# Degree Details Center for Graduate Studies



# ADULT EDUCATION YOU CAN HAVE FAITH IN.

# **MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES – BIBLE EXPOSITION**

The Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) – Bible Exposition is designed for individuals who desire to study the Word of God and ground their faith in the rich theological truths found within its pages. This degree will prepare students in any profession who would like to increase their biblical knowledge and to bring to bear a Christian worldview on their profession. While some students will earn this degree to prepare for lay and professional ministry, others will use it to advance their biblical understandings. It is geared toward those who desire to increase their biblical knowledge without learning Greek and Hebrew. Students will develop advanced interpretive skills as they survey the entire Bible, Genesis to Revelation. The Master of Arts in Theological Studies is also designed to prepare students for additional graduate studies.

#### **Program Cost**

#### Academic year 2012-13

Tuition: \$465 per creditBooks: \$1,000 (est.)

# MATS – Bible Exposition Coursework (36 credits)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation	2
MIN5110	Self-awareness in Leadership	2
BIA5015	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
BIA5017	Bible in Its World	4
BIA5019	History of Christianity	4
BIB6211	Pentateuch	4
BIB6212	Old Testament Prophets	4
BIB6213	Old Testament Writings	4
BIB6214	Gospels	2
BIB6215	Acts of the Apostles	2
BIB6216	Pauline Epistles	2
BIB6217	Hebrews to Revelation	2

## **Program Delivery**

- On site, one night a week
- Online

#### **Timeframe**

Master of Arts in Theological Studies – Bible Exposition coursework can be completed in approximately 22 months.

#### **BIA5011 Spiritual Formation**

2 cr

A study of biblical principles for the spiritual growth of self and others. This course includes the study of worldviews, Christianity and culture, and the life of the mind.

#### MIN5110 Self-awareness in Leadership 2 cr

This course is designed to help students become more aware of their calling, strengths, and growth areas. Personality, spiritual gifts, and general biblical knowledge, spiritual growth and family of origin issues will be assessed.

#### BIA5015 Biblical Hermeneutics 4 cr

This is an advanced course in hermeneutics in which students will learn about the formation of the Bible, the history of biblical interpretation, modern critical methods, and current challenges to biblical interpretation.

#### BIA5017 Bible in Its World

4 cr

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An introduction to the history and thought-world of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the study of primary sources, principally the literature of the surrounding world, and the intersection of the ideas of those writings with those of the Bible.

#### BIA5019 History of Christianity

In this course, students will survey the history of the church from its birth in the first century A.D. to its current manifestations in the 21st century. Attention will be given to the people and events that contributed to the growth and development of Christianity.

#### **BIB6211 Pentateuch**

4 cr

An exposition of the first five books of the Old Testament, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

#### **BIB6212 Old Testament Prophets**

4 cr

An exposition of Old Testament former and latter prophetic writings, emphasizing the historical setting and theological message.

#### **BIB6213 Old Testament Writings**

4 cr

An exposition of the Old Testament writings, including the poetic books and wisdom literature. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.

#### **BIB6214 Gospels**

2 cr

An exposition of the four gospels which emphasizes the theological message as discovered in the unfolding of the narrative within its historical context.

#### **BIB6215 Acts of the Apostles**

2 cr

An exposition of Acts, which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

#### **BIB6216 Pauline Epistles**

2 cr

An exposition of the writings of Paul, which emphasizes the historical setting and theological message.

## **BIB6217 Hebrews to Revelation**

2 cr

An exposition of Hebrews, the General Epistles, and Revelation. Emphasis will be on the historical setting and theological message of these writings.