

Program Outcomes

The Master of Arts Bible/Theology Program has been developed to help the student grow toward maturity. As a graduate from the Master of Arts Program at Tri-State Bible College, the student will be able to:

- Enhance their skills in basic and advanced methods of Bible study utilizing both Hebrew and Greek language tools and software comparable to Logos 6 Gold.
- Articulate effective research principles applicable to any field of study.
- Skillfully and effectively communicate in writing.
- Defend a biblical worldview in the midst of contrasting world philosophies.
- Authenticate proficiency in missiology by increasing cognitive learning with a missions practicum.
- Exhibit defined leadership skills by integrating leadership principles with a leadership practicum.

Admission Requirements

Complete Application

Bachelor's degree
from an accredited institution

Transcript of undergraduate studies
with GPA of 2.5 or higher

Pre-requisite coursework:
AB104 Principles of Bible Study
GS220 Bible Language Tools
or equivalent Greek and Hebrew

Autobiographical essay including your reasons
for desiring an MA in Bible/Theology
(maximum 1,000 words)

Computer & Internet competency

Two letters of recommendation
from separate faith based
non-profit organizations

TSBC Master's Commission approval



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Servants
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Master of Arts

Course Descriptions - 36 Hours

BI 501 Advanced Principles of Bible Study 4 hours

This course is designed to train students in advanced principles of Bible study by utilizing technological resources to assist in skillfully gathering data for the construction of biblical concepts ready for proclamation; thus bridging the gap between principles of Bible study and expository preaching. Completion of this class is required the first semester of the MA program.

BI 506 Biblical Exegesis & Interpretation 3 hours

This course is an exegetical study of selected Old Testament and New Testament passages. Corequisite: BI501.

GS 503 Theological Research and Writing for Ministry 3 hours

This is an applied course on research and writing methodology. The primary focus of the course is developing research goals and practicing the skills of research to examine a thesis. Secondly, the course will explore the interpretation of biblical/theological issues as they pertain to practical ministry challenges. Students will employ the Turabian style of examination, documentation, and communication of research materials. Corequisite: BI501.

TH 504 Old Testament Theology 3 hours

This course is an examination of the theological teachings of the Old Testament. Emphasis will be given to the progressive, chronological development of these teachings as they surface throughout the Old Testament text. Prerequisite: BI501 and GS503.

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MI 602: Ministry in Appalachia 3 hours

This course is designed to help students understand the universal foundation of biblical ministry. They will see the biblical basis for ministry contextualization and the need to adapt their ministry to their culture while maintaining a biblically faithful ministry. They will see the unique factors that comprise Appalachia and explore ways to minister within the Appalachian context. The student will explore ministry that contributes to their field of ministry without hurting that field. Prerequisite: 16 MA credits.

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*Do your best to present yourself to God
as one approved, a worker who has
no need to be ashamed,
rightly handling the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 2:15

HU 602 Christian Apologetics

3 hours

This course is designed to prepare students to defend the biblical foundations of their faith by appropriate documentation and solid interpretation. Statements of Christianity's foundational views will be carefully evaluated in light of the Scriptures. Prerequisite: 16 MA credits.

HU 601 Survey of Contemporary Philosophies

3 hours

This course is designed to help students develop a biblical worldview as they examine various philosophical positions. These positions surround and infiltrate existing ministries, challenge pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and other Christian leaders who are on the front lines of ministry in a diverse global society. Prerequisite: 16 MA credits.

CE 603 Theory and Practices of Church Leadership & Administration

3 hours

Leadership is multidimensional. This course is designed to help students become effective Christian leaders and decision makers in the local church and in an ever-changing world. To do so, the course will answer theoretical and practical questions that affect Christian workers, teachers, preachers, and laymen from a biblical perspective and examine the processes of goal setting, organization, human relation, delegation, supervision, and leadership training. Prerequisite: 16 MA credits.

MI 604 Application of Theology to Missions

4 hours

This course consists of a study which utilizes research and writing in order to give the student insight into the theological basis for missions. Thereafter, a well-established missions endeavor relating to each student's area of interest will be selected with the approval of the course instructor. Prerequisite: 16 MA credits.

MI 605 Capstone Learning Project

4 hours

The capstone project is designed to give the student appropriate application of all courses included in the program. The student will select a project and have it approved by the instructor. Applicable research will provide data to create a final authentic learning project. This class must be completed the final semester of the MA program. Corequisite: 32 MA credits.