

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MACCEL BIBLICAL STUDIES MAJOR (BS/MAC)

MACCEL is an accelerated, alternative delivery system for mature Christian students. Qualified students may take selected MACCEL courses or complete the 16 course rotation or sequence toward earning a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Biblical Studies.

MACCEL Program of Study

The MACCEL program of study has a major in Biblical Studies that requires a total of 126 credit hours. Forty-eight of these hours are from traditional college courses, 48 hours are from the 16 MACCEL seminar courses, and 30 hours are from electives. Elective hours may be completed by taking a combination of traditional semester, independent/external study, transfer, College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Credit by Examination, or other courses. Additionally, up to 22 of these elective hours may be earned through credit for prior college-level learning using the Documented Experiential Learning Acquisition (DELAC) process.

MACCEL Course Structure

Each MACCEL course meets for three hours one evening or Saturday a week for five weeks. Since less time is spent in the classroom, students taking a MACCEL course are expected to complete significant assignments before coming to class. Classes are structured as seminars to provide opportunity for students to exchange relevant study, knowledge, ideas, and learning experiences. As such, class participation is expected and is a significant component of each course.

MACCEL courses are offered in a 16 course rotation or sequence over a 22 month period. Students beginning in the middle of one rotation must complete the courses with another MACCEL rotation or by taking the equivalent traditional semester courses.

Admission

In addition to meeting the regular Admission requirements of Midwestern Baptist College, SBC, students taking MACCEL courses or completing the MACCEL degree program must be 25 years of age or older and have either earned a minimum of 64 credit hours of college credit that is transferable to Midwestern or be a graduate of one of Midwestern's Associate degree programs.

Attendance

Attendance at all MACCEL class meetings is mandatory because a significant portion of learning and interaction takes place in class. Should a class be missed, the student is responsible to make arrangements to have the class recorded and to submit a completed Absence Report form along with required supporting materials to the course professor. Students missing two class meetings during one course (two of the five class sessions) will automatically be withdrawn from that course and receive a W (withdrawal) grade, and will be expected to retake and repay for the course.

Advanced Standing

Matriculated (enrolled) students at Midwestern Baptist College, SBC may satisfy some course requirements for graduation through: college transfer credit; course substitutions and waivers; the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP); Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations; Credit by Examination; U.S. Military training and experiences as evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE); and prior college level learning gained from work or personal experiences (DELAC).

Documentation of these alternate methods of meeting graduation requirements must be filed in the Registrar's Office prior to the beginning of the semester in which the student will graduate. If this documentation is not on file, the student's graduation date may be delayed. Students who are not enrolled at Midwestern are not eligible for any advanced standing credit. Awarding of any advanced standing credit is applicable toward graduation requirements at Midwestern and is not necessarily transferrable to other schools.

College Transfer Credit. Midwestern transfers a limited number of credit hours for courses taken at other accredited institutions. To be eligible for transfer, courses must: (1) be equivalent in content and requirements to courses in the Midwestern catalog; (2) meet a Midwestern degree requirements (i.e., only courses meeting a

Midwestern degree requirement will be transferred and recorded on the student's permanent record/transcript), and (3) have a recorded grade of C- or higher.

The transfer of undergraduate coursework from an institution of higher education that is not accredited by a regional or institutional accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) and/or the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) is subject to: (a) the student being accepted to Midwestern as a degree-seeking student, (b) the academic calendar, grading system, and the credentials of the transfer institution's faculty being evaluated and approved by the Registrar or the Dean of the College with the review of the Academic Policies Committee; (c) the course(s) being transferred meeting all other Midwestern transfer credit requirements; and (d) the credit not being immediately transferred and posted to the student's transcript but held "in escrow" until the student successfully completes 24 credit hours at Midwestern with a minimum GPA of 2.50, passes a minimum of three upper-level courses (courses numbered in the three- or four-hundreds), and passes at least one course from the Biblical/Theological Studies, General Education, and major components of the undergraduate degree program selected by the student.

Course Substitutions and Waivers. The faculty has prescribed required courses according to the purposes of the various degree programs; therefore, permission to substitute other courses for the required courses is an exception requiring special approval. A Course Substitution/Waiver Request form, obtained from the Registrar's Office, is to be completed and approval signatures obtained for each course for which a substitution or waiver is requested.

Approval is required from a professor who normally teaches the course and the student's academic advisor. If the course substitution or waiver is for a Biblical/theological studies or general education course, approval is also to be obtained from the Academic Policies Committee. If it is for a degree program major or concentration course, approval of the Academic Deans is also required.

College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) is a program offered by the College Board of nationally standardized "credit by examination" that offers students the opportunity to earn college credit without enrolling in specific college courses. Midwestern's CLEP school code is **2346**. Testing locations, dates, and times may be found online at www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html; by writing CLEP, P.O. Box 6600, Princeton, NJ 08541-6600; or by calling Ph: (800) 257-9558. To receive credit, students must earn a minimum score of 50 on the examination. Students earning a score of 50 on a foreign language examination will receive six hours of credit and, depending on the foreign language tested, earning a score of 59 to 63 will receive 12 hours of credit.

Advanced Placement (AP) Examinations. Students who complete a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a score of 3.0 or higher may receive transfer credit toward their degree program. Students take the Advanced Placement exams at their high schools. Official College Board AP examination scores should be submitted with the application for admission. Midwestern's AP school code is **6441**. Information about obtaining AP scores may be found online at www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exgrd_rep.html; by writing AP Services, P.O. Box 6671, Princeton, NJ 08541-6671; or by calling (609) 771-7300 or (888) 225-5427 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada).

Credit by Examination. Midwestern's Credit by Examination program offers qualified students the opportunity to earn up to 30 credit hours toward completion of the bachelor's degree from Midwestern. Credit awarded by Midwestern for Credit by Examination does not satisfy the 30 credit hour undergraduate residency requirement and is generally not transferable to other institutions.

Only currently enrolled undergraduate degree-seeking students are eligible to take a Midwestern Credit by Examination. A \$35 per credit hour testing fee will be charged for each Credit by Examination taken. Credit by Examination will not be awarded for courses that are prerequisites to those for which college credit has already been earned, or for any course for which credit has already been earned or for which transfer credit has been received. Students may not take a Credit by Examination for a course in which they are currently enrolled.

A modified syllabus providing an overview of the course contents (i.e., course description, course objectives, textbooks, and course requirements) may be obtained from the College Academic Dean's Office. A more detailed study guide for the Credit by Examination is given to the student one week before taking the examination. If the student does not take the examination within eight days of receiving the study guide, the option of testing out of that course is forfeited. The study guide, and copies made of any parts thereof, is to be surrendered at the time of the scheduled examination. The College Academic Dean's Office will notify the student and the Registrar's Office of the result. If the student passes the examination, a 'P' (passing grade) for that course is noted on the student's transcript; the credit does not affect the student's grade point average, but does count as hours earned toward graduation. If the examination is failed, the student will be required to take that course and will not be given the opportunity to retake the qualifying examination. Because courses are offered on a rotating basis, the student is

responsible to ensure that the qualifying examination is taken early in the student's degree program; leaving ample time to take the required course if needed.

Students desiring to test out of a course are to obtain an Application for Credit by Examination from the College Academic Dean's Office. A separate form is to be completed for each course for which an application for credit by examination is made. The completed form is to be submitted to the College Academic Dean's Office for the examination to be scheduled.

A maximum of nine credit hours may be earned through Credit by Examination from the Biblical/Theological Studies component courses listed below. Additional hours may be earned from the General Education component courses listed below up to the maximum of 30 credit hours of combined Biblical/Theological Studies and General Education component hours.

Biblical/Theological Studies

BS202	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
BS320	The Pentateuch	3 hrs
BS350	The Gospels	3 hrs
HT350	Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
HT351	Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs

General Education

BS101	Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102	Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS205	Historical Geography of the Bible	3 hrs
GE101	English Composition I	3 hrs
GE102	English Composition II	3 hrs
GE125	Basic College Mathematics	3 hrs
GE201	Introduction to Computers	3 hrs
GE235	Marriage and Family	3 hrs
GE240	World Literature	3 hrs
GE320	Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
HT101	Christianity and the Western World	3 hrs
HT401	Worldviews	3 hrs
HT410	Christian Ethics	3 hrs
HT420	Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MU301	Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs

U.S. Military Training and Experiences. Midwestern recognizes and awards credit for military service training that the student has satisfactorily completed and for which Midwestern has an equivalent course. This military training is evaluated using the American Council on Education's (ACE) *Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services*. To receive credit, the student must provide the Registrar's Office with the military documents needed to evaluate the student's military training.

Credit for Prior College-Level Learning through Documented Experiential Learning Acquisition (DELAC).

Midwestern's Documented Experiential Learning Acquisition (DELAC) program permits students to request to receive undergraduate credit for college-level learning through experiences that have occurred outside the formal classroom setting. Credit awarded through the DELAC program is limited to students enrolled in the MACCEL degree program. Through this program, MACCEL students have the opportunity to demonstrate that they have achieved theoretical understanding in a given subject, which is comparable to the learning typically developed during a traditional college course. DELACs are evaluated by faculty with expertise in the subject area of the DELAC.

A fully developed and researched DELAC requires a significant amount of time and effort to write. Instructions and guidelines for writing a DELAC are contained in a manual available in the College Academic Office. To most effectively plan degree completion strategies, students should submit DELACs early in the student's degree program.

The awarding of Credit for Prior College-level Learning provides students with meaningful and consistent assessments of extra-institutional learning while adhering to quality standards determined by Midwestern Baptist College, SBC, its accrediting agencies, and the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). In doing so, Midwestern validates the richness and diversity of environments in which adults can pursue meaningful college-level learning.

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Purpose

The MACCEL Biblical Studies major is an accelerated, alternative delivery system for mature Christian students designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation as preparation for service in local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian Ministries.

B.A. Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world.
2. Demonstrate an increased understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry.
3. Demonstrate increased competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication.
4. Demonstrate an enhanced foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

MACCEL Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to:

5. Demonstrate increased understanding of Biblical material.
6. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles.
7. Demonstrate skill in communicating Biblical truth.

CURRICULUM

TRADITIONAL COURSES	48 hours
General Education	45 hours
BS101 Survey of OT Literature	3 hrs
BS102 Survey of NT Literature	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of the Bible	3 hrs
GE101-102 English Composition I & II	6 hrs
GE125 Basic College Mathematics	3 hrs
GE180 Introduction to Nutrition	3 hrs
GE201 Introduction to Computers	3 hrs
GE210 Basic Speech Communication	3 hrs
GE240 World Literature	3 hrs
GE320 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
HT101 Christianity and the Western World	3 hrs
HT410 Christian Ethics	3 hrs
HT420 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MU301 Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	3 hours
HT110 Baptist History and Practice	3 hrs
MACCEL, accelerated courses	48 hours
Biblical/Theological Studies	18 hours
BS202 Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
BS320 The Pentateuch	3 hrs
BS350 The Gospels	3 hrs
HT350-351 Christian Doctrine I & II	6 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
General Education	6 hours
GE235 Marriage and Family	3 hrs
HT401 Worldviews	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	24 hours
BS326-327 Prophetic Literature of the OT I & II	6 hrs
BS330 Wisdom & Poetic Literature of the OT	3 hrs
BS353 The Acts & Pauline Letters	3 hrs
BS362 Romans	3 hrs
CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church	3 hrs
CE308 Leading Church Ministries	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions and Evangelism	3 hrs
Electives	30 hours
TOTAL	126 hours