

# BIBLICAL EXEGESIS, M.A.

The M.A. in Biblical Exegesis aims to mobilize students to study Scripture in the original languages within an evangelical framework. The curriculum revolves around building language competency and cultivating an integrated approach to exegesis, such as factoring in hermeneutical theory, historical and cultural contexts, literary genres, and the theological contours of the canon. Students are to choose from three concentrations within this degree:

- Old Testament concentration,
- New Testament concentration, and
- The Old and New Testament concentration.

All concentrations require 44 credit hours and require courses in hermeneutics, testament-specific exegesis, language-based book studies, and theology.

The program does not require a comprehensive exam or a thesis paper. However, all students in the M.A. in Biblical Exegesis program are required to demonstrate four specific areas of academic competence through the compilation of a dossier, reflecting faculty approval on each of four target areas as represented by a portfolio of four faculty-approved academic papers completed as part of the program.

## Ancient Language Scholarship Program

The M.A. in Biblical Exegesis requires either 8 or 16 hours of prerequisites in Hebrew and/or Greek, depending on the chosen track. If an incoming residential student has not met these prerequisites prior to enrolling, the student will take GREK 101 and/or GREK 102, and/or HEBR 101 and/or HEBR 102 at Wheaton College to attain proficiency. Please note that these classes do not count toward the completion of the 44-credit-hour Biblical Exegesis degree.

Wheaton College provides an Ancient Language scholarship for on-campus students who take Hebrew and/or Greek pre-requisite language courses at Wheaton. This scholarship does not cover the cost for ancient language courses taken at another college or university.

## Faculty

**Program Director, Professor,** Andrew T. Abernethy  
**Scripture Press Ministries Professor of Biblical Studies and Pedagogy,**  
 M. Daniel Carroll R. (Rodas)  
**Associate Professor of New Testament,** Esau McCaulley  
**Kenneth T. Wessner Professor of New Testament,** Amy Peeler  
**Blanchard Professor of Old Testament,** Richard Schultz  
**Adjunct Professors,** Seth Ehorn, Joshua Maurer

## Requirements

### M.A. in Biblical Exegesis: Old and New Testament Concentration

A prerequisite of competency in two semesters worth of Hebrew Grammar and two semesters worth of Greek Grammar. Hebrew competency is defined as passing the equivalent of HEBR 101 and HEBR 102, or passing a Hebrew Grammar exam. Greek competency is defined as passing the equivalent of GREK 101 and GREK 102, or passing a Greek Grammar exam.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements for the Old and New Testament concentration:</b>		
<i>Exegetical and Hermeneutical Process</i>		12
BITH 507	Hermeneutics for Biblical Exegesis	
BITH 508	Intro to Hebrew Exegesis	
BITH 509	Introduction to Greek Exegesis	
<i>Theology</i>		12
BITH 565	Christian Theology	
BITH 638	Old Testament Theology	
BITH 648	New Testament Theology	
<i>Book Studies in Hebrew and Greek Exegesis</i>		16
BITH 635	Hebrew Exegesis	
BITH 646	Greek Exegesis	
Choose 8 credits from the following courses (repeatable from the above for different topics)		
BITH 635	Hebrew Exegesis	
or BITH 636	Hebrew Exegesis	
or BITH 646	Greek Exegesis	
or BITH 647	Greek Exegesis	
<i>Electives</i>		4
Select 4 credits; the student will work with their academic advisor to determine what electives will best meet the student's background interests and goals		
<i>Dossier for Biblical Exegesis</i>		0
BITH 693	Dossier for Biblical Exegesis	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b>

### M.A. in Biblical Exegesis: Old Testament Concentration

A prerequisite of competency in two semesters worth of Hebrew Grammar. Hebrew competency is defined as passing the equivalent of HEBR 101 and HEBR 102, or passing a Hebrew Grammar exam.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements for the Old Testament concentration:</b>		
<i>Exegetical and Hermeneutical Process</i>		8
BITH 507	Hermeneutics for Biblical Exegesis	
BITH 508	Intro to Hebrew Exegesis	
<i>Theology</i>		8
BITH 565	Christian Theology	
BITH 638	Old Testament Theology	
<i>Book Studies in Hebrew Exegesis</i>		12
Choose 12 credits from the following courses (repeatable for different topics)		
BITH 635	Hebrew Exegesis	
or BITH 636	Hebrew Exegesis	
<i>Electives</i>		16
Select 16 credits; the student will work with their academic advisor to determine what electives will best meet the student's interests and goals.		
<i>Dossier for Biblical Exegesis</i>		0
BITH 693	Dossier for Biblical Exegesis	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b>

## M.A. in Biblical Exegesis: New Testament Concentration

A prerequisite of competency in two semesters worth of Greek Grammar. Greek competency is defined as passing the equivalent of GREK 101 and GREK 102, or passing a Greek Grammar exam.

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Requirements for the New Testament concentration:</b>		
<i>Exegetical and Hermeneutical Process</i>		<i>8</i>
BITH 507	Hermeneutics for Biblical Exegesis	
BITH 509	Introduction to Greek Exegesis	
<i>Theology</i>		<i>8</i>
BITH 565	Christian Theology	
BITH 648	New Testament Theology	
<i>Book Studies in Greek Exegesis</i>		<i>12</i>
Choose 12 credits from the following courses (repeatable for different topics)		
BITH 646	Greek Exegesis	
or BITH 647	Greek Exegesis	
<i>Electives</i>		<i>16</i>
Select 16 credits; the student will work with their academic advisor to determine what electives will best meet the student's interests and goals		
<i>Dossier for Biblical Exegesis</i>		<i>0</i>
BITH 693	Dossier for Biblical Exegesis	
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>44</b>