
MAJOR CHOSEN: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Master of Science degree in Counseling is designed to prepare students for a wide range of biblical counseling opportunities, particularly those within a Christian setting. Counselors require a firm foundation in Scripture which is addressed in the 15 semester hours of Bible required in the program. All counseling classes are built on the premise that God is glorified through the ministry of His sufficient Word as believers progress in their sanctification. Courses in Bible and Biblical Counseling prepare students to understand and apply how a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ enables one practically to experience grace and peace as they grow in conformity to Christ.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will especially enjoy:

Theories of Counseling provides an introduction to the historical development of secular counseling, integrational counseling, and biblical counseling. You will examine and critique the counseling theories of prominent Christian psychiatrists, psychologists, and counselors. You will also be guided toward the development of a distinctly Christian counseling model which is based on the doctrine of sufficiency, and critically examine the integrational model that permeates much of evangelicalism today.

Counseling is a theological and practical introduction to the ministry of biblical counseling including the establishment of a biblical foundation, a focus on sanctification, getting to the heart of real change, the development of effective procedures, and the discussion of specific issues and problems in counseling. The goal is to prepare believers to glorify God as they minister God's sufficient Word to others—and to themselves!

Systematic Theology is a study of the nature, necessity, methods, and materials of theology; and the application of the principles of systematic theology to the scriptural revelation about God, man, and sin, following a biblical dispensational hermeneutic.

Counseling Electives are individually selected by each student to allow you to focus on the area where you believe you can best be used by the Lord.

III. AN OUTLINE OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

The following core courses are required:

Theories of Counseling.....	3
Counseling.....	3
Survey of the New Testament.....	2
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Biblical Hermeneutics.....	2
Tests & Measurements.....	3
Systematic Theology.....	3
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Three hours must be selected from the following:

New Testament Theology.....	3
Old Testament Theology.....	3

Six hours must be selected from the following:

Pupil Personnel Services.....	3
Counseling Internship.....	3
Readings in Personnel Services.....	3
Abnormal Psychology.....	3
Introduction to Exceptional Learners.....	3
Counseling Women.....	3
Crisis Counseling.....	1
Premarital Counseling.....	1
Family Counseling.....	1
Counseling Case Studies.....	3
Counseling Children & Adolescents.....	3
Career Counseling.....	3
Marriage & Family Counseling.....	3
Counseling Applications.....	3
Counseling Issues Seminar.....	3
Total.....	30

IV. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. Robert Bell, chairman of the Seminary and Division of Graduate Studies, teaches Bible, Hebrew, and Systematic Theology at BJU, where he earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. He has over 19 years of graduate teaching experience.

Dr. Steve Cruice, a former missionary and pastor, developed a program for teaching the sufficiency of Scripture in the local church. Dr. Cruice joined the BJU faculty in 2006 and teaches classes such as *Counseling Case Studies* and *Marriage and Family Counseling*.

Dr. Greg Mazak became committed to biblical counseling after being saved out of Roman Catholicism while a psychology major at the Ohio State University. The chairman of the division of psychology, Dr. Mazak is the associate pastor at Trinity Bible Church of Greer, SC; a regular contributor for Christian periodicals; and a conference speaker at churches, Christian schools, and camps.

All together, these and the other faculty teaching in the Division of Graduate Studies in the School of Education have over 300 combined years of experience teaching. You will not find a better, more experienced faculty in the country.

V. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Completely equipped computer laboratories are available for your use. There are many academic computer labs conveniently located all over campus. They consist of various types of PCs, Apple PowerMacs, and laser printers and are all interconnected via a Novell computer network.

The Media Center is the technology resource center for the School of Education. Here you will find equipment to help you prepare teaching materials for presentations and to help you integrate technology into your lessons. Its trained staff will assist you as you learn how to operate both the software and equipment, including copiers, scanners, computers, digital cameras and camcorders, data projectors, a laminator, a document binding machine, digital audio-video editing and graphic software, and its newest acquisition—the Promethean interactive white board. In addition, the Media Center houses copies of the BJU Press materials, which are used regularly in the methods classes.

You will have the opportunity to observe experienced Christian teachers right on our campus in the beautiful, air-conditioned buildings of Bob Jones Beginnings Center (kindergarten and first grade), Elementary School, Junior High, and Academy.

The School of Education maintains a Reading Laboratory in which you can learn how to improve your reading skills and become acquainted with the latest and the best reading equipment.

Because of our care and concern for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of the people in our part of the country, students are encouraged to be involved in outreach ministries in our area. While you are here you will have the opportunity to participate in as many of these ministries as you can fit into your schedule. These opportunities vary from work in nursing homes, jails, detention centers, and churches, to visitation, Bible clubs, providing special music, and martial arts teams.

The Mack Library, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,300 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,100 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 17,000 music, speech, and language recordings. Mack Library offers access to over 65 electronic databases on the library web site. An interlibrary loan program is available through OCLC, a national database, for books not held in our library. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was done on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.

Davis Field House, with over 87,000 square feet and seating for 3,000 people, contains 4 full-sized courts; auxiliary courts; indoor and outdoor tracks; swimming pool; café; and a fitness center with fully-equipped exercise room, aerobic room, sauna, and whirlpool.

If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all of our residence halls are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, and have a phone in each room. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill. Computer network connectivity is available in all residence halls, as well.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and most sidewalks are covered to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 delicious meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Campus Store in the Student Center carry just about anything you'll need.

If you are planning to live off campus, our **Office of Student Services** would be glad to assist you in finding employment and housing. This office also has a Notary Public, driver's license information, car registration information, and tax forms for most states. You may request information by writing them or by calling (864) 242-5100.

You will find your fellow graduate students equally as serious about their studies, and many of them will become your good friends. Also you will have many opportunities to make valuable professional contacts during your time at Bob Jones University.

VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

The M.S. in Biblical Counseling program prepares students for a life of useful service in any and all Christian ministries, including Christian schools, churches, camps, rescue missions, orphanages, etc. Because students both study the Bible on the graduate level and learn how to practically apply the Word to everyday life, pastors, pastors' wives, missionaries, evangelists, teachers, and camp workers have all reported how they have benefited from this course of study.

The Career Development and Placement Office helps students by holding seminars on resume preparation and interview techniques.

The Christian School Recruitment Conference is sponsored by the Career Development and Placement Office each February. Approximately 140 administrators and principals from many states and some foreign countries gather to interview and hire new teachers for their schools. This conference will give you many opportunities to find a place of service after you graduate. In addition, the Career Office maintains a file of miscellaneous information about various Christian schools across the country. This file, too, may provide you with a contact that could lead to many years of active service for the Lord.

VII. BJU: AN AFFORDABLE EDUCATION

Enclosed is an expense sheet detailing the cost of attending Bob Jones University. When you compare our charges to those of other private colleges, we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We believe we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America.