

# BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES, M.A.

The Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies offers a general program of studies in biblical interpretation and Christian theology. It is designed primarily as a degree for students who seek an in-depth knowledge of the Bible in order to strengthen their Christian service as ordained and non-ordained leaders in local congregations, parachurch organizations and mission agencies. It is not intended for those who plan to pursue formal academic studies at the doctoral level, and knowledge of the biblical languages—Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek—is not required. Students have the option of selecting between two tracks: Biblical Studies or Theological Studies.

## Faculty

**Program Director, Professor of Theology,** Marc Cortez

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## Requirements

The Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies requires the completion of 36 hours. The degree requires:

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Core Courses - required for all tracks:</b>		
BITH 533 or BITH 638	Exploring the Old Testament Old Testament Theology	4
BITH 555 or BITH 648	Exploring the New Testament New Testament Theology	4
BITH 565	Christian Theology	4
BITH 566	Foundations for Biblical Interpretation	4
BITH 578	Global Church History	4
<i>Choose one of the following tracks (Bible, Theology, or General Track):</i>		
<b>Bible Track Courses:</b>		
BITH 536	Old Testament Book Studies from the English Text	4
BITH 546	New Testament Book Studies from the English Text	4
BITH 557	Marginalized Voices in Old Testament Studies	4
<b>Theology Track Courses:</b>		
BITH 675	Advanced Systematic Theology	4
BITH 676	Seminar Systematic Theology	2,4
Elective: Any grad-level BTS course		4
<b>General Track Courses:</b>		

Electives: 12

All electives chosen for the general track must receive approval from the program director. Electives must be taken from courses that are available to School of BTS students, and will be taken from courses available at the time the student is in the program. Not all courses are available to remote students.

### Capstone Elements - required for all tracks:

BITH 689	Biblical and Theological Studies Capstone Seminar	4
BITH 692	Graduate Comprehensive Exam	0
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>36</b>