

MASTER OF ARTS (BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE EURASIAN CONTEXT)

Mission

The mission of the Master of Arts is to produce biblically, theologically, and spiritually discerning Christian thinkers who can serve the body of Christ in lay, parachurch or academic ministries. The Master of Arts program provides both a general biblical, theological, and spiritual foundation for reflection and a specialized focus on a discipline crucial to fulfilling Talbot's mission and from which students can serve or go on for advanced study. These disciplines include Bible Exposition, Biblical and Theological Studies in the Eurasian Context (Kyiv extension only), New Testament, Old Testament, Philosophy, Spiritual Formation, and Theology.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Master of Arts, students will be able to:

1. Integrate a sound understanding of Scripture with the contents of their respective emphasized disciplines (ULO 3).
2. Explain the major doctrines of Christianity, including their biblical basis and contemporary relevance (ULO 1).
3. Students will be able to demonstrate abilities relevant to personal spiritual formation, including an understanding of spiritual theology, knowledge of God & self, relational skills, and an understanding of their vocation (ULO 1, 2, 3).
4. Perform and report research in their respective disciplines at a level sufficient to begin a doctoral program (ULO 3).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<https://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

Biblical and Theological Studies in the Eurasian Context (Kyiv Extension) Learning Outcomes

As a result of this program, students will:

1. Be able to recall the key contents of the Old and New Testaments and will identify important historical and cultural background information relevant to the study of the Old and New Testaments.
2. Be able to exegete and apply a biblical text through the application of historical-grammatical hermeneutics.
3. Be able to articulate the major elements of orthodox Christian theology, including biblical foundations, and will be able to apply this theology to an issue in the Eurasian church context.
4. Be able to explain the theory of "the sanctification gap"¹ and will reflect upon the calling(s) of God in their lives.

¹ For the purposes of assessment, "sanctification gap" is defined as the perceived gap between the goal of sanctification and one's present spiritual life.

Admission Requirements

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Applicants must possess a Bachelor of Arts degree or its academic equivalent from an accredited college with a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale). Applicants who do not possess a Bachelor of Arts degree or its academic equivalent from an accredited institution may still apply and may be provisionally admitted at the discretion of Talbot School of Theology. Additionally, applicants should have completed an accredited course in Old Testament survey and in New Testament survey prior to matriculation. To meet the prerequisite, students must have received a C or higher in approved undergraduate or graduate survey courses from a regionally accredited institution. If the prerequisite courses are not completed prior to matriculation, the student is required to take TTBE 519 and TTBE 520 during their program.

All applicants must submit a written statement outlining their vocational objectives and how the degree might relate to those objectives.

Graduation Requirements

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1. Satisfactorily complete 51 credits as outlined in the curriculum requirements below.
2. Students without previous undergraduate courses in Old Testament Survey and New Testament Survey must take TTBE 519 and TTBE 520 in addition to the standard curriculum.
3. Submit an acceptable capstone project, as determined by the department of specialization. Students will receive specific directions about their capstone project from their respective departments.
4. Obtain a 3.0 average with no grade below a C- in all courses to be credited toward graduation.
5. Complete the entire program in no more than five years.
6. Meet with a graduate academic records and degree specialist in the Office of the Registrar one year prior to graduation to declare intent to graduate. (See the Graduate Graduation Application section (<https://catalog.biola.edu/academic-policies/graduation-and-degree-conferral/graduate/#GraduateGraduationApplication>).

Program Requirements

Specialization Requirements

Program Structure

The academic programs leading to the degree Master of Arts with a specialization in Biblical and Theological Studies in the Eurasian Context is comprised of 51 credits, including:

1. Biblical and theological foundations.
2. Spiritual Formation Focus (SFF).
3. Academic specialization in Biblical Studies and Theology.

4. Additional elective courses determined by the student in consultation with the advisor.

Advanced Standing

Applicants who have taken undergraduate courses in biblical or theological studies may request advanced standing based on collegiate work. See Talbot Admissions Requirements for details. Note: if master's level courses are given advanced standing based on undergraduate coursework, some Ph.D. programs may require additional graduate courses in order to meet doctoral program requirements.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Courses		
TTBE 519	Old Testament Survey	
TTBE 520	New Testament Survey	
Program Courses		
TTSF 501	Introduction to Spiritual Theology and Formation	3
TTSF 503	Personal Foundations for Spiritual Formation	3
TTSS 510	Theological Research Methodologies	1
TTBE 517	Hermeneutics and Bible Study Methods	3
TTTH 521	Theology I: God, Scripture, Creation	3
TTTH 522	Theology II: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation	3
TTTH 623	Theology III: Spirit, Church, Last Things	3
Biblical and Theological Studies in the Eurasian Context Specialization Courses		
TTBE 530	Elementary Principles of the Biblical Languages	3
TTBE 731	Exposition of Old Testament Segments or Themes ¹	2
TTBE 770	The Life of Christ	3
TTHT 505	Patristic and Medieval Theology	3
TTHT 506	Reformation and Modern Theology	3
TTNT 701	The World of the New Testament	2
TTNT 791	New Testament Seminar	2
TTOT 745	World of the Old Testament	2
TTOT 791	Old Testament Seminar	2
TTTH 790	Kyiv Capstone Project	1
Elective Courses		
Select from the following:		9
TTBE 726	Expositional Methodology in Daniel and Revelation	
TTBE 750	Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry	
TTPH 602	Apologetics	
TTPT 703	The Church and Society	
TTPT 730	Biblical Leadership and Management	

TTTH 720	The Theology and Practice of Prayer
TTTH 727	Cults in the Eurasian Context
TTTH 728	Theological Systems

Co-Curricular Requirements

Participation in Spiritual Formation Labs (16 sessions). These discussion groups meet as an additional component of class time.

Total Credits **51**

¹ Should be taken as the theme of Central Prophetic Passages.