



Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

This is 36/44 credit hours program leading to a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies Degree in Ministry Studies (**MA-BS.**), which requires no Thesis but a Project.

The purpose **Biblical Studies (MA-BS)** program is to provide the candidate with an advanced competencies and biblical insights through in the helping profession, preparation and observation for those actively involved in vocational Christian ministry of counseling. Cornerstone focuses on knowledge and understanding rather the actual degree itself. For this purpose, CCU's requirements and standards are slightly higher without any additional cost to you. From the start of your first course up to your graduation you'll know your interest, perception, and desire are biblically oriented and intellectually stimulated and you'll be humbly proud of your education and the degree up on your wall.

Contextually speaking, apart from a stated regulate licensure; individual Graduated from the **Ministry Studies will be prepared to:**

- Demonstrate an advanced understanding and integration of ministry in relation to the ministry studies, academic, and educational disciplines.
- Articulate and apply a comprehensive and critical philosophy of ministry.
- Demonstrate advanced competencies in the areas of critical thinking, Research and Writing, Biblical studies, Biblical Communication, Administration/Education Leadership, and Great Commission Strategies.

- Plan, implement, and critically evaluate major undertakings in ministry toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
- Evaluate personal, spiritual, and professional development and design a plan for lifelong learning.

Course descriptions for Biblical Studies degree

Note: there are more courses than what is required. This gives you as a student the flexibility to design your own curriculum by choosing the course of your interest.

1. Course: Introduction to Hermeneutics (3)

Course Number: HRM503

This course is a basic study introducing the student to the science of interpreting the Scriptures. Various phases and methods of understanding interpretation are examined and explored.

2. Course: Biblical Hermeneutics (3)

Course Number: BIS513

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3. Course: Christian Apologetics (3)

Course Number: BIS523

This is a study of Christian Apologetics for the purpose of equipping the pastor, minister, or lay leader in the defense of the Truths of God. This study is in three parts: 1) deals with various tests for truth in order to lay a foundation for testing the “truths” of various world views, 2) applies the test for truth to those views, and 3) works within the theistic view to verify the deity of Jesus and the authority of the Bible.

4. Course: Foundation of Faith II (3)

Course Number: BIS533

This course is a continuation of the Foundation of Faith, which explores the foundation of faith for Christian life. Faith is the foundation of Christian belief.

5. Course: Old Testament Studies (3)

Course Number: BIS 453 (3)

This course explores the entire Old Testament in a practical way. Every book is analyzed based on the principle, the concept, and personages involved.

6. Course: Historical Books (3)

Course Number: BIS563

Description: This course deals with the twelve books of the Bible from Joshua through Esther. The historical books are fundamental to the Christian beliefs and practice. Students will find this class very enriching to their personal life and ministry.

7. Course: Psalms: The Bible's Heartbeat (3)

Course Number: BIS573

The Bible's Heartbeat is a textbook-commentary on the book of Psalms.

This book will be useful to all who study, teach, or simply read and enjoy this remarkable portion of Scripture.

8. Course: Exploring the Pentateuch (3)

Course Number: BIS583

The Pentateuch is a study manual, a reference source, and a textbook-commentary on the first five books of the Bible

9. Course: The Book of Romans (3)

Course Number: BIS593

This course presents Romans in a way that best helps those understand the way to salvation. It answers the great question, "How can a man be righteous before God?"

11. Course: Pauline Epistle (3)

Course Number: BIS603

This course is a continuation of the Foundation of Faith, which explores the foundation of faith for Christian life. Faith is the foundation of Christian belief.

12. Course: General Epistles (3)

Course Number: BIS613

This course is fundamental to Bible students because it details many key issues of the Christian Faith. Students will enjoy and learn from the church forefather the key principles to the effectiveness of their ministry.

13. Course: Ephesians (3)

Course Number: BIS623

Description: The study on the Epistle to the Ephesians is a contribution to The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Prepared by some of the world's leading scholars, the series provides an exposition of the New Testament books that is thorough and fully abreast of modern scholarship yet faithful to the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God.

14. Course: The Four Gospels (3)

Course Number: BIS633

All four gospels will be covered in-depth exploring the unique aspects of each. A comparison will be made between them accordingly.

15. Biblical Principles for Christian Maturity (3)

Course Number: BIS643

This course will provide the student with a framework of Biblical principles upon which to grow and mature in the Spirit.

16. Course: Hebrews (3)

Course Number: BIS623

Description: The study on the Epistle to the Hebrews is a contribution to The New International Commentary on the New Testament. Prepared by some of the world's leading scholars, the series provides an exposition of the New Testament books that is thorough and fully abreast of modern scholarship yet faithful to the Scriptures as the infallible Word of God.

17. BIS862 Bible Prophecy (3)

Course Number: BIS653

Bible Prophecy is an open eyes course for Bible students. Many of the prophecies seem to be irrelevant to many churchgoers but their significant are inescapable. After completing these courses, student will be able to identify different covenants and their purpose.

18. BIS663 Homiletic I (3)

Description: John MacArthur and other distinguished teachers of preachers respond to the apostle's mandate in this comprehensive treatment of expository preaching. Dr. MacArthur's well-known passion for the Scriptures is combined with the vision and expertise of other faculty members at The Master's Seminary to produce a definitive statement on how to unfold the meaning of God's Word effectively to today's congregation

19. Course BIS673: Homiletics II (3)

Description: Award-winning author Sidney Greidanus offers an essential guide to preaching Christ from the Old Testament. Arguing for the need both to preach Christ in every sermon and to preach regularly from the Old Testament, Greidanus develops a christocentric method that will help preachers to do both simultaneously. This volume combines contemporary hermeneutical

principles with numerous practical suggestions for preaching, making it a fundamental text for both seminary students and established pastors.

20. The Prophets of Israel (3)

Course Number BIS664

Course Description: This course starts with an informative introduction and brings to students a clear understanding and comprehensive study of the Prophets of Israel, their call, and their functions as related to the office of the prophets.

21. Course: The Holy Spirit (3)

Course Number: BIS674

An extensive treatment of the entire doctrine of the Holy Spirit, this course covers the key points of the character, work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

22. Course: Christology (3)

Course Number: BIS684

This book presents one of the most thorough and passionate studies of Christology. It covers all components of the eternal existence of Christ, life of Christ, atoning work of Christ, and future work of Christ, as well as other topics. This book's approach is dispensational and premillennial and he offers cogent defenses of his views. This work is both scholarly, reverent, and at times devotional.

Books: e-book/PDF textbooks are free on most cases. Printed copies are extra at the expenses of the students.

Students are suggested to order their books for each class with ample time prior to the start of their class. Duration of the program: 18-24 months depending on the student's ability to complete classes in timely manner.