

## Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Biblical Studies

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies, the graduate should be able to:

- 1. Interpret and analyze the history, content, and background of the Bible;
- 2. Evaluate Christian doctrine and theology and articulate their ethical and theological positions in light of local and global contexts;
- 3. Design and defend scholarly research papers;
- 4. Apply Biblical hermeneutics to an advanced exegetical research project; and
- 5. Evaluate other worldviews and apply the Biblical worldview to theological reflection in their specific context

This program is designed to provide the student with an in-depth study of the Scriptures on a graduate level. Hermeneutical principles and theological studies will be taught and then applied to study of the Scriptures. This program consists of thirty-six credit hours of classroom, specific and/or independent studies. Students are expected to be involved in a ministry of a local church on a regular basis.

| CED 5612 | Writing Research Papers Across        |            |
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|          | the Curriculum                        | 3 Credits  |
| HIS 5501 | Church History I                      | 3 Credits  |
| LAN 5501 | Introduction to Biblical Languages OR |            |
| GRE4220  | Beginning Greek I                     | 3 Credits  |
| NTS 5501 | New Testament Literature and Theology | 3 Credits  |
| NTS 5507 | Wealth and Poverty in the Bible       | 3 Credits  |
| OTS 5501 | Old Testament Literature and Theology | 3 Credits  |
| REL 5300 | World Religions                       | 3 Credits  |
| THE 5561 | Systematic Theology I                 | 3 Credits  |
| THE 5562 | Systematic Theology II                | 3 Credits  |
| THE 5571 | Christian Apologetics                 | 3 Credits  |
| THE 6651 | Biblical Hermeneutics                 | 3 Credits  |
| THE 6680 | MA Seminar                            | 3 Credits  |
|          | Total                                 | 36 Credits |