

Doctor of Biblical Study, Major in Education and Ministry

HBI University

Course Duration: 3 Years

Total Credit Hours: 105

Program Description

The Doctor of Biblical Study, Major in Education and Ministry, at HBI University is designed for educators, ministry professionals, and scholars committed to theological excellence and instructional leadership. This program integrates biblical scholarship with pedagogical innovation, preparing graduates for roles in higher education, curriculum development, and church-based teaching ministries. Students will explore advanced hermeneutics, exegetical methods, theological frameworks, and ministry-focused education strategies. With a strong emphasis on teaching scripture in diverse settings, the program equips students to effectively communicate biblical truth with intellectual rigor and cultural relevance. Graduates will emerge with a robust theological foundation and practical tools for discipling leaders, developing educational resources, and cultivating learning communities grounded in the Word of God.

Admissions Requirements

- Master's degree in Biblical Studies, Theology, Divinity, or related field
- GPA of 3.5 or higher in graduate-level coursework
- Minimum of 3 years of ministry or teaching experience
- Statement of Purpose (1,000–1,500 words)
- Three letters of recommendation (academic, pastoral, professional)
- Curriculum Vitae or résumé
- Interview with doctoral program director

Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FND 800	Foundations of doctor of biblical study	3
FND 801	Advanced Theoretical Perspectives in doctor of biblical study	3
FND 802	Qualitative Research in doctor of biblical study	3
FND 803	Quantitative Analysis for doctor of biblical study	3
FND 804	Ethical Issues in doctor of biblical study	3
FND 805	Historical Foundations of doctor of biblical study	3

FND 806	Global Contexts of doctor of biblical study	3
FND 807	Case Studies in doctor of biblical study	3
FND 808	Applied Practice in doctor of biblical study	3
FND 809	Interdisciplinary Approaches to doctor of biblical study	3

Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
COR 800	Leadership and Strategy in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 801	Innovation and Change in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 802	Policy and Advocacy in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 803	Capstone Seminar in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 804	Technology Integration in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 805	Communication and Collaboration in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 806	Conflict Resolution in doctor of biblical study	3
COR 807	Field Research in doctor of biblical study	3

Minor Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
MIN 800	Special Topics in Major in Education and Ministry	3
MIN 801	Field Application in Major in Education and Ministry	3
MIN 802	Spiritual Integration in Major in Education and Ministry	3
MIN 803	Ethical Leadership in Major in Education and Ministry	3
MIN 804	Community Engagement in Major in Education and Ministry	3

Additional Elective Courses (Not Included in Total Credits)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
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ELE 800	Contemporary Issues in doctor of biblical study	3
ELE 801	Faith-Based Leadership in Practice	3
ELE 802	Strategic Decision-Making in Ministry	3
ELE 803	Cultural Competency and Inclusion	3
ELE 804	Global Perspectives in Nonprofit Governance	3

Practicum Experience

Doctoral students must complete a supervised practicum in a faith-based educational or ministry setting. This practicum emphasizes teaching, curriculum development, and spiritual mentorship.

Practicum Requirements:

- 600 hours of supervised teaching, training, or curriculum leadership
- Submission of a teaching portfolio including syllabi, lesson plans, and feedback
- Reflective journal demonstrating spiritual and pedagogical growth
- Final presentation of a completed teaching or training project

Doctoral Dissertation Requirements

The doctoral dissertation must demonstrate original research in biblical education, curriculum theory, or ministry training. Students may focus on pedagogical frameworks, scripture-centered curriculum models, or biblical literacy initiatives.

Requirements:

- Research proposal approved by the faculty
- Comprehensive literature review and theological framework
- Field research or applied education project
- Minimum 100 pages, including methodology and practical application
- Oral defense before an academic committee

Dissertation Outline:

1. Introduction
2. Literature Review
3. Methodology
4. Results
5. Discussion
6. Conclusion
7. References and Appendices

Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate expertise in biblical interpretation and theological education
- Design and deliver curriculum in church and academic settings
- Integrate faith and learning in ministry instruction
- Mentor future ministry leaders with theological depth
- Contribute to biblical scholarship and Christian education

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Professor of Biblical Studies	\$85,000 – \$130,000
Director of Christian Education	\$75,000 – \$120,000
Church Curriculum Developer	\$70,000 – \$110,000
Faith-Based University Administrator	\$90,000 – \$140,000
Missionary Educator or Trainer	\$65,000 – \$100,000

Dissertation Outline

#	Section	Details
1	Introduction	• Focus on theological and counseling integration
2	Literature Review	• Foundations from scripture, pastoral theology, and counseling literature
3	Methodology	• Narrative, case study, or practical theological framework
4	Results	• Insights and application in ministry contexts
5	Discussion	• Theological and relational care implications
6	Conclusion	• Contribution to ministry and future directions
7	References and Appendices	