



THE MASTER'S UNIVERSITY ONLINE

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

The Master's University is now offering a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling (BABC). This program is designed to equip individuals with the principles and procedures of biblical counseling in order to further prepare them for service in their local church. Grounded in the Word of God and aimed at the building up of the saints, this course of study emphasizes the sufficiency of God's Word to meet the needs of everyday life. The goal of the program is to be able to train the whole person. The courses will be designed to include the academic content, build the skills, and foster the purposeful character development necessary to enable an individual to become a wise, loving counselor to fellow believers within a church-related context. Students will be prepared for the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) exam and to move toward certification.

Major Requirements

Course Number & Title		Units	Course Number & Title		Units
BC310	Foundations of Biblical Study*	3	BE101	Introduction to Psychology	3
B340	Biblical Interpretation*	3	BC342	Marriage & Family	3
BC300	Intro. to Biblical Counseling*	3	BC362	Biblical Conflict Resolution	3
BL305	Elementary Greek I	3	BC431	Counseling Practicum	3
BL306	Elementary Greek II	3	BC421	Problems & Procedures I	3
BL307	Elementary Greek III	3	BC451	Counseling Internship **	3
BC330	Methods of Biblical Change	3	BC422	Problems & Procedures II **	3
BC311	Theological Basis of Biblical Counseling	3	B400	Senior Integration Seminar**	3
Total Units required for TMU Online BABC Major					48
NOTES:					Course descriptions on reverse side of page.
* Must be taken first in the major in the order listed above.					
** Must be taken as the last courses in the major in the order listed above.					

Format & Schedule

All major courses are taught in an online format during two eight-week sessions over three semesters each year. This schedule enables students to qualify for federal financial aid.

Students taking one course per session are able to complete the major coursework in 32 months. By taking more than one course per session, students can complete the program in as little as 16 months.

Non-Bible GE and elective courses can be taken prior to, concurrent with, or subsequent to completion of the major coursework.

TMU Online courses contain a variety of proven online instructional approaches, including brief video lectures, topical videos from the Internet or other resources, and interactive exercises and lessons. In addition, students will engage each other and the instructor through online discussion forums, chat and video conferencing sessions, and instant messaging. Student assessments will include online quizzes and exams, written papers, online speeches, role-plays, and presentations, depending on the program.

General Education (65 Units) & Electives (15 Units)

General Education (GE) courses are intended to introduce undergraduates to the richness and diversity of the various academic disciplines. TMU GE requirements are listed below:

Essentials of Christian Thought (3)	Essentials of Literature (3)	Essentials of U.S. History (3)
Old Testament Survey (3,3)	Literature Elective (3)	Intro. to U.S. Government (3)
New Testament Survey (3,3)	Spoken Communication (3)	Essentials of Economics & Society (3)
Christian Theology (3,3)	Essentials of Music and Art (3)	Essentials of Biology (3)
Distinctives of Biblical Living (1,1,1,1)*	Essentials of Philosophy (3)	Science Lab (1)
English Composition (3)	Essentials of World History (3,3)	Critical Thinking & Quantitative Analysis (3)

- Elective courses give students the opportunity to take courses in other areas that interest them.
- GE and elective courses can be completed through TMU Online, transferred in from another accredited college or university, and/or completed via Advanced Placement or CLEP (subject to TMU transfer credit policies).

***Every third course within the major, one unit of Distinctives of Biblical Living is required.**

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Major Course Descriptions

Major curriculum courses are the core of the undergraduate studies and are designed to prepare the student for effectiveness in his/her life and career.

BC310 Foundations of Biblical Study (3): This course introduces the student to the necessary skills and techniques that promote educational success in the online environment. Academic writing and research techniques promoting information literacy are examined and applied. This course is also undergirded by an essential focus on spiritual formation foundational to healthy ministry, personal as well as corporate, within the life of the church. Guiding principles constituting biblical ministry are established within the curriculum. *Must be taken as the first major course in the program.*

B340 Biblical Interpretation (3): An analysis of how to study and understand Scripture. Emphasis will be placed on the vital methods used to apply a passage and the specific rules used to interpret biblical narratives, poetry, parables, and prophecy. Must be taken as the second major course in the program.

BC300 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3): A general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling. Students will discuss what biblical counseling is and what it involves, the role of the counselor in biblical counseling, the different kinds of counseling that are needed, the place of counseling in the ministry of the church, and how biblical counseling theory and practice relate to and differ from some of the more common secular models and theories. Part of the course will involve a personal improvement project in which the student will evaluate his/her own counseling qualifications, design a plan for improving some area of his/her life, put that plan into action, and then evaluate his/her progress as the course draws to a close. Must be taken as the third major course in the program.

BL305/6/7 Elementary Greek I,II,III (3,3,3): Designed for beginners in Greek. Includes a thorough study of the pronunciation and acquisition of a working vocabulary; exercises in translation from Greek to English, as well as from English to Greek, and translation of selected passages of the Greek New Testament.

BC330 Methods of Biblical Change (3): An overview of the counseling process presenting a comprehensive methodological model for promoting biblical change in people. The goal is to encourage biblical thinking and procedures in the process of helping people. *Prerequisite: BC300.*

BC311 Theological Basis of Biblical Counseling (3): A consideration of the theological realities that form the basis of a proper approach to counseling. Special emphasis is given to the nature of God and of man (unfallen and fallen), a biblical definition of the image of God, the nature of sin, the realities of regeneration and progressive sanctification, the concept of "the flesh" (old man/new man), an understanding of the heart/mind as used in Scripture, and the place of the local church in the ministry of counseling. *Prerequisites: BTH321, BTH322.*

BE101 Introduction to Psychology (3): General introduction to the basic concepts of psychology, with emphasis given to the various theories of psychology along with a thorough biblical analysis and critique.

BC342 Marriage & Family (3): Marriage and family problems are present in the majority of counseling cases. This course will give an overview of general marriage and family counseling issues relating to the content and process of counseling. It will then proceed to specifically deal (from a biblical perspective) with the major difficulties that troubled marriages and families experience. Included in the course are discussions of the biblical basis and purposes of marriage, family stages, in-law problems, developing unity, husband/wife roles and responsibilities, correcting communication problems, why conflicts arise, and how to resolve them.

BC362 Biblical Conflict Resolution (3): This course is designed to help the student think biblically about conflict and how to respond to life's conflicts in a way that glorifies the Lord (1 Cor. 10:31). In particular, the student will be taught a model and a plan for how to think about struggles in relationships and evaluate their own typical patterns of response. These principles apply to business and the church, but there will be a special focus on handling marriage difficulties.

BC431 Counseling Practicum (3): This course is designed to consider the practical application of the principles of biblical counseling and the various methodological aspects of the counseling process. This course will include student participation in counseling as counselors, counselees, and observers. These activities will form the basis of seminar discussions where counseling will be analyzed from a biblical perspective. The goal of these courses is to help the student learn, evaluate, and sharpen practical counseling. *Prerequisites: BC300, BC330.*

BC451 Counseling Internship (3): Because of our desire to train those who not only know about counseling but can actually do counseling, the student will be required to do at least 25 sessions of supervised/mentored counseling during this capstone course. Ideally this counseling would take place in the student's local church with the church's authority, but other venues may be approved as well. An ACBC Fellow (the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors) will oversee this process and the sessions will count toward ACBC certification. *Must be taken as the third to last course in the major.*

BC421,422 Problems & Procedures I, II (3,3): These courses are designed to apply the biblical principles taught in Methods of Biblical Change (BC330) to a range of specific counseling problems. Topics discussed include anger, fear, depression, sexual deviancy, anxiety, eating disorders, decision making, one's past, self-concept, various syndromes, ADHD, and crisis counseling. During the second semester of this course, each student will be part of a team that will develop and present to the class a detailed biblical counseling outline for a teacher-approved counseling problem. *Prerequisites: BC300, BC311, BC330.*

B400 Senior Integrative Seminar (3): A capstone seminar that provides students with the opportunity to integrate and demonstrate mastery of the knowledge and skills gained in earlier major courses. In addition to assessing student mastery, the course will address topics including seminary and graduate school requirements, transitional issues, career placement, and the senior competency examination. Must be taken as the last course in the major.

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