

# BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

## THE MASTER'S COLLEGE | ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Pending final approval by WASC Senior College & University Commission (WSCUC), TMC Online will be offering a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies with a choice of two possible emphases. The **Biblical Studies: General** emphasis includes nine semester units of Biblical Greek language study, while the **Biblical Studies: English Bible** emphasis includes a three semester unit introduction to biblical language.

Both emphases provide individuals with an in-depth study of the Old and New Testaments. The major coursework stresses the understanding, interpretation, and application of biblical literature. The biblical content is studied in light of its original historical context so that an authentically biblical understanding can be applied to the theological and cultural issues of the current day. The programs attempt to assist students in developing a biblical worldview in which the principles and norms derived from the Word of God are applied to the whole of life. Spiritual values are emphasized so that practical spiritual growth is experienced along with academic achievement.

### Major & Emphasis Requirements

Course Number & Title*		Units for Bible - General	Units for English Bible	Course Number & Title*		Units for Bible - General	Units for English Bible
BIB310	Foundations of Biblical Study	3	3	B346	Life of Christ	3	3
B340	Biblical Interpretation	3	3	BC300	Intro. to Biblical Counseling	3	3
B300	The Land of the Bible	3	3	BTH337	Theology of God	3	3
B364	History of Ancient Israel	3	3	B407	Isaiah	3	3
BL325	Intro. to Biblical Languages		3	B342	Romans	3	3
BL305	Elementary Greek I	3		B335	Revelation	3	3
BL306	Elementary Greek II	3		BCW363	Apologetics	3	3
BL307	Elementary Greek III	3		B400	Senior Integration Seminar	3	3
B306	Genesis	3	3	<b>Total Units in each Bible Emphasis</b>		<b>48</b>	<b>42</b>

\*Course descriptions on reverse side of page.

### Format & Schedule

All major courses are taught in an online format during two 8-week sessions over three semesters each year. This schedule enables students to qualify for federal financial aid.

Students taking one course per session are able to complete the major coursework in 28 months. By taking more than one course per session, the program can be completed in as little as 14 months.

Non-Bible GE and elective courses can be taken prior to, concurrent with, or subsequent to completion of the major coursework.

TMC Online courses contain a variety of proven online instructional approaches including brief video lectures, topical videos from the Internet or other resources, interactive exercises & lessons. In addition, students will engage each other and the instructor through online discussion forums, chat and video conferencing sessions, and instant messaging. Student assessments will include online quizzes and exams, written papers, online speeches, role-plays, and presentations, depending on the program.

### General Education (65 Units) & Electives (15 Units)

General Education (GE) courses are intended to introduce undergraduates to the richness and diversity of the various academic disciplines. TMC GE requirements are listed below:

Essentials of Christian Thought (3)	American/English/World Lit. (3)	Intro to U.S. History (3)
Old Testament Survey (3,3)	Literature Elective (3)	Intro to U.S. Government (3)
New Testament Survey (3,3)	Spoken Communication (3)	Intro to Economics & Society (3)
Christian Theology (3,3)	Intro to Music and Art (3)	Intro to Biology (3)
Distinctives of Biblical Living (1,1,1,1)	Intro to Philosophy (3)	Science Lab (1)
English Composition (3)	Intro to World History (3,3)	Critical Thinking & Quantitative Analysis (3)

- Elective courses give students the opportunity to take courses in other areas that interest them.
- GE and elective courses can be completed through TMC Online, transferred in from another accredited college or university, and/or via Advanced Placement or CLEP (subject to TMC transfer credit policies).

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## Major Course Descriptions

Major curriculum courses are the core of the undergraduate studies and are designed to prepare the student for effectiveness in his/her life and career.

### **BIB310 Foundations of Biblical Study (3)\***

This course introduces the student to the necessary skills and techniques that promote educational success in the online environment. Academic writing and research techniques promoting information literacy are examined and applied. This course is also undergirded by an essential focus on spiritual formation foundational to healthy ministry, personal as well as corporate, within the life of the church. Guiding principles constituting biblical ministry within the curriculum are established.

### **B340 Biblical Interpretation (3)\***

An analysis of how to study and understand Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on the vital methods used to apply a passage, and the specific rules used to interpret biblical narratives, poetry, parables and prophecy.

### **B300 The Land of the Bible (3)\***

A visual study of the geography of the land of the Bible, including sites in the Old Testament, New Testament, and in modern Israel. The course will examine how the geography of the land provides the "stage" on which the events transpired and also how it became part of those very events. Relevant post-Biblical historical events and elements of Jewish culture will also be incorporated into the geographical study.

### **B364 History of Ancient Israel (3)\***

A careful study of the history of the people and nation of Israel, from Abraham through the restoration period. Special attention is given to the relationship of Old Testament prophetic and wisdom literature to that historical narrative.  
(Prerequisites: B101 & B102)

### **BL305/6/7 Elementary Greek I/II/III (3/3/3)\***

Designed for beginners in Greek; includes a thorough study of the pronunciation and acquisition of a working vocabulary; exercises in translation from Greek to English, as well as from English to Greek. Translation of selected passages of the Greek New Testament.

### **BL325 Introduction to Biblical Languages (3)\***

An introduction to the fundamentals of biblical languages with a particular emphasis upon their correct usage in Bible study and ministry. This semester-long course aims to develop competency interacting with exegetical commentaries, as well as initial ability to employ them in personal study through the aid of tools.

### **B306 Genesis (3)\*\***

A systematic study of the Book of Beginnings in which problem areas are studied, introductory materials are given, the best English texts are analyzed verse by verse and devotional application is made.

### **B346 Life of Christ (3)\*\***

A thorough overview of the life of Jesus Christ on earth, with special attention to the developing emphases and distinctive purposes that prevailed during our Lord's public ministry. Theological and chronological difficulties are also considered.

### **BC300 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3)\*\***

A general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling. Students will discuss what biblical counseling is and what it involves, the role of the counselor in biblical counseling, the different kinds of counseling that are needed, the place of counseling in the ministry of the church, how biblical counseling theory and practice relate to and differ from some of the more common secular models and theories. Part of the course will involve a personal improvement project in which the student will evaluate his/her own counseling qualifications, design a plan for improving some area of his/her life, put that plan into action, and then evaluate his/her progress as the course draws to a close.

### **BTH337 Theology of God (3)\*\***

An in-depth study of the doctrine of God, including His existence, names, attributes, and the Trinity.

### **B407 Isaiah (3)\*\***

A study of the message of this book with special attention given to its historical and eschatological significance.

### **B342 Romans (3)\*\***

An analysis emphasizing the great soteriological themes, including sin, justification, sanctification, glorification and an investigation of the practical implication of these doctrines.

### **B335 Revelation (3)\*\***

An introduction and detailed study of this book with special attention given to the eschatological significance of its message.

### **BCW363 Apologetics (3)\*\***

A survey of the main approaches to apologetics, and examination of evidences for the Christian faith from such fields as science, history, archaeology and philosophy. This will satisfy the requirement for Introduction to Philosophy P311

### **B400 Senior Integrative Seminar (3)\*\***

A senior integrative seminar covering such topics as the credentialing process, seminary and graduate school discussion, transitional issues, career placement and the senior competency examination. (Must be taken last in major course sequence.)

*\* These courses must be taken in the order listed here, prior to other major courses.*

*\*\* The following courses must be completed prior to taking this course: B101, B102, B201, B202, BTH321, BTH322, BIB310, B340, B357, & B364*

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