



**MIDWESTERN**  
BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

**2021-2022 Academic Catalog  
Addendum**

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The following addendum describes the newly adopted structure of Research Post-Graduate Programs offered by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective November 1, 2021. Students admitted into Midwestern's Research Post-Graduate programs for the 2021-22 academic year after November 1, 2021 are beholden to these degree offerings and curriculum. These programs are under the direction of the Doctoral Studies Office. For more information call 877-414-3755 or e-mail [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu)

# **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Biblical Studies**

## **Purpose**

Midwestern offers a PhD in Biblical Studies as a Standard Program and with emphases available in Biblical Theology, New Testament, and Old Testament. The PhD, Biblical Studies is intended primarily to equip persons for vocations of teaching and research in theological schools, colleges, and universities as well as for the scholarly enhancement of ministerial practice.

## **Program Outcomes**

Students graduating from the Doctor of Philosophy, Biblical Studies program will be able to do the following:

1. Master a discernible field of study in the area of biblical studies.
2. Demonstrate advanced skill in scholarly research and evaluation.
3. Demonstrate advanced skill in writing and theological instruction.
4. Exercise the liberty to develop and defend a research dissertation in biblical studies.

## **Admission Requirements**

In addition to the general criteria for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, applicants to the PhD, Biblical Studies degree programs must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Hold an earned (a) ATS accredited Master of Divinity degree or (b) a master's degree in a theological or related discipline from an accredited institution.
2. Have a 3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale for all graduate-level studies.
3. Demonstrate foundational competency in biblical hermeneutics/interpretation, normally to be satisfied by taking a graduate-level hermeneutics course.
4. Demonstrate graduate-level competency in biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek, usually satisfied by six hours of coursework, per each language, completed at the graduate level, with increases applied in the case of New Testament (12 Greek/6 Hebrew), Old Testament (6 Greek/12 Hebrew), and the standard Biblical Studies (12 Greek/12 Hebrew) emphasis.
5. Demonstrate graduate-level competency in historical and systematic theology, usually satisfied by graduate-level coursework taken in these fields.

International applicants must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. For the internet-based test (iBT), a minimum total score of 80 is required with a minimum of 20 on each of the Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing sub-sections. Other forms of the TOEFL exam are not accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Doctoral Academic Policies Committee. Applicants not meeting all admission requirements may petition to enter the program under provisional status. For information about this process please contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu)).

## **Duration**

The PhD, Biblical Studies degree is a 52-hour program usually requiring four years or more of academic study.

## **Distinctive Resources**

PhD, Biblical Studies students have access to community life that provides formal and informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of the Christian faith in its relation to education and research. Access to faculty advisors/mentors, possible opportunity for teaching college and online courses, and preferred access to library resources are also provided.

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Biblical Studies Curriculum

<b>Doctoral Core</b>	<b>16 hrs</b>
DR00000 Doctoral Orientation <sup>1</sup>	0 hrs
DR30020 Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR35090 Advanced Biblical Hermeneutics	4 hrs
DR34080 Teaching Principles and Methods in Higher Education	4 hrs
DR30090 Dissertation Seminar	4 hrs
<b>PhD, Biblical Studies Seminars</b>	<b>24 hrs</b>
<i>See course outlines by emphasis below</i>	
<b>Comprehensive Examinations</b>	<b>4 hrs total</b>
DR39055 PhD Comprehensive Research	1-4 hrs
DR39060 PhD Comprehensive Exam	1-4 hrs
<b>Dissertation<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 hrs total</b>
DR40980 PhD Ongoing Research	1-8 hrs
DR40990 Dissertation – PhD	0-8 hrs
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>52 hrs</b>

### ***Standard Program***

DR35110 Advanced Hebrew Grammar	4 hrs
DR35150 Advanced Greek Grammar	4 hrs
Two seminars from the OT emphasis, two seminars from the NT emphasis	16 hrs
35510 Pentateuch	
35520 Historical Books	
35530 Prophetic Books	
35540 Poetic & Wisdom Books	
35600 Ancient Jewish & Greco Roman Literature	
35610 Synoptic Gospels and Acts	
35620 Johannine Literature	
35630 Pauline Epistles	
35640 General Epistles	
37340 Advanced Biblical Theology	

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<sup>1</sup> Upon admission, the student will be enrolled in DR00000, Doctoral Orientation, for 0 credit hours.

<sup>2</sup> After meeting all the requirements, the student will be enrolled in DR40980 PhD Dissertation – Ongoing Research for 1 credit hour each semester until the dissertation is completed. When the student is ready for the dissertation defense, the student will be enrolled in DR40990 PhD Dissertation for the remaining hours in order to receive a total of 8 credit hours.

***Biblical Theology Emphasis***

DR35600 Ancient Jewish & Greco Roman Literature	4 hrs
DR37350 Old Testament Theology	4 hrs
DR37360 New Testament Theology	4 hrs
DR37340 Advanced Biblical Theology	4 hrs
Selected Elective (from Old Testament)	4 hrs
35110 Advanced Hebrew Grammar	
35510 Pentateuch	
35520 Historical Books	
35530 Prophetic Books	
35540 Poetic & Wisdom Books	
Selected Elective (from New Testament)	4 hrs
35150 Advanced Greek Grammar	
35610 Synoptic Gospels and Acts	
35620 Johannine Literature	
35630 Pauline Epistles	
35640 General Epistles	

***New Testament Emphasis***

DR35150 Advanced Greek Grammar	4 hrs
DR35610 Synoptic Gospels and Acts	4 hrs
DR35620 Johannine Literature	4 hrs
DR35630 Pauline Epistles	4 hrs
DR35640 General Epistles	4 hrs
Selected Elective	4 hrs
35600 Ancient Jewish & Greco Roman Literature	
36260 Preaching from the New Testament	
37340 Advanced Biblical Theology	
37360 New Testament Theology	

***Old Testament Emphasis***

DR35110 Advanced Hebrew Grammar	4 hrs
DR35510 Pentateuch	4 hrs
DR35520 Historical Books	4 hrs
DR35530 Prophetic Books	4 hrs
DR35540 Poetic & Wisdom Books	4 hrs
Selected Elective	4 hrs
35600 Ancient Jewish & Greco Roman Literature	
36250 Preaching from the Old Testament	
37340 Advanced Biblical Theology	
37350 Old Testament Theology	

# **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Theological Studies**

## **Purpose**

Midwestern offers a PhD in Theological Studies, with available emphases in Ethics, Historical Theology, Preaching, and Systematic Theology. The PhD, Theological Studies is intended primarily to equip persons for vocations of teaching and research in theological schools, colleges, and universities, as well as for the scholarly enhancement of ministerial practice.

## **Program Outcomes**

Students graduating from the Doctor of Philosophy, Theological Studies program will be able to do the following:

1. Master a discernible field of study in the area of theological studies.
2. Demonstrate advanced skill in scholarly research and evaluation.
3. Demonstrate advanced skill in writing and theological instruction.
4. Exercise the liberty to develop and defend a research dissertation in theological studies.

## **Admission Requirements**

In addition to the general criteria for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, applicants to PhD, Theological Studies degree programs must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Hold an earned (a) ATS accredited Master of Divinity degree or (b) a master's degree in a theological or related discipline from an accredited institution.
2. Have a 3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale for all graduate-level studies.
3. Demonstrate foundational competency in biblical hermeneutics/interpretation, normally to be satisfied by taking a graduate-level hermeneutics course.
4. Demonstrate graduate-level competency in biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek, usually satisfied by six hours of coursework, per each language, completed at the graduate level.
5. Demonstrate graduate-level competency in historical and systematic theology, usually satisfied by graduate-level coursework taken in these fields.

International applicants must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. For the internet-based test (iBT), a minimum total score of 80 is required with a minimum of 20 on each of the Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing sub-sections. Other forms of the TOEFL exam are not accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Doctoral Academic Policies Committee. Applicants not meeting all admission requirements may petition to enter the program under provisional status. For information about this process please contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu)).

## **Duration**

The PhD, Theological Studies degree is a 52-hour program usually requiring four years or more of academic study.

## **Distinctive Resources**

PhD, Theological Studies students have access to community life that provides formal and informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to education and research. Access to faculty advisors/mentors, possible opportunity for teaching college and online courses, and preferred access to library resources is also provided.

## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Theological Studies Curriculum

### Doctoral Core 16 hrs

DR00000	Doctoral Orientation <sup>1</sup>	0 hrs
DR30020	Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR35090	Advanced Biblical Hermeneutics	4 hrs
DR34080	Teaching Principles and Methods in Higher Education	4 hrs
DR30090	Dissertation Seminar	4 hrs

### PhD, Theological Studies Seminars 24 hrs

*See course outlines by emphasis below*

### Comprehensive Examinations 4 hrs total

DR39055	PhD Comprehensive Research	1-4 hrs
DR39060	PhD Comprehensive Exam	1-4 hrs

### Dissertation<sup>2</sup> 8 hrs total

DR40980	PhD Ongoing Research	1-8 hrs
DR40990	Dissertation – PhD	0-8 hrs

### Total Credit Hours 52 hrs

#### *Ethics Emphasis*

DR37305	Theology and Culture	4 hrs
DR38405	Worldview and Ethical Theory	4 hrs
DR38440	Contemporary Issues in Ethics	4 hrs
DR38441	Marriage and Sexuality	4 hrs
DR38442	Bioethics	4 hrs
	Selected Elective from Apologetics, Biblical Theology, or Systematic Theology	4 hrs

#### *Historical Theology Emphasis*

DR37305	Theology and Culture	4 hrs
DR37337	Ecclesiology	4 hrs
DR37370	The Early Church	4 hrs
DR37375	The Reformation	4 hrs
DR37380	The Modern Era	4 hrs
DR37385	The Baptist Tradition	4 hrs

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<sup>2</sup> After meeting all the requirements, the student will be enrolled in DR40980 PhD Dissertation – Ongoing Research for 1 credit hour each semester until the dissertation is completed. When the student is ready for the dissertation defense, the student will be enrolled in DR40990 PhD Dissertation for the remaining hours in order to receive a total of 8 credit hours.

***Preaching Emphasis<sup>1</sup>***

DR36220	Preaching & Ministry Practice	4 hrs
DR36250	Preaching from the Old Testament	4 hrs
DR36260	Preaching from the New Testament	4 hrs
DR36271	Expository Preaching	4 hrs
DR36272	Style & Application in Expository Preaching	4 hrs
DR36273	Doctrinal & Topical Exposition	4 hrs

***Systematic Theology Emphasis***

DR37305	Theology and Culture	4 hrs
DR37337	Ecclesiology	4 hrs
DR37350	Old Testament Theology	4 hrs
DR37360	New Testament Theology	4 hrs
DR37395	Advanced Systematic Theology	4 hrs
	Selected Elective from Apologetics, Ethics, Historical Theology, New Testament, or Old Testament	4 hrs

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<sup>1</sup> *In keeping with its commitment to the Baptist Faith and Message, 2000, Spurgeon College and Midwestern Seminary affirms that “while both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture,” and thus does not admit women students to the Preaching & Pastoral Leadership tracks associated with the MDiv, MTS, the DMin, Expository Preaching, PhD, Preaching Emphasis and preaching seminars. Spurgeon College and Midwestern Seminary encourage and admit women students to pursue specialized training that is consistent with the wide spectrum of ministry service roles.*

# Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Applied Theology

## Purpose

Midwestern offers a PhD in Applied Theology, with available emphases in Apologetics, Biblical Counseling, Biblical Spirituality, Ecclesiology, Leadership, and Missiology. The PhD, Applied Theology is intended primarily to equip persons for vocations of teaching and research in theological schools, colleges, and universities or for the scholarly enhancement of ministerial practice.

## Program Outcomes

Students graduating from the Doctor of Philosophy, Applied Theology program will be able to do the following:

1. Master a discernible field of study in the area of applied theology.
2. Demonstrate advanced skill in scholarly research and evaluation.
3. Demonstrate advanced skill in writing and theological instruction.
4. Exercise the liberty to develop and defend a research dissertation in applied theology.

## Admission Requirements

In addition to the general criteria for admission to Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, applicants to PhD, Theological Studies degree programs must satisfy the following criteria:

1. Hold an earned (a) ATS accredited Master of Divinity degree or (b) a master's degree in a theological or related discipline from an accredited institution.
2. Have a 3.0 grade point average or above on a 4.0 scale for all graduate-level studies.
3. Demonstrate foundational competency in biblical hermeneutics/interpretation, normally to be satisfied by taking a graduate-level hermeneutics course.

International applicants must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. For the internet-based test (iBT), a minimum total score of 80 is required with a minimum of 20 on each of the Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing sub-sections. Other forms of the TOEFL exam are not accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Doctoral Academic Policies Committee. Applicants not meeting all admission requirements may petition to enter the program under provisional status. For information about this process please contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu)).

## Duration

The PhD, Applied Theology degree is a 52-hour program usually requiring four years or more of academic study.

## Distinctive Resources

PhD, Applied Theology students have access to community life that provides formal and informal educational experiences, religious fellowship, and opportunity for reflection upon the meaning of faith in its relation to education and research. Access to faculty advisors/mentors, possible opportunity for teaching college and online courses, and preferred access to library resources is also provided.



## Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Applied Theology Curriculum

<b>Doctoral Core</b>	<b>16 hrs</b>
DR00000 Doctoral Orientation <sup>1</sup>	0 hrs
DR30020 Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR30060 Integrating Christian Faith & Practice	4 hrs
DR34080 Teaching Principles and Methods in Higher Education	4 hrs
DR30090 Dissertation Seminar	4 hrs
<b>PhD, Theological Studies Seminars</b>	<b>24 hrs</b>
<i>See course outlines by emphasis below</i>	
<b>Comprehensive Examinations</b>	<b>4 hrs total</b>
DR39055 PhD Comprehensive Research	1-4 hrs
DR39060 PhD Comprehensive Exam	1-4 hrs
<b>Dissertation<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>8 hrs total</b>
DR40980 PhD Ongoing Research	1-8 hrs
DR40990 Dissertation – PhD	0-8 hrs
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	<b>52 hrs</b>

### *Apologetics Emphasis*

DR33330 Missiology	4 hrs
DR37001 Science and Origins	4 hrs
DR37002 World Religions	4 hrs
DR37350 Old Testament Theology (OR)	
DR37360 New Testament Theology	4 hrs
DR37391 Philosophical Theology	4 hrs
DR38405 Worldview and Ethical Theory	4 hrs

### *Biblical Counseling Emphasis*

DR31280 The Bible and Pastoral Care	4 hrs
DR32210 Biblical Counseling Theory and Practice	4 hrs
DR32212 Historical & Theological Foundations of Biblical Counseling	4 hrs
DR32220 Advanced Marriage and Family Counseling	4 hrs
DR37337 Ecclesiology	4 hrs
Selected Elective from Ethics, Historical Theology, Missiology, Biblical Theology, or Systematic Theology	4 hrs

### *Biblical Spirituality Emphasis*

DR31080 Biblical Spirituality	4 hrs
DR37337 Ecclesiology	4 hrs
DR31280 The Bible & Pastoral Care	4 hrs
DR31050 Biblical Foundations for Leadership	4 hrs
Two Selected Electives	8 hrs

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<sup>2</sup> After meeting all the requirements, the student will be enrolled in DR40980 PhD Dissertation – Ongoing Research for 1 credit hour each semester until the dissertation is completed. When the student is ready for the dissertation defense, the student will be enrolled in DR40990 PhD Dissertation for the remaining hours in order to receive a total of 8 credit hours.

***Ecclesiology Emphasis (Delivered in English, Korean, Mandarin, and Spanish)***

DR31280 The Bible and Pastoral Care	4 hrs
DR37305 Theology and Culture	4 hrs
DR37337 Ecclesiology	4 hrs
Three Selected Electives	12 hrs

***Leadership Emphasis***

DR31020 Developing Christian Leaders	4 hrs
DR31040 Contemporary Issues in Leadership	4 hrs
DR31050 Biblical Foundations for Leadership	4 hrs
DR31060 Organizational Theory & Development	4 hrs
DR31085 Change & Conflict in Leadership	4 hrs
Selected Elective (from New Testament)	4 hrs
31010 Christian Leadership	4 hrs
34850 Educational Leadership	4 hrs
34892 Conference, Research, & Report	4 hrs

***Missiology Emphasis***

DR33330 Missiology	4 hrs
DR37305 Theology and Culture	4 hrs
DR37337 Ecclesiology	4 hrs
DR38405 Worldview and Ethical Theory	4 hrs
Two Selected Electives	8 hrs
33250 Church Planting Evangelism	
33255 Sponsoring New Churches	
33261 Critical Issues for Congregational & Personal Renewal	
33262 Revitalization and Renewal Perspectives	
33263 Contextualized Strategic Planning for Revitalization	
33270 Global Missions Through the Church	
37002 World Religions	

# MASTER OF THEOLOGY (ThM)

## Purpose

The ThM at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is offered to enable students of substantial ability to continue academic research beyond the MDiv (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution). The program prepares students for additional graduate study, doctoral work, and other specialized types of ministry, including teaching in secondary and postsecondary Christian institutions. The ThM is delivered in English, Korean, and Spanish languages. The ThM degree program is under the direction of the Doctoral Studies Office. For more information individuals may call 877-414-3755 or e-mail [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu).

## Admission

Generally, the Master of Divinity degree is required for admission to the ThM program. Graduates having other degrees that are eligible for consideration for admission include holders of Midwestern's Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS), Master of Theological Studies (MTS), Master of Arts in Biblical Languages (MABL), and Master of Arts in Biblical Archaeology (MABA). Students considered for admission to the ThM degree from other programs will need to meet the equivalency requirements. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of a 2.75/4.0 and must demonstrate theological writing competency. Continued enrollment requires a 3.0 GPA or higher.

Along with submitting all completed application forms and the application fee, the applicant must do the following:

1. Request that original transcripts from each academic institution previously attended be sent to the Doctoral Studies Office
2. Submit an academic essay explaining the applicant's call to advanced studies, current ministry setting, and explanation of interest in the requested concentration of study as an example of the applicant's writing skills
3. Provide two academic reference and one personal or professional references
4. Provide a completed *Pastor/Church Endorsement Form*.

International applicants must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination. For the internet-based test (iBT), a minimum total score of 80 is required with a minimum of 20 on each of the Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing sub-sections. Other forms of the TOEFL exam are not accepted unless prior approval is obtained from the Doctoral Academic Policies Committee. Applicants not meeting all admission requirements may petition to enter the program under provisional status. For information about this process please contact the Doctoral Studies Office (877-414-3755 or [docstudies@mbts.edu](mailto:docstudies@mbts.edu)).

## Location

At least one third of the degree must be taken on the main campus in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Duration

The ThM is designed to be completed in as little as one year. Total credit hours for the base ThM is twenty-four (24), consisting of seven (7) foundational courses.

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the ThM program will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate advanced skill in the task of biblical interpretation.
2. Demonstrate focused understanding in a field of applied theology (Specific to Applied Theology Emphasis).
3. Conduct advanced research using standard scholarly tools and methods.
4. Address contemporary ministry challenges with appropriate theological insight.

## Master of Theology (ThM) Curriculum

### Master of Theology (ThM), Standard

#### Foundational Core

BS2200	Elementary Hebrew I	3 hrs
BS2201	Elementary Hebrew II	3 hrs
BS2300	Elementary Greek I	3 hrs
BS2301	Elementary Greek II	3 hrs
DR30020	Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR35090	Advanced Biblical Hermeneutics	4 hrs
DR39045	ThM Comprehensive Research	1-3 hrs*
DR39050	ThM Comprehensive Exam	1-3 hrs*
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24 hrs</b>

### Master of Theology (ThM) with Research Language Emphasis:

#### Foundational Core

Foundational Core		24 hrs
HT3510	Theological German OR	3 hrs
HT3520	Theological French OR	
GS1630	Latin for Reading Knowledge	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>27 hrs</b>

### Master of Theology (ThM) with Pedagogy Emphasis:

#### Foundational Core

Foundational Core		24 hrs
DR34080	Teaching Principles and Methods in Higher Education	4 hrs
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>28 hrs</b>

\*ThM Comp Exam will be a total of 4 credit hours research and examination.

### Master of Theology (ThM), Applied Theology

BS3200	Theology I	3 hrs
BS3201	Theology II	3 hrs
BS2400	Introduction to Hermeneutics	3 hrs
BS5430	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	3 hrs
DR30020	Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR30060	Integrating Christian Faith & Practice	4 hrs
DR39045	ThM Comprehensive Research	1-3 hrs*
DR39050	ThM Comp Exam	1-3 hrs*
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24 hrs</b>

### Master of Theology (ThM), Practical Theology

BS2200	Elementary Hebrew I	3 hrs
BS2201	Elementary Hebrew II	3 hrs
BS2300	Elementary Greek I	3 hrs
BS2301	Elementary Greek II	3 hrs
DR30020	Doctoral Studies Colloquium	4 hrs
DR35090	Advanced Biblical Hermeneutics Or Equivalent	4 hrs
DR39045	ThM Comprehensive Research	1-3 hrs*
DR39051	ThM Practical Theology Comp Exam	1-3 hrs*
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>24 hrs</b>

\*ThM-PT Comp Exam will be a total of 4 credit hours research and examination.