, those whom God has blessed with the ability to pay should not request assistance. However, those who are excessively burdened by the costs may request assistance. TBBCS will evaluate each application and determine the amount of scholarship, if any, to be granted. False or inaccurate information on either the application itself or in any supporting documentation will result in loss of any scholarship granted on the basis of that information, and the student will be subject to expulsion.

Students must understand that TBBCS has financial responsibilities which must be met, most of which are the salaries paid to faculty and staff. Because a portion of the scholarship funds comes directly from TBBCS, unnecessary requests for scholarships, though they may be valid and may be granted by TBBCS, will add to the financial burden of the school and will affect the school's ability to properly remunerate those who give of their lives to make TBBCS possible.

At present, TBBCS students are not eligible for certain government and private loans and scholarships that are based on accreditation. However, several foundations exist that will help students in preparation for Christian service, and TBBCS cooperates with students and these foundations when such cooperation does not compromise in any way the stand of the school. The following TBBCS scholarships are available:

Individuals in Full-Time Ministry Positions

Individuals who occupy a formal, full-time ministry position in a church or established ministry may apply for a scholarship covering twenty percent of their tuition for the trimester requested. This scholarship may be supplemented by the Barnabas Scholarship.

Dependent Children of Individuals in Full-Time Ministry Positions

Dependent children of individuals who occupy a formal, full-time ministry position in a church or established ministry may apply for a scholarship covering twenty percent of their tuition for each trimester of their first year. After their first year, the percentage of this scholarship will reduce to ten percent. This scholarship may be supplemented by the Barnabas Scholarship.

Dependent Children of Alumni

Dependent children of individuals who have graduated from the College or Seminary may apply for a scholarship covering twenty percent of their tuition for

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each trimester of their first year. After their first year, the percentage of this scholarship will reduce to ten percent. This scholarship may be supplemented by the Barnabas Scholarship.

Auditing Senior Individual

Auditing senior individuals, age fifty-five or above, who are members in good standing of Tabernacle Baptist Church may apply for a scholarship covering fifty percent of their tuition for the trimester requested. Auditing senior individuals who are members in good standing of supporting churches may apply for a scholarship covering twenty-five percent of their tuition for the trimester requested.

Auditing Spouse

The spouse of any student enrolled for credit may apply for a scholarship covering one hundred percent of the auditing tuition for the same course in which his or her spouse is enrolled for credit. These auditing spouses will be responsible only for the administration and matriculation fees, and receive full auditing status, including the option of converting the course to credit status.

Barnabas Scholarship

The Barnabas Scholarship is designed to provide financial aid to students who are excessively burdened by the costs associated with attending TBBCS. This scholarship is funded by gifts from individuals, churches, businesses, and other entities desiring to assist students in Biblical studies. Because the amount of this scholarship is based on actual financial need, students may request it in addition to other scholarships. The funds for this scholarship are limited by the actual amounts available at any given time, and, though any student with a valid need may apply for this assistance, those who submit requests deemed by TBBCS to be frivolous or insensitive may receive censure. Students who receive this scholarship must maintain all academic and attendance requirements, and failure to do so may result in loss of the scholarship.

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Applicants and Status

TBBCS admits men and women who desire to become more effective in their service for the Lord Jesus Christ whether they are preparing for full-time service or if they are just seeking to gain a richer knowledge of the Word of God. TBBCS accepts students according to Biblical standards and, therefore, does not discriminate against applicants on the basis of earthly race, skin color, nationality, or ethnic origin.

Applicants for admission to **the College** have normally completed their high school studies and are considered undergraduate students. The courses involved in their chosen program of study are taught at the undergraduate level. Undergraduate students are not normally allowed to take graduate courses without special permission and after having demonstrated competence in their undergraduate studies.

Applicants for admission to **the Seminary** have normally completed a four-year college degree and are considered graduate students. The courses involved in their chosen program of study are taught at a graduate level of detail and intensity. Graduate students normally may not take undergraduate courses without special permission and enhancements to the course requirements.

New Student Admission Procedures

Individuals seeking to enroll in TBBCS for the first time, or after any substantial break in enrollment, must complete the TBBCS application form, available on the school website, and submit it to the TBBCS office with the application fee. Applicants who have access to the internet may contact the TBBCS office to pay the application fee and receive access to the college management program where they must complete all parts of the on-line application. TBBCS requests that applicants submit a recent picture with their application.

Applicants for **the College** may apply at any time during their senior year of high school or after. College applicants will provide formal transcripts which document their high school work and graduation, or their receipt of a general equivalency diploma. These transcripts must be sent directly to TBBCS; personal copies or copies not sent directly to TBBCS by these schools will not be acceptable. Each applicant may also arrange to take the American College Test (ACT) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and have the results sent to TBBCS.

Applicants for **the Seminary** may apply at any time during their senior year of college or after. Seminary applicants will provide formal transcripts which document all prior college level work and graduation, or proposed graduation. These transcripts must be sent directly to TBBCS; personal copies or copies not

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sent directly to TBBCS by these schools will not be acceptable, except for preliminary evaluation of student standing.

A student's application should be in the hands of TBBCS no less than three weeks before the beginning of the term for which the student is applying. In the event an application is received too late for complete processing before the opening of school, the student may be granted tentative admission pending completion of all parts. An applicant will not be given official status as a student until his application is completely processed. **Seminary applicants** must meet the specific entrance criteria listed under the Seminary program for which they are applying.

Transfer Students and Transfer of Credit

Students who have attended another college or seminary or who have received college-level credits from other schools may apply for admission to TBBCS. Such students are regarded as transfer students and follow the same basic procedures as those for new students.

Transfer students who wish to apply credits from other institutions to fulfill TBBCS requirements must contact those institutions and request that an official transcript be sent directly to TBBCS. Copies of transcripts not received directly from other institutions are not acceptable.

Upon receipt of all appropriate transcripts, the Administration will evaluate the credits on a course-by-course basis and will determine which are potentially transferable. **For College credit**, those courses that are deemed essentially equivalent and for which the student received a grade of C or above will be considered for transfer. Such transfer, however, will not be considered complete until the student has satisfactorily completed a full semester of work at TBBCS. To be considered for graduation, transfer students usually must complete one full year of work at TBBCS.

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TBBCS maintains high academic standards to insure that each graduate is fully prepared for the work God will have him or her to do. Students are expected to maintain a high level of diligence in every aspect of their studies to honor not only those who contribute financially to make their studies possible but also the Lord Jesus Christ whose name they carry. Students are exhorted to maintain the attitude that their preparatory studies are no less a spiritual service to God than any other activity of the Christian life. Indeed, as the Lord Himself said, "These things ought they to have done, and not to have left the other undone." Academic Biblical training is essential to avoiding the human tendency toward the isolated and self-centered interpretations and practices that divide unnecessarily. Academics are not the end in themselves, nor are they the measure of preparation; rather, they are a means to facilitate accurate discernment of what the Word of God actually says.

Academic Standards

Student progress in learning and retaining the materials associated with each course will be measured and evaluated. Grades will be issued and reported to the student at the end of each session on the school administrative software system. In the College, no grade below a D will be applied toward graduation. In the Seminary, no grade below a C will be applied toward graduation, and in the Doctoral programs, no grade below a B will be acceptable.

Grade Report and Transcript Codes

TBBCS uses a series of other codes on grade reports and transcripts to indicate certain conditions as follows:

Code	Indication	Explanation
I	Incomplete	A temporary code indicating that the student had not completed sufficient course requirements to receive a grade when grades were calculated.
R	Retake	Retake to raise grade.
W	Withdrew	A permanent code indicating that the student withdrew from school with official permission but without having completed sufficient course requirements to receive a grade.
WP	Withdrew	A permanent code indicating that the student withdrew, while passing, from an individual course with official permission but without having completed sufficient course requirements to receive a grade.

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WF	Withdrew	A permanent code indicating that the student withdrew, while failing, from an individual course with official permission but without having completed sufficient course requirements to receive a grade.
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Students who withdraw from a school or an individual course without official permission will receive a grade of “F” for each course involved. For this reason, any student who is considering withdrawal should seek counsel from the Dean or the Assistant to the Dean before taking steps to do so.

Students who are unable to complete all course work within the specified time frame of the class must request additional time from the instructor. Such requests must be in writing, explaining the reason for the delinquency and delineating all assignments involved, whether weekly or semester projects, and giving a date for the completion of each. Upon approval, the student will be given six weeks beyond the Friday of final exam week to submit all delinquent assignments. After the six-week period the student’s actual grade will be recorded, unless special circumstances, as determined by the Administration, justify further extension.

Class Schedules

TBBCS operates on an accelerated-semester basis, with three fourteen-week trimesters per year. This provides students the opportunity to maximize the effectiveness of their school years and shorten the overall time required to complete a degree program. To maintain academic integrity and fulfill standard requirements for instructional time, each semester hour requires sixteen fifty-minute class hours, and thus each three-hour course requires forty-eight fifty-minute class hours, divided over the fourteen weeks.

Attendance

The nature of the content of TBBCS courses requires an unusual level of direct live interaction, or the potential for such interaction, between students and instructors. This direct interaction at the moment of instruction is designed both to increase student understanding of course content and to enhance the ability of each to accurately correlate and apply that content. This interaction also allows instructors to better perceive student understanding and to involve students in the learning process in ways specifically *designed* to enhance learning. Thus, live student attendance of classes is an essential element of TBBCS instruction.

All students must make adjustments to their life schedules to properly attend *all* class hours of all class sessions for which they are enrolled. When conditions of life will cause absence from or lateness to any class hour, that absence or lateness must be communicated to the instructor as early as possible *prior* to the beginning of the class involved. Thus, each student must have a means of direct, recorded communication which is *acceptable to TBBCS and the*

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course instructor. Possible direct communication methods include: texting, email, Facebook, and Skype; phone calls are to be avoided. Students must establish one or more of these recorded communication means *before* each course begins and maintain that means throughout the trimester. Each instructor will provide his or her particular contact information to each student enrolled.

Each class hour is fifty minutes in length, and thus, each class session is comprised of *multiple, individual 50-minute class hours*. All course content which is missed as a result of lateness or absence, whether excused or unexcused, must be corrected by attendance through video recordings of the class sessions involved. All such corrective attendance is to be reported to the instructor by clear statements in a recorded communication. Any deviations from these attendance criteria must be approved *in advance* by TBBCS administration.

General Access to Courses by Video Recordings

Recognizing that the conditions of life may prevent physical attendance in the classroom by some students, TBBCS prepares video recordings of actual class sessions and makes these materials available to the public on a Microsoft OneDrive for Business internet account. These recordings are a valuable resource which provides access to class sessions *outside* the actual class time, allowing students and others to "attend" or review course content as needed.

Students Unable to Attend on Campus

TBBCS administration will evaluate each student's ability to attend classes on campus. Those students who are located in places which preclude their attendance on campus may enroll to attend either by *live video interaction* or by *video recordings* of the classes, all subject to the criteria given below.

1. Attendance by Live Video Interaction:

Students who attend classes by live video interaction must attend during the scheduled time of the class sessions and are required to complete their attendance and course assignments within *the same constraints* imposed on those attending that course on campus, including attendance of all class hours during the scheduled times.

Enrollment by live video interaction requires that the student provide the specific attendance conditions and equipment needed to access the specific internet application used by TBBCS for this interaction. Students must insure that they have proper internet connectivity *prior to* the beginning of classes.

Attendance will be monitored by the *student's visible presence* in live video interaction with the instructor, and thus, student attendance must be established *prior to* the beginning of each session. The instructor will monitor and record the absence or lateness of each student at the beginning of and throughout each class session.

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1a. Students attending by live video interaction must have an attendance situation and location which is acceptable to TBBCS and which properly reflects actual classroom conditions, allowing the student to remain attentive to the course presentation, including:

- minimized potential for noise or interruption,
- non-use of cell phones or other devices, software, or applications,
- suitable desk, chair, lighting, electricity, internet, and other physical conditions,
- suitable computer with display, camera, microphone, speakers, and software.

1b. Students must obtain and prepare the equipment and conditions necessary to fulfill all attendance criteria *prior* to the beginning of each course, and they must maintain that equipment and those conditions throughout the duration of each class hour of each course. Individuals who, in the estimate of TBBCS administration, do not comply with these conditions will be withdrawn from the affected courses.

1c. Cell phones and tablets are *not* acceptable means of attendance, except under special conditions approved by a knowledgeable member of the Administration.

2. Attendance by Video Recordings:

Students who attend by course video recordings are required to complete their attendance and course assignments *within the specified time limitations* established for that particular course.

Enrollment by observing the course video recordings requires that the student provide the specific attendance conditions and equipment needed to access and use the recordings which are available on the TBBCS OneDrive site or communicated on other digital media. Each student should complete each video attendance within a time frame equivalent to that of students attending in the classroom.

Attendance will be recorded by the student and monitored by the *student's interaction* with the instructor. Using the on-line attendance sheet downloaded from the TBBCS OneDrive site for that course, the student will record the date and extent of his attendance, indicating any lateness or early departure. The instructor will monitor this record and confirm the student's complete attendance of each class session.

2a. Students attending by video recordings must have an attendance situation and location which is acceptable to TBBCS and which properly reflects actual classroom conditions, allowing the student to focus on the course presentation, including:

- minimized potential for noise or interruption,

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- suitable desk, chair, lighting, electricity, internet, and other physical conditions,

- suitable computer with display, camera, microphone, speakers, and software.

2b. Students must obtain and prepare the equipment and conditions necessary to fulfill all attendance criteria *prior to* the beginning of each course, and they must maintain that equipment and those conditions throughout the duration of each course. Individuals who do not comply with these conditions will be withdrawn from the affected courses.

2c. Cell phones and tablets are *not* acceptable means of attendance, except under special conditions approved by a knowledgeable member of the Administration.

Absence Penalties

The attendance requirements and the penalties for non-attendance are the *same for all students*, whether attending class sessions by physical presence in the classroom, by live video interaction in the classroom, or by observing class video recordings.

Class hours are calculated on a 50-minute class hour basis. Thus, students must recognize that any absence of more than fifty minutes from any part of a scheduled session will count as multiple class absences calculated on this basis. Excuses for sessions covering more than one class hour must cover each individual class hour of that session.

Any student whose absences in a course exceed ten class hours may receive a failing grade for that course, regardless of his or her final grade, and any student whose absences in a course exceed seven class hours may receive a grade penalty applied to his or her final grade. Students may request permission to correct their attendance failures by attending the course video recordings and interacting appropriately with the instructor. A separate request for each affected course must be submitted by email or in writing to the TBBCS office. TBBCS may assess a separate fee for each affected course, dependent upon the timing and degree of attendance correction activities.

Procedures for Anticipated Absence

Students may plan future, non-emergency class absences where they wish to be excused without penalty. In such cases, the student may request, by email or in writing, permission from the instructor to miss those class hours, but these absences will be subject to normal absence procedures.

Late Arrival to Class Session

Students who are enrolled to attend on campus or by live video interaction must be present and ready for class to begin at the starting time of each class session. Those arriving after the start time may be considered late, regardless of

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the instructor's presence or readiness to begin. Students with responsibilities that cause late arrival may request permission, by email or in writing, to do so, contingent upon correction of all missed course content. Any lateness resulting from the activities of TBBCS, its instructors, or administration will not be penalized. Unapproved repeated late arrival to class sessions may result in grade or other penalties.

General Curriculum Information

TBBCS reserves the right to make changes at any time in the courses offered, amount of credit given, or any other details. Students are encouraged to take required courses in the order indicated in this catalog for their specific degree program. Occasionally, classes may be taken out of sequence by permission of the student's advisor and the class instructor. Classes taken outside the student's specific program may not be applied for degree credit unless approved in advance by the Dean.

Courses numbered 500-899 are graduate-level classes and are taught at a level which may be too advanced for undergraduate students. Only those undergraduate students who have exhibited a proper level of ability may apply to take these classes. Graduate level instruction will not be compromised to accommodate undergraduate students, and undergraduate courses may not be applied to graduate degree programs.

TBBCS is moving toward a course numbering system that distinguishes course levels by their number. However, under the previous system, graduate courses taken for undergraduate credit were marked by a C suffix on the number, and undergraduate courses (with additional requirements) taken for graduate credit were marked by an S suffix on the number.

Graduation Requirements

Students often understand that the only requirement for receiving a degree from an institution is to complete all courses for the chosen degree program. While this may be sufficient in some colleges and seminaries, it is not the case at TBBCS. As a ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church, TBBCS has certain additional requirements necessary for a student to be eligible to receive a degree. These include:

1. Evidence of approved Christian character.
2. Completion of the requirements of the chosen degree program.
3. Satisfactory resolution of all TBBCS financial obligations. Transcripts and diplomas will not be issued until accounts are fully paid.

Student Classifications

Full-time

College: Technically, any student who is enrolled in a minimum of twelve semester hours of course work in a semester and is working toward a degree.

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	Seminary: Technically, any student who is enrolled in a minimum of six semester hours of course work in a semester and is working toward a degree.
Part-time	College: Any student who is enrolled in less than twelve semester hours of course work in a semester and is working toward a degree. Seminary: Any student who is enrolled in less than six semester hours of course work in a semester and is working toward a degree.
Non-degree	Any student who is taking classes, but is not working toward a degree.
Freshman	Any student who has completed 0 to 33 semester hours of credit toward graduation.
Sophomore	Any student who has completed 34 to 67 semester hours of credit toward graduation.
Junior	Any student who has completed 68 to 101 semester hours of credit toward graduation.
Senior	Any student who has completed 102 or more semester hours of credit toward graduation.
Graduate	Any student who has completed a Bachelor's degree from an approved institution and is working toward an advanced degree.

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Summary of Undergraduate Programs

The educational philosophy of TBBC is rooted in the fact that success in any area of life or ministry requires the application of an accurate knowledge and understanding of God and His design for all that exists. This knowledge and understanding comes only through an increasing comprehension and correlation of all the various aspects of God's revelation of Himself, especially those aspects expressed and preserved in the Scriptures, His written Word. Thus, every aspect of college life and instruction must remain in full accord with the criteria of God's design as He has revealed that design in the Scriptures.

Upon this foundation, each course of the curriculum is designed to correlate to every other course in order to develop in each student an accurate perception of the person and nature of God and His relationship to the entirety of creation, thus providing an accurate foundation for understanding the entire revelation of God. TBBC offers the following programs of undergraduate study.

	Semester Hours
Associate Degree in Biblical Studies	66
Bachelor of Biblical Studies Degree	
Majors: Biblical Leadership	132
Biblical Counseling	132
Biblical Languages	135
Bible Translation	144

Generally, students may enroll in the courses associated with these degrees in any order, except where prerequisites exist or where the student's advisor recommends a specific order. Entering students may request to transfer credit for equivalent courses taken at other institutions. Such requests must be submitted to the Dean in writing and must include proper documentation of the credits and any contact information necessary for evaluation. Transfer credits may not exceed one-half (50%) of the degree requirements, except by special permission of the Administration.

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Continuing Education Studies

Continuing education studies are designed to meet the needs of those individuals who desire more intensive specialized study of a particular topic or passage or who desire to broaden or expand their knowledge of God and His design in order to more effectively represent Him. Degrees will not be offered for continuing education studies; however, certificates of completion may be awarded for certain distinctive studies.

Associate Degree in Biblical Studies

The TBBC Associate Degree in Biblical Studies is designed to provide basic intensive knowledge and understanding of God and His design for all that exists. The curriculum includes tools essential for enhancing the student's ability to understand and apply the content of the Scriptures. Those who complete the courses listed below, or equivalent transfer courses, may receive this diploma. All courses are transferable toward more advanced degrees in the College.

BI 100	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
BI 106	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
BI 107	Genesis 12-Deuteronomy	3
BI 125	Bible Geography & Archaeology	3
BI 201	Gospels & Life of Christ	3
BI 235	Prison & Pastoral Epistles	3
BI 321	Poetic Books & Hebrew Parallelism	3
BI EL	Bible Elective	3
BI EL	Bible Elective	3
	Bible	30
BL 201	Elementary Greek I	3
BL 202	Elementary Greek II	3
	Greek	6

TH 412	Eschatology	3
TH 441	Old Testament Theology	3
TH 442	New Testament Theology	3
TH 450	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 460	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
	Theology	15
EN 103	English Grammar & Linguistics	3
EN 104	English Composition & Linguistics	3
	English	6
HI 101	World History Survey	3
HI 102	American History Survey	3
	History	6
BC 101	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
	Biblical Counseling	3
	Total Semester-Hours	66

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Bachelor of Biblical Studies Degrees

The TBBC Bachelor of Biblical Studies is designed to provide a high level of Biblical preparation for those desiring to serve in capacities which will require them to possess intensive knowledge and understanding of God and His design for all that exists. The curriculum centers around a strong Bible focus supported by Bible-related courses that aid in proper application of God's design to life and includes a secondary focus on one of four majors and a series of general education courses needed for a firm life foundation. Those who complete the courses listed below, or equivalent transfer courses, for their particular major may receive this degree. Individuals receiving this degree are considered eligible for application to Tabernacle Baptist Seminary.

Bachelor of Biblical Studies - Biblical Leadership

The Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Leadership is designed to prepare individuals who will serve in ministry leadership capacities which require a measure of intensive analytical understanding of God and His design for all that exists. Students will develop an accurate Biblical concept of leadership which will prepare them for ministry and interaction with believers and nonbelievers alike, whether serving in formal or informal leadership roles.

BI 100	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
BI 106	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
BI 107	Genesis 12-Deuteronomy	3
BI 125	Bible Geography & Archaeology	3
BI 201	Gospels & Life of Christ	3
BI 205	Acts of the Apostles	3
BI 233	Romans, Galatians, 1&2 Thessalonians	3
BI 235	Prison & Pastoral Epistles	3
BI 303	Hebrews & Leviticus	3
BI 304	Historical Books I	3
BI 306	Minor Prophets	3
BI 309	Historical Books II	3
BI 305	Major Prophets - Isaiah-Ezekiel	3
BI 321	Poetic Books & Hebrew Parallelism	3
BI 403	Daniel & Revelation	3
	Bible	45
TH 412	Eschatology	3
TH 420	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 441	Old Testament Theology	3
TH 442	New Testament Theology	3
TH 450	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 460	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
	Theology	18
BC 101	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 306	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 308	Crisis Counseling	3
	Biblical Counseling	9
BL 201	Elementary Greek I	3
BL 202	Elementary Greek II	3
BL 301	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 302	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 420	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
	Greek	18
BL 408	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 409	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 410	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
	Hebrew	9
EN 103	English Grammar & Linguistics	3
EN 104	English Composition & Linguistics	3
EN 203	English Literature & Interpretation	3
EN 204	World Literature & Interpretation	3
	English	12
HI 101	World History Survey	3
HI 102	American History Survey	3
HI 201	American Government	3
HI 441	History of Christianity I	3
	History	12
MI 110	Theology & History of Missions	3
	Missions	3
EL	Elective	3
EL	Elective	3
	Electives	6
	Total Semester-Hours	132

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Bachelor of Biblical Studies - Biblical Counseling

The Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Biblical Counseling is designed to prepare individuals who will serve in ministry leadership capacities which require a measure of intensive analytical understanding of God and His design for all that exists, especially in the area of Biblical counseling. Students will learn a Biblical philosophy of counseling, especially in contrast to that of secular psychology and psychiatry, and will develop various Biblically-sound methods for helping individuals apply the clear teachings of Scripture to their lives.

BI 100	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
BI 106	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
BI 107	Genesis 12-Deuteronomy	3
BI 125	Bible Geography & Archaeology	3
BI 201	Gospels & Life of Christ	3
BI 205	Acts of the Apostles	3
BI 233	Romans, Galatians, 1&2 Thessalonians	3
BI 235	Prison & Pastoral Epistles	3
BI 303	Hebrews & Leviticus	3
BI 304	Historical Books I	3
BI 306	Minor Prophets	3
BI 309	Historical Books II	3
BI 305	Major Prophets - Isaiah-Ezekiel	3
BI 321	Poetic Books & Hebrew Parallelism	3
BI 403	Daniel & Revelation	3
	Bible	45
TH 412	Eschatology	3
TH 420	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 441	Old Testament Theology	3
TH 442	New Testament Theology	3
TH 450	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 460	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
	Theology	18
BC 101	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 102	Principles of Christian Living	3
BC 306	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 308	Crisis Counseling	3
BC 413	Applications of Biblical Counseling I	3
BC EL	Biblical Counseling Elective	3
	Counseling	18

BL 201	Elementary Greek I	3
BL 202	Elementary Greek II	3
BL 301	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 302	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 420	NT Textual Evaluation	3
	Greek	15
BL 408	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 409	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 410	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
	Hebrew	9
EN 103	English Grammar & Linguistics	3
EN 104	English Composition & Linguistics	3
EN 203	English Literature & Interpretation	3
EN 204	World Literature & Interpretation	3
	English	12
HI 101	World History Survey	3
HI 102	American History Survey	3
HI 201	American Government	3
HI 441	History of Christianity I	3
	History	12
MI 110	Theology & History of Missions	3
	Missions	3
	Total Semester-Hours	132

College (Undergraduate) Programs

Bachelor of Biblical Studies – Bible Translation

The Bachelor of Biblical Studies in Bible Translation is designed to prepare men and women who will serve in Bible translation ministries focused upon preparing translations which accurately reflect what God actually said. Students will learn a proper philosophy of Biblical language study and will develop an ability to use Hebrew, Greek, and Aramaic as tools for Bible translation.

BI 100	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
BI 106	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
BI 107	Genesis 12-Deuteronomy	3
BI 125	Bible Geography & Archaeology	3
BI 201	Gospels & Life of Christ	3
BI 205	Acts of the Apostles	3
BI 233	Romans, Galatians, 1&2 Thessalonians	3
BI 235	Prison & Pastoral Epistles	3
BI 303	Hebrews & Leviticus	3
BI 304	Historical Books I	3
BI 306	Minor Prophets	3
BI 309	Historical Books II	3
BI 305	Major Prophets - Isaiah-Ezekiel	3
BI 321	Poetic Books & Hebrew Parallelism	3
BI 403	Daniel & Revelation	3
	Bible	45
TH 412	Eschatology	3
TH 420	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 441	Old Testament Theology	3
TH 442	New Testament Theology	3
TH 450	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 460	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
	Theology	18
BC 101	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 306	Marriage Counseling	3
	Biblical Counseling	6
BL 415	Biblical Aramaic	3
	Aramaic	3

BL 201	Elementary Greek I	3
BL 202	Elementary Greek II	3
BL 301	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 302	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 420	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
	Greek	18
BL 408	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 409	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 410	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 411	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
	Hebrew	12
EN 103	English Grammar & Linguistics	3
EN 104	English Composition & Linguistics	3
EN 203	English Literature & Interpretation	3
EN 204	World Literature & Interpretation	3
	English	12
HI 101	World History Survey	3
HI 102	American History Survey	3
HI 201	American Government	3
HI 441	History of Christianity I	3
	History	12
MI 110	Theology & History of Missions	3
	Missions	3
LI 201	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
LI 202	Phonology & Speech Sounds	3
LI 301	Morphology & Syntax	3
LI 302	Semantics & Pragmatics	3
LI 402	Linguistics Field Techniques	3
	Linguistics	15
	Total Semester-Hours	144

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Bible

- BI 100 **Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins****
A study of Genesis 1-5 and the Biblical creation science related to this portion of Scripture, demonstrating the necessity of intensive analysis for accurate perception of the person and nature of God and the criteria of His perfect design as revealed in these earliest words of His revelation.
- BI 106 **Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion****
A study of Genesis 6-11 and the Biblical creation science related to this portion of Scripture, demonstrating the necessity of intensive analysis for accurate perception of the person and nature of God and the criteria of His perfect design as revealed in these early words of His revelation.
- BI 107 **Genesis 12-Deuteronomy****
A study of the Mosaic record of God's development of the nation of Israel from the call of Abraham in Genesis 12 to the death of Moses at the end of Deuteronomy.
- BI 125 **Bible Geography & Archaeology****
A study of the geography and archaeology of the lands of the Bible, demonstrating the accuracy of the Scriptures in relation to these two disciplines.
- BI 201 **Gospels & Life of Christ****
A study correlating the Gospel records of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, focusing on the many unmistakable evidences of His person as the Son of God and the necessity of His sacrifice for reconciling man to his Creator.
- BI 205 **Acts****
An analysis and exposition of Acts, covering the works of the Holy Spirit through the lives of the Apostles and the founding of the NT church.
- BI 233 **Romans, Galatians, 1&2 Thessalonians****
An analysis and exposition of Romans, Galatians, and 1&2 Thessalonians highlighting their parallel nature, the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith, and Paul's use of the Old Testament.
- BI 234 **1&2 Corinthians****
An analysis and exposition of Paul's epistles to the Corinthians, with special consideration on ministering in the local church.
- BI 235 **Prison & Pastoral Epistles****
An analysis and exposition of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1&2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon, with special focus on the wisdom they supply for present-day ministry.
- BI 303 **Hebrews & Leviticus****
An introduction to and exposition of Hebrews with a special focus on key passages and a correlation to the book of Leviticus.

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BI 304 Historical Books I

An analysis and exposition of Joshua through 1 Kings with emphasis on their history and theology.

BI 305 Major Prophets – Isaiah-Ezekiel

An analysis and exposition of Isaiah through Ezekiel, with emphasis on their revelation of God's overall design, especially regarding His Person, salvation, and the last days.

BI 306 Minor Prophets

An analysis and exposition of Hosea through Malachi, with emphasis on their revelation of God's overall design, especially regarding salvation and the last days.

BI 309 Historical Books II

An analysis and exposition of 1 Kings-Esther and 2 Chronicles, with emphasis on their history and theology.

BI 321 Poetic Books & Hebrew Parallelism

A study of the theme, outline, content, and theology of the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon with an emphasis on proper interpretation of ancient Hebrew parallelism.

BI 403 Daniel and Revelation

An exposition of Revelation and related parts of Daniel showing their relationship to history and prophecy.

BI 421 Biblical Evidences

A study of the various evidences demonstrating the historical accuracy of the Bible and the truths of Christianity.

Biblical Languages

BL 102 Basics of Biblical Greek

A simplified study of the forms and elements of Biblical Greek to develop in students an understanding of the value of Greek and basic familiarity for usage in Bible study.

BL 104 Basics of Biblical Hebrew

A simplified study of the forms and elements of Biblical Hebrew to develop in students an understanding of the value of Hebrew and basic familiarity for usage in Bible study.

BL 201 Elementary Greek I

A study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Greek, including instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.

BL 202 Elementary Greek II

A continued study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Greek, including instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.

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- BL 301 Greek Exegesis I**
A study developing the basics of NT Greek in a context of actual exegesis of Scripture for the purpose of developing the skills necessary to engage in intensive analytical study in order to accurately correlate, discern, and interpret the information which God embedded in His Word.
- BL 302 Greek Exegesis II**
A development of the content of Greek Exegesis I in a context of actual exegesis of Scripture for the purpose of strengthening the skills necessary to engage in intensive analytical study in order to accurately correlate, discern, and interpret the information which God embedded in His Word.
- BL 303 Greek Exegesis Preparation**
A study of the major aspects of the first two years of NT Greek, focusing on a refreshing of those aspects which are essential to the student's ability to recognize and apply elements of grammar, syntax, and vocabulary for accurate interpretation of Scripture.
- BL 401 Greek Exegesis of Ephesians & Colossians**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of Ephesians and Colossians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 402 Greek Exegesis of the Thessalonian Epistles**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Thessalonians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 403 Greek Exegesis of Timothy & Titus**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Timothy and Titus focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 404 Greek Exegesis of Romans**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of Romans focusing on key texts which highlight Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 405 Greek Exegesis of Galatians & James**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of Galatians and James focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 406 Greek Exegesis of 1 Corinthians**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of 1 Corinthians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 407 Greek Exegesis of Peter & Jude**
An exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Peter and Jude focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 408 Elementary Hebrew I**
A study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Hebrew, including word formation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.
- BL 409 Elementary Hebrew II**
A continued study of Biblical Hebrew, including further development of vocabulary and grammatical understanding, while using various narrative

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and poetic texts of Genesis to introduce Hebrew exegesis from the perspective of the ancient Hebrew mindset.

BL 410 Hebrew Grammar & Exegesis - Esther

A progressing study in Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and exegesis focused on development of an ancient Hebrew mindset using the narrative text of Esther.

BL 411 Hebrew Grammar & Exegesis - Psalms

A progressing study in Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and exegesis focused on development of an ancient Hebrew mindset using the poetic text of Psalms.

BL 412 Hebrew Exegesis – Isaiah

An exegetical study of the Hebrew text of Isaiah focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Hebrew grammar and syntax.

BL 413 Hebrew Exegesis – Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

An exegetical study of the Hebrew text of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Hebrew grammar, syntax, and Hebrew parallel structure.

BL 414 Hebrew Exegesis – Job

An exegetical study of selected texts of Job, focusing on application of the ancient Hebrew mindset and its grammar and syntax in the genre of pre-Abrahamic Hebrew wisdom poetry.

BL 415 Biblical Aramaic

A study of Biblical Aramaic focusing on the correlation between Hebrew and Aramaic grammar and syntax in a context of selected Aramaic texts in Daniel and Ezra.

BL 420 New Testament Textual Evaluation

A study of the field of NT textual criticism, including a technical evaluation of the methods and analyses used to discredit the Received Text, and a series of direct comparisons of actual variants which provide experience in accurate assessment of the priority of readings.

Biblical Counseling

BC 101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling

An introduction and overview of pastoral care in the local church ministry including personal soul winning, individual discipleship for new converts, and restorative counseling for erring believers.

BC 102 Principles for Christian Living

A study of the discipleship principles necessary to develop and maintain a mature Christian philosophy covering every aspect of life.

BC 203 Principles of Biblical Counseling

A study of the Biblical principles of counseling using the Bible as the sole authority including a survey of modern-day psychotherapies and their influences.

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- BC 208 Women Ministering to Women**
A study of Biblical principles for women ministering to women. Topics include helping women in problem marriages, single teen mothers, and women considering adoption.
- BC 228 Parenting**
A basic study of Biblical parenting. An emphasis will be placed on the proper place and use of authority/leadership within the home in the arena of child-rearing, single-parenting, working mothers, grand-parenting.
- BC 305 Premarital Counseling**
Development of a Biblical premarital counseling, including responsibilities in the church and home, interactions between husband and wife, interactions with family members, and God's plan for unity in the home.
- BC 306 Marriage Counseling**
A study of God's design for eliminating the destructive influences on marriage, while establishing and maintaining both future and existing marriages to be the glorious, blessed unions He intended them to be.
- BC 307 Marriage Counseling in Crisis**
Biblical principles to be used in restoring to fellowship those involved in verbal and in physical abuse, immorality, separation, divorce, and other life-dominating sins that sever Godly unity.
- BC 308 Crisis Counseling**
Biblical solutions to crisis counseling problems such as suicide, immorality, addictions, severe depression, fear, rebellion, worry, and other life-dominating sins.
- BC 312 Counseling of Children & Adolescents**
A study on working with children and their problems, including neglect and abuse, attention deficit disorder, drugs, peer pressure, guidance and career choices, and parent-child conflicts.
- BC 409 Biblical Counseling and the Concept of Self**
A study of the Biblical concept of self compared to modern psychological concepts, including self-esteem, self-image, self-worth, and self-confidence. Relationship issues are correlated to Biblical principles.
- BC 413 Applications of Biblical Counseling**
A course giving opportunities to observe Biblical counseling in progress. Includes development of a Biblical counseling plan with resources for solving common problems.
- BC 425 Biblical Counseling Certification Preparation I**
Assistance in the application, exams, and certification process with ACBC.
- BC 426 Biblical Counseling Certification Preparation II**
Continuing preparation for ACBC certification.

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English

EN 103 English Grammar & Linguistics

A study of the English language and its grammar, including an introduction to its history from a Biblical perspective and an examination of its components. Application of the concepts of English grammar to the English Bible to enhance the quality and effectiveness of Bible study.

EN 104 English Composition & Linguistics

A study of the effects of word choice and sentence structure in developing effective writing and speaking ability, including an analysis of existing texts and speeches which illustrate effective communication, and an application of these concepts to the student's own writing.

EN 110 English as a Second Language

A study of the English language specifically designed to help non-native speakers improve their comprehension and production of both spoken and written English communications.

EN 203 English Literature & Interpretation

An analysis of various English-language works for the purpose of exposure to the histories and cultures of the peoples who wrote them and the development of skills necessary to accurately interpret worded communications.

EN 204 World Literature & Interpretation

An analysis of various translated works for the purpose of exposure to the histories and cultures of the peoples who wrote them and the development of skills necessary to accurately interpret worded communications.

Foreign Language

FL 101 Spanish I

A study of the Spanish language for all who desire to develop an ability to communicate with the many Spanish-speaking individuals around them.

FL 102 Spanish II

A continuing study of the Spanish language for all who desire to develop an ability to communicate with the many Spanish-speaking individuals around them.

History

HI 101 World History Survey

A study of civilization from the earliest times to the present. Special attention is given to the various religions and the impact on Christianity.

HI 102 American History Survey

A survey of the founding and development of our political, social, and economic institutions along with their crises in the United States.

HI 201 Biblical Foundations of American Government

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A study of the founding principles of the government of the United States, correlated with the writings of American founders and patriots.

HI 441 History of Christianity I

A theological historical study of Christianity from the NT era to the time of the Reformation, focusing upon the transmission of the faith through the believing church and including a brief study of the theological deviations of other groups professing belief in Christ.

HI 442 History of Christianity II

A theological historical study of Christianity from the time of the Reformation to the present, focusing upon the transmission of the faith through the believing church, especially the Baptists, and including a brief study of the theological deviations of other groups professing belief in Christ.

Linguistics

LI 201 Introduction to Biblical Linguistics

An introduction to basic concepts in the field of linguistics, including phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

LI 202 Phonology & Speech Sounds

An examination of the speech sounds of the world's languages, including the manners in which they are produced and used.

LI 301 Morphology & Syntax

An examination of the formation and structure of words and sentences in different languages.

LI 302 Semantics & Pragmatics

An examination of the way in which words and sentences communicate meaning.

LI 311 Teaching English as a Second Language

An introduction to the methodology and materials used to teach English to non-native speakers. Includes an examination of relevant linguistic, psychological, pedagogical, and socio-cultural assumptions.

LI 401 Language & Cognition

A study of the parts of the brain involved in processing and producing language.

LI 402 Linguistics Field Techniques

An examination of methods for gathering and analyzing linguistic data while in the field.

Missions

MI 110 Theology & Practice of Missions

A study of God's design for missions, the qualifications and preparation of missionaries, and their relationships and interactions with all the organizations and individuals who will affect their missions activities.

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Theology

TH 412

Eschatology

A theological study and correlation of the Scriptures which describe or directly relate to the latter part of the history of the creation, demonstrating the firmness and inescapable nature of God's design in every aspect and moment of human existence.

TH 420

Modern Religions & Theology

A study of the false teachings of major religions and cults, including Mormonism, Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Eastern mysticism, and others.

TH 441

Old Testament Theology

An intensive analytical study of the unchanging person and nature of God from His earliest revelation, demonstrating the necessity of consistent application of His nature as Creator, Owner, and Absolute Authority over all that exists while demonstrating the absolute integrity and essential inseparable interdependence of the Scriptures.

TH 442

New Testament Theology

An intensive analytical study building on truths established in Old Testament Theology and designed to further develop an accurate understanding of the unchanging person and nature of God as He revealed Himself in His Son and the NT Scriptures, demonstrating and demanding consistency in all revelation of all times and kinds.

TH 450

Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design

An analytical study of God's perfect design of man and woman, beginning with His earliest revelation and developing an accurate understanding of His criteria for all their interactions in the creation, including their service for Him in their homes, among believers, and in the communities where they live.

TH 460

Biblical Leadership Theology

A foundational study of God's design for the thinking and actions of those who serve as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and all other roles prominent in assemblies of believers, beginning with an analysis of related Scriptures and moving to application of this Biblical Foundation to all aspects of interpersonal relationships, ministry responsibilities, and management of assembly activities.

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Tabernacle Baptist Seminary offers a series of graduate programs for all who desire to increase in their knowledge and understanding of God and His design for all that exists. Whether an individual simply desires to grow in the wisdom and ability to accurately represent the Creator or seeks the advanced understanding essential for successful formal ministry, TBS courses provide that knowledge in a series of programs all focusing on intensive analytical study of Scripture. Though academic requirements may appear to be the focus, all courses and programs are designed to develop in the student that complete and accurate knowledge of God which is the necessary foundation of all true success in every realm of life. Academic achievement alone, then, is not sufficient for receiving a TBS degree; degree candidates must indicate agreement with the TBS statement of faith and must have exhibited a mature personal relationship with Jesus Christ. This requirement supersedes all others.

Master of Religious Education Program

The Master of Religious Education (MRE) program consists of, basically, thirty-three semester-hours of graduate-level theological study designed to provide more intensive preparation for ministering the Word of God. Students may choose a concentration in Biblical Leadership, Biblical Counseling, or Biblical Languages.

Prerequisites:

- An approved Bachelor's degree
- Nine semester-hours of Bible
- Nine semester-hours in area of concentration
- An acceptable proficiency in touch typing
- An acceptable proficiency in office software
- Proper documentation of all prior college-level study

Applicants who have not fulfilled all prerequisites may be granted provisional acceptance into the program while completing prerequisites at TBBCS or other schools approved in advance by the Administration.

Transfer Credits: Applicants may request the transfer of a maximum of fifteen semester-hours of graduate credits wherein the applicant received a minimum grade of "B." These credits must be in courses which effectively substitute for the courses specified for this degree.

Graduation Requirements:

- Completion of all course work delineated for the specified degree
- Satisfaction of all financial obligations
- An acceptable proficiency in Bible software

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Master of Religious Education - Biblical Leadership

This concentration is designed to strengthen the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them a knowledge and concept of leadership that accurately conforms to the Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will develop from the Biblical language texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires thirty-three semester-hours of graduate level studies plus eighteen semester-hours of prerequisites.

BI	Preq - BI	3
BI	Preq - BI	3
	Bible	6
NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT	Preq - NT	3
NT	Preq - NT	3
	New Testament	9
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
	Theology	12

BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
	Biblical Languages	9
BC	BC Elective	3
	Biblical Counseling	3
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
OT	Preq - OT	3
OT	Preq - OT	3
	Old Testament	12
	Total Semester-Hours	51

Master of Religious Education - Biblical Counseling

This concentration is designed to strengthen the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them a knowledge and concept of Biblical counseling that accurately conforms to the Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will develop from the Biblical language texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires thirty-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus eighteen semester-hours of prerequisites.

BI	Preq - BI	3
BI	Preq - BI	3
	Bible	6
NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
	New Testament	3
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
	Old Testament	6
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
	Theology	12

BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
BL	Greek or Hebrew Elective	3
	Biblical Languages	9
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC	Preq - BC	3
BC	Preq - BC	3
BC	Preq - BC	3
	Biblical Counseling	18
	Total Semester-Hours	54

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Master of Religious Education - Biblical Languages

This concentration is designed to strengthen the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them a more intensive knowledge and understanding of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will develop from the Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires thirty-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus eighteen semester-hours of prerequisites.

BI	Preq - BI	3
BI	Preq - BI	3
BI	Preq - BI	3
	Bible	9
NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
	New Testament	3
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
	Theology	12

BL	Preq – Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq – Elementary Greek II	3
BL	Preq – Greek Exegesis or Syntax I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis or Syntax II	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
	Biblical Languages	21
BC EL	BC Elective	3
	Biblical Counseling	3
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 621	Wisdom Lit & Hebrew Parallelism	3
	Old Testament	6
	Total Semester-Hours	54

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Master of Divinity Program

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program consists of, basically, ninety-six semester-hours of graduate-level theological study designed to provide extensive preparation for analysis and application of the Word of God in a wide range of vocations. Students may choose a concentration in Biblical Leadership, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Languages, or Bible Translation.

Prerequisites: An approved Bachelor's degree
 Six semester-hours of NT Greek with demonstrated
 knowledge of basic grammar and vocabulary
 An acceptable proficiency in touch typing and office software
 with demonstrated ability to prepare and form documents
 A suitable laptop computer with appropriate software
 including BibleWorks 9 or 10, or complete equivalent
 Proper documentation of all prior college-level study
 Written requests for all transfer and ministry credits

Applicants who have not completed all prerequisites may be granted provisional acceptance into the program while fulfilling deficiencies at TBBCS. Students may request, in advance, permission to fulfill certain requirements at other schools deemed acceptable by the Administration.

Transfer Credits: Applicants may request the transfer of a maximum of forty-eight semester-hours of graduate credits wherein the applicant received a minimum grade of "B". These credits must be in courses which effectively substitute for the courses specified for this degree.

The tables below present typical requirements for degree concentrations, understanding that applicants may have completed varying levels of course work in the listed fields. Thus, the applicant must provide transcripts, sent directly from the respective institutions where the applicant has obtained graduate-level credits, with a minimum grade of "B." Upon receipt of all transcripts, TBS will evaluate the applicant's prior work, wherein he or she received a minimum grade of "B", and determine a projected course of study to fulfill degree requirements.

In special cases, an applicant who demonstrates the fulfillment of additional possible transfer credits by virtue of having taught or taken a course, or its equivalent, at a college or seminary of like academic level and Biblical philosophy may request in writing a transfer of equivalence credit. TBS will evaluate each request on an individual basis and respond to the applicant in writing. No transfer of equivalence credit will be completed until the student demonstrates effectiveness in course work at TBS.

Graduation Requirements:

- Completion of all specified courses with a 3.0 grade point average
- Satisfaction of all financial obligations
- An acceptable proficiency in BibleWorks 9 or 10, or complete equivalent

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Master of Divinity - Biblical Leadership

This concentration is designed to establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires intensive analytical understanding of leadership that accurately conforms to the Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will develop, and enhance, from the Biblical language texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires ninety-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
	New Testament	12
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
	Old Testament	12
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
	Theology	21
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC EL	BC Elective	3
	Biblical Counseling	12

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
	Greek	21
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
	Hebrew	12
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
	History	6
MI 610	Theology & History of Missions	3
	Missions	3
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
	Linguistics	3
	Total Semester-Hours	102

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Master of Divinity - Biblical Counseling

This concentration is designed to establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires intensive Biblical knowledge which allows them to effectively correlate the design of God to life in counseling situations. Students will develop, and enhance, from the Biblical language texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires ninety-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
	New Testament	12
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
	Old Testament	12
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
	Theology	21
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC EL	BC Elective	3
BC EL	BC Elective	3
	Biblical Counseling	15

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
	Greek	21
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
	Hebrew	12
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
	History	6
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
	Linguistics	3
	Total Semester-Hours	102

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Master of Divinity - Biblical Languages

This concentration is designed to establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them an intensive analytical knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will develop, and enhance, from the Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will also develop an ability to convey to others an accurate concept of the importance and significance of the Biblical languages for understanding and applying God's design for life.

This degree program requires ninety-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
	New Testament	12
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
	Old Testament	12
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
	Theology	21
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
	Biblical Counseling	6

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
	Greek	24
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
BL 720	OT Textual Evaluation	3
	Hebrew	15
BL 701	Biblical Aramaic	3
	Aramaic	3
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
	History	6
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
	Linguistics	3
	Total Semester-Hours	102

Seminary (Graduate) Programs

Doctoral Degree Programs

The doctoral programs of the Seminary are designed to thoroughly prepare students for intensive ministry of the Word of God by sharpening their abilities in Biblical exposition, theological analysis, and correlation of the design of God to a broad range of life applications. These programs provide, basically, thirty semester-hours of study beyond the Master of Divinity level, requiring an approved dissertation in addition to the specified course work.

Students accepted into a TBS doctoral program must maintain both academic success, with no grade below "B", and the standards of belief and practice established by the Administration. Students who do not maintain these criteria will be subject to immediate termination of their programs. Though some latitude in belief may be permitted while an individual student is learning, the Seminary will not condone or allow itself to appear to promote any belief or behavior deemed contrary to the school's Biblical foundation.

Dissertation

Each doctoral student will write and successfully defend a rigorous, 200-page dissertation on a subject approved by the student's primary advisor and the Administration. Doctoral students will not become candidates for the degree until the dissertation is completed and accepted by the Administration. The dissertation will conform to the TBS Dissertation Standards established by the Administration and administered by the student's primary advisor.

Students must complete all doctoral coursework and receive approval of the subject, methodology, and content of the dissertation prior to beginning formal work on the dissertation. The primary advisor may at his discretion reject, or require a complete revision of, any work done prior to approval. Portions of the dissertation will be submitted according to the schedule in the Dissertation Standards, with the final draft submitted not later than two years after the completion of coursework. Exceptions to this schedule must be approved in advance by the primary advisor and the Administration. Students must enroll in each trimester until completion of the dissertation.

Application

Individuals seeking admission into a TBS doctoral program must submit their request and all pertinent personal information and transcripts before being accepted into the desired program. Individuals may enroll in courses prior to their acceptance, but enrollment in courses does not constitute acceptance. Applicants will be notified by email or in writing regarding the status of their acceptance.

Prerequisites

All individuals who have not completed coursework equivalent to a TBS Master of Divinity, including prerequisites, will be granted only probationary status until all Master of Divinity requirements have been satisfied with no grade

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below "B". Students who are granted probationary status must complete any deficiencies at TBS, but may request, in advance, permission from the Academic Committee to fulfill certain prerequisite requirements at other schools.

Students who have received formal probationary admission into one of the Doctoral programs will not need to submit an additional request after fulfilling the Master of Divinity requirement unless their performance necessitates re-evaluation. Students who did not receive their Master of Divinity at TBS must complete all doctoral credits at TBS.

Ministry Experience Credits

The Doctor of Religious Education program does not allow ministry credits, but the Administration may override this condition and allow some credits in special cases where clear documentation of that experience indicates it to be equivalent to specific program requirements.

Graduation Requirements

- Completion of all specified courses

- Satisfaction of all financial obligations

- An acceptable proficiency in BibleWorks 9 or 10, or complete equivalent

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The Doctor of Religious Education (DRE) program provides, basically, an additional thirty semester-hours of intensive analytical study beyond the Master of Divinity. This program focuses on developing the skills of men and women who wish to insure their ability to accurately understand and correlate all aspects of the revelation of God and to proclaim that revelation in the most effective manner. This program provides opportunity to study in a particular field, but with the substantial Biblical languages foundation of each concentration, successful students will also develop abilities in accurate exposition and application of the Word of God. Students must maintain a “B” average at all times, while maintaining as well a minimum grade of "B" in all Biblical language courses, before becoming a candidate for graduation.

The tables given below present the requirements for the various concentrations available in this program. Students may choose to focus on Biblical Leadership, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Languages, or Bible Translation with variations as shown below. Applicants, however, may have completed varying levels of study in the listed fields. Thus, the applicant must provide transcripts, sent directly from the respective institutions where the applicant has obtained graduate-level credits with a minimum grade of “B.” Upon receipt of all transcripts, TBS will evaluate the applicant's prior work and determine a projected course of study to fulfill degree requirements.

In special cases, an applicant who demonstrates the fulfillment of a requirement by virtue of having taken an equivalent course at a college or seminary of like academic level and Biblical philosophy may request in writing a transfer of equivalence credit. TBS will evaluate each request on an individual basis and respond to the applicant in writing. No transfer of equivalence credit will be completed until the student demonstrates effectiveness in course work at TBS. All requests for transfer credit will be addressed to the Dean.

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Doctor of Religious Education – Biblical Leadership

This concentration is designed to further establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires intensive analytical understanding of leadership that accurately conforms to the Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will strengthen from the Biblical language texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will develop as well a truly Biblical philosophy and ability for helping others to perceive and apply God's design to life.

This degree program requires one hundred and twenty-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of dissertation research, in addition to the six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
	New Testament	18
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
	Old Testament	18
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
	Theology	27
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
BC 508	Crisis Counseling	3
BC EL	BC Elective	3
BC EL	BC Elective	3
	Biblical Counseling	15

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
	Greek	24
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
BL 720	OT Textual Evaluation	3
	Hebrew	15
BL 701	Biblical Aramaic or subst	3
	Aramaic	3
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
	History	6
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
	Linguistics	3
MI 610	Theology & History of Missions	3
	Missions	3
DS 630	Directed Research	3
DS 631	Directed Research	3
	Directed Research	6
	Total Semester-Hours	138

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Doctor of Religious Education - Biblical Languages

This concentration is designed to further establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them an intensive analytical knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures as God actually gave them. Students will strengthen from the Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will also develop an ability to convey to others an accurate concept of the importance and significance of the Biblical languages for understanding and applying God's design for life.

This degree program requires one hundred and twenty-six semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of dissertation research, in addition to the six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
	New Testament	18
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
	Old Testament	18
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
	Theology	27
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
	Biblical Counseling	6

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
	Greek	27
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis - Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
BL 720	OT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Hebrew Exegesis Elective	3
	Hebrew	18
BL 701	Biblical Aramaic or subst	3
	Aramaic	3
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
	History	6
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
LI 502	Phonology and Speech Sounds	3
LI 503	Morphology & Syntax	3
	Linguistics	9
DS 630	Directed Research	3
DS 631	Directed Research	3
	Directed Research	6
	Total Semester-Hours	138

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Doctor of Religious Education – Bible Translation

This concentration is designed to further establish the foundation of men and women whose service in the Body of Christ requires of them the extensive analytical knowledge of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures and linguistics essential for translating the Creator’s revelation into other languages. Students will strengthen from the Hebrew and Greek texts of Scripture an accurate understanding of the God Who Exists and His design for all that exists. They will also develop an ability to convey to others an accurate concept of the importance and significance of the Biblical languages for understanding and applying God's design for life.

This degree program requires one hundred and thirty-eight semester-hours of graduate level studies plus six semester-hours of dissertation research, in addition to the six semester-hours of Greek prerequisites.

NT 501	Advanced NT Introduction	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
NT EL	NT Elective	3
New Testament		18
OT 501	Advanced OT Introduction	3
OT 530	Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins	3
OT 531	Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion	3
OT 621	Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
OT EL	OT Elective	3
Old Testament		18
TH 540	Biblical Leadership Theology	3
TH 617	Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design	3
TH 620	Modern Religions & Theology	3
TH 715	Biblical Theology OT I	3
TH 716	Biblical Theology NT	3
TH 717	Biblical Theology OT II	3
TH 718	Biblical Theology & Philosophy	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
TH EL	Theology Elective	3
Theology		27
BC 601	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC 506	Marriage Counseling	3
Biblical Counseling		6
HI 641	History of Christianity I	3
HI 642	History of Christianity II	3
History		6

BL	Preq - Elementary Greek I	3
BL	Preq - Elementary Greek II	3
BL 511	Greek Exegesis I	3
BL 512	Greek Exegesis II	3
BL 603	Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus	3
BL 607	Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude	3
BL 710	NT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
BL EL	Greek Exegesis Elective	3
Greek		27
BL 501	Elementary Hebrew I	3
BL 502	Elementary Hebrew II	3
BL 503	Hebrew Exegesis – Esther	3
BL 504	Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms	3
BL 720	OT Textual Evaluation	3
BL EL	Hebrew Exegesis Elective	3
Hebrew		18
BL 701	Biblical Aramaic or subst	3
Aramaic		3
LI 501	Introduction to Biblical Linguistics	3
LI 502	Phonology and Speech Sounds	3
LI 503	Morphology & Syntax	3
LI 504	Semantics & Pragmatics	3
LI 505	Language & Cognition	3
LI 506	Linguistics Field Techniques	3
LI EL	Linguistics Elective	3
Linguistics		21
DS 630	Directed Research	3
DS 631	Directed Research	3
Directed Research		6
Total Semester-Hours		150

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Biblical Languages

BL 501 Elementary Hebrew I

An advanced study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Hebrew, including word formation, vocabulary, basic grammar, and instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.

BL 502 Elementary Hebrew II

A continued study of Biblical Hebrew, including further development of vocabulary and grammatical understanding, while using various narrative and poetic texts of Genesis to introduce Hebrew exegesis from the perspective of the ancient Hebrew mindset.

BL 503 Hebrew Exegesis – Esther

An advanced course in Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and exegesis focused on development of an ancient Hebrew mindset using the narrative text of Esther.

BL 504 Hebrew Exegesis - Psalms

An advanced course in Hebrew vocabulary, grammar, and exegesis focused on development of an ancient Hebrew mindset using the poetic text of Psalms.

BL 505 Hebrew Exegesis – Isaiah

An exegetical study of selected texts of Isaiah, focusing on application of the ancient Hebrew mindset and its grammar and syntax in the genre of ancient Hebrew prophetic poetry.

BL 506 Hebrew Exegesis – Proverbs & Ecclesiastes

An exegetical study of selected texts of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, focusing on application of the ancient Hebrew mindset and its grammar and syntax in the genre of ancient Hebrew wisdom poetry.

BL 507 Hebrew Exegesis – Job

An exegetical study of selected texts of Job, focusing on application of the ancient Hebrew mindset and its grammar and syntax in the genre of pre-Abrahamic Hebrew wisdom poetry.

BL 509 Elementary Greek I

An advanced study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Greek, including instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.

BL 510 Elementary Greek II

A continued study of the basic forms and principles of Biblical Greek, including instruction on the proper use of language study tools for accurate interpretation and application.

BL 511 Greek Exegesis I

An advanced study developing the basics of NT Greek in a context of actual exegesis of Scripture for the purpose of developing the skills

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necessary to engage in intensive analytical study in order to accurately correlate, discern, and interpret the information which God embedded in His Word.

- BL 512 Greek Exegesis II**
An advanced study developing the content of Greek Exegesis I in a context of actual exegesis of Scripture for the purpose of strengthening the skills necessary to engage in intensive analytical study in order to accurately correlate, discern, and interpret the information which God embedded in His Word.
- BL 601 Greek Exegesis – Ephesians & Colossians**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of Ephesians and Colossians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 602 Greek Exegesis - Thessalonian Epistles**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Thessalonians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 603 Greek Exegesis - Timothy & Titus**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Timothy and Titus focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 604 Greek Exegesis - Romans**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of Romans focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 605 Greek Exegesis - Galatians & James**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of Galatians and James focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 606 Greek Exegesis - 1 Corinthians**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of 1 Corinthians focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 607 Greek Exegesis - Peter & Jude**
An advanced exegetical study of the Greek text of 1&2 Peter and Jude focusing on key texts which highlight special points of Greek grammar and syntax.
- BL 701 Biblical Aramaic**
An advanced study of Biblical Aramaic focusing on the correlation between Hebrew and Aramaic grammar and syntax in a context of selected Aramaic texts in Daniel and Ezra.
- BL 710 NT Textual Evaluation**
An advanced study of the field of NT textual criticism including especially a technical evaluation of the erroneous methodologies and technical analyses employed to discredit the Received Text, and a series of direct

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comparisons of actual variants which provide experience in accurate assessment of the priority of readings.

BL 720 OT Textual Evaluation

An advanced study of the field of OT textual criticism including especially a technical evaluation of the erroneous methodologies and technical analyses employed to discredit the Received Text.

BL 801 Research in Biblical Greek

BL 802 Intensive analysis of various NT passages and topics to insure accurate understanding, theological correlation to other Scriptures, and proper application in human existence. Includes a focus on preservation of results and preparation for public presentation.

BL 803 Research in Biblical Hebrew

BL 804 Intensive analysis of various OT passages and topics to insure accurate understanding, theological correlation to other Scriptures, and proper application in human existence. Includes a focus on preservation of results and preparation for public presentation.

Biblical Counseling

BC 505 Premarital Counseling

An advanced study of Biblical principles to be used in the development of a Biblical premarital counseling, including responsibilities in the church and home, interactions between husband and wife, interactions with family members, and God's plan for unity in the home.

BC 506 Marriage Counseling

An advanced study of God's design for eliminating the destructive influences on marriage, while establishing and maintaining both future and existing marriages to be the glorious, blessed unions He intended them to be.

BC 507 Marriage Counseling in Crisis

An advanced study of Biblical principles to be used in restoring to fellowship those involved in verbal and in physical abuse, immorality, separation, divorce, and other life-dominating sins that sever Godly unity.

BC 508 Crisis Counseling

An advanced study of Biblical solutions to crisis counseling problems such as suicide, immorality, addictions, severe depression, fear, rebellion, worry, and other life-dominating sins.

BC 509 Biblical Counseling & the Concept of Self

An advanced study of the Biblical concept of self as compared with the modern psychological concepts including self-esteem, self-image, self-worth, and self-confidence. Relationship issues are correlated to Biblical principles.

BC 510 Principles for Christian Living

An advanced study of the discipleship principles necessary to develop and maintain a mature Christian philosophy covering every aspect of life.

BC 512 Biblical Counseling of Children & Adolescents

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An advanced study on working with children and their problems, including neglect and abuse, attention deficit disorder, drugs, peer pressure, guidance and career choices, and parent-child conflicts.

BC 513 Applications of Biblical Counseling I
Observation of Biblical counseling in progress. Includes case studies, Bible studies, and the organization of a counseling plan for solving common problems from the Scriptures.

BC 514 Applications of Biblical Counseling II
Continued observation of Biblical counseling in progress with emphasis on the practical application of counsel from the Scriptures. Includes evaluation of specific problems and implementation of Biblical plans for change.

BC 525 Biblical Counseling Certification Preparation I
Assistance in the application, exams, and certification process with ACBC.

BC 526 Biblical Counseling Certification Preparation II
Continued preparation for ACBC certification.

BC 528 Parenting
An advanced study of God's design for parenting, including an emphasis on the proper use of authority/leadership within the home in the arena of child-rearing, single-parenting, working mothers, grand-parenting.

BC 601 Introduction to Biblical Counseling
An advanced introduction and overview of pastoral care in the local church ministry including personal soul winning, individual discipleship for new converts, and restorative counseling for erring believers.

BC 608 Women Ministering to Women
An advanced study of Biblical principles for women ministering to women. Topics include helping women in problem marriages, single teen mothers, and women considering adoption.

BC 629 Parenting in Crisis
An advanced Biblical focus on the challenges faced in dealing with such topics as the exceptional child, physical handicaps, substance abuse, immorality, pregnancy of a minor, and abortion.

Dissertation

DS 630 Directed Research for Dissertation
to
Directed research on an approved subject for the student's dissertation.

DS 633

History

HI 641 History of Christianity I
An advanced theological historical study of Christianity from the NT era to the time of the Reformation, focusing upon the transmission of the faith through the believing church and including a brief study of the theological deviations of other groups professing belief in Christ.

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HI 642 History of Christianity II
An advanced theological historical study of Christianity from the time of the Reformation to the present, focusing upon the transmission of the faith through the believing church, especially the Baptists, and including a brief study of the theological deviations of other groups professing belief in Christ.

HI 801 Research in History of Christianity

HI 802 A study of various topics in religious history following the student's particular field.

Linguistics

LI 501 Introduction to Biblical Linguistics

An advanced introduction to basic concepts in the field of linguistics, including phonology, morphology, syntax, and semantics.

LI 502 Phonology & Speech Sounds

An advanced examination of the speech sounds of the world's languages, including the manners in which they are produced and used.

LI 503 Morphology & Syntax

An advanced examination of the formation and structure of words and sentences in different languages.

LI 504 Semantics & Pragmatics

An advanced examination of the way in which words and sentences communicate meaning.

LI 505 Language & Cognition

An advanced study of the parts of the brain involved in processing and producing language.

LI 506 Linguistics Field Techniques

An advanced examination of methods for gathering and analyzing linguistic data while in the field.

LI 511 Teaching English as a Second Language

An advanced introduction to the methodology and materials used to teach English to non-native speakers. Includes an examination of relevant linguistic, psychological, pedagogical, and socio-cultural assumptions.

Missions

MI 610 Theology & Practice of Missions

An advanced study of God's design for missions, the qualifications and preparation of missionaries, and their relationships and interactions with all the organizations and individuals who will affect their missions activities.

MI 801 Research in Missions

MI 802 A study of various topics in Christian missions following the student's particular field.

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New Testament Studies

- NT 501 **Advanced New Testament Introduction****
An advanced study of the canon and text of the New Testament, including the composition, authorship, date, context, and contents of each book.
- NT 514 **Acts****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of Acts with special focus on key passages.
- NT 515 **Petrine Epistles****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of 1&2 Peter with special focus on key passages.
- NT 517 **Hebrews & Leviticus****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of Hebrews with a special focus on key passages and a correlation to the book of Leviticus.
- NT 519 **Pastoral Epistles****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of 1&2 Timothy and Titus with special focus on key passages.
- NT 602 **Gospels & Life of Christ****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of the four Gospels with special focus on key passages.
- NT 610 **Romans, Galatians, and 1&2 Thessalonians****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of Romans, Galatians, and 1&2 Thessalonians with special focus on key passages.
- NT 620 **Revelation****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of the Revelation with special focus on key passages.
- NT 710 **Corinthian Epistles****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of 1&2 Corinthians with special focus on key passages.
- NT 716 **Prison Epistles****
An advanced introduction to and exposition of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon with special focus on key passages.
- NT 801 **Research in New Testament Studies****
to A study of New Testament topics following the student's particular field.
NT 804

Old Testament Studies

- OT 501 **Advanced Old Testament Introduction****
An advanced study of the canon and text of the Old Testament to include the composition, authorship, date, context, and contents of each book.
- OT 505 **Major Prophets****

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An advanced analysis and exposition of Isaiah-Ezekiel with emphasis on their revelation of God's perfect design, especially regarding His Person, salvation, and the last days.

OT 506 Minor Prophets

An advanced analysis and exposition of Hosea-Malachi with emphasis on their revelation of God's perfect design, especially regarding salvation and the last days.

OT 507 Genesis 12-Deuteronomy

An advanced study of the Mosaic record of God's development of the nation of Israel from the call of Abraham in Genesis 12 to the death of Moses at the end of Deuteronomy.

OT 530 Genesis 1-5: Creation & Origins

An advanced study of the text of Genesis 1-5 and the Biblical creation science related to this portion of Scripture, demonstrating the necessity of accurate interpretation in order to reveal the validity, historicity, and foundational nature of these earliest words of God's revelation.

OT 531 Genesis 6-11: Flood & Dispersion

An advanced study of the text of Genesis 6-11 and the Biblical creation science related to this portion of Scripture, demonstrating the necessity of accurate interpretation in order to reveal the scientific accuracy, historicity, and significance of these early words of God's revelation.

OT 612 Archaeology & Geography

An advanced study of the geography and archaeology of the lands of the Bible, demonstrating the accuracy of the Scriptures in relation to these two disciplines.

OT 615 Historical Books I

An advanced study of the Historical Books of Joshua-1 Kings and 1 Chronicles, emphasizing their history and theology.

OT 616 Historical Books II

An advanced study of the Historical Books of 1 Kings-Esther and 2 Chronicles, emphasizing their history and theology.

OT 621 Wisdom Literature & Hebrew Parallelism

An advanced introduction to Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and other poetic Scriptures with analysis of key passages and a focus on proper interpretation of the ancient Hebrew poetic structure.

OT 801 Research in Old Testament Studies

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OT 804

A study of Old Testament topics following the student's particular field.

Theology

TH 540 Biblical Leadership Theology

An advanced study of God's design for the thinking and actions of those who serve as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, teachers, and all other roles prominent in assemblies of believers, beginning with an analysis of

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related Scriptures and moving to application of this Biblical Foundation to all aspects of interpersonal relationships, ministry responsibilities, and management of assembly activities.

- TH 617 Man & Woman: God's Perfect Design**
An advanced analytical study of God's perfect design of man and woman, beginning with His earliest revelation and developing an accurate understanding of His criteria for all their interactions in the creation, including their service for Him in their homes, among believers, and in the communities where they live.
- TH 620 Modern Religions & Theology**
An advanced study of the false teachings of major religions and cults, including Mormonism, Islam, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Science, Eastern Mysticism, and others.
- TH 712 Eschatology**
A theological study and correlation of the Scriptures which describe or directly relate to the latter part of the history of the creation, demonstrating the firmness and inescapable nature of God's design in every aspect and moment of human existence.
- TH 715 Biblical Theology of the Old Testament I**
An advanced analytical theological study designed to develop an accurate understanding of the unchanging person and nature of God from the earliest words of His revelation, demonstrating and demanding consistent application of His nature as Creator, Owner, and Absolute Authority from eternity past to eternity future in every aspect of the creation.
- TH 716 Biblical Theology of the New Testament**
An advanced analytical theological study building on the content in BTOT and designed to further develop an accurate understanding of the person and nature of God as He revealed Himself both in His Son and the NT Scriptures, demonstrating and demanding a perspective which thoroughly integrates all revelation of all times, regardless of its nature.
- TH 717 Biblical Theology of the Old Testament II**
An advanced analytical theological study designed to expand and develop the knowledge and understanding of the person and nature of God established in the foundational teachings of BTOT I, especially including analyses of texts which often lead to questions and potential misunderstanding.
- TH 718 Biblical Theology & Philosophy**
An advanced analytical theological study building upon the content of BTOT and BTNT courses and designed to provide an accurate Biblical perspective which exposes the nature of humanism and its constantly encroaching influence into the realm of Christianity.
- TH 801 to TH 804 Research in Theology**
A study of theology topics following the student's particular field.

Seminary (Graduate) Course Descriptions

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Kenneth F. Sheets, Dean and Professor of Biblical Languages and Theology, holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering (1976) from the University of Virginia and a Master of Divinity in Old Testament (1986) from Tennessee Temple Baptist Seminary and has done additional work toward a doctoral degree. He came to TBBCS in 2005 after serving in pastoral roles in Oregon and North Carolina and teaching for twelve years at Ambassador Baptist College. Mr. Sheets has combined his analytical abilities and facility in the Biblical languages with an intensive understanding of God as Creator to produce numerous unpublished theses and exegetical analyses demonstrating the necessity and value of understanding the revelation of God as He gave it. He is also a U.S. Army veteran (Vietnam War).

Ray D. Fulayter
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Ray D. Fulayter, Professor of Bible and Biblical Counseling, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (1964) from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, a Master of Divinity (1982) from Maranatha Baptist Graduate School of Theology, and a Doctor of Religious Education (1992) from Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary. He has over fifty-five years of teaching experience, primarily on the college and graduate level, with over twenty-five years of concurrent pastoral experience. Certified with the American Association of Biblical Counselors, he combines his knowledge and experience to provide Biblical counsel and instruction to individuals, couples, families, and children.

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Rebecca L. Miller, Professor of Biblical Languages and Linguistics, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (2009) with a minor in linguistics from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Master of Divinity (2015) and Doctor of Religious Education (2017) in Biblical Languages from Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary. Her doctoral dissertation, entitled *Tracing the Language of Adam through History: A Biblical Model for the History of Language*, demonstrates the analytical and linguistic abilities which she combines with her facility in Biblical languages in her teaching. She is continuing her linguistic research to discern the evidences connecting modern languages to those formed at the Babel dispersion.

Walter A. Yoho
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Walter A. Yoho, Professor of Bible and Theology, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (1970) from Eastern University and a Master of Arts (1972) and Doctor of Philosophy (1974) from Bob Jones University. In his forty-five years of ministry, Dr. Yoho has served in various roles including college professor, college administrator, and pastor and has also authored numerous books and booklets which provide both devotional and theological insights into the Scriptures. Before coming to TBBCS in 2001, he taught at Pensacola Christian College, Colonial Baptist College, and Piedmont Bible College.

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Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling

Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling (HRBC), a training center for the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC), formerly the Nouthetic Association of Biblical Counselors (NANC), is a non-profit ministry which provides training for pastors and Christian workers who are interested in becoming certified in Biblical counseling. HRBC provides the basic training for Christian workers who would like to pursue certification with ACBC. When an individual becomes certified with ACBC, he or she may also become certified with the International Association of Biblical Counselors (IABC). Both ACBC and IABC provide a network of pastors and Christian leaders who give Biblical counsel.

Hampton Roads Biblical Counseling uses certified Biblical counselors in the instruction of this basic training. Some of the goals of HRBC are:

- to provide accurate Biblical counsel through direct personal interaction and by digital means such as Skype and Facetime,
- to train men and women in the content and methods for providing Biblical counsel through their churches,
- to develop in believers the spiritual maturity and ability to apply Biblical principles successfully in life,
- to inform believers and nonbelievers alike regarding current issues in Biblical counseling, including the error of eclecticism which uses psychological and secular counseling content and methods,
- to assist those in the process of pursuing Biblical counseling certification,
- to suggest resource tools to help counselors,
- to encourage fundamental Baptist Biblical counselors to publish valuable materials for use in local churches, and
- to remain current in Federal and State legislation.

HRBC conducts seminars (*Facing Life's Challenges*) in local churches, some of the content of which may be applied to fulfill the basic training required by ACBC. HRBC also uses courses through Tabernacle Baptist Bible College and Seminary to fulfill this requirement. Presently, the courses include:

- Introduction to Biblical Counseling,
- Biblical Principles for Christian Living,
- Marriage and Family Counseling,
- Crisis Counseling, and
- Observation of Biblical Counseling, a course including discussion and observation of Biblical counselors.

Other courses in Biblical counseling training include Women Ministering to Women and the Biblical Doctrine of Self.

Observation of our ACBC counselors while they minister to families coming for Biblical counsel is available as circumstances and schedules allow.

For further information regarding classes, schedules, procedures, and qualifications, please contact the HRBC Training Center at Tabernacle Baptist Church by phone at 757-424-4673 ext 326, or by email at rayfulayter@msn.com or drrayfulayter@tabernacle-vb.org.

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