

Master of Biblical Study, Major in Education and Ministry

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including major)



Program Description

The Master of Biblical Study, Major in Education and Ministry is designed for students who desire an in-depth understanding of biblical scholarship while also gaining expertise in faith-based education and ministry leadership. This program provides students with advanced theological knowledge, biblical exegesis, and practical skills necessary for teaching, ministry leadership, and pastoral roles.

Through rigorous academic coursework and applied learning experiences, students will explore theological interpretations, hermeneutics, biblical history, and pedagogy for religious instruction. Additionally, the education and ministry major focuses on preparing students for roles in Christian schools, churches, and faith-based educational programs.

Graduates will be equipped to serve as biblical educators, church leaders, and theological scholars, capable of training and mentoring future generations in faith and ministry. The program emphasizes research, critical thinking, and applied leadership, making it an excellent choice for those who seek to teach or lead in faith-based communities and institutions.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in biblical studies, theology, education, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- Two letters of recommendation from faculty, clergy, or professional mentors
- Statement of purpose outlining the student's interest in biblical scholarship and education
- Interview with faculty admissions committee

Practicum Requirement

Students must complete a 300-hour supervised practicum in a faith-based educational institution, church, or Christian school.

This practicum provides hands-on experience in teaching, curriculum development, and ministry leadership, allowing students to apply their knowledge in real-world educational settings.

Master's Thesis

A master's thesis is required, focusing on biblical studies, religious education, or ministry leadership.

The thesis should be between 60-100 pages, follow APA or Turabian formatting, and demonstrate original research in biblical interpretation, theological education, or pastoral ministry.

Program Outcomes

- Develop advanced skills in biblical exegesis, theological research, and scriptural interpretation.
- Apply biblical principles to faith-based educational and ministry settings.
- Demonstrate excellence in teaching, curriculum design, and faith-based leadership.
- Prepare for roles in Christian education, ministry leadership, and theological research.
- Understand and articulate major theological perspectives within historical and contemporary contexts.

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIB 6001	Introduction to Biblical Interpretation	3
BIB 6002	Old Testament Theology and History	3
BIB 6003	New Testament Studies and Theology	3
BIB 6004	Hermeneutics and Exegesis	3
BIB 6005	History of Christianity and Doctrinal Development	3
BIB 6006	Spiritual Formation and Biblical Ethics	3
BIB 6007	Research Methods in Biblical Studies	3
BIB 6008	Christian Worldview and Apologetics	3
BIB 6009	Contemporary Issues in Biblical Scholarship	3
BIB 6010	Biblical Hebrew and Greek Studies	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
BIB 6101	Teaching the Bible: Pedagogy and Curriculum Development	3

BIB 6102	Leadership in Christian Education	3
BIB 6103	Christian Ethics and Social Issues	3
BIB 6104	Theology of Discipleship and Mentorship	3
BIB 6105	Pastoral Ministry and Church Administration	3
BIB 6106	Faith-Based Organizational Leadership	3
BIB 6107	Supervised Ministry Education Practicum	3
BIB 6108	Capstone Research Project in Education and Ministry	3

Education and Ministry Major (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
EDM 6201	Christian Education Models and Theories	3
EDM 6202	Developing Faith-Based Curriculum	3
EDM 6203	Leadership Development in Ministry	3
EDM 6204	Pastoral Counseling and Spiritual Formation	3
EDM 6205	Nonprofit Leadership in Christian Education	3

Career Outcomes and Potential Salary

- Biblical Educator or Christian School Teacher – \$50,000-\$90,000
- Church Minister or Pastor – \$55,000-\$110,000
- Faith-Based Curriculum Developer – \$60,000-\$100,000
- Christian College or Seminary Faculty – \$65,000-\$120,000

Advocacy and Professional Development

Graduates are encouraged to engage with professional theological and educational organizations such as the Evangelical Theological Society (ETS) and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) for networking, research opportunities, and continued professional development.

Additional Electives (9 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Title	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Faith-Based Pedagogy and Instruction	3
ELE 902	Ministry Training and Curriculum Development	3
ELE 903	Diversity and Inclusion in Religious Education	3
ELE 904	Online Learning Strategies for Theological Education	3
ELE 905	Faith-Based Teaching Methodologies	3