



MAJOR CHOSEN: MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY

I. A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE MAJOR

The Master of Arts degree in Theology is designed for those who wish to focus their graduate studies on both biblical and systematic theology. This degree is also an excellent preparatory program for those wishing to pursue the master of divinity degree, or doctor of philosophy degrees. The Master of Arts degree in Theology will also thoroughly prepare you to be a skilled Bible teacher on the high school level. The degree is designed to equip the student to unfold the great themes of Scripture.

II. COURSE HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the courses you will especially enjoy:

New Testament Theology This course teaches the application of the principles and methods of biblical theology to the study of the New Testament with particular focus on the Kingdom of God.

History of Doctrine This class will present to you the historical study of the development in the understanding and expression of Christian doctrines in ancient and medieval times. Special attention will be given to leaders of theological thought, philosophical backgrounds in the history of dogma, and the creeds of Christendom.

Systematic Theology In this course you will study the nature, necessity, methods, and materials of theology as well as the application of principles of systematic theology to the scriptural revelation about God, man, sin, Christ, salvation, the Church, and the end times, following a biblical dispensational hermeneutic.



III. AN OUTLINE OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

New Testament Introduction	2	Biblical Hermeneutics	2
Christian Discipleship	2	Old Testament Introduction	2
Systematic Theology	3	Ministry of Preaching: History & Philosophy....	2
New Testament Theology.....	3	Systematic Theology	3
History of Doctrine.....	3	Old Testament Theology	3
Greek Exegesis	3	History of Doctrine	3
Total	16	Total	15

Summer

Ministry Practicum	2
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IV. ABOUT THE FACULTY

Dr. David Beale, chairman of the church history department, is a professor, renowned tour guide, and author. He earned B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at BJU and has taught here since 1978. He has authored numerous articles and books, the most recent of which is *The Mayflower Pilgrims: Roots of Puritan, Presbyterian, Congregationalist, and Baptist Heritage* (2000). He has led the “Mayflower” study tour group to England, Wales, Scotland, and Holland; and the “Seven Churches of Revelation and Footsteps of Paul” study tour group to Turkey.

Dr. Robert Bell, Coordinator of Curriculum and Faculty Development for the Seminary, teaches Bible, Hebrew, and Systematic Theology at BJU, where he received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. He has taught on the faculty since 1968; co-authored a Hebrew grammar for seminary-level instruction; served as a missionary lecturer in Haiti, India, South Africa, and the Ukraine.

Dr. Jim Berg, dean of students at BJU, received his B.A. and M.A. from BJU and a D.D. from Tabernacle Baptist Theological Seminary (Virginia Beach, VA). He has taught at the BJU since 1981, and has authored numerous articles and books on counseling and Christian life, including *When Trouble Comes, Changed into His Image, Created for His Glory, Basics for Believers, Quieting a Noisy Soul*, and the study guide *Taking Time to Change*.

Dr. Kenneth Casillas, who received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU, has served on the faculty since 2001 teaching Old Testament. He has written extensively for the Institute of Biblical Education at BJU—authoring a number of Bible Study, Sunday school, and curriculum materials for use in Christian churches and schools. He also serves as leader of the BJU Spanish Mission Team.

Dr. Brenton Cook, an outstanding writer and editor, served for several years as executive editor and publisher for the Christian publishing firm, *Ambassador Emerald Publishing International*. The Colorado native completed his B.A. in History, M.A. in Bible, and Ph.D. in Church History from Bob Jones University.



Dr. Brian Hand earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU and joined the faculty in 2004. He teaches Greek and New Testament courses. He has served in the U.S. as an interim pastor and as a missionary lecturer in Ukraine.

Dr. Steve Hankins, dean of the Seminary and Graduate School of Religion, teaches courses in homiletics and Bible. As an undergraduate at BJU, he majored in Bible and public speaking. He later taught freshman speech. He received his M.A. in Bible and Ph.D. in New Testament Interpretation from BJU. He has been a member of the faculty since 1977, has over ten years of direct pastoral experience, and has authored two Bible textbooks and guides for Christian schools. He has spoken in over 500 churches and professional conferences and has served as a missionary lecturer in the Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Poland, Singapore and Malaysia.

Dr. Randy Jaeggli, chairman of the undergraduate division of Bible, served as pastor for four years before joining the BJU faculty in 1991. He earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. in Old Testament Interpretation from BJU, has taught courses in Hebrew and Bible, and has authored *More Like the Master*, a full-length study of the nature of God. He teaches an adult Sunday School class at his church in Greenville, and has also taught in Canada and Ukraine.

Dr. Randy Leedy received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU and has served on the faculty since 1994 teaching New Testament and Greek. He has served as pastor and assistant pastor for four years, and in 1998 he taught Systematic Theology in the Philippines. He co-authored *How Firm a Foundation* (1999), co-authored a Greek handbook for undergraduate instruction, wrote four workbooks for graduate level Greek classes and contributed editorial work to a new edition of the *Greek New Testament*. He is currently producing detailed sentence diagrams of the entire Greek New Testament for BibleWorks.

Dr. Gregory Mazak, chairman of the undergraduate division of psychology, earned his M.Div. and Ph.D. from BJU and has taught counseling here since 1988. He is associate pastor at Trinity Bible Church of Greer, SC, and a conference speaker at churches, Christian schools, and camps.

Dr. Bruce McAllister, Director of Ministerial Training and Extension, received his B.A., M.A., M.Div., and D.Min. at BJU, and has served on the faculty since 1977. He teaches courses on church planting and ministry, and also oversees many practical ministry courses, student outreach ministries, and the church staff placement office. He has written a text on the methods of church planting and two textbooks for Christian school curriculum as well as a number of articles for Christian periodicals.

Dr. Mark Minnick received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. from BJU and began teaching in 1980. He is currently a contributing editor of *Frontline* magazine. He was a contributing author of *From the Mind of God to the Mind of Man* and *God's Word in Our Hands*. He also has served Mount Calvary Baptist Church (Greenville, SC) as senior pastor since 1989.

Dr. Dan Olinger earned his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU and began teaching in the seminary in 2000. He has taught on the mission fields of Mexico, Puerto Rico, South Africa, Saipan, and China. He also contributes articles to *Frontline* magazine.

Dr. Gary Reimers received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU. He founded Heritage Baptist Church (Dover, NH) and Cornerstone Baptist Church (Greenville, SC) where he is currently senior pastor. Since 1998 he has taught theology, Bible exposition, and Greek. He has served as a missionary lecturer several times in Poland and other Eastern European countries.



Dr. Samuel Schnaiter, chairman of our undergraduate ancient languages department, has co-authored the thorough and highly informative *Bible Preservation and the Providence of God*, has taught various Bible instruction seminars throughout the Western United States and Canada, and has led mission teams to Western Canada. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees at BJU and has been on the faculty since 1971 teaching courses in Greek and Bible.

Dr. Royce Short, dean of the School of Religion, received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU. After graduating, he planted a church in Kaysville, Utah under Biblical Ministries Worldwide. He joined the BJU faculty in 1999.

Dr. Layton Talbert received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. from BJU and joined the faculty in 2001 teaching theology and Bible. He is contributing editor of *Frontline* magazine, has written a book on the providence of God entitled *Not by Chance: Learning to Trust a Sovereign God*, and has authored numerous articles and book reviews.

V. FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND OPPORTUNITIES

Local Church Extension Ministries:

The extension program provides for the development of student leadership and experience in various types of Christian ministries, such as church visitation, jail services, retirement home ministries, youth work, and child evangelism.

Through the Ministry Practicum course you will continue to receive guidance and practical experience in Christian service throughout the summer months. This course carries two hours credit, and you may take it wherever you reside during the summer.

The University sends out music and drama ministry teams throughout the year to serve in local churches and Christian schools. During the summer, more than a dozen mission teams also provide students the opportunity to gain valuable and rewarding experience across the country and around the world.

In the ministerial class you will meet each week with hundreds of ministerial students and those interested in the ministry. You will receive instruction and inspiration about the various aspects of the Christian ministry from the University President, Chancellor, and other experienced men of God.

In the Ministry Resource Center you will find a Christian periodical and tape library, duplicating equipment, complete topical files, and a wide variety of audiovisual materials and equipment. This laboratory is maintained for your class and extension use.

The Fremont Fitness Center and Davis Field House give you the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of physical conditioning at no additional cost to you. Through the use of state-of-the-art exercise equipment, racquetball courts, spa, sauna, pool, basketball courts, and track, you will be able to maintain or improve your stewardship of your body.



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

The Mack Library, with 90,000 square feet of floor space and seating for over 1,200 students, gives you access to 294,000 volumes, 1,125 current periodical subscriptions, and more than 15,000 music, speech, and language recordings (in departmental library rooms elsewhere on campus). 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. The Fundamentalism File contains over 110,000 articles on religious subjects and secular topics from a religious perspective. Other prominent features include the Jerusalem Chamber, a replica of the room in Westminster Abbey in London in which work was accomplished on the 1611 King James Bible, and the University Archives Room which displays materials about the Founder and history of the University.

If you are planning to live on campus, you will be glad to know that all our dormitories are air-conditioned, have wall-to-wall carpeting, have a phone in each room, and have access to the University computer network. You will be able to make long-distance calls directly from your room and have them automatically placed on your school bill.

All of our classrooms are air-conditioned, and there are awnings over the sidewalks to keep you dry when it is raining. The Dining Common serves 8,500 meals a day, and the Snack Shop and Bookstore in the Student Center carry just about anything you will 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.

VI. CAREER OPPORTUNITIES AND PLACEMENT

The Office of Extension Ministries assists qualified BJU alumni and current students nearing graduation with church ministry opportunities. Many churches contact this office in search of prospective candidates for the positions of pastor, assistant pastor, youth pastor, and music director. A personal profile may be filled out online, and related issues may be discussed with the Director of Ministerial Training. Pastors, camp directors, mission board directors, and other recruiters often visit the campus to find personnel for their ministries.

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 that we offer a student more value for his dollar than anyone else in America.