



**NATIONAL  
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# Academic Catalog

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## Welcome to National Bible Institute

Here at National Bible Institute (NBI) we are determined to prepare our students with the necessary skills to conduct a Christ-like faith walk that is holy and pleasing to the Lord Almighty. Students at NBI will continuously grow in the knowledge of God while equipping themselves to be the next leaders in Christian ministry today. At every step of the way, NBI faculty and staff are dedicated to providing students with the resources needed to effectively combine their faith with knowledge of the Holy Scriptures.

We believe in the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures and are committed to preparing students to proclaim the gospel with strength and conviction. NBI is committed to serving students intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually through a curriculum based on the Holy Bible, critical analysis of Scripture, leadership and evangelism, as well as other support services.

We sincerely look forward to you enrolling in our academic programs.

# About National Bible Institute

National Bible Institute (NBI) is a non-denominational, Bible-based educational institution dedicated to preparing men and women to serve as faithful and knowledgeable leaders around the globe. NBI is committed to serving students intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually through a curriculum based on the Holy Bible, critical analysis of Scripture, leadership and evangelism, as well as other support services. Currently, a Master of Divinity is the only program available at NBI.

## **VISION | OUR IMPACT**

National Bible Institute (NBI) prepares men and women to serve as faithful and knowledgeable leaders in Christian ministries today.

## **MISSION | WHAT WE DO**

Equipping Christians from all nations with complete knowledge and understanding of God's Holy Scriptures.

## **OUR GOALS**

1. To clearly and effectively proclaim the inerrancy of God's Holy Scriptures
2. To equip students with a holistic understanding of God's will and purpose from the Old Testament to the New Testament
3. To pursue constant growth and development in all aspects of Christian leadership from practical skills training to evangelism

## **OUR OBJECTIVES**

- To gain a correct and complete understanding of God's will and the role of believers in accomplishing it.
- To strengthen and encourage a global and diverse body of believers rooted in love and truth.
- To catalyze development in transferable skills for Christian leaders that are relevant for professional growth and ministerial field work.
- To spearhead consistent growth and understanding of The Holy Bible through in-depth analysis of Scripture.



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# Admissions

Take the first step in your journey by finding our admissions requirements below.



# Admissions

To apply to the National Bible Institute, please complete an online application form located on [our Apply page](#).

[Visit Our Apply Page](#)

## REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application
- Personal statement (minimum of 500 words and no more than 1,000 words) with information about your interest in attending the National Bible Institute
  - Share your story about becoming a believer, as well as your growth since that time.
  - Explain your interest in applying to a bible institution at this season in your life, as well as how you would like to see your faith grow.
  - What is your intended outcome after finishing this program? Why is that career or ministry choice meaningful to you?
  - Explain a local, national, and/or international issue you are passionate about.
- Upload Resume (within the online application)
- Two personal references (can be a family member, close friend, colleague, minister, professor or academic administrator)
 

**NOTE:** Applications can be sent electronically via the online application. If that is not possible, please email them to [hello@nationalbibleinst.org](mailto:hello@nationalbibleinst.org).
- For applicants whose primary language is not English, an assessment will be required
- A personal interview by the NBI Admissions team

You will be asked if you have read, understand, and agree with the terms within each before you sign and submit your application.



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# Programs

Learn about National Bible Institute's Master of Divinity (M.Div) Program.



# Master of Divinity



**Scriptural**



**Rigorous**



**Strategic**

## **M.DIV OVERVIEW**

The Master of Divinity (M.Div) program at National Bible Institute is a rigorous and comprehensive degree program which embodies a quality and coherent course of study that prepares women and men to serve as faithful and knowledgeable servant-leaders in Christian ministries. If one feels called to grow in God's Word to carry out a life of ministry to nurture for and share the Scriptures with God's people, then NBI's M.Div program is designed for you.

The curricula for all NBI academic programs are directly correlated with the overall purpose of the institution as outlined in the forthcoming Academic Catalog.

The Master of Divinity (M.Div) is designed to be the foundation upon which one's Biblical knowledge and leadership grows. The defined set of courses, along with the elective coursework provides students with advanced knowledge in theology in preparation for leadership in ministry.

Each program is tailored to refine the knowledge and skills of each student, and NBI faculty and staff are committed to preparing all students to serve as God's called and faithful followers (Rv 17:14).





## **M.DIV COURSE CURRICULUM**

National Bible Institute fosters student learning through a strictly aligned curriculum and consistent academic rigor across all programs. NBI is committed to serving students intellectually, socially, emotionally, and spiritually through a curriculum based on the Holy Bible, critical analysis of Scripture, leadership and evangelism, as well as other support services. NBI offers academic and support services for domestic and international students to achieve timely graduation and to succeed in higher education, careers, and ministry. NBI actively supports its mission through systematic research, planning, and evaluation processes that cultivate a culture of continuous improvement across the seminary.

The M.Div course curriculum is divided into three trimesters, each with courses that are designed to build upon students' knowledge of Spiritual truth. The curriculum is structured to actualize our institutional mission in the lives of our students, by preparing women and men to serve as faithful and knowledgeable servant-leaders in Christian ministries.

With its mission as the core of the institution, NBI is committed to achieving the following goals:

- To clearly and effectively proclaim the inerrancy of God's Holy Scriptures
- To equip students with a holistic understanding of God's will and purpose from the Old Testament to the New Testament
- To pursue constant growth and development in all aspects of Christian leadership from practical skills training to evangelism.

NBI currently offers the following courses within five (5) core areas across the 18-month MDiv program; including Core Requirements (CR), Biblical Foundations: Building Blocks of Faith (TH), Intermediate Examination: Biblical Intermediates (IM), Leadership Examination: Biblical Mastery (BM), and Capstone Studies: Church Operation (CO).

- Importance of Scripture
- Understanding Scripture
- Old Testament Examination I & II
- First Coming Examination I & II
- New Testament Examination I & II
- Testifying Basics
- Testifying Mastery
- Eschatology Examination I, II, & III
- Church Planting
- Church Operations
- Raising Future Leaders I & II

**M.DIV SAMPLE STUDENT SCHEDULE**

Below you can find an example of a typical schedule for a student in the M.Div program.

	<b>Master of Divinity (MDiv)</b>		
	<b>Trimester #1 (8 weeks)</b>	<b>Trimester #2 (8 weeks)</b>	<b>Trimester #3 (8 weeks)</b>
<b>Term 1 6 months (26 credit hours)</b>	CR100: Importance of Scripture (4 credit hours)	TH100: Old Testament Examination I (3 credit hours)	TH101: Old Testament Examination II (3 credit hours)
	CR101: Understanding Scripture (4 credit hours)	TH102: First Coming Examination I (3 credit hours)	TH103: First Coming Examination II (3 credit hours)
		TH104: New Testament Examination I (3 credit hours)	TH105: New Testament Examination II (3 credit hours)
	<b>8 credit hours</b>	<b>9 credit hours</b>	<b>9 credit hours</b>
<b>Term 2 6 months (27 credit hours)</b>	IE200: Old Testament Examination I (3 credit hours)	IE201: Old Testament Examination II (3 credit hours)	IE204: Advanced New Testament Examination (3 credit hours)
	IE202: First Coming Examination I (3 credit hours)	IE203: First Coming Examination II (3 credit hours)	BM300: Eschatology Examination I (3 credit hours)
	BM303: Testifying Basic (3 credit hours)	BM304: Testifying Mastery (3 credit hours)	CO403: Raising of Future Leaders I (3 credit hours)
	<b>9 credit hours</b>	<b>9 credit hours</b>	<b>9 credit hours</b>



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# Course List

On the following pages you will find a list of the courses we currently offer.

## Church Operations

This course will provide students with the tools necessary to implement and maintain operations within a church. You will get an opportunity to learn how to properly staff, develop communications strategies, organize and implement logistics, and administer internal and external operations.

## Church Planting

In this course you will be able to become equipped with and utilize the biblical knowledge and tools of ministry, church planting, and revitalization. They will demonstrate both intra- and intercultural competencies regarding planting within various communities. Students will be able to develop their own church planting plan for their final thesis.

## Eschatology Examination I

This course is the first of a 3-series course distribution of eschatology. This is a requirement before taking Eschatology Examination II and Eschatology Examination III. The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the topics related to heaven and hell, the promises of the end times, the great tribulation and the Book of Revelation.

## Eschatology Examination II

Building on Eschatology Examination I, we will take a deeper look into what the Bible says regarding not only the return of Jesus Christ, but also the matters of judgment related to the first coming of Jesus Christ and the doctrine of death and resurrection. Additionally matters concerning that of judgment at the time of the end and the future state of Christianity today will be discussed and reviewed.

## Eschatology Examination III

Building on Eschatology Examination II, this course will be a deep dive of the book of Revelation going chapter by chapter. It will be a culmination of all the material learned in Eschatology Examination I and Eschatology Examination II.

## First Coming Examination I

As the foundation of Christianity, the Gospel – also found in the first four books of the New Testament (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) – is completely focused on Jesus. Through the Gospel, we learn about who Jesus is, how he fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, the messages that he preached, and some of the promises he made about his return.

## First Coming Examination II

Building on the First Coming Examination I course, we will take a deeper look at the words, work, and leadership of Jesus. We will gain a clear understanding of hidden promises written about him throughout the Old Testament, as well as the promises he made for his return.

## Importance of Scripture

This course provides a study and explanation of the necessity of knowing the words of the Bible. It is designed to give the student a solid foundation for NBI's intensive Master of Divinity program. The course presents the Bible as a religious and historical text as the inspired Word of God with emphasis on the importance of studying the scriptures in the context of the words of promise and fulfillment.

## New Testament Examination I

Required before taking New Testament Examination II. This course allows students to engage in critical reading of New Testament Scriptures, study their historical significance, and apply major themes to their own faith walk. In this course, students will thoroughly examine the New Testament Scriptures across the Four Gospels, the Epistles, and Revelation.

## New Testament Examination II

Building upon New Testament Examination I, this course will take a more nuanced approach to the study of New Testament Scriptures with an emphasis on how the First Coming teachings of Jesus Christ are connected to the Book of Revelation. Students will gain a deeper understanding of the New Testament Scriptures and their interconnectedness.

## Old Testament Examination I

The Old Testament is filled with historical events and moral instructions that have been taught for centuries. In this course, we will learn about the various individuals that God used to make himself known -- from prophets to kings. We will also learn about the different eras explained throughout the Old Testament to today.

## Old Testament Examination II

After completing Old Testament Examination I, students will grow in their knowledge of Old Testament history and learn how to view Biblical history according to God's final work. This course will provide insight on how history was a warning and example for the first coming and today.

## Raising Future Leaders I

In this introductory course, students will embark on a broad overview of the theory and practice of leadership and administration in a church or ministry setting, seeing it throughout scripture and applying it to today.

## Raising Future Leaders II

In this advanced course, students will build upon Raising Future Leaders I, where students will implement theory and practice of leadership and administration for church. You will learn dynamics and develop new strategies and practices for continued development.

## Testifying Basics

This hands-on, introductory-level course allows students to practice the oral communication of the gospel. Students will examine the techniques and methodologies that are essential to well-organized speech delivery, and will have the opportunity to practice with fellow classmates to perfect their craft.

## Testifying Mastery

This course is a continuation of Testifying Basics. Using the skills attained in the prior course, students will now be evaluated on their speech delivery by faculty and fellow classmates. This intensive course requires students to craft and execute their respective speeches and, using the input from onlookers, will work to further tailor and define their speeches. Students will master the skill of oral communication and be able to clearly and confidently proclaim the inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures.

## Understanding Scripture

The purpose of this course is for students to have a proficient realization of the importance of understanding scripture accurately. We will go through an intense deep-dive of the scriptures to see from history to today, the consequences and results of lacking in a correct understanding of the scriptures.



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# Student Policies



## General Admissions Policy

Students applying to NBI's Master of Divinity (M.Div.) program offered on-site must adhere to standard university admission requirements. All applicants are required to meet the minimum admissions standards. All applicants applying to master's degree program must have obtained either a high school diploma or equivalent. The application requires students to include information concerning demographic, language, employment information, availability, church membership information, and statement of educational purpose.

## Grading Policy

Our Grading policies are listed on the syllabi for each respective course, and consists of the following breakdown of assignments: 1. Quizzes 2. Homework Assignments 3. Class Participation 4. Final Examination. The final examination is a critical component of students' grades as it is a culmination of a student's mastery of the course content. These examinations are looked at and graded thoroughly.

## International Student Admission Policy

The applications of prospective international students are reviewed on an individual basis, and admission may be offered to every applicant who meets the minimum requirements contingent upon space available in the program.

1. International student applicants must follow the process of the General Admissions policy in addition to being required to submit the following additional documents:
  - I-20 and I-94 (Photocopies of primary and dependent applicants)
  - Visa and Passport (Photocopies of primary and dependent applicants)
  - Verification documents of dependents (if applicable)
  - Proof of financial sponsors (if applicable)
  - Proof of Financial Status (for details see the Application Packet)

## I-20 Issuing Procedure

1. Submission of application documents
2. Application review by the school
3. Acceptance notice
4. Processing Fees \$150 (Application fee \$50 + Documents processing fee \$100)
5. Issuance of I-20 (3-5 business days)
6. Apply for F-1 visa at embassy
7. Entrance into the U.S.

Applicants should contact the Office of Admissions as soon as possible after obtaining a visa. Please note: “You may be refused entry into the U.S. if you attempt to arrive more than 30 days before the program start date listed on your SEVIS I-20 form.” (<http://www.ice.gov>) A Form I-20 form is issued only to the student who is accepted to the school. The issued I-20 form is not an F-1 visa. Students may consult legal advisor(s) for other necessary documents to obtain an F-1 visa

## Student Privacy Policy

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, known as FERPA, is the federal law that protects student records, privacy review and disclosure rights. NBI seeks to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974. Confidential educational records include student account records and academic records. The seminary does not release such information without written consent from the student, except to the extent that the student authorizes disclosure by consent. The Administration and Communications office at NBI obtains permission from student(s) in order to release academic information not excluded by FERPA laws through the FERPA release form, “Consent to Release Student Information” which is available in the Administration and Communications office and the Admissions office; the form is also distributed to new students at New Student Orientation. Individuals whom the student wishes to permit to have access to confidential information must be named on the form and the relationship to the student must be identified. The student may also revoke authorization at any time by completing the same form and turning it into the Administration and Communications office.

## Photography and Video Policy

NBI is authorized to reproduce photographs and/or video images taken of students, faculty, staff, and/or board members for the purpose of publication, promotion, illustration, advertising, or trade, in any manner or in any medium. NBI is released from all claims and liability relating to any images or videos used. Furthermore, permission is granted to use any statements provided during an interview, course, or guest lecture, with or without a name, for the purpose of advertising and publicity without restriction, with the understanding and agreement that there will be no compensation. To opt-out of this agreement, please contact [legal@nationalbibleinst.org](mailto:legal@nationalbibleinst.org).

## Refund Policy

Since NBI is a tuition-free institution, students will not have to be refunded the cost of tuition. However, any expenses incurred by the student for any other student-related purposes will not be refunded by the institution.



# Thank You

Thank you for viewing the NBI Academic Catalog.  
If you have any questions, please contact us.



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