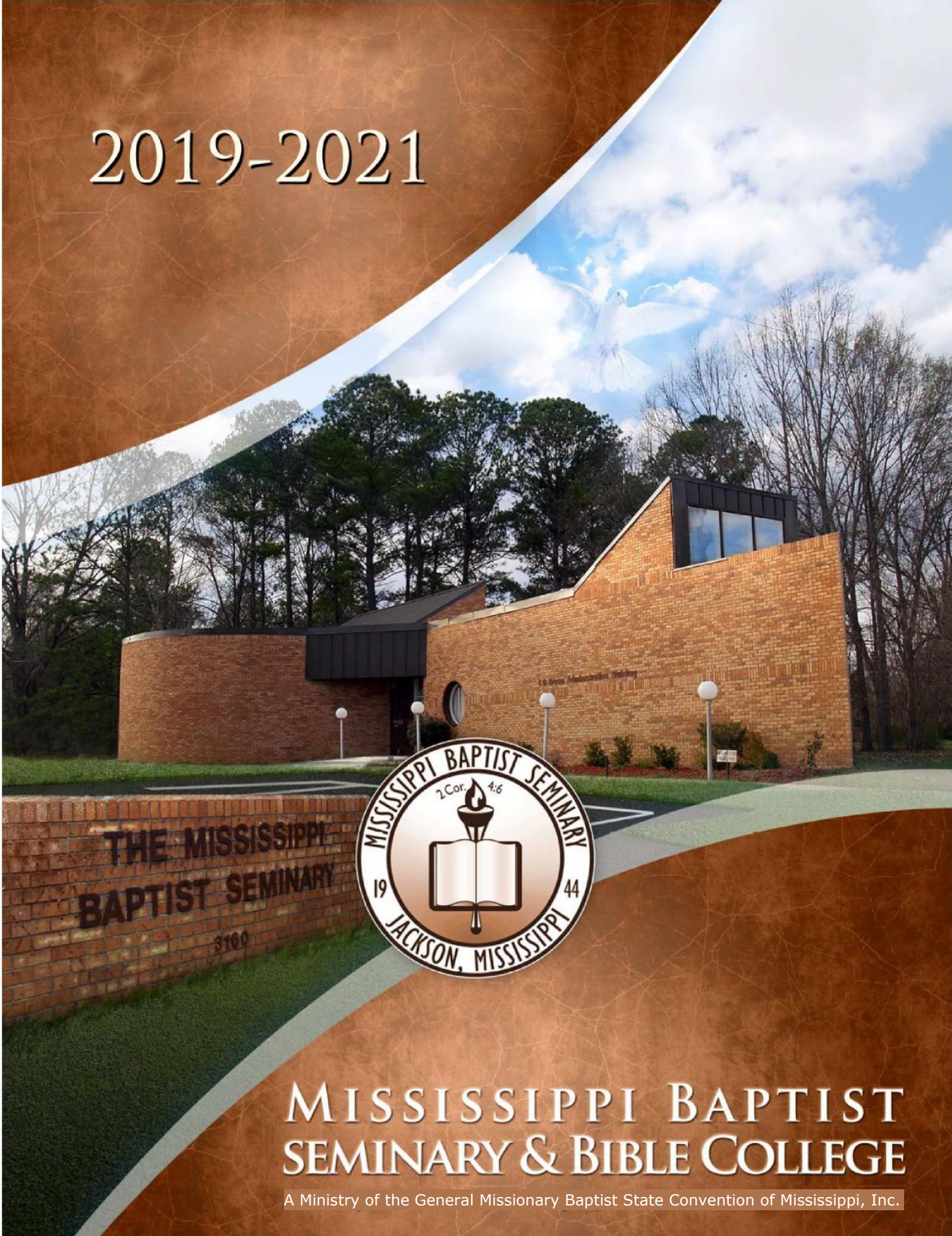


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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY & BIBLE COLLEGE

A Ministry of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc.



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SPRING SEMESTER 2019

January
2 Registration Begins
14 Classes Begin
18 Registration Ends/Last Day to add or drop classes
21 Holiday – Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday
22 Classes Resume

February
English Proficiency Examination (Undergraduate)

March
1 Submit Petition to Graduate
6-8 Mid-Term Examination
11-15 Spring Break
18 Classes Resume

April
19-22 Easter break
23 Classes Resume

May
1-3 Final Examination
Registration Begins for Summer Session

SUMMER SEMESTER 2019

June
1 Graduation
6 Classes Begin
10 Registration Ends
13 Last Day to add or Drop a class

July
22-26 GMBSC Annual Session (No Class)

August
14-16 Final Examination/Registration for Fall Session Begins
19 Summer Term Ends

FALL SEMESTER 2019

August
19 Classes Begin
20 Convocation
23 Registration Ends/Last Day to Add or Drop a Class

September
2-6 Holiday – Labor Day/NBC Meeting (No Class)
9 Classes Resume

October
23-25 Mid-Term Examination

November
25-29 Holiday Thanksgiving Break

December
18-20 Final Examination
20 Classes End

SPRING SEMESTER 2020

January
6 Registration Begins
13 Classes Begin
17 Registration Ends/Last Day to add or drop classes
20 Holiday – Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday
21 Classes Resume

February
English Proficiency Examination (Undergraduate)

March
2 Submit Petition to Graduate
3-5 Mid-Term Examination
9-13 Spring Break
16 Classes Resume

April
10-13 Easter break
14 Classes Resume

May
11-12 Final Examination
Registration Begins for Summer Session

SUMMER SEMESTER 2020

June
6 Graduation
8 Classes Begin
12 Registration Ends
12 Last Day to add or Drop a class

July
20-24 GMBSC Annual Session (No Class)

August
17-19 Final Examination/Registration for Fall Session Begins
19 Summer Term Ends

FALL SEMESTER 2020

August
19 Classes Begin
20 Convocation
24 Registration Ends/Last Day to Add or Drop a Class

September
7-11 Holiday – Labor Day/NBC Meeting (No Class)
14 Classes Resume

October
12-14 Mid-Term Examination

November
23-27 Holiday Thanksgiving Break
30 Classes Resume

December
16-18 Final Examination
18 Classes End

SPRING SEMESTER 2021

January
5 Registration Begins
11 Classes Begin
13 Registration Ends/Last Day to add or drop classes
18 Holiday – Martin L. King, Jr. Birthday
19 Classes Resume

February
English Proficiency Examination (Undergraduate)

March
3-5 Mid-Term Examination
Submit Petition
8-12 Spring Break
15 Classes Resume

April
2-5 Easter break
6 Classes Resume
28-May 3 Final Examination

May
3 Registration Begins for Summer Session

SUMMER SEMESTER 2021

June
5 Graduation
7 Classes Begin
9 Registration Ends
11 Last Day to add or Drop a class

July
19-23 GMBSC Annual Session (No Class)

August
16-18 Final Examination/Registration for Fall Session Begins
18 Summer Term Ends

FALL SEMESTER 2021

August
19 Classes Begin
20 Convocation
23 Registration Ends/Last Day to Add or Drop a Class

September
6-10 Holiday – Labor Day/NBC Meeting (No Class)
13 Classes Resume

October
13-15 Mid-Term Examination

November
22-26 Holiday Thanksgiving Break

December
8-10 Final Examination
10 Classes End

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY & BIBLE COLLEGE

2019-2021 CATALOG



GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY BOARD!

Dear Students and Friends, it is with great heartfelt humility and love that I extend greetings to you for the upcoming Academic Term of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Again, as in previous terms, we plan to offer you outstanding opportunities to support your efforts to grow in grace and knowledge. Second Peter 3:18 tells us “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever.” In a similar admonishment, Psalm 32, verse 8 states that the Lord promises (to which this Seminary is committed): “I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.”

Our curricula will offer an outstanding array of speakers and instructors who will address religious information in exciting and spirit filled ways. Our goal is to bring students quality biblical learning experiences.

We invite you to enjoy your curricula experiences, learn as much as possible, share as much as you can with others and take advantage of all that the Mississippi Baptist Seminary has to offer.

Please know that the Seminary thanks you for your participation and looks forward to an exciting upcoming Session with you and all who attend.

Be eternally blessed,

Johnnie Mills-Jones, Ph.D

GENERAL INFORMATION

GOVERNMENT OF THE SEMINARY

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary is owned by the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. The Seminary is governed by a fifteen (15) member board consisting of eight (8) officers of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc.; these officers appoint the seven (7) administrative officers and sets the policies governing the theological education. The curriculum and degrees are approved by the Board upon the recommendations of the Dean and the President with consultation and advice from staff, faculty, students and alumni.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College derives its support from churches, associations, the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, various other National Baptist State Conventions and gifts from individuals, foundations, tuition and student fees. No government aid is received in any form.

FACILITIES

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College's main office is located in Jackson, Mississippi. Its campus is on John R. Lynch Street in the Jackson State University community. A modern facility was constructed and dedicated in June 1980. The administration-classroom facility is named in honor of Dr. T. B. Brown, who served as Seminary president from 1970-1978.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College National Alumni Association is composed of graduates and former students of the Seminary. The Association provides financial support and undertakes projects to aid the Seminary in its growth and development.



GENERAL INFORMATION

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary is to educate and develop Christians for worldwide leadership and service. This purpose embraces the institution's founders' beliefs and values as represented in the goals and objectives delineated

below. The purpose was and is to offer a valuable resource to perpetuate Baptist traditions in ministry for ministerial and laity leaders through teaching and religious nurturing for effective leadership of largely Black and rural minorities.

HISTORY

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary was founded in 1941 by Dr. Herbert L. Lang, who was its first president. While serving as president of Union Baptist Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Lang discovered that a majority of the students enrolled at Union were from Mississippi. In response, he organized Bible classes and institutes in Tylertown, Magnolia, the Gulf Coastal Region, the South-Central Region, the Delta Region and as far north as Sardis.

So vast was the opportunity and so great was the need that Dr. Lang resigned from the presidency of Union Baptist Seminary to give full-time service to extension work in Mississippi. He had no means of financial support, but trusted God to raise up friends in Mississippi who would support this work.

Professor J. E. Johnson, the founder and President of Prentiss Institute and Junior College, visited Dr. Lang in 1942 and persuaded him to go to Jefferson Davis County to organize a Bible class at Prentiss Institute. The class was begun in the summer of 1943. Interest in the Seminary for the training of ministers was intense. A historic meeting took place in the home of Professor and Mrs. Johnson on December 31, 1943. Attending this meeting were: Reverend E. T. Oatis, Reverend M.L. Gray, Reverend Eddie Barnes, Mr. U. S. Polk, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson, and Dr. Herbert L. Lang. At this meeting, the Union Theological Seminary was founded. The Seminary was incorporated as the Mississippi Union Theological Seminary and a charter of incorporation was granted by the State on March 15, 1944. On May 30, 1946, the name of the

Seminary was changed to the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Jackson, Mississippi was selected as its permanent location.

On February 9, 1944, another historic meeting took place in the Pastor's study of the First Baptist Church, Indianola, Mississippi. This meeting was called by Dr. D. A. McCall, Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Attending this meeting were: Mr. John Davis, President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. J. D. Ray, Chairman of the Committee on African-American Work, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. G. Norman Price, Pastor, First Baptist Church; and Dr. Herbert L. Lang, President and Founder of Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Dr. Lang proposed that Mississippi Baptist Seminary would be a cooperative venture of white and African-American Baptist Churches and conventions offering in-service training to Negro ministerial and lay leadership, taking them where they were in educational preparation and offering them courses of value on a level of their apprehension and utilization. This proposal was accepted. Thus began a cooperative work in mission which has brought about reconciliation and understanding.

This cooperative sponsorship of the Seminary continued through December, 1988. On January 1, 1989, the Mississippi Baptist Convention terminated its sponsorship and financial support of the Seminary, thus turning control of the Seminary over to National Baptists.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HISTORY *continued*

The General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi (GMBSC) under the leadership of Dr. Jerry Young, president, purchased and procured The Mississippi Baptist Seminary at its 116th year Annual Session in Jackson, Mississippi. Now under new leadership and name, the seminary's main campus opened temporarily at the Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church, 1245 Tunica Street, Jackson, Mississippi and classes began October 2005.

The newly appointed interim president was Pastor Carl E. Thomas, Clarksdale, Mississippi and the interim Dean of Academic Affairs was Reverend Eric Williams, Jackson, Mississippi. In September 2005, Dr. Young challenged the convention to achieve greatness for the glory of God and the good of our communities through its offerings of ministries and missions.

In 2007, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, Main Campus was completely renovated and the building was opened

for administrative operation and classes in September of 2007. Dr. Isiac Jackson, Jr. was appointed President and Dr. John Patrick was appointed Academic Dean of Students. Under Dr. Jackson's leadership, the Board of Directors, and the administration, the Seminary student population grew. Dr. Jackson was instrumental in the reestablishment of policies and procedures under which the Seminary continues to operate. In 2010, Dr. Jackson was elected President of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention and Dr. Lewis Ragins was appointed President of the Seminary. Dr. Ragins served from 2010 until his death in 2013. Dr. Ragins dedicated himself to the Seminary and often stated that "We are committed to the idea of moving our Seminary and Bible College toward credibility and full accreditation." In 2014, Dr. C. J. Rhodes was appointed president of the Seminary. At the 2020, Spring Session held in Natchez, Mississippi, Reverend Marcus Cheeks was appointed President of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary.



CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge and holiness; to give it a place in our affections, prayers and service above every organization of human origin; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, toward its expenses, for the support of a faithful and evangelical ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. In case of difference of opinion in the church, we will strive to avoid a contentious spirit, and if we cannot unanimously agree, we will cheerfully recognize the right of the majority to govern.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion; to study diligently the word of God; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to those in our employ, and faithful in the service we promise others; endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith.

We further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work; to guard each other's reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others; to participate in each other's joys, and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows; to cultivate Christian courtesy; to be slow to give or take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of the Savior in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, to secure it without delay; and through life, amid evil report, and good report, to seek to live to the glory of God, who hath called us out of darkness into the marvelous light.

When we remove from this place, we engage as soon as possible to unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.

GENERAL INFORMATION

VISION & MISSION STATEMENT

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary's vision is to educate and develop Christians for worldwide leadership and service. The Seminary is committed to providing men and women with outstanding interdisciplinary undergraduate/graduate professional education for the practice in Biblical theology. The Seminary trains both clergy and laity for the practice of Christian ministry and various professional social vocations. The Seminary's Board, faculty and staff believe in fostering an academic environment in which students and faculty are able to dialogue about critical issues facing the church, society and the world. The Seminary's holistic educational philosophy enhances the spiritual, intellectual, and social growth of its students.

The Seminary's mission is to provide a theological education in the Baptist Tradition to persons called to serve the church in pastoral ministry and lay leadership. The Mississippi Baptist Seminary offers itself as a "Seminary on Wheels" through its extensions' work in order that persons receive theological training within or near their areas or locations as an accredited institution with State approval and Regional accreditation.

THE SEMINARY INSTITUTIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

GOAL 1: Train pastors, ministers and lay leaders capable of providing quality theological leadership in the Baptist tradition

- To develop and deliver a variety of credit bearing programs that lead to degree or professional recognition through a minimum of six Extension Centers across the State of Mississippi
- To maintain an active roster of highly qualified instructors, teachers and lecturers
- To implement a comprehensive plan for curriculum assessment, program and course evaluation, and student learning.
- To develop student-centered curriculum programs that foster spiritual formation, ethical leadership, and Christian values based on biblical principles.
- To use ACS HeadMaster software system to capacity to manage student records data and staff records.

GOAL 2: To establish quality theological undergraduate and graduate programs which will prepare candidates for the receipt of a Professional Certificate or one or more of the following degrees:

- Professional Certificates, Associate of Divinity, Associate of Religious Education, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling, Master of Arts in Biblical Studies And Master of Arts in Education
- To develop and implement a quality comprehensive curriculum for the Certificate and each degree program
- To offer Certificate programs for Christian Education and Biblical Studies
- To offer degrees for Associate, Bachelor and Master level degree programs

GOAL 3: Develop and implement a student recruitment and retention strategy

- To establish an Alumni Association and involve the members in recruitment plans and activities
- To establish a Student Council and encourage their participation in determining how the Seminary can best meet student Needs
- To implement a plan for consistently improving support of students' success through increased scholarship support.
- To develop and maintain a system of student advising to optimize student counseling to ensure continued student progress
- To include students in the planning and implementation of the Annual Student Summit, the General Missionary Baptist State Convention, and the Academic Advisory Counsel
- To implement mechanisms for student evaluation of instructors and curriculum
- To use the connection with the General Missionary Baptist State Convention to assist students to network to facilitate matriculation in ministry
- To establish an annual Student Recruitment Day at the July Session of General Missionary Baptist State Convention

GOAL 4: Promote the sustainability of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary through the encouragement of lifelong learning

- To establish and implement a five (5) year sustainability plan which includes yearly fundraising goals
- To identify and solicit potential donors and supporters
- To prepare templates for contacting donors and supporters to launch a \$500,000.00 fundraising campaign
- To enlist and solicit the support of a fundraising specialist
- To establish a team of students and staff to develop and implement fundraising activities
- To establish financial management policies and procedures for fundraising activities
- To launch a \$500,000 dollar fundraising campaign annually

GOAL 5: Create an identity to promote effective communications for institutional success

- To secure a consultant to formulate communications plan to include message, brand and tagline
- To implement an advertisement campaign that will include print materials, radio, television, and billboard advertisements
- To develop quality brochures as needed to communication with various publics
- To develop a communications plan that consists of advertisements about the Seminary and its degree programs at least once quarterly

GOAL 6: Build collaborative relationships and partnerships with a variety of organizations to increase greater positive community outcomes

- To develop relationships with colleges and universities within the State to determine how all students can be best served
- To connect with local community leaders to determine how the Seminary can assist to be a local catalyst for change
- To work with local churches to assist them in the attainment of their ministerial goals

GOAL 7: Establish a Mississippi Baptist Seminary Accountability and Development plan

- To develop and implement an Extensions Review process to ensure compliance with required policies and procedures
- To develop and implement the Academic Advisory Council which will include student participation
- To conduct an annual review of all Extensions for compliance with curriculum, program and financial requirements
To prepare an Annual Report of the State of Affairs of the Seminary by December 30 of each year
- To convene an annual Student Summit at the Main Campus to provide a forum to share personal growth and development, research, and innovative ideas and projects

THE SEMINARY EDUCATIONAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE:

GOAL 1: Provide a comprehensive interdisciplinary Christian and theological education based on the Baptist tradition from a biblical perspective.

- To develop student-centered curriculum programs that foster spiritual formation, ethical leadership, and Christian values based on biblical principles.
- To articulate effectively the distinctive of the Baptist faith in the context of the church, community and Convention affiliation.

GOAL 2: Encourage excellence in learning, teaching, research, administration and personal and professional development.

To increase in knowledge of the Word of God and the authority, and power of Jesus Christ in service to man.

- To communicate effectively verbally and in writing to engage an audience as the gospel is proclaimed.
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- To dedicate oneself to the principle of lifelong learning and research as it relates to spiritual growth.

GOAL 3: Graduate highly qualified students who are equipped to perform in pastoral ministry and lay leadership.

- To demonstrate Christ-like character in daily living and in relationship to mankind.
- To demonstrate the ability to think critically and logically apply scripture in love to minister to others.
- To minister effectively the Word of God, rightly dividing the Word of Truth to fulfill the Great Commission.



GENERAL INFORMATION

BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF THE MBSBC

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE FACULTY STATEMENT OF FAITH AND AFFIRMATION

1. I affirm my belief in Jesus Christ, the second Person of the Trinity, who was and forever will be fully God and fully man in one person as I affirm my commitment to the vision and mission of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Bible College (MBSBC) and the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, Inc. (GMBSC).
2. I affirm my belief in the Holy Bible as the inerrant Word of God written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and is the final authority for faith and Christian conduct.
3. I affirm my commitment to the practice of building a sound Christian character and of developing a strong personal faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ as revealed in the Holy Bible.
4. I affirm my membership and commitment to a local Baptist Church or a historical Christian Church.
5. I affirm my commitment to use Christian innovative approaches in the classroom that address the contemporary challenges in Christian Ministry.
6. I affirm my commitment and ability to contribute to the developmental success and relevance of the academic curriculum/programs of the MBSBC as an instructor.
7. I affirm my commitment to the characteristics of a servant-leader as demonstrated by Jesus Christ in the Holy Bible.
8. I affirm my commitment and ability to be sensitive to all students, other faculty and staff regardless of their race, gender, nationality, age, denominational beliefs and physical condition.
9. I affirm my commitment to advocate strong Christian principles and practices; and assist each student in his or her spiritual, ministerial and personal formations.
10. I affirm my commitment to the Baptist Articles of Faith and The Church Covenant.
11. I affirm my commitment to the governance/polity of the General Mississippi Baptist State Convention.



BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. OF THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error, for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is, and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions should be tried.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, an intelligent, spiritual and personal Being, the Creator, Preserver and Ruler of the universe, infinite in holiness and all other perfections to whom we owe the highest love, reverence and obedience. He is revealed to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, each with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence or being.

III. OF THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created by the special act of God, as recorded in Genesis. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27). "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7). He was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but through the temptation of Satan, he transgressed the command of God and fell from his original holiness and righteousness; whereby his posterity inherit a nature corrupt and in bondage to sin, are under condemnation, and as soon as they are capable of moral action, become actual transgressors.

IV. OF THE WAY OF SALVATION

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, through the mediatorial office of the Son of God, who by the Holy Spirit was born of the Virgin Mary and took upon him our nature, yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by his death. Being risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in Heaven, and, uniting in his person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections, he is in every way qualified to be a compassionate and all-sufficient Savior.

V. OF JUSTIFICATION

We believe that justification is God's gracious and full acquittal upon principles of righteousness of all sinners who believe in Christ. This blessing is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but through the redemption that is in and through Jesus Christ. It brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God, and secures every other needed blessing.

VI. OF THE FREENESS OF SALVATION

We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the gospel. It is the duty of all to accept them by penitent and obedient faith. Nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner except his own voluntary refusal to accept Jesus Christ as Teacher, Savior and Lord.

VII. OF GRACE IN REGENERATION

We believe that regeneration or the new birth is a change of heart wrought by the Holy Spirit, whereby we become partakers of the divine nature and a holy disposition is given, leading to the love and practice of righteousness. It is a work of God's free grace conditioned upon faith in Christ and made manifest by the fruit which we bring forth to the glory of God.

BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

VIII. OF REPENTANCE AND FAITH

We believe that repentance and faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces, wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God; whereby, being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger, and helplessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ, we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest, and King, and relying on him alone as the only and all-sufficient Savior.

IX. OF GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE

We believe that election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which he regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. It is perfectly consistent with the free agency of man and in no way interferes with salvation of any individual. It is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. It encourages the use of means in the highest degree.

X. OF SANCTIFICATION

We believe that sanctification is the process by which, according to the will of God, we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration; and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter, in the continual use of the appointed means, especially the Word of God, self-examination, self-denial, watchfulness, and prayer.

XI. OF THE PERSEVERANCE OF SAINTS

We believe that such only are real believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare; and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

XII. OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just, and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a Mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.

XIII. OF A GOSPEL CHURCH

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word; that its only Scriptural officers are bishops, or pastors, and deacons, whose qualifications, claims, and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is a prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and wine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ – preceded always by solemn self-examination.

BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

XV. OF THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations; by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God.

XVI. OF CIVIL GOVERNMENT

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

XVII. OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE WICKED

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked. Those only who are justified through the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and sanctified by the Holy Spirit are truly righteous in His sight. Those who continue in impenitence and unbelief are in His sight wicked and are under condemnation. This distinction between the righteous and the wicked holds in and after death, and will be made manifest at the judgement when final and everlasting awards are made to all men.

XVIII. OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We believe that Christianity is the religion of enlightenment and intelligence. In Jesus Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. All sound learning is therefore a part of our Christian heritage. The new birth opens all human faculties and creates a thirst for knowledge. An adequate system of schools is necessary to a complete spiritual program for Christ's people. The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is coordinate with causes of missions and general benevolence, and should receive along with these the liberal support of the churches.

XIX. OF SOCIAL SERVICE

We believe that every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ regnant in his own life and in human society; to oppose in the Spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness and vice; to provide for the orphaned, the aged, the helpless, and the sick; to seek to bring industry, government and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth and brotherly love; to promote these ends Christians should be ready to work with all men of good will in any good cause, always being careful to act in the spirit of love without compromising their loyalty to Christ and his truth. All means and methods used in social service for the amelioration of society and the establishment of righteousness among men must finally depend on the regeneration of the individual by the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus.

XX. OF STEWARDSHIP

We believe that God is the source of blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to him. We have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in our possessions. We are therefore under obligation to serve him with our time, talents and material possessions: and should recognize all these as entrusted to us to use for the glory of God and helping others. Christians should cheerfully, regularly, systematically, proportionately and liberally contribute to their means to advancing the Redeemer's cause on earth.

BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

XXI. OF EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS

We believe that it is the duty of every Christian man and woman, and the duty of every church of Christ to seek to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thusly upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life. It is also expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort and by all other methods sanctioned by the gospel of Christ.

XXII. OF THE RESURRECTION

We believe that the Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus rose from the dead. His grave was emptied of its contents. He appeared to the disciples after his resurrection in many convincing manifestations. He now exists in his glorified body at God's right hand. There will be a resurrection of the righteous and the wicked. The bodies of the righteous will conform to the glorious spiritual body of Jesus.

XXIII. OF THE RETURN OF THE LORD

We believe that the New Testament teaches in many places the visible and personal return of Jesus to this earth. "This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." The time of his coming is not revealed. "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matthew 24:36). It is the duty of all believers to live in readiness for his coming and by diligence in good works to make manifest to all men the reality and power of their hope in Christ.

XXIV. OF THE WORLD TO COME

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the last day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment, and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgement will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

TUITION AND FEES

All tuition and fees are to be paid in full at the time of registration each term. No exceptions will be made unless prior arrangements have been made with the Business Office.

TUITION CHARGES:

Master Degree Courses	\$60.00 per credit hour
Bachelor Degree Courses	\$40.00 per credit hour
Continuing Education Courses (Audit)	\$60.00 per course

FEES:

Application (new students only; non-refundable)	\$35.00
Registration (each semester)	\$30.00
Late Registration	\$20.00
Graduation	\$110.00
Transcript	\$8.00 per copy

NOTE: These costs are accurate at the time of this publication. Tuition, fees and book prices may change in the future, and will be reflected in future editions of the publication. Fee changes will be approved by the Seminary Board of Directors. Each student is billed 100% of the tuition and fees due. Unpaid balances are subject to referral to collection agencies.

REFUND POLICY

After 1st Class Meeting 90%

After 2nd Class Meeting 40%

Note: No refunds will be given after the 3rd class meeting

Tuition adjustments are based upon the date that classes begin and the date a course(s) is dropped or the date by which a student withdraws. Students withdrawing before the end of the semester must complete an Application for Withdrawal form secured from the Registrar.

FINANCIAL AID

Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College is a division of the General Missionary Baptist State Convention of Mississippi. As a division, it derives its primary support from churches and associations of the conventions. Therefore, student fees constitute only a fraction of the Seminary's income. To make quality education available to all, students pay only a small portion of the entire cost of their education. The balance is borne by gifts received by the Seminary.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The primary purpose of the Reverend Dr. S. L. Spann, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is to provide financial support to deserving young ministers from the State of Mississippi to attend a Theological Seminary. Young Ministers entering a Theological Seminary for the first time will be given first priority. However, all other applicants will receive consideration. The amount of the award is determined annually with regard to the number of qualified applicants and the availability of funds. The Scholarship Award is granted once the recipient has shown matriculation of enrollment. Application forms are available by written request or by email [at nalz424@att.net](mailto:nalz424@att.net). The eligibility criteria is the applicant must be a baptized believer in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; must be a citizen or legal permanent resident of the United States residing in the State of Mississippi; have attained a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; be enrolled in at least two classes for the current or upcoming semester; show evidence of academic achievement and religious/community service; have a significant financial need and submit a resume, transcript from most recent educational training, two sealed letters of recommendations and a minimum 500 word essay. Specific details can be secured from the Registrar.

REQUEST FOR TRANSCRIPTS

Students must submit a written requests for an academic transcript and pay \$8.00 (per transcript), by check, money order, or by a cash payment if in person to receive a copy of their transcript. Transcripts will not be issued to persons who have past due monetary obligations to the Seminary. The request made by mail must be accompanied by a check or money order. The requested academic transcript will be sent to the requestor within seven working days of the date of receipt of the request. The request for Transcript Form can be secured from the Registrar.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

ADMISSION

Students who meet basic requirements for admission to Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College are admitted without regard to sex, race, color, religious tradition, national or ethnic origin. All students admitted have equal access to the rights, privileges, activities and scholarship programs afforded by the Seminary and are governed without discrimination by its established policies and procedures. Admission policies and procedures are established by the Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College's Board of Trustees.

GENERAL PROCEDURES

UNDERGRADUATES

Students desiring admission to Mississippi Baptist Seminary must secure and complete the appropriate application for admission and provide letters of recommendation as specified on the application for admission. Students must request their high school to send an official six or seven semester transcript, which lists all high school course of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella. Applications are accepted year-round for admission for Spring, Summer and Fall sessions.

The High School Course Requirements are listed below:

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Carnegie Units</u>	<u>Description</u>
English	4-	Must have writing component
Mathematics	3-	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or higher
Science	3-	Biology, Advanced Biology, Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, Physic, and Advance Physical Science or other science course with comparable rigor and content
Social Studies	2-	United States History, World History, Government (1/2 unit) and Economic (1/2 unit) or Geography (1/2 unit)
Advanced Electives	2-	Choose from a foreign language, Economics, a math above Algebra II or a science from those listed above (1 unit must be in Foreign language or Geography)
Computer Application	1/2-	Choose Computer applications/programming course
Visual and Performance Arts Pre-High School Units	1	Algebra I, Music or Art, first year Foreign Language or Mississippi Studies or Computer Applications taken prior to high school will be accepted for admissions provided the course content is the same as the high school course.

Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted from students. Official ACT or SAT scores of 16 or more, for all applicants finishing high school within the past five years are to be mailed to the Office of the Registrar.

These documents must be sent to:

Mississippi Baptist Seminary
3160 J. R. Lynch Street
Jackson, MS 39209

GENERAL PROCEDURES *CONTINUED*

Applicants who do not graduate from high school must submit qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination, transcript which denotes academic performance. The Seminary recognizes General Education Development (GED testing Service).

The original admissions documents will be collected by the Extensions' Administrative Assistant and mailed to the Official Registrar, located at the Main Campus with seven day of receipt.

Students who do not meet the requirements for admissions, will be invited to enroll in a Summer long remediation program to address the student's deficiencies to include the subjects English, Reading and Mathematics. Upon successful completion of these subjects, the student will be guided to take or retake the General Education Development Test and/or ACT examination to achieve an acceptable entry score. Those who receive an acceptable entry level score after retaking the General Education Development Test and/or ACT, will be allowed to enroll in a regular academic program as a freshman, but are eligible to participate in the Academic Support Program for the remainder of their Freshman year. The Semester long remediation courses in English, Reading, and Mathematics are intensive and will not be included as credits toward graduation. The Semester long Academic Support Program will include classroom, individual, career counseling and computer assisted instruction.

Those who fail to make an acceptable entry level score following the summer remediation, will not be allowed to enroll until the student can meet the required entry level requirements.

GRADUATES

Students desiring admission to Mississippi Baptist Seminary under the Graduate degree programs must secure, complete and submit the appropriate application for admission, provide two official sealed copies of transcripts from all accredited colleges/universities attended, provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella, and provide letters of recommendation as specified on the application for admission. Applications are accepted year-round for admission for Spring, Summer and Fall sessions. Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted from students.

The original admissions documents will be collected by the Extensions' Administrative Assistant and mailed to the Official Registrar, located at the Main Campus with seven day of receipt.

Documents must be sent to:

**Mississippi Baptist Seminary
3160 J. R. Lynch Street
Jackson, MS 39209**

REGISTRATION

Registration should be made on the days announced in the calendar. A course may not be entered after the first week except by special permission of the instructor and with the approval of the Dean of Academic Affairs. A person registering after the dates indicated in the calendar shall pay a \$10.00 late charge.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer credits are generally accepted by Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College. All transfer students, however, must earn at least thirty semester (30) hours in on-campus study to qualify for a degree. In all courses of which transfer credit is awarded, the student must have received at least a grade of "C."

WITHDRAWALS

Any student desiring to withdraw from study must state his/her intention in writing to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The effective date of withdrawal is the date the letter is received by the Dean of Academic Affairs. Failure to comply with this regulation forfeits the student's right to the tuition refund to which he/she may be entitled and the assignment of an administrative grade of "F" in the courses in which he/she has enrolled.

STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary sponsors an Academic Advising Program throughout the year for all enrolled and prospective students. A majority of the Seminary staff participate in these activities (administrators, instructional staff, registrar, business manager, extension Directors and Counselor/Advisors.) Advisement begins with the first contact that students make when they request an application. Other advisement activities follow with registration; scheduled orientation sessions for students at each academic level; and 50 minute counseling appointments with students' personal academic/career counselors. Additional assessments recommended by counselors/advisors depend on students' individual needs and are scheduled as needed at the student's convenience (daytime, evening, weekends). The curriculum focus areas of academic counseling include class scheduling; personal goal settings and development; arranging for testing to meet admission requirements; Faith-based career planning; and redefining self-following the completion of a degree at the Seminary. All students enrolling with 60 or less hours are encouraged to begin in the Summer to become acclimated to college life and to take English, Mathematics, Computer Literacy, and Seminary Success courses (No more than 15 hours).

Additionally, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary has a remediation program called Academic Development I and II. The PACE Learning System is the instrument used. The TABE test which is the assessment instrument for PACE, is administered to determine the students' level of performance in English, Reading and Mathematics. The TABE is scheduled and administered before admittance. It prescribes specific lessons to address the students' deficiencies. The admission to the Remediation Program will be assessed based on the criteria following:

1. Those students who apply with an ACT score of 16 can enroll as a freshman with no requirements for remediation. These students may self-select to participate in the Academic Development II remediation program for personal development.
2. Those who score 14- 16 on the ACT will be required to add one course (Academic Development I), for one semester.
3. The student who scores less than 14 on the ACT will be required to take two classes (Academic Development I and Academic Development II.) These students must retake the ACT or GED to meet admissions requirements.

The PACE Learning System will be used in Academic Support I as the remediation program. PACE uses the TABE test to determine the students' weaknesses and deficiencies and prescribes specific lessons to address those needs to include English, Reading and Mathematics. Once the needs have been identified, PACE systems prescriptive lesson(s) that will be facilitated by the instructor and will continue until post testing shows mastery. This is an intensive program that emphasizes skill building in reading, writing and Mathematics that are essential to Seminary success. The Semester long Academic Support Program will include classroom, individual, career counseling and computer assisted instruction. Those who fail to make an acceptable entry level score following the semester remediation, will not be allowed to enroll in the regular curriculum courses until the student can meet the required entry level requirements. Students will receive a grade of "PASS", "FAIL", or "I" for incomplete. Incompletes must be cleared within one year after dropping out. Students who fail to complete requirements in Academic Development I and II are not eligible to enroll in the regular academic program until the requirement is satisfied.

STUDENT LOAD & CLASS ATTENDANCE

The regular year is divided into two semesters of sixteen weeks each; a four week Winter term and a ten week Summer term. The unit of credit is the semester hour. Nine semester hours are the minimum and fifteen semester hours are the maximum for the regular full-time student. In order to complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) degree, within four academic years, a student will need to take an average of eighteen semester hours per semester. Students whose employment or other activities are so demanding as to hinder them from doing their best possible quality of work may be required to reduce their schedule to nine semester hours. Prompt and

STUDENT LOAD & CLASS ATTENDANCE continued

regular attendance in all courses for which the student is registered is expected. If a student is absent without excuse from any class more hours than the hours of credit allowed for that particular course, the student may be dropped from that course. Excused absence will be granted for the following reasons only: absence from class while representing the school, serious illness, denominational meetings and the conducting of funerals. Students cannot obtain credit in any course if for any reason they are absent from more than one-third of the class sessions in that particular class.

GRADES

The following system of letters is used in grading the work of students: Quality points are assigned as follows:

A	97-100	D+	75-77
A-	94-96	D	72-74
B+	91, 93	D-	70-71
B	88-90	F	69 - below
B-	86-87		
C+	83, 85	I-Incomplete	
C	80-82	W-Withdrawn	
C-	78-79	WP-Withdrawn Passing	

A - 4
B - 3
C - 2
D - 1
F - 0

Grade point averages are computed by dividing the total hours for which the student is officially enrolled into the total number of quality points earned each semester.

POLICY REGARDING LATE WORK

When a student desires extension of time to complete a course, a written request must be submitted to the Dean of Academic Affairs prior to the end of the term. The request must state the reason(s) and indicate which of the following cases is proposed: (1) In the case of illness, death in the immediate family or other unavoidable circumstances, the Dean will grant permission for the work to be completed within a thirty (30) day grace period and will notify the faculty. (2) In the case of unavoidable circumstances, the Dean will grant permission for a thirty (30) day grace period with the final grade to be lowered by one letter. A course not completed in the grace period will receive a grade of "F" unless exception is made. When any exception to the above policy is requested, a committee chaired by the Dean and including the student's advisor and the professor(s) involved will render a judgment in the particular instance.

STUDENT TENURE

Student tenure is based upon satisfactory completion of course requirements. Any violation of school policy may be considered cause of dismissal. All decisions regarding the application of the rule of tenure are made by faculty with the right of appeal to the Board of Directors of the Seminary.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

1. A completion of the required curriculum with a "C" (2.0) average on all work taken.
2. The Seminary must have on file the official transcripts of student showing that he/she holds a high school diploma or its equivalent.
3. The student must clear all financial obligations to the seminary and give assurance that all accounts have been settled.
4. Successful completion of a comprehensive English Bible examination and a comprehensive Baptist Articles of Faith examination are required prior to graduation. Examinations may be repeated until it is passed. A grade of C is considered a passing grade.
5. All pastors and ministers must have completely read an English version of the Holy Bible (Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21)

All students expecting to graduate must make formal application for graduation to the Seminary through the registrar at the time of registration for their final semester of academic work.

DEGREES

ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY

The Associate of Divinity (A.Div.) degree is a two-year undergraduate degree designed for persons who desire competency in ministry without the requirements of a four-year program of study. This degree is designed for men who desire competency in ministry without the requirements of a four year program of study

ASSOCIATE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Associate of Religious Education (A.R.E.) degree is a two-year undergraduate degree designed for students who desire competency in Christian education without the requirements of a four-year program of study.

BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Bachelor of Religious Education (B.R.E.) degree is a four-year undergraduate degree, which is terminal in nature and is designed to satisfy the prerequisite for graduate level work. Its focus is the training of Christian educators.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

The Bachelor of Theology (B.Th.) degree is a four-year undergraduate degree, which is terminal in nature and is designed to satisfy the prerequisite for graduate level work. Its focus is the theory and practice of persons called to the gospel ministry.

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree is designed for persons who plan to enter the gospel ministry as a profession. The student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an approved institution receives the degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study.

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The discipline of Biblical Counseling is designed to prepare the student to minister within the context of the church and religious non-profit organizations to help people struggling with the problems of living. The program provides a strong background in both biblical and theological studies to establish the foundation for Biblical Counseling.

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies is designed for people who do not need a professional ministry degree. The emphasis in this degree is personal growth and development through a structured course of study of the Bible, theology and church history. This degree will enhance the ability of godly men and women to serve more effectively in the local church, witness more efficiently in their work-world and walk more intimately with their Lord. Sunday School teachers, church officers and men and women's ministry leaders are encouraged to pursue this degree as a means of sharpening their skills.

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This program seeks to develop a wide range of skills for providing leadership in the educational ministry of the church. This program emphasizes the integration of biblical, theological, and historical studies with educational foundations, together with the acquisition of skills in teaching and leadership.

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

For the persons who do not choose to pursue or who may not meet admission requirements for one of the degree programs, continuing education is provided in Christian Education and Biblical Studies. A certificate is awarded when the student has successfully completed thirty-three (33) semester hours in a given area.



Meaning of the Degree A degree from Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College indicates that the graduate has completed the requirements for the course of study. Although the M.Div. degree meets the standard educational requirements for ordination in most denominations, the degree does not certify that the graduate necessarily possesses all the biblical qualifications requisite for the ministry or adheres to the Baptist faith. Graduation from Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College with either the B.Th, B.R.E., A.Div., A.R.E., M.Div., M.A.B.C. or M.A.C.S. degree should not in itself be construed as a recommendation for the ministry. Ecclesiastical bodies and pulpit committees are responsible for applying their own requirements for ordination to determine the doctrinal soundness, suitability, and readiness for ministry of a particular graduate. One should check with the appropriate judicatory. *Although the Bachelor of Theology and Masters of Divinity meet the standard educational requirements for ordination for most denominations, the degree does not certify that the individual graduate possesses all biblical qualification requisites for the ministry or adheres to the Baptist faith.*

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS
SCHEDULE SPRING 2020 JANUARY- MAY

***Adjustments to the Schedule will be made based on Student Needs**

Course No.	Course Description	Instructor	Credit Time	Day
OT111	Survey of old Testament		3	
NT111	Survey of New Testament		3	
PM111	English		3	
SR111	Sociology		3	
MA111	General Mathematics		3	
CGC111	World Religion		3	
PM113	Evangelism		3	
CE5602	Biblical Principles of Christian Ed.		3	
OT1113	Old Testament Survey I		3	
NT1114	New Testament Survey		3	
PM1112	English		3	
PT5710	Discipleship		2	
CE5602	Biblical Principles of Christian Education		3	
PM114	Comparative World Literature		3	
TC110	Computer Literacy		3	
SM111	Seminary Success		2	

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS
SCHEDULE SUMMER 2020 JUNE –AUGUST

OT112	Survey of Old Testament		3	
NT112	Survey of New Testament		3	
PM112	English II		3	
CGCIII	World Religion		3	
PM113	Evangelism		3	
PM115	Introduction Biblical Hermeneutics		3	
PM215	Discipleship		3	
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics		3	
OT1110	Old Testament History and Theology		3	
NT1110	New Testament Theology		3	
NT111	Beginning Greek		2	

BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
BC7505	Advanced Biblical Counseling	3
ART111	Survey of Fine Arts in Black Church	3
BIO111	Biology and Religion	3

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
FALL 2020 AUGUST –DECEMBER

PM211	Church Administration	3
SR211	Western Civilization	3
PM212	Advanced Grammar and Composition	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3
PM214	Worship	3
NT1114	New Testament Survey II	3
ST3551	Systematic Theology	3
NT1112	Advanced Greek	2
HT4528	Early & Medieval Church History	3
OT1112	Advance Hebrew	2
SP111	Spanish	3

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
SPRING 2021 JANUARY –MAY

PM213	Speech	3
CE211	Christian Education	3
PM221	Homiletics I	3
CH212	Baptist History	3
PC211	Pastoral Counseling	3
PC201	Introduction to Counseling	3
CE201	Methods of Teaching	3
PM227	Communication I	3
ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics	3
OT1115	Old Testament Survey III	2
PT5637	Evangelism	3
ST3553	Systematic Theology III	3
OT1114	Old Testament Survey	3

NT1115	New Testament Survey	3
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History	3
HE111	Concepts of Health	2

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
SUMMER 2021 JUNE –AUGUST

OT311	The Prophets	3
CH311	Church History	3
PM311	Church Administration	3
SR311	Sociology of Religion	3
PM322	Homiletics II	3
CE321	Christian Ed. For Adults	3
HT313	Reformation and Modern Church History	3
PM330	Communication II	3
PT5735	Leadership Development	3
ST3552	Systematic Theology II	3
CE5602	Biblical Principles of Christian Education	3
BC7622	Biblical Approach to Addiction	2

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
FALL 2021 AUGUST –DECEMBER

CH312	Church History	3
NT311	Pauline Letters	3
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3
PC312	Psychology of Religion	3
CH315	Baptist Polity	3
CE322	Christian Ed. For Children	3
HT313	Reformation and Modern Church History	3
OT315	Old Testament History And Theology	3
OT1113	Old Testament Survey III	3
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History	3

OT1115	Old Testament Survey	2
NT1110	New Testament Theology	3
HT4641	Church History in America	2
PT5523	Homiletics I	2
CE5673	Ministry of Teaching	3
BC7502	Counseling in the Local Church	2

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS
SCHEDULE SPRING 2022 JANUARY –MAY

TS412	Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy	3
CE410	Leadership Training	3
CH412	History of Christian Missions	3
CGC400	The Church and the Community	3
PM413	Sunday School Admin.	3
OT315	Old Testament History And Theology	3
MS6631	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
HT4743	Baptist Church History	3
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
PT5524	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
PT5524	Homiletics II	2
PT5631	Theology & Practice of Administration	3

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
SUMMER 2022 JUNE –AUGUST

NT414	The Book of Revelation	3
TS411	Systematic Theology	3
CE400	Program Planning and Curriculum Building	3
CH411	History of the Black Church	3
CE422	Christian Ed. For Young People	3
NT415	New Testament Theology	3
ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics	

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST SEMINARY AND BIBLE COLLEGE CLASS SCHEDULE
FALL 2022 AUGUST –DECEMBER

BC7630	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
PT5750	Public Worship & Music	3
PT5735	Leadership Development	3
PT7802	Clinical Research Development & Writing Project	3
PT7804	Clinical Final Project	3
BC7632	Premarital Counseling	2
PT7804	Clinical Final Project	3
BC7632	Advanced Marriage & Family Counseling	2

ASSOCIATE OF DIVINITY DEGREE (A.Div.)

The Associate of Divinity degree is a two year undergraduate degree designed for persons who desire competency in ministry without the requirements of a four-year program of study. To be admitted to study, students must request their high school to send an official six or seven semester transcript, which lists all high school course work, the date of graduation, grade point average, and class rank and provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella, and must have taken the ACT examination with a minimum score of 16. Students must have the required High School Course Requirements prior to admittance. Applicants who do not graduate from high school must submit qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination, transcript which denotes academic performance. The Seminary recognizes General Education Development (GED testing Service).

First Year – First Semester

OT111	Survey of Old Testament	3
NT111	Survey of New Testament	3
PM111	English	3
PM114	Comparative World Literature	3
	Literature	3
SR111	Sociology	3
MA111	General Mathematics	3
TC110	Computer Literacy	3
SEM111	Seminary Success	2
		23

First Year – Second Semester

OT112	Survey of Old Testament	3
NT112	Survey of New Testament	3
PM112	English II	3
CGC111	World Religion	3
	(Comparative Religion)	3
PM113	Evangelism	3
ART111	Survey of Fine Arts	3
	Black Baptist Church	3
BIO111	Biology and Religion	3
		21

Second Year – First Semester

PM211	Church Administration	3
SR211	Western Civilization	3
PM212	Advanced Grammar and	3
	Composition	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3
PM214	Worship	3
SP111	Spanish	3
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3
		21

Second Year – Second Semester

PM213	Speech	3
CE211	Christian Education	3
PM221	Homiletics I	3
CH212	Baptist History	3
PC211	Pastoral Counseling	3
TS412	Christian Ethics and	3
	Moral Philosophy	2
HE111	Concepts of Health	2
		20

TOTAL HOURS 85



ASSOCIATE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (A.R.E.)

The Associate of Religious Education Degree is a two year undergraduate degree designed for students who desire competency in Christian education without the requirements of a four-year program of study. To be admitted to study, students must request their high school to send an official six or seven semester transcript, which lists all high school course work, the date of graduation, grade point average, and class rank, provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella, and must have taken the ACT examination with a minimum score of 16. Students must have the required High School Course Requirements prior to admittance. Applicants who do not graduate from high school must submit qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination, transcript which denotes academic performance. The Seminary recognizes General Education Development (GED testing Service). This degree is designed for students who desire competency in Christian education without the requirements of a four year program of study.

First Year – First Semester

OT111	Survey of Old Testament	3
NT111	Survey of New Testament	3
PM111	English	3
PM114	Comparative World Literature	
	Literature	3
SR111	Sociology	3
MA111	General Mathematics	3
TC110	Computer Literacy	3
SEM111	Seminary Success	2
		23

First Year – Second Semester

OT112	Survey of Old Testament	3
NT112	Survey of New Testament	3
PM112	English II	3
CGC111	World Religion	
	(Comparative Religion)	3
PM113	Evangelism	3
ART111	Survey of Fine Arts	
	Black Baptist Church	3
BIO111	Biology and Religion	3
		21

Second Year – First Semester

PM211	Church Administration	3
SR211	Western Civilization	3
PM212	Advanced Grammar and	
	Composition	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3
PM214	Worship	3
SP111	Spanish	3
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3
		21

Second Year – Second Semester

PM213	Speech	3
PC201	Introduction to Counseling	3
CE211	Christian Education	3
CH212	Baptist History	3
TS412	Christian Ethics and	
	Moral Philosophy	3
HE111	Concepts of Health	2
	*Elective	3
		20

TOTAL HOURS 85



BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DEGREE (B.R.E.)

The Bachelor of Religious Education degree is a four-year undergraduate degree, which is terminal in nature and is designed to satisfy the prerequisite for graduate level work. Its focus is the training of Christian educators. To be admitted to study, students must request their high school to send an official six or seven semester transcript, which lists all high school course work, the date of graduation, grade point average, and class rank, provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella, and must have taken the ACT examination with a minimum score of 16. Students must have the required High School Course Requirements prior to admittance. Applicants who do not graduate from high school must submit qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination, transcript which denotes academic performance. The Seminary recognizes General Education Development (GED testing Service). This degree is designed for students who desire competency in Christian education without the requirements of a four year program of study.

First Year – First Semester			Third Year – Second Semester		
OT111	Survey of Old Testament	3	CH312	Church History	3
NT111	Survey of New Testament	3	NT311	Pauline Letters	3
PM111	English	3	CE322	Christian Education	
PM114	Comparative World Literature			for Children	3
	Literature	3	PC312	Psychology of	
SR111	Sociology	3		Religion	3
MA111	General Mathematics	3	CH315	Baptist Polity	3
TC110	Computer Literacy	3			15
SEM111	Seminary Success	2			
		23			
First Year – Second Semester			Fourth Year – First Semester		
OT112	Survey of Old Testament	3	TS411	Systematic Theology	3
NT112	Survey of New Testament	3	CE410	Leadership Training	3
PM112	English II	3	CH412	History of Christian	
CGC111	World Religion			Missions	3
	(Comparative Religion)	3	CGC400	The Church and the	
PM113	Evangelism	3		Community	3
ART111	Survey of Fine Arts		PM413	Sunday School	
	Black Baptist Church	3		Administration	3
BIO111	Biology and Religion	3			15
		21			
Second Year – First Semester			Fourth Year – Second Semester		
PM211	Church Administration I	3	NT414	The Book of	
SR211	Western Civilization	3		Revelation	3
PM212	Advanced Grammar and		CE400	Program Planning	
	Composition	3		and Curriculum Building	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3	CH411	History of the Black	
PM214	Worship	3		Church	3
SP111	Spanish	3	CE422	Christian Education	
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3		for Young People	3
		21			12
Second Year – Second Semester			TOTAL HOURS 142		
PM213	Speech	3			
PC201	Introduction to Counseling	3			
CE211	Christian Education	3			
CH212	Baptist History	3			
TS412	Christian Ethics and				
	Moral Philosophy	3			
HE111	Concepts of Health	2			
CE201	Methods of Teaching	3			
		20			
Third Year – First Semester					
OT311	The Prophets	3			
CH311	Church History I	3			
PM311	Church Administration II	3			
SR311	Sociology of Religion	3			
CE321	Christian Education for Adults	3			
		15			

BACHELOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(With a Theological Area of Specialization)

First Year – Second Semester

Drop:
CG111 World Religion
 (Comparative Religion) 3

Add:
PM115 Introduction Biblical
 Hermeneutics 3

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Second Year – Second Semester

Drop:
PC201 Introduction to Counseling 3

Add:
PM215 Discipleship 3

Third Year – First Semester

Drop:
SR311 Sociology of Religion 3

Add:
HT313 Reformation and Modern
 Church History 3

Third Year – Second Semester

Drop:
PC312 Psychology of Religion 3

Add:
OT315 Old Testament History
 and Theology 3

Fourth Year – First Semester

Drop:
PM413 Sunday School
 Administration 3

Add:
NT415 New Testament Theology 3

TOTAL HOURS **30**

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE (B.TH.)

The Bachelor of Theology degree is a four-year undergraduate degree, which is terminal in nature and is designed to satisfy the prerequisite for graduate level work. Its focus is the theory and practice of persons called to the gospel. To be admitted to study, students must request their high school to send an official six or seven semester transcript, which lists all high school course work, the date of graduation, grade point average, and class rank, provide proof of immunization for measles, mumps and rubella, and must have taken the ACT examination with a minimum score of 16. Students must have the required High School Course Requirements prior to admittance. Applicants who do not graduate from high school must submit qualifying scores on a state approved high school equivalency examination, transcript which denotes academic performance. The Seminary recognizes General Education Development (GED testing Service).

First Year – First Semester

OT111	Survey of Old Testament	3
NT111	Survey of New Testament	3
PM111	English	3
PM114	Comparative World Literature	
	Literature	3
SR111	Sociology	3
MA111	General Mathematics	3
TC110	Computer Literacy	4
SEM111	Seminary Success	2
		23

First Year – Second Semester

OT112	Survey of Old Testament	3
CE410	Leadership Training	3
NT112	Survey of New Testament	3
PM112	English II	3
CGC111	World Religion	
	(Comparative Religion)	3
PM113	Evangelism	3
ART111	Survey of Fine Arts	
	Black Baptist Church	3
BIO111	Biology and Religion	3
		24

Second Year – First Semester

PM211	Church Administration I	3
SR211	Western Civilization	3
PM212	Advanced Grammar and	
	Composition	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3
PM214	Worship	3
SP111	Spanish	3
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3
		21

Second Year – Second Semester

PM213	Speech	3
CE211	Christian Education	3
PM221	Homiletics I	3
CH212	Baptist History	3
PC211	Pastoral Counseling	3
HE111	Concepts of Health	2
		17

Third Year – First Semester

OT311	The Prophets	3
CH311	Church History I	3
PM311	Church Administration II	3
SR311	Sociology of Religion	3
PM322	Homiletics	3
		15

Third Year – Second Semester

CH312	Church History	3
NT311	Pauline Letters	3
PC311	Pastoral Philosophy	3
PC312	Psychology of	
	Religion	3
CH315	Baptist Polity	3
		15

Fourth Year – First Semester

TS412	Christian Ethics and	
	Moral Philosophy	3
CE410	Leadership Training	3
CH412	History of Christian	
	Missions	3
CGC400	The Church and the	
	Community	3
PM413	Sunday School	
	Administration	3
		15

Fourth Year – Second Semester

NT414	The Book of	
	Revelation	3
TS411	Systematic Theology	3
CE400	Program Planning and	
	Curriculum Building	3
CH411	History of the Black	
	Church	3
	*Elective	3
		15

TOTAL HOURS 145

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY DEGREE

(For students who do not plan to enter the gospel ministry and for women, please do the following)

Second Year – Second Semester

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Drop:
PM221 Homiletics 3

Add:
PM227 Communication I 3

Drop:
CP211 Pastoral Counseling 3

Add:
PM201 Introduction to Counseling 3

Third Year – First Semester

Drop:
PM322 Homiletics II 3

Add:
PM330 Communication II 3

Third Year – Second Semester

Drop:
PC312 Psychology of Religion 3

Add:
OT315 Old Testament History
and Theology 3

Fourth Year – Second Semester

Drop:
Elective 3

Add:
NT415 New Testament Theology 3

TOTAL HOURS 30

MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

Prerequisite: Applicants for a master's level program must have a bachelor's degree from an approved school.

Transfer credits: Only those credits which carry a grade of "B" or its equivalent may be transferred from an approved school.

MASTER OF DIVINITY

The student who holds a baccalaureate degree from an approved institution receives the degree of Master of Divinity (M.Div.) on the completion of the prescribed program of study. The curriculum is designed to offer training for the pastoral or professional ministry. Concentrated study in three basis areas - Bible, theology, and practical theology - characterizes the four to five year program. Bible courses include the basic structure and content of each book of the Bible along with such details concerning major characters, dates, and place as are necessary. Principles of hermeneutics and exegesis, using the original languages as well as the English Bible, are also included. Students learn to apply Scripture to contemporary circumstances. The purpose of this study is to provide the theological and historical foundations necessary to understand the nature of the Christian faith and life. The practical theology courses are designed to enable students to develop competency in ministry. Students are expected to attain required levels of competency in order to accomplish the goal of each course. A variety of experiences and instructors enable student to develop methods and styles of ministry sited to their individual gifts. The degree is designed for men who have been called to the Gospel Ministry.

Old Testament (15)

OT1113,4,5	Old Testament Survey	8
OT1111	Beginning Hebrew	2
OT1112	Advance Hebrew	2
OT1110	Old Testament History & Theology	3

New Testament (13)

NT1114,5	New Testament Survey	6
OT1111	Beginning Greek	2
OT1112	Advance Greek	2
OT1110	New Testament Theology	3

Systematic Theology (15)

ST3551,2,3	Systematic Theology	9
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics	3

Historical Theology (10)

HT4528	Early & Medieval Church History	3
HT4641	Church History in America	2
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History	3
HT4743	Baptist Church History	2

Practical Theology (22)

PT5523	Homiletics I (Models of Preaching)	2
PT5524	Homiletics II (The Art of Preaching)	2
CE5602	Biblical Principles of Christian Education	3
PT5631	Theology & Practice of Administration	3
PT5637	Evangelism	3
PT5750	Public Worship & Music	3
PT5735	Leadership Development	3
CE5673	Ministry of Teaching	3

Missions (3)

MS6631	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
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Biblical Counseling (5)

BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
BC7630	Marriage and Family Counseling	2

Clinical (6)

Electives (5)

TOTAL - CREDIT HOURS 97

MASTER OF DIVINITY

SUMMER SEMESTER	FALL SEMESTER	WINTER SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
NT1111 Beginning Greek 2	NT1112 Advance Greek 2 2	OT1111 Beginning Hebrew 2	OT1112 Advance Hebrew 2
Total 2	ST3551 Systematic Theology 1 3	ST3552 Systematic Theology II 3	ST3553 Systematic Theology III 3
	OT1113 Old Testament Survey 3	Total 5	OT1114 Old Testament Survey 3
	NT1114 New Testament Survey 3		NT1115 New Testament Survey 3
	HT4528 Early & Medieval Church History 3		HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History 3
	Total 15		Total 15
SECOND YEAR	SECOND YEAR	SECOND YEAR	SECOND YEAR
CE5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education 3	OT1115 Old Testament Survey 2	HT4742 Baptist Church History 2	ST3550 Biblical Hermeneutics 3
Electives 3	NT1110 New Testament Theology 3	M6631 Biblical Theology of Mission 3	BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling 3
Total 6	HT4641 Church History In America 2	Total 5	PT5524 Homiletics II 2
	PT5523 Homiletics I 2		PT5631 Theology & Practice of Administration 3
	CE5673 Ministry of Teaching 3		Total 11
Total 12			
THIRD YEAR	THIRD YEAR	THIRD YEAR	THIRD YEAR
ST3655 Ethics & Apologetics 3	OT1110 Old Testament History & Theology 3	English Bible Exam	PT5735 Leadership Development 3
Total 3	PT5637 Evangelism 3	PT5750 Public Worship & Music 3	PT7804 Clinical Final Project 6
	BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling 2	Total 3	Total 9
	Electives 3		
	Total 11		

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The discipline of Biblical Counseling is designed to prepare the student to minister within the context of the church and religious non-profit organizations to help people struggling with the challenges of life. The program provides a strong background in both biblical and theological studies to establish the foundation for Biblical Counseling. Utilizing this foundation the student will build knowledge of counseling that will enable him/her to work effectively with hurting people, teach preventative programs, and interact with the many diverse groups within the church and society at large.

This degree is not intended to prepare the student for state licensure in counseling. The curriculum is designed to produce biblical people helpers who will work under the auspices of the church rather than the state, while at the same time respecting the state.

Career opportunities include church staff, recuse missions, crisis pregnancy centers, and various religious non-profit organization. Many pastors today return to seminary and add an MABC to their M.Div. degree to better understand and minister to the many parishioners who seek assistance with concerns and challenges in life.

Old Testament (8)			Biblical Counseling (15)		
OT1113,4,5	Old Testament Survey	8	BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
New Testament (6)			BC7502	Counseling in the Local Church	2
NT1114,5	New Testament Survey	6	BC7505	Advance Biblical Counseling	
Systematic Theology (12)			BC7622	Biblical Approach to Addictions	2
ST3551,2,3	Systematic Theology	6	BC7630	Marriage & Family Counseling	2
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics	3	BC7632	Advanced Marriage and Family	2
ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics	3	BC7631	Premarital Counseling Electives	2
Historical Theology (5)					
HT4641	Church History in America	2	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History	3			66
Practical Theology (22)					
PT5637	Evangelism	3			
PT5733	Leadership Development	3			
PT5710	Discipleship	2			
PT7802	Clinical Research Development & Writing Project	3			
PT7804	Clinical Final Project	3			

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST SEMESTER
PT5710 Discipleship 2	NT1114 NT Survey II 3	BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church 2
OT1113 OT Survey 3	ST3551 Systematic Theology 3	HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History 3
NT1114 NT Survey 3	OT1113 OT Survey II 3	PT7802 Clinical Research Development & Writing Project 3
PM1112 English II 3	Total 9	BC7630 Marriage and Family Counseling 2
Total 11		Total 10
WINTER	WINTER	WINTER
		English Bible Exam
SECOND SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
ST3551 Systematic Theology 3	ST3655 Ethics & Apologetics 3	BC7632 Premarital Counseling 2
BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling 3	OT1113 OT Survey II 2	HT4641 Church History in America 3
ST3550 Biblical Hermeneutics 3	CE5637 Evangelism 3	PT7804 Clinical Final Project 3
Electives 3	Total 8	BC7632 Advance Marriage & Marriage & Family Counseling 2
Total 12		Total 9
SUMMER	SUMMER	
BC7505 Advance Biblical Counseling 2	PT5735 Leadership Development 3	
Total 2	BC7622 Biblical Approach to Addictions 2	
	Total 5	

MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Master of Arts in Biblical Studies is designed for people who do not need a professional ministry degree. The emphasis in this degree is personal growth and development through a structured course of study of the Bible, theology and church history. This degree will enhance the ability of godly men and women to serve more effectively in the local church, witness more efficiently in their work-world and walk more intimately with their Lord. Sunday School teachers, church officers and men and women's ministry leaders are encouraged to pursue this degree as a means of sharpening their skills.

Old Testament (11)

OT1113,4,5 Old Testament Survey	8
OT1110 Old Testament History & Theology	3

New Testament (9)

NT111,4,5 New Testament Survey	6
NT1110 New Testament Theology	3

Systematic Theology (9)

ST3551 Systematic Theology	3
ST3550 Biblical Hermeneutics	3
ST3655 Ethics & Apologetics	3

Historical Theology (3)

HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History	3
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Practical Theology (9)

CE5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education	3
PT5637 Evangelism	3
PT5735 Leadership Development	3

Missions (3)

MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions	3
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Biblical Counseling (3)

BC7501 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
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Electives (3)

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	50
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MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

FIRST YEAR	SECOND YEAR	THIRD YEAR
FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST SEMESTER	FIRST SEMESTER
CE5602 Biblical Principles of Christian Education 3	NT1114 NT Survey II 3	OT1113 OT Survey III 2
OT1113 OT Survey I 3	ST3551 Systematic Theology 3	HT4721 Reformation & Modern Church History 3
NT1114 NT Survey 3	Total 6	Total 5
PM1112 English 3		
Total 12		
WINTER	WINTER	WINTER
		English Bible Exam
SECOND SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER	SECOND SEMESTER
ST3550 Biblical Hermeneutics 3	ST3655 Ethics & Apologetics 3	MS6631 Biblical Theology of Missions 3
OT1110 OT History & Theology 3	OT1113 OT Survey II 3	Elective 3
NT1110 NT Theology 3	CE5637 Evangelism 3	Total 9
Total 9	Total 9	
SUMMER	SUMMER	
	PT5735 Leadership Development 3	
	Total 3	
		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 47

MASTER OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This program seeks to develop a wide range of skills for providing leadership in the educational ministry of the church. This program emphasizes the integration of biblical, theological, and historical studies with educational foundations, together with the acquisition of skills in teaching and leadership.

Old Testament (8)		PT7804	Clinical Final Project	3
OT1113,4,5	Old Testament Survey			8
New Testament (6)		Biblical Counseling (15)		
NT1114,5	New Testament Survey	BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
		BC7502	Counseling in the Local Church	2
Systematic Theology (12)		BC7505	Advance Biblical Counseling	
ST3551,2,3	Systematic Theology	BC7622	Biblical Approach to Addictions	2
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics			3
ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics			3
Historical Theology (5)		BC7630	Marriage & Family Counseling	2
HT4641	Church History in America	BC7632	Advanced Marriage and Family	2
		BC7631	Premarital Counseling	2
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History		Electives	6
Practical Theology (22)		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		66
PT5637	Evangelism			3
PT5733	Leadership Development			3
PT5710	Discipleship			2
PT7802	Clinical Research Development & Writing Project			3

FIRST YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

CE5602	Biblical Principles of Christian Education	3
NT1114	NT Survey	3
OT1113	OT Survey I	3
PM1112	English	3
Total		12

WINTER

SECOND SEMESTER

ST3551	Systematic Theology	3
ST3550	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
Total		9

SUMMER

SECOND YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

NT1114	NT Survey II	3
CE5673	Ministry of Teaching	3
ST3551	Systematic Theology	3
Total		9

WINTER

SECOND SEMESTER

ST3655	Ethics & Apologetics	3
OT1113	OT Survey II	3
CE5637	Evangelism	3
CE5626	Children & Youth Ministry	3
Total		12

SUMMER

CE5602	Curriculum Review & Development	2
PT5735	Leadership Development	3
Total		5

THIRD YEAR

FIRST SEMESTER

OT1113	OT Survey III	2
HT4721	Reformation & Modern Church History	3
PT7802	Clinical Research Development & Writing Project	3
CE5542	Historical Foundation of Christian Education	3
Total		11

WINTER

English Bible Exam

SECOND SEMESTER

MS6631	Biblical Theology of Missions	3
HT4641	Church History in America	2
PT7804	Clinical Final Project	3
Total		8

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS: 66

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Mississippi Baptist Seminary & Bible College has long had as its objective the training of persons to serve the church without regard to past academic attainment. To this end, several non-degree programs of instruction are offered. Several programs, focusing on the praxis of ministry, are available for those interested in or qualify for the pastoral ministry but who chose not to pursue a degree program. Certificates are awarded in Biblical Studies and Christian Education.

CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

All students enrolled in the Diploma in Biblical Studies are required to take ten courses in Bible studies from those courses listed below:

OT111	Survey of Old Testament I	3
OT112	Survey of Old Testament II	3
NT111	Survey of New Testament I	3
NT112	Survey of New Testament II	3
OT311	The Prophets	3
NT311	Pauline Letters	3
NT414	The Book of Revelation	3
TS211	Introduction to Theology	3
CH311	Church History	3
PM113	Evangelism	3
	Total Hours	30

CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

All students enrolled in the Diploma in Christian Education are required to take ten courses in Christian Education from those courses listed below:

CE201	Methods of Teaching	3
CE211	Foundations of Christian Education	3
CE214	Worship	3
CE321	Christian Education for Adults	3
CE322	Christian Education for Children	3
CE400	Program Planning and Curriculum Building	3
CE410	Leadership Training	3
CE422	Christian Education for Young People	3
PM113	Evangelism	3
PM413	Sunday School Administration	3
	Total Hours	30

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

All students must meet the core curriculum requirements to qualify for any Associate and Baccalaureate degrees at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. In addition to the following core requirements, students are to complete all requirements established in a specific program curriculum.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

I. COMMUNICATIONS	15 Sem. hrs.
English I, II,	6 Sem. hrs.
Comparative Study of Modern and Contemporary Literature	3 Sem. hrs.
Speech	3 Sem. hrs.
Spanish	3 Sem. hrs.
II. HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS	6 Sem. hrs.
Pastoral Philosophy	3 Sem. hrs.
Survey of Fine Arts	3 Sem. hrs.
III.	NATURAL SCIENCES
Sem. hrs.	9
Biology and Religion	3 Sem. hrs.
General Mathematics	3 Sem. hrs.
Computer Literacy	3 Sem. hrs.
IV.	SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL
SCIENCES	9 Sem. hrs.
Western Civilization	6 Sem. hrs.
Sociology	3 Sem. hrs.
V. HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 Sem. hrs.
Concepts of Health	2 Sem. hrs.
VI.	SEMINARY SUCCESS
Sem. hrs.	2

DESCRIPTION OF GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

All students must meet the core curriculum requirements to qualify for any Associate and Baccalaureate degrees at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary. In addition to the following core requirements, students are to complete all requirements established in a specific program curriculum.

COMMUNATIONS

15 Sem. hrs.

ENG I, II, 1IC11

6 sem. hrs.

English I

3 sem. hrs.

This course is designed to give introductory study and practice in writing themes. Emphases is placed on grammar and mechanics, the sentence, the paragraph, and the essay.

English II

3 sem. hrs.

This course is a continuation of English I with more intensive study and practice in writing themes and introductory study in writing compositions.

Advanced Grammar and Composition

3 sem. hrs.

This course is a continuation of English I and II with emphasis on critical thinking and writing essays, writing the research paper, business letters, and resumes.

Comparative Study of Modern and Contemporary World Literature

3 sem. hrs.

This is an intensive study of outstanding religious literature throughout the world which has emerged from various minority cultural groups of color.

Speech

3 sem. hrs.

This course is designed to develop the student's proficiency in communication to others. Emphasis is placed on control of voice, and development of confidence and poise and the study of techniques of delivery of various types of speech communication forms.

Spanish

This is a course tailored to the needs of ministerial and laity students who anticipate future communications with Hispanic cultures. Students will be expected to master the expressions and the basic vocabulary necessary for holding basic conversations, giving directions, and reading/using manuals written in Spanish.

HUMANITIES AND FINE ARTS

6 Sem. hrs.

Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy

3 sem. hrs.

This is an introduction to the principles, assumptions, theological and philosophical issues involved in the creation of Christian Ethics. Using the teachings of the Old and New Testaments to provide the basic norms, the course focuses on the issues of racism, colonialism, war and other social issue.

Historical Survey of Fine Arts in the Baptist Church

3 sem. hrs.

This is a study of trends in the fine arts of the Black Baptist Church which contributed historically, rationally, critically and philosophically to the trends of the church today.

NATURAL SCIENCES

9 Sem. hrs.

The Relationship Between Religion, Physical Science and Biology

3 sem. hrs.

This is an introduction to some of the basic conceptual links between religion, physical science and biology and how these linkages relate to biblical studies. Students are expected to exit the course with basic scientific literacy in all three science areas.

General Mathematics

3 sem. hrs.

This course is designed to improve the students' mastery of fundamental operations of arithmetic and includes drills, elements of basic applied mathematics, and a survey of the principles of elementary algebra.

Introduction to Computers and Computer Applications

3 sem. hrs.

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic skills of using computers and the application of computer based technology in preparing and using religious presentations for a variety of audiences and purposes.

SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

9 Sem. hrs.

Western Civilization

6 Sem. hrs.

This is a course that deals with a survey of ancient civilizations, history of Greek and Roman peoples, feudalism, the medieval church, the Renaissance and the Reformation.

Baptist History

This is a survey of Baptist life from the earliest days of Christianity to the present.

Sociology

3 Sem. hrs.

This is an introductory course of the study of man in his environment as it relates to culture, societal processes, social institutions and the significance of group behavior.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2 Sem. hrs.

Concepts of Health for Ministerial and Lay Leaders

2 Sem. hrs.

This course is designed to promote an understanding of the health issues, physical and mental that confront modern day organizations and people of all ages. Particular emphasis will be placed on the mental and emotional needs of people and how the church can work with other organizations to address these needs.

SEMINARY SUCCESS

2 Sem. hrs.

This course utilizes discussions, learning community projects, reviews of resource materials and short special topic workshops to help students understand the support resources available to them. Lectures will cover what students can do for themselves to be successful in their studies including: time management, organizing their study materials, developing positive relationships with instructors, and cooperating in study groups with their peers. Students will also be shown how to write and edit their papers and how to use library resources. The course will also adjust (when necessary) to discuss problems they bring to class.

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

Courses required for graduation are generally offered each year. Other courses are offered alternate years, some every third year.

I. BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Old Testament

OT 111, 112: Survey of the Old Testament. These courses are an introduction to the people, history and developing religion of ancient Israel. Israel's social and religious character and basic concerns are examined and the contemporary meaning of the Old Testament is stressed. Emphasis is also placed on the critical study of the texts of the Old Testament. **Credit: 3 hours**

OT 311: Prophets and Prophecy. A study of the prophetic movement in Israel and history of Old Testament prophecy. The prophetic books, basic elements of prophetic theology and the abiding role and task of the prophet are viewed. Contemporary application is stressed **Credit: 3 hours**

OT315: The Old Testament History and Theology. A study of the formation of the canon, of textual criticism, of Israelite history, and an evaluation of critical scholarship. The Christ-centered interpretation of the Old Testament takes into consideration the organic, progressive structure of biblical theology.

REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., and M.A.B.S. PROGRAMS

Credit: 3 hours

The New Testament

NT 101: Introduction to Greek. An introductory study concentrating on basic vocabulary and analysis of the grammar of New Testament Greek. **Credit: 3 hours**

NT 111, 112: Survey of the New Testament. These courses are designed to introduce students to the skills and tools of critical analysis while understanding the literature of the New Testament in historical context and contemporary relevance. **Credit: 3 hours**

NT 311: The Pauline Letters. A study of the themes and emphasis in Paul's thoughts as revealed in his letters and writings. Pauline Theology is revealed in the light of Biblical Scholarship and Paul's apostolate is viewed in the light of Acts and Letters. **Credit: 3 hours**

NT 414: The Book of Revelation. A study of Apocalyptic Literature and Thought. Reference will be made to the Book of Daniel and other Apocalyptic writings. **Credit: 3 hours**

NT415 New Testament Theology. A study of the formation of the canon, of textual criticism, of Israelite history, and an evaluation of critical scholarship. The Christ-centered interpretation of the Old Testament takes into consideration the organic, progressive structure of biblical theology. REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., and M.A.B.S. PROGRAMS **Credit: 3 hours**

II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE 201: Methods of Teaching. A study of the spiritual dynamics of effective Bible teaching and the principles of learning and teaching, with practice in using creative methods. **Credit: 3 hours**

II. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *(continued)*

CE 211: Christian Education. A study of the historical development of educational thought and expression with stress placed on emerging educational theories and practices which have influenced Christian education will be emphasized. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 321: Christian Education for Adults. A study of the basic needs and problems of adults with special attention to their religious growth and development. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 322: Christian Education for Children. A study of the basic needs of children, pre-schoolers and elementary, with emphasis on fulfilling some of those needs in Christian context. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 400: Program Planning and Curriculum Building. This course is designed to aid the student in understanding the theory of curriculum building so he will be prepared to build and plan programs for the various organizations of the church. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 410: Leadership Training. This course is concerned with the study of leadership theory as a basis for developing a personal concept of church leadership. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 411: Missions of the Church. A study of the biblical basis of the motives and aims of world missions. Basic biblical concepts and teachings of portions of the Old Testament and New Testament will be reviewed. **Credit: 3 hours**

CE 422: Christian Education for Young People. A study of the needs and problems of high school and college youth with special attention to their religious development. **Credit: 3 hours**

III. CHURCH HISTORY

CH 212: Baptist History. Here a survey of Baptist life from the earliest day of Christianity to the present is made. **Credit: 3 hours**

CH 311: History of the Christian Church. These courses trace the historical development of the Christian Church from the New Testament period to modern times. **Credit: 3 hours**

CH 315: Baptist Polity. A study of the structure and practices of the Baptist denomination. **Credit: 3 hours**

CH411: History of the Black Church. A study of the historical development, beliefs, practices and contemporary significance of the Black Church. The course examines the historical realities of the Black religious community and its ministry while lifting the responses it has made as a proper preparation for sustained reflection on that experience. **Credit: 3 hours**

CH412: History of Christian Missions. A survey of the spread of Christianity from the Apostolic Age to the present. Attention is given to the problems of missionary expansion in the present world order and to the Ecumenical Movement. **Credit: 3 hours**

HT313: Reformation and Modern Church History. Causes and events leading up to the Reformation with focus on its leaders and effects. Also covered are the Counter-Reformation, the Evangelical Revival and growth of the Protestant Church to the present. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**
Credit: 3 hours

IV. CHURCH IN GLOBAL CONTEXT

CGC 111: World Religions. A study of the history of the living religions of the world and their comparison with Christianity. Specialized study will be made of some non-Christian religions. **Credit: 3 hours**

CGC 400: The Church and Community. A study of current social problems and the ways the church should meet them. Social reforms are briefly traced and problems in connection with housing and family life, delinquency and crime, public education, commercialized recreation and the broader uses of leisure are studied with a view to discovering avenues of church cooperation with local agencies in solving these problems.

Credit : 3 hours

V. PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

PC 201: Introduction to Counseling. The focus of this course of on special problems encountered by the minister and the examination of methods for dealing with crisis situations. **Credit: 3 hours**

PC 211: Pastoral Counseling. Theories and techniques which are necessary for pre-counseling are learned. Relationships skills are applied to church-staff relationships and too many other areas of interpersonal ministry. Practical experience and evaluation are gained through the use of verbatim reports.

Credit: 3 hours

PC 310: Human Growth and Development. A study of human growth and development from the beginning of life through adulthood. **Credit: 3 hours**

PC 311: Pastoral Psychology. Attention is given to the meaning of pastoral care; major psychological contributions to the understanding of pastoral work with individuals, marriage and family, groups, and crisis experiences. Emphasis is upon theoretical insights, use of the professional self, empathy and practical application. **Credit: 3 hours**

PC 312: Psychology of Religion. An examination of the relationship of biblical, theological, sociological, and psychological understandings on pastoral care and an exploration of their implications for marriage and family life, interpersonal relationships and understandings. Psychological means and methods of interpreting the religious life will be pursued. **Credit: 3 hours**

PC 411: Religion and Personality Process. This course pursues an understanding of the psychological growth process and the personality factors that relate to religious development. It views faith and patterns of belief and their relationship to casual factors in negative behavioral patterns. **Credit: 3 hours**

VI. SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION

SR 111: Sociology. An introductory course to the study of man in his environment. **Credit: 3 hours**

SR 211: Western Civilization. The course of study deals with a survey of ancient civilizations, history of Greek and Roman peoples, feudalism, the medieval church, the Renaissance, and the Reformation. **Credit: 3 hours**

SR 311: Sociology of Religion. A review of contemporary American sociologists of religion and their thought as it relates to social class, empirical analysis of religion, power, church-sect characteristics, and the interaction of religion and society. **Credit: 3 hours**

VII. THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

MA 111: General Mathematics. A basic math course for Bachelor of Theology candidates. The course includes arithmetical concepts and drills, elements of basic applied mathematics, and a survey of the principles of elementary algebra. **Credit: 3 hours**

TS 211: Introduction to Theology. This is a survey course designed to introduce the student to Christian theology, including its biblical, historical, philosophical and systematic aspects. Special attention is given to Baptist theology. **Credit: 3 hours**

TD 411: Systematic Theology. In this survey course, students are introduced to Christian theology and the various schools of systematic thought. **Credit: 3 hours**

TD 412: Christian Ethics and Moral Philosophy. An introduction to the principles, assumptions, theological and philosophical issues involved in the creation of Christian Ethics. Using the teachings of the Old and New Testaments to provide the basic norms, the course focuses on the issues of racism, colonialism, war and other social issues. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 111, 112: College English. Basic English courses for Bachelor of Theology candidates are offered in the areas of: composition, literature, literary analysis and grammar. The works used for reading and analysis are primarily chosen from great African-American prose and poetry. The literature serves as a source of enrichment and spiritual power for the African-American minister's sermons, personal devotions and worship services. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 113: Evangelism. The study of the biblical background, the theological bases and history and methods of Christian evangelism. Considered in the context of the churches, attention will be given to the art of evangelistic preaching, preparation for special emphasis on evangelism, and the conservation of the results of evangelism. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 211: Church Administration. An attempt is made to evaluate the vital elements which should be included in building a New Testament type church. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM115: Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics. The purpose of this course is to enable the student to develop a sound method for biblical interpretation. The student will be introduced to the basic principles, steps, and major resources available for practicing biblical exegesis. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 212: Advanced Grammar and Composition. A scientific approach to writing, basic assumptions of rhetoric, subjects, purpose, audience, types, organizational structure, and critical skills contributing to effective writing. The course also emphasizes an in-depth study of the parts of speech and their functions and of sentence analysis. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 213: Speech. A course designed to develop the student's proficiency in communicating to others. Emphasis is placed on control of voice and development of confidence and poise and the study of techniques and delivery of various types of speech communication forms. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 214: Worship. A study of the history and forms of Christian worship. Attention will be devoted to the art of conducting recurring services of worship, developing meaningful programs for special occasions and the exploration of new and creative expressions of worship. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM215: Discipleship. The purpose of this course is to assist students in the application of the personal spiritual disciplines in their churches. The emphasis is on helping students model and teach the disciplines to the members of their church family. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 221: Homiletics I. A basic course in sermon preparation and delivery. **Credit: 3 hours**

VII. THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES *(continued)*

PM 311: Church Administration II. A study of the organizations of the Baptist church with suggestions as to their place and function is made. Also, a study will be made of the church budget as it relates to the total program of the church. A study of the Sunday School administration from the Cradle Roll Department through the Adult and Extension Departments will be made, too. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 322: Homiletics II. Moving from text to sermon, this course analyzes sermon intra-structure, meaning styles and language and explores hermeneutical cultural and theological questions. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM227: Communication I. The basic principles of effective communication for the church and the Christian worker's overall task will be considered with special emphasis on written communication skills. The students will be involved in several writing projects during the course of the semester. A brief overview of oral communication within the congregation and the broader community will be covered as well. **Credit: 2 hours**

PM330: Communication II. A continuation of Communication I. This course will focus on basic principles of effective oral communication with emphasis on voice quality, articulation, pronunciation, body language, and public speaking. The student will be asked to engage in various oral presentations in class. **Credit: 3 hours**

PM 413: Sunday School Administration. A study of the educational needs of smaller churches, including how to assess needs, set objectives, plan programs, select and use proper methods and materials, maintain a flexible organization, recruit and train leaders, and evaluate the ministry of smaller churches for all age-groups. **Credit: 3 hours**

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

BIBLICAL COUNSELING CONCENTRATION (20)

PT5710 Discipleship	2
PT7802 Clinical Research Development & Writing Project	3
PT7804 Clinical Final Project	3
BC7502 Counseling in the Local Church I	2
BC7505 Advanced Biblical Counseling	2
BC7622 Biblical Approach to Addictions	2
BC7630 Marriage & Family Counseling	2
BC7632 Advanced Marriage and Family	2
BC7755 Counseling in the Local Church II	2

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONCENTRATION (20)

CE5542 Historical & Philosophical Foundations of Ch.Ed	3
CE5602 Biblical Principles Of Christian Education	3
CE5626 Children & Youth Ministry	3
CE5641 Curriculum Review and Development	2
CE5673 Ministry of Teaching	3
CE7802 Clinical Research Development & Writing Project	3
CE7804 Clinical Final Project	3

DESCRIPTION OF COURSES

DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING

BC7501 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

An introduction to the theory and practice of biblical counseling. The biblical theological framework, the multidimensional model, and methods of dealing with common problems are some topics to be developed. Lecture and case studies form the bulk of the classroom material. REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS

Credit: 2 hours

BC7505 ADVANCED BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Designed to help the student develop a particular knowledge base of the ten most common problems encountered in a ministry setting and the functional skills for interviewing, developing a counseling strategy and maintaining a relationship with the counselee. PREREQUISITE BC7501 REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C

Credit: 2 hours

BC7502 COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH I

A biblical approach to equip lay counselors as ambassadors of Christ, to help Christians work through daily living problems with counsel, prayer, evangelism, and discipleship. REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C. and strongly encouraged for M.DIV.

Credit: 2 hours

BC7755 COUNSELING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH II

This course will include the discussion of daily living concerns, biblical references for godly solutions, role play of counseling situations, possible observations of actual counseling situations, and supervised counseling practice. PREREQUISITE BC7502 REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C.

Credit: 2 hours

BC7630 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

An introduction to the biblical approach to counseling couples and families. Biblical concepts and relational dynamics that pertain to marriage and family living will be discussed. The work of major therapists in the field will be investigated and critiqued. PREREQUISITE BC7501 REQUIRED FOR M.DIV. and M.A.B.C.

Credit: 2 hours

BC7735 GROUP DYNAMICS

The biblical basis for group work and human interpersonal dynamics will be discussed. Group structure, control and mutual respect will form the biblical framework. Contemporary literature, experiential learning, and the dangerous abuses of group work will be considered in biblical perspective. PREREQUISITE BC7501

Credit: 3 hours

BC7622 A BIBLICAL APPROACH TO ADDICTIONS

Alcohol, drugs, gambling, sexuality, and excessive spending have all become part of the addiction scene in America and in the American church. A biblical understanding of the dynamics of addiction and special attention to a biblical approach to helping those addicted will form the core of this course. PREREQUISITE: BC7501. REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C.

Credit: 2 hours

BC7617 BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND THE LAW

Critical issues regarding the biblical counselor and the law in such issues as child abuse, spousal abuse, church discipline, and biomedical ethics. Issues pertinent to the establishment and management of a Biblical Counseling center or ministry are discussed. Students will examine the laws of their own state. PREREQUISITE BC7501 or BC7502. REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C

Credit: 2 hours

BC7631 PREMARITAL COUNSELING

Provides the student with the occasion to employ basic biblical, theological and personality knowledge in assisting couples in the preparation for marriage. A biblical model for conducting premarital counseling will be explored and students are encouraged to develop modifications applicable to specific couples. REQUIRED FOR MABC.

Credit: 2 hours

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CE5641 CURRICULUM REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

This course is designed to equip the student with skills necessary to review, develop and implement a curriculum and structure for a comprehensive lay training program that includes the Sunday School, training ministries, and weekly Bible studies. **REQUIRED FOR M.A.C.E** **Credit: 2 hours**

CE5673 MINISTRY OF TEACHING

A study of the nature of teaching as it relates to the pastoral ministry. The role of the teacher and learner will be discussed. Consideration will be given to various teaching methods and to communication tools and skills. **REQUIRED FOR M.Div., M.A.C.E.** **Credit: 3 hours**

CE5740 THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A study of the organization and administration of the Christian day school. Attention is given to the implementation of a Christian philosophy of education. The Christian school as an institution in the community is considered as well. **Credit: 2 hours**

CE5542 HISTORICAL & PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The beginning of Christian education and its development through the period covered by the Bible and subsequently, with particular emphasis on those outstanding in this field of endeavor. **REQUIRED FOR M.A.C.E.** **Credit: 3 hours**

CE5602 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A study of biblical applications to challenges in administration, teaching, procedures, and curriculum in Christian Education. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., M.A.B.S., M.A.C.E.** **Credit: 3 hours**

CE5626 CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

An introduction and overview of youth and children's ministry. Attention is given to the needs and challenges of this generation and developing a biblical and practical foundation out of which to minister to children and youth. – **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., M.A.C.E.** **Credit: 3 hours**

CE5627 CHRISTIAN FAMILY NURTURE

A study of the biblical design of the Christian family, the meaning of a Christian marriage, child training and discipline, and church-home relationships. Methods of achieving Biblical goals in each area will be considered. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5637 Evangelism

The purpose of this course is to train students to be effective evangelists and to understand and use biblical principles and methods of church growth. Emphasis is placed on having an intense desire to reach the lost for Christ. The value of small group ministries and mobilizing the laity for growth and ministry are considered. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAM.** **Credit: 3 hours**

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL THEOLOGY

HT4528 EARLY & MEDIEVAL CHURCH HISTORY

Beginnings and progress of the church, the Roman Empire, the church in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Doctrinal controversies during these periods. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.**

Credit: 3 hours

HT4641 CHURCH HISTORY IN AMERICA

A survey of Christianity in North America from colonial times to the present. **REQUIRED FOR ALL MDIV, MACE, MABC** **Credit: 2 hours**

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL THEOLOGY *(continued)*

HT4721 REFORMATION & MODERN CHURCH HISTORY

Causes and events leading up to the Reformation with focus on its leaders and effects. Also covered are the Counter-Reformation, the Evangelical Revival and growth of the Protestant Church to the present. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS** **Credit: 3 hours**

HT4743 BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

A survey of Baptist life and movement from the earliest day of Christianity to the present. Particular consideration will be given to the unique role and movement of the African America Baptist church, noting social, economic, and political influences on the development of that tradition. Required for M.DIV. **Credit: 2 hours**

MS6631 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS

A study of God's purpose and activity in seeing the Great Commission in the Old Testament as revealed through Israel's responsibility to the nations and a consideration of the mandates entrusted to the Church in the New Testament. **REQUIRED FOR M.Div., M.A.B.S.** **Credit: 3 hours**

DEPARTMENT OF NEW TESTAMENT

NT1110 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY

Consideration is given to theology as it is presented progressively in the New Testament. Students will explore the unfolding of Christian doctrine from John the Baptist to John the Apostle. Events of the New Testament will be studied for their theological importance. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., M.A.B.S.** **Credit: 3 hours**

NT1111 BEGINNING GREEK I

A study of New Testament Greek for students without a knowledge of Greek. Students who wish to be excused must pass an examination in Greek. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.** **Credit: 2 hours**

NT1112 ADVANCED GREEK

Expository study in the Greek New Testament. **PREREQUISITE: Greek NT1111** **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.** **Credit: 2 hours**

NT1114 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY I

This course is a study of the contents of Matthew through II Thessalonians, considering the authorship, dates, purpose(s), significant persons, and peculiarities of each book. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS** **Credit: 3 hours**

NT1115 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY II

This is a continuation of the study of New Testament survey I. This study considers the books I Timothy through Revelations. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS** **Credit: 3 hours**

NT 1116 BOOK OF GALATIANS

This course is a study of Galatians using the English Bible, considering the authorship, background, objective, outline, progression, and literary form as well as its message for today. **Credit: 1 hours**

NT 1117 BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

From the English Bible a study of the book of Colossians is considered. After examining the authorship, the date of writing, purpose, problems and style, a study of the book itself will be made with an application of its Truths. **Credit: 2 hours**

DEPARTMENT OF OLD TESTAMENT

OT1110 OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY & THEOLOGY

A study of the formation of the canon, of textual criticism, of Israelite history, and an evaluation of critical scholarship. The Christ-centered interpretation of the Old Testament takes into consideration the organic, progressive structure of biblical theology. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., and M.A.B.S. PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours

OT1112 ADVANCED HEBREW

Extensive course in reading, with review of grammar and attention to greater accuracy in exegesis of the Old Testament. **PREREQUISITE: OT1111, OT1113. REQUIRED FOR M.DIV**

Credit: 2 hours

OT1113 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY I- PENTATEUCH AND HISTORICAL BOOKS

This course is a study of the contents of Genesis through Esther, considering the authorship, dates, purpose(s), significant persons, theology and peculiarities of each book. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours

OT1114 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY II- PROPHEETS

This study considers the books of Isaiah through Malachi, considering the authorship, dates, purpose(s), significant persons, theology and peculiarities of each book. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours

OT1115 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY III- HEBREW POETRY

This course will consider Job through the Songs of Solomon. In this course a study is made of the various elements which comprise Hebrew poetry. Poetic literature of the Old Testament is studied for its structure and message. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 2 hours

OT1111 BEGINNING HEBREW I

A study of the fundamentals of the Hebrew language with particular emphasis on its use in the original writing of the Old Testament. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.**

Credit: 2 hours

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

PT5510 PASTORAL COUNSELING

This course will focus on essential biblical principles of counseling in the local church with emphasis on the ability to relate to others. Special focus is given to a theoretical and practical approach to crisis situations in individual, family and the community at large.

Credit: 2 hours

PT5523 HOMILETICS I

A foundational course designed to acquaint the students with the theology of preaching, the selection and analysis of a text, sermon development, material elaboration, sermon introductions, and conclusions. The course will include lectures by various ministers on their methods of sermon development. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.**

Credit: 2 hours

PT5524 HOMILETICS II

A continuation of the basic principles presented in PT5523 along with additional material on sermon variations and pulpit speech including the development of style and eloquence through practice preaching. **PREREQUISITE PT5523; REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.**

Credit: 2 hours

PT5527 COMMUNICATION I

The basic principles of effective communication for the church and the Christian worker's overall task will be considered with special emphasis on written communication skills. The students will be involved in several writing projects during the course of the semester. A brief overview of oral communication within the congregation and the broader community will be covered as well.

Credit: 2 hours

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY *(continued)*

PT5530 COMMUNICATION II

A continuation of Communication I. This course will focus on basic principles of effective oral communication with emphasis on voice quality, articulation, pronunciation, body language, and public speaking. The student will be asked to engage in various oral presentations in class. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5620 INTRODUCTION TO INSTITUTIONAL PASTORAL CARE

A biblical study designed biblically to equip pastors and Christian workers with the necessary skills to develop effective institutional care and fellowship. Focus will be given to hospital rehabilitation centers, nursing homes and other institutions. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5621 CHURCH CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

This course examines the theological and psychological implications of conflict management principles, which can be applied in the local church context, enabling the pastor to adopt a positive attitude toward specific crisis situations. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5631 THEOLOGY & PRACTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

A study of the administrative aspects of church operations including personnel management, budgeting, stewardship and accounting, maintenance, building programs, and the functions of the diaconate as well as the functions of the minister in these areas. This course will focus on the proper procedures for church management. Attention will be given to selected historical, ecumenical and administrative styles, management and organization. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV. Credit: 3 hours**

PT5637 EVANGELISM

This requires participation in the personal and mass evangelism program of a local church for at least two semesters. It includes training and evaluation of effectiveness. - **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS Credit: 3 hours**

PT5710 DISCIPLESHIP

How to disciple men and women, building into their lives basic Christian disciplines and equipping them to disciple others. **REQUIRED FOR M.A.B.C. Credit: 2 hours**

PT5713 BIBLICAL ORIGINS OF CHURCH GOVERNMENT & DISCIPLINE

Studies in the history, principles, structures, and procedures of church government and biblical church discipline, peacemaking and church conflict management. Emphasis will be given to Baptist polity, with possible field trips to observe church government procedures in action. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5722 EXPOSITORY PREACHING

This course introduces a methodology of organizing and developing the elements of a sermon. Preaching style, philosophy and textual exposition, oral, written, verbal, and nonverbal communication will be addressed within the African American context. **Credit: 3 hours**

PT5726 MINISTRY TO SINGLES

A study of the principles, methods, and materials especially appropriate to working with adult singles. Includes practical experience in planning programs, ministering to needs, counseling, etc. **Credit: 2 hours**

PT5732 LIFE AND WORK OF THE PASTOR

This course addresses the spiritual formation of the pastor. The focus will be two-fold. It will give special attention to the pastor's devotional life, i.e. his personal walk with the Lord, the care and nurture of his family life, and the pastoral ministry in the local church and community at large. **Credit: 2 hours**
FOR M.DIV., MABC, AND M.A.C.E. Credit: 3 hours

DEPARTMENT OF PRACTICAL THEOLOGY *(continued)*

PT5733 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Consists of intentional team building or individual nurture with the goal of unleashing that team or individual for effective ministry. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours

PT5739 PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GROWTH

A study of the various aspects of a body of believers which promote growth, especially through outreach and assimilation. Negative growth characteristics will also be examined to help avoid such trends. This course is designed to provide the church with a Christ-centered approach to outreach and assimilation. Special emphasis will be given to developing outreach programs both inside and outside the church and to providing practical methods to assimilate newcomers into the life of the church.

Credit: 2 hours

PT5750 PUBLIC WORSHIP & MUSIC

Various aspects of worship including the structuring of the worship service, the function and use of music in worship, the sacraments, weddings, funerals, and related matters. **REQUIRED FOR M.Div.**

Credit: 3 hours

PT5756 SPIRITUAL CONFLICT

This course is designed to address the chief obstacles to the Church's missionary mandate in society. The course will give special attention to spiritual forces of darkness which are arrayed against the saints of God to hinder them from living for God and from carrying out God's purpose on earth. The student will be exposed to an understanding of those forces and their various manifestations in the world.

Credit: 2 hours

PT7802 CLINICAL RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND WRITING PROJECT

The purpose of this course is to enable students to learn and engage the process of academic, bibliographic research methods, and to determine the validity and reliability of various sources of information in preparation for the final clinical project. This course will also enable and assist students in the development of the research project design, and utilizing the tools from research development. Students will refine the skills of scholarly writing as applied to a subject of special interest appropriate to their respective clinical projects. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., M.A.C.E., M.A.B.C.**

Credit: 3 hours

PT7804 CLINICAL FINAL PROJECT

This course is the final writing of a professional project in a prescribed format, reflecting the student's academic training, practical experiences, and demonstrated ability in his/her area of concentration. The design, development, and implementation of the project will be under the supervision of a member of a faculty Advisor. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV., M.A.C.E., M.A.B.C.**

Credit: 3 hours

DEPARTMENT OF SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

ST3551 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I-THEOLOGY PROPER & ANTHROPOLOGY

The first half of this course is a study of the Doctrine, being and works of God. Items covered include: The Existence, knowability, names and attributes of God, the Trinity, Divine Decree, creation, predestination and providence. The rest of the course will consider the doctrine of man in relation to God i.e., a study of man in his original state, the state of sin, and man in the Covenant of grace. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS.** **Credit: 3 hours**

ST3552 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II-CHRISTOLOGY & SOTERIOLOGY

The first half of this course is a study of The Doctrine of the Person and Work of Christ. The names, nature, state, threefold office of Christ and The doctrine of the Atonement are topics to be considered. The second half of this course is a study of The Doctrine of the Application of the Work of Redemption. The elements of salvation including regeneration and calling, conversion, faith, justification, sanctification, the perseverance of the saints, together with the role of the Holy Spirit in redemption are topics to be considered. **REQUIRED**

ST3553 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III-ECCLESIOLOGY & ESCHATOLOGY The first half of this course is a study of The Doctrine of the Church and of the Means of Grace, A study of the church: its nature, government, and power; and the Word and Sacraments as means of grace. The second half of this course will deal with The Doctrine of the Last Things. A study concerning the nature and destiny of man following death, together with a consideration of the complexity of events surrounding the Second Coming of Christ, including the question of the millennium, the resurrection of the dead, the final judgment and the final state will be considered as well. **REQUIRED FOR M.DIV.**

Credit: 3 hours

ST3550 BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

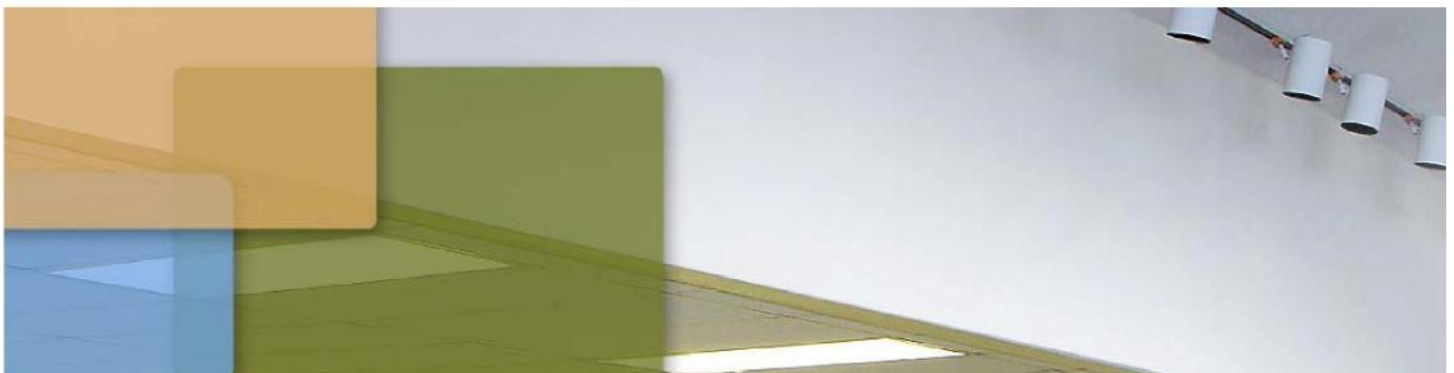
The purpose of this course is to assist the student in gaining the knowledge and skill necessary to determine the meaning of any passage of Scripture and to apply it authentically to the contemporary context. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours

ST3655 ETHICS AND APOLOGETICS

The first half of the course will cover the basis for and the responsibilities of the personal ethical conduct of the Christian. Various approaches to ethics will be considered. The second half of the course is a study of the defense of the Christian faith. Topics discussed will include apologetic methodology, arguments for God's existence, miracles, evidence for the deity and resurrection of Jesus, and responses to several major objections to the Christian faith. **REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS**

Credit: 3 hours



CODE OF ETHICS

Academic Integrity

Mississippi Baptist Seminary assumes that all of its students desire to pursue all academic work with honesty and scholarly integrity. Breaches of academic honesty and integrity are infringements of the mutual faith and trust essential to the academic enterprise. Activities that have the effect or intention of interfering with education, pursuit of knowledge, or fair evaluation of a student's performance are prohibited. Examples of activities include, but are not limited to, the following definitions.

- Cheating - Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, material, or study aids in examinations or other academic work, or preventing or attempting to prevent another from using authorized assistance, material, or study aids.

Examples: using a cheat sheet in an exam; altering a graded exam and resubmitting it for a better grade, and so on.

- Plagiarism – Using the ideas, data, or language of another without specific and proper acknowledgement. Examples: misrepresenting another's work (paper, report, article, or computer work) as one's own original creation and submitting it for an assignment; using someone else's ideas without attribution; failing to cite a reference or to use quotation marks where appropriate, and so on.
- Fabrication – Submitting contrived or altered information in any academic exercise. Examples: making up data, fudging data; citing nonexistent or irrelevant articles, and so on.
- Multiple Submissions – Submitting, without prior permission, any work submitted to fulfill another academic requirement. Example: submitting the same paper for two different classes without the instructor's express prior approval.
- Misrepresentation of Academic Records – Misrepresenting or tampering with or attempting to tamper with any portion of a student's transcripts or academic record, either before or after coming to Mississippi Baptist Seminary. Examples: forging a Registration Form or a grade report; tampering with computer records, and so on.
- Facilitating Academic Dishonesty – Knowingly helping or attempting to help another violate any provision of this code. Example: working together on an exam or others' assignments intended to be an individual project without the instructor's express or prior approval.
- Unfair Advantage - Attempting to gain unauthorized advantage over fellow students in an academic exercise. Examples: gaining or providing unauthorized access to examination materials (either past or present); obstructing or interfering with another student's efforts in an academic exercise; lying about a need for an

extension for an exam or paper; continuing to write even when time is up during an exam etc.

- Computer Crimes - Damaging or modifying computer programs without permission. Examples: piracy of copyright protected software; hacking; constructing viruses; knowingly introducing viruses into a system; copying programs and data belonging to others, and so on. Those students whose work definitively can be shown to breach academic honesty or scholarly integrity will face academic investigation. Sanctions will be imposed, ranging from course failure to dismissal from the school.

Authority

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary and Board of Trustees have responsibility of maintaining “appropriate standards of conduct of students.” This duty has been delegated to the Dean of Academic Affairs. The Dean of Academic Affairs is further authorized to expel, dismiss, suspend and place limitations on continued attendance and to levy sanctions for student conduct violations and is responsible for receiving and examining student conduct matters related to the behavior of students, student groups, and/or student organizations. In addition, the Dean of Student Academic Affairs with approval of the Board of Directors, have the discretion in determining the appropriate sanction (s) for students, student groups, and/or student organizations found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Conduct Procedures:

Student Conduct procedures may be initiated against a student, student group, and/or organization upon receiving and examining an official incident report and/or valid complaint regarding the behavior of a student, student group, and/or student organization. Any person affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Seminary community, students, faculty, visitors, guests, and staff may bring complaints of misconduct against a student or group of students. To initiate a case, allegations must be presented to the Extension Director. After receiving allegations of misconduct, the Extension Director will provide a written incident report to the Dean of Student Affairs who will review the allegations and determine an appropriate individual or group to hear the case, or determine whether to pursue an informal resolution process. All allegations should be submitted at the earliest opportunity after an incident occurs. Yet, there is no time limit on reporting violations of the Student Code of Conduct. However, the longer someone waits to report an offense, the harder it becomes for Seminary Staff to obtain information and witness statements and to make determinations regarding alleged violations. As necessary, Seminary Staff reserve the right to initiate a complaint, and initiate conduct proceedings without a formal complaint by the victim of misconduct. Once an incident report is received, the Dean of Student Affairs will determine whether or not the behavior warrants action. In the event a sufficient cause is determined, the Dean of Student Affairs reserves the right to conduct an administrative hearing or assign the case to a student conduct committee. All Student Affairs Conduct Committee members are trained students, faculty, and staff members. This committee shall hear cases which may result in a student, student group, and/or student organization being admonished, exonerated, receiving a letter of warning, being for counseling, receiving a fine, being placed on probation, losing privileges, being assigned a research assignment or reflection journal, paying restitution, being required to attend workshops/seminars, being suspended or being expelled from the Seminary.

Notification Process

The initial form of communication with a student, student group, and/or student organization named in an incident report will be via phone and/or e-mail. These methods will be used to provide the charges being brought against the student, student organization, or student group and will also outline the requirement of contacting the Dean of Academic Affairs or designee, in order to schedule the hearing.

Hearings may only be scheduled via phone, e-mail, or by the student scheduling in person. In cases where the student schedules a hearing less than 48 hours prior to the hearing, the 48 hour notification process outlined below, becomes null and void. When there are more than five (5) students involved in a case, the Dean of Academic Affairs reserves the right to schedule the hearing date and time for all students involved, without confirmation from the students due to the number of individuals involved. Documentation can be provided to students for missed classes or work responsibilities when such circumstances exist. Failure to report to the Dean of Academic Student Affairs after being properly notified may result in the student, student group, or student organization being charged with “Failure to Comply” and/or “Contempt of Hearing.” In this case, a decision will be made in the student’s absence based on the information outlined in the incident report and any information gathered from the investigation.

Student Rights During the Hearing Process

When the hearing date, time and location have been determined, the student, student organization or student group will be notified. The notice will be via letter or e-mail outline the charges and advising the student(s) of their rights and responsibilities.

The student(s) have the right to:

- 1. Know with 48 hours of the hearing the time date and location; and who will be responsible for adjudication.**
- 2. Know that the student, student organization or student group are permitted to have witnesses present and they are allow to present evidence.**
- 3. Know that they have the right to be have a representative of their choice present for support only not to ask questions or to give input. They may advise the student, student group or organization of their fifth Amendment Rights.**
- 4. The accused is permitted to ask questions or to question evidence presented.**
- 5. Know that failure to appear will result in “Failure to Comply” or “Contempt of Hearing”**
- 6. Know that the Seminary will follow the Hearing Process outline below.**
- 7. Confirmation that records pertaining to the hearing will be maintained in the office of the Dean of Academic Affairs.**

Hearing Process

The purpose of the Hearing is to conclude whether the accused has violated a code of conduct that warrants adjudication and possible sanction. The student or student organization is required to attend the hearing. If they fail to attend, the hearing will be held in their absence and a determination will be made. All matters relating to the hearing will be held in confidence and the records will be maintained in the office of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

The hearing will proceed as follows:

1. Call to order by the chairperson;
2. Presentation of the violation (s);
3. Response from the accused student, student group, or student organization to the violation (s). The accused may plead responsible, not responsible, or no plea.
4. Presentation of the case against the accused, which may include testimony of witnesses and supporting information on the violation. The accused may ask questions of the witnesses.
5. The accused may present a response which may include testimony of witnesses and supporting information.
6. All witnesses will be called separately and may not hear each other's testimony.
7. Examination and questioning by the hearing committee may follow any witness statement or information presented.
8. The decision is reached by the Dean of Academic Affairs (administrative hearing) or members of the Student Affairs Conduct Committee (student conduct committee hearing) as to whether the accused is "responsible" or "not responsible" for violating the Student Code of Conduct.
9. If possible, the accused is usually informed in writing of the outcome (responsible or not responsible) of the hearing and sanctions within a minimum of three (3) business days after the hearing. In the event a decision cannot be made within three (3) business days, the accused will be informed by the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Appeal Process

Students, student organizations or student groups may appeal the decision made by the Dean of Academic Affairs if there was a substantial violation of the Hearing Process or there is new evidence to be presented.

One day after receipt of the decision of the by the Academic Dean in the Hearing, the student, student group, or organization will submit in writing to the Seminary

President supporting documents with the appeal letter. Specific grounds must be delineated as to why there is a need for appeal.

After receipt of the letter of appeal the President will determine if an appeal is justified and will notify the aggrieved within five days of the receipt of the letter of appeal. If the appeal is justified, the student is notified of the time and location to be present. The aggrieved is allowed to have representation, however, the representative is there only in a supportive role and to advise of their Fifth Amendment Rights.

The decision of the President is final.

LIBRARY

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary has use of Reform Theological Seminary's Library facility located at 5422 Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi 39209. Students are allowed to use the materials in-house. The library grants borrowing privileges to area pastors/preachers.