

MA in Biblical Exegesis

36 Hours

Modified residency

Degree pre-requisites for the MA in Biblical Exegesis: Old or New Testament Studies presupposes undergraduate preparation consisting of an accredited Bachelor of Arts in a complementary field such as Theology or Biblical Studies. Students must have completed 3 credits in Hermeneutics, 6-credits in New Testament Survey, and 6-credits in Greek. Students who lack any of this foundational coursework, but have the prerequisite degree, may take the appropriate proficiency exam to assess pre-requisite competency. Applicants for this degree program must meet these and all other normal application requirements for admission to Northeastern Baptist College.

Required Courses – 36 hours

THO612 or THO613 Old or New Testament Theology Seminar	3	_____
ETH611 Christian Ethics Seminar	3	_____
PSM612 Leadership in Ministry Seminar	3	_____
PSM613 Advanced Methods for Communicating the Bible Seminar	3	_____
BIB620 Biblical Research Methods	3	_____
BIB621 or BIB622 Interpreting the Old or New Testament	3	_____
Focus Seminar: _____	3	_____
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APM643 Thesis: Research Proposal & Literature Review	3	_____
APM644 Thesis: Research & Writing	3	_____
APM645 Thesis: Revisions	3	_____
APM646 Thesis: Submission & Defense	3	_____
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Focus Seminars – 6 hours

Old Testament Studies

- ___ Hebrew Exegesis - Historical Narrative
- ___ Hebrew Exegesis - Prophets or Poetry

New Testament Studies

- ___ Greek Exegesis - Gospels or Acts
- ___ Greek Exegesis - Epistles or Revelation

MASTER'S COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

All master's level courses are 3 credit hours

APPLIED MINISTRY PRACTICUM

APM630 Mentored Field Experience I: Under the guidance of an experienced ministry leader, students will gain substantive, practical skills and understanding in the ministry setting. Students will observe, engage, and participate in ministerial functions to inform a philosophy of ministry. Faculty oversight will provide encouragement and guidance.

APM631 Mentored Field Experience II: As a continuation of the first semester of Mentored Field Experience, students will build on the practical skills and understanding they have learned. Additionally in this course, students will develop and express a philosophy of ministry within the context of their ministerial position. Faculty will continue to provide oversight and guidance.

APM641 Thesis: Research Proposal & Literature Review: The first in a series of four thesis courses, this course involves the student's initial research into his/her designated subject. In consultation with a faculty advisor, the student will review essential writings on his/her chosen topic and develop a formal research proposal. This proposal includes the draft of chapter one (introduction) to the thesis as well as the tentative outline of chapters two through five (conclusion).

APM642 Thesis: Research & Writing: The second in a series of four thesis courses, this course involves the student's continued research into his/her designated subject, as well as the continued development of the thesis project. This course requires writing the drafts of chapters two and three.

APM643 Thesis: Revisions: The third in a series of four thesis courses, this course involves the student's writing and revisions of the thesis project. The course requires editing chapters one (introduction), two, and three, as well the initial writing of drafts for chapters four and five (conclusion).

APM644 Thesis: Submission and Defense: The final in a series of four thesis courses, this course involves final revisions, submission, and defense of the student's thesis. The student will revise chapters one through five, submit the thesis to their faculty advisor, and defend the thesis before a panel of professors.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIB601 Old Testament Studies: This course explores the Old Testament by examining basic issues relating to the author, dating, theme, historical background, structure, and content from the Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom literature, and Prophets.

BIB602 New Testament Studies: This course explores the New Testament by examining basic issues relating to the author, dating, theme, historical background, structure, and content from the Gospels, Acts, Pauline Epistles, General Epistles and Revelation.

BIB603 Systematic Theology: This course examines the major elements of systematic theology by exploring Theological Method, Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.

BIB604 Advanced Hermeneutics: The student will be exposed to the basic principles of biblical interpretation and hermeneutical procedures. An analysis of various hermeneutical approaches will be considered. The course will focus on applying sound hermeneutics in personal study, sermon preparation, Bible study lessons, and writing

BIB605 Advanced Church History: A survey of the history of Christianity from the first century to the twenty-first century, focusing on the development of pivotal doctrines and ecclesiastical institutions in the Patristic, Medieval, Reformation, and Modern periods

BIB620 Biblical Research Methods: This course will focus on identifying and evaluating scholarly sources in biblical studies, surfacing and networking both online and in-print resources.

BIB621 Interpreting the Old Testament: This course will explore the principles, problems, and practice of OT hermeneutics and exegesis in such areas as textual criticism, comparative linguistics, and poetic analysis.

BIB622 Interpreting the New Testament: This course prepares students to interpret the writings of the New Testament in light of their specific context, literary genre, and historical setting. Students will inductively examine various New Testament passages in an effort to develop their hermeneutical and interpretive precision. Current trends and issues involved in the study of the New Testament are discussed throughout this course.

BIB699 Special Topics Seminar: This special topics seminar is designed to provide flexibility within the master's program by offering the opportunity to explore subjects not currently available within the catalog.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

CCO621 Christian Counseling: This course examines the biblical and theological foundations of biblical counseling. In addition to learning the epistemological, anthropological, and methodological presuppositions for biblical counseling, the student will learn distinctively Christian concepts for understanding people, their problems, how they change, and basic methods and techniques of counseling.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CED621 Discipleship & Education: In the local church, discipleship and education go hand in hand. This course will investigate the similarities and differences in theology, philosophy, and strategy between discipleship and education while providing students with tools to both effectively disciple others and develop pedagogically appropriate education experiences in the local church.

CED622 Women in Ministry: This course will explore the specific ministry needs of women of all ages, focusing on establishing and building ministries for women in the local church. Topics include: the purpose, philosophy, and theology of women's ministry, planning and programming, volunteer engagement, and development of potential leaders.

CHURCH PLANTING

CPL501 Church Planting Ministry: This course will introduce the student to the skills, issues, and challenges of the church planting process. We will explore basic strategies for the pre-launch, launch, and post-launch phases of this endeavor. Completion of this course will provide the pastor and layman with the understanding necessary to reach others with the gospel of Jesus through planting new churches.

CPL502 Church Planting Movements & Contextualized Methods: This course will offer a thorough study of planting and developing churches in historical and contemporary church planting movements. The students will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of church planting movements as well as cross cultural methodology. Emphasis will be placed on the student's comprehension of anthropological, sociological, and missiological factors of church planting and breaking the missional code of a particular target population and people group. Students will develop a contextualized strategy for planting a Baptist church in a specific town in the Northeast.

CPL621 Church Planting: This course provides the student with an advanced look at church planting on the master's level. Attention will be given to the Biblical and Theological basis for church planting. Building on this foundation, various church planting methods will be examined and assessed. The concept and principles of church planting movements will also be considered.

LANGUAGES

LAN501 Old Testament Exposition: This course integrates the knowledge gained in Hebrew I and II, Old Testament I, II, and III, and Hermeneutics. Beginning with a review of Hebrew grammar and vocabulary, the course will explore advanced exegetical tools like syntax, word studies, textual criticism, and genre and will learn to develop a complete, integrated exegetical analysis of a selected passage.

LAN502 New Testament Exposition: This course combines the knowledge gained in Greek I & II, New Testament I, II & III and Hermeneutics. Beginning with a review of the Greek language, students will write, present and defend an exegetical paper on an assigned passage in the New Testament. The paper will include an exegetical outline, a translation, and an exegetical commentary of the specific passage assigned, along with a sermon outline of the passage. 3 CREDIT HOURS

LAN620 Hebrew Exegesis in a Historical Narrative (book): This course will focus on the structure, cultural and historical background, translation, and interpretation of a selected book which is comprised largely of historical narrative. The book chosen for this course may vary from year to year at the discretion of the instructor.

LAN621 Hebrew Exegesis in Prophets or Poetry (book): This course will focus on the structure, cultural and historical background, translation, and interpretation of a selected book from the prophetic or poetic books of the OT. The book chosen for this course may vary from year to year at the discretion of the instructor.

LAN622 Greek Exegesis in the Gospels or Acts (book): One of the Gospels or Acts is overviewed, translated, and examined in an effort to better grasp the author's original intended meaning. Depending on the professor, the book examined in this course will change on a year-to-year basis. This course is intended to bring students with an elementary knowledge of the Greek language (Koine) to the

place where they can use it with proficiency in their weekly teaching/preaching ministry. Topics such as hermeneutics, textual criticism, and discourse analysis are considered as necessary.

LAN623 Greek Exegesis in the Epistles or Revelation (book): One of the New Testament Epistles or Revelation is overviewed, translated, and examined in an effort to better grasp the author's original intended meaning. Depending on the professor, the book examined in this course will change on a year-to-year basis. This course is intended to bring students with an elementary knowledge of the Greek language (Koine) to the place where they can use it with proficiency in their weekly teaching/preaching ministry. Topics such as hermeneutics, textual criticism, and discourse analysis are considered as necessary.

MUSIC

MUS621 Worship: This course studies the doctrine, history, and practice of Christian worship with special emphasis on worship in the local church.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

PSM501 Discipleship Ministries: This course will examine the biblical and theological foundations of discipleship and the process of one becoming a disciple. The characteristics of what a true disciple is will be considered as well as the methodology and strategies that churches utilize to encourage and inspire spiritual formation. Special attention is given to the implementation of a discipleship model or ministry plan within the local church.

PSM502 Pastoral Ministry: A study of the multiple ministries of today's pastor, including planning a preaching program, filling the pastoral role of the congregation, planning services and activities. The concept of pastoral leadership and how the pastor relates to the various ministries of the church will also be considered. 3 CREDIT HOURS

PSM503 Homiletics I (Preparation): A basic introduction to the issues related to the study of preaching. The student will be exposed to various methods of preaching. The principles and preparation practices of expositional preaching will be given priority. 3 CREDIT HOURS

PSM504 Homiletics II (Delivery): A study of the dynamics of sermon delivery. The student will be exposed to various methods of sermon delivery. Emphasis will be placed on packaging the sermon as well as on principles of speech, protection of the voice, and other issues related to the delivery of sermons. The student will preach 2-3 times during the semester. 3 CREDIT HOURS LIMITED TO MALE STUDENTS

PSM505 Church Leaders and Baptist Denominational Life: A study of the practical application of living out Baptist principles both personally and as a pastor of a local Baptist church. Consideration will also be given to functioning as a pastor of a church in

relation to the local Baptist association, as well as the regional and national conventions, boards and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. 3 CREDIT HOURS

PSM506 The Pastor and His Community: A study of the role and relationships of a pastor as a member of the larger community wherein his church resides. Consideration will be given to involvement

in community organizations, events, and activities and how these opportunities relate to Christ's command to be "salt" and "light" in the world. The pastor's responsibility to lead the congregation in engaging the community will also be discussed. 3 CREDIT HOURS

PSM611 Christian Ethics Seminar: This course builds on the truth that we are made in the image of God, made to live in community and called to serve Him within society. Students will focus on selected contemporary social and moral issues and incorporating Christian responses to complex problems.

PSM612 Leadership in Ministry: This course examines the biblical foundation for leadership in ministry, surveys the current thought regarding leadership in ministry, and assess current trends in light of biblical teaching.

PSM613 Advance Methods for Communicating the Bible Seminar: This course provides the student with an advanced look at communicating the Bible on the master's level. Various methods will be examined and assessed considering the method's effectiveness to faithfully communicate the Grammatical-Historical meaning of a text of Scripture. Application will be made to each of the Applied Theology disciplines including, preaching, teaching, counseling, leadership, and missions.

PSM621 Missions: This course serves as an introduction to the biblical, theological, historical, and practical bases for Christian missions. Special attention is given to contemporary issues in missions.

PSM622 Preaching: This course provides the student with an advanced look at preaching on the master's level. Attention is given to the Biblical/Theological basis for preaching, the history of preaching, and current trends in preaching. Emphasis is placed on expository preaching.

PSM623 Evangelism: This course investigates the Biblical and Theological basis for evangelism. Building on that foundation the student will examine and evaluate various evangelistic methods. Consideration will also be given to establishing, implementing, and evaluating an ongoing evangelistic ministry in the local church.

THEOLOGY

THO614 Applied Theology Seminar: This course surveys the field of applied theology providing the student with an understanding of the biblical/theological basis for ministry, the relationships between the Bible, theology, and application of Biblical principles in ministry. Attention will be given to various ministry activities including, preaching, teaching, leadership, counseling, and mission (church planting and evangelism).

THO612 Old Testament Theology Seminar: This course will study the principles and practice of Old Testament Theology and the published theologies of select Old Testament Theology scholars such as Von Rad, Kaiser, and Martens.

THO613 New Testament Theology Seminar: This course considers the theological message of the books of the New Testament and their unique contributions. It builds upon the backgrounds of a New Testament survey by evaluating the similarities and distinctions of individual books, as well as books by specific authors (e.g., Pauline, Johannine, Petrine, etc.). This course assists the student in articulating the original message and contemporary significance of each book of the New Testament.