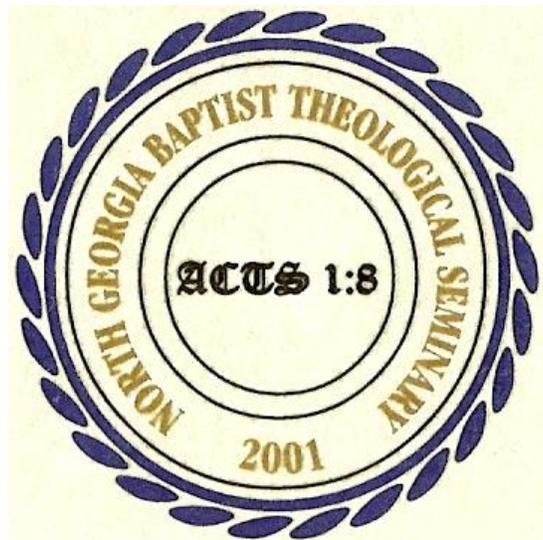


North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary



2021

Statement of Purpose and Philosophy

It is imperative that men and women who have been called by God into full time Christian service recognize the importance of theological training as they meet the challenges of the world. Using all the advantages and resources at their disposal will equip them to minister in an effective way as they serve God.

The administration of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary believes that God's Word is emphatic when He says, "*Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.*" (2 Timothy 2:15 NASB)

It is the purpose of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary to train students in and for evangelical Christian ministry. Race, class, and nationality offer no barrier to any student who desires to receive training. Furthermore, students from various evangelical denominations may enjoy academic freedom and Christian fellowship.

All degrees offered by North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary whether granted or conferred, are of an ecclesiastical nature and are in the restricted area of religion. Degrees from North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary are not designed to be used in academic circles. However, the purpose is to prepare persons to work in the area of religion, whether educational or ministerial.

It is the desire of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary to serve the Lord while serving you in His name. The administration of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary asks for your prayers and support as we seek to carry out the Great Commission as we disciple others to minister in His name.

Dr. Billy J. Owensby, President

Dr. Quincy L. Forston, Vice President

Rev. Duane Eller, Chairman of Board of Directors

Doctrinal Statement

Southern Baptist have prepared a statement of generally held convictions called *The Baptist Faith and Message*. It serves as a guide to understanding who they are. This is a *brief* and *partial* summary.

The Scriptures: The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. The criterion by which the Holy Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ.

God: God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. God is the Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

God the Son: Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and His death on the cross. He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

God the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of unrighteousness, and of judgment. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

Man: Man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation. By his free choice, man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore every man possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

Salvation: Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense, salvation includes regeneration, sanctification, and glorification.

God's Purpose of Grace: Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall preserve to the end.

The Church: A New Testament church of the Lord Jesus Christ is a local body of baptized believers who are associated by covenant faith and fellowship of the gospel... and seeking to extend the gospel to the ends of the earth. This church is an autonomous body. The New Testament speaks also of the church as the body of Christ which includes all of the redeemed of all the ages.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper: Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus.

The Lord's Day: The first day of the week is the Lord's Day. It commemorates the resurrection of Christ from the dead and should be employed in exercises of worship and spiritual devotion.

Last Things: God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly... the dead in Christ will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to hell. The righteous will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.

Evangelism and Missions: It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations...to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by personal effort.

Education: The cause of education in the Kingdom of Christ is co-ordinate with the cause of missions and general benevolence...there should be a proper balance between academic freedom and academic responsibility. The freedom of a teacher in a Christian school, college, or seminary is limited by the pre-eminence of Jesus Christ, by the authoritative nature of the Scriptures, and the distinct purpose for which the school exists.

Stewardship: God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions.

Cooperation: Christ's people should...organize such associations and conventions as may best secure cooperation for the great objects of the Kingdom of God. Such organizations have no authority over one another or over the churches. Cooperation is desirable between the various Christian denominations.

The Christian & the Social Order: Every Christian is under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in his own life in human society. the Christian should oppose in the spirit of Christ every form of greed, selfishness, and vice.

Religious Liberty: Church and state should be separate. The state owes to every church protection and full freedom in the pursuit of its spiritual ends. A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal.

Family: God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord.

Denominational Affiliation

North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc. is committed to the doctrinal beliefs of the Southern Baptist churches, missions, and evangelic programs. However, the right of each student to attend or to affiliate with another evangelical denomination of his choice under God is respected. North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary is under the ministry of a local Southern Baptist Church which is a non-profit religious organization.

Spiritual Objectives

1. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to communicate the Word of God to others with a view of winning them to Jesus Christ.
2. A graduate of NGBTS will demonstrate genuine concern for missionary efforts around the world. The demonstration of genuine concern might take the form of being a missionary, volunteer, sponsor, or prayer partner.
3. A graduate of NGBTS will demonstrate Christian maturity which expresses itself in a deep commitment to Christ and His church, and to his or her denomination.
4. A graduate of NGBTS will demonstrate the ability to share and expound the Scriptures in a systematic way.
5. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to continue a disciplined study of the Scriptures as an autonomous learner. This involves a lifetime of study and learning characteristic of serious Christians in general and ministers and servants in particular.

Educational Objectives

1. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to demonstrate how to acquire knowledge. The acquisition of knowledge includes the discovery of resources and their utilization and evaluation.
2. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to demonstrate how to apply knowledge that has been acquired. The application of knowledge includes demonstration of its relevance through written or oral presentation.
3. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to demonstrate an awareness of Christian values and commitments. Values refer to the bases, considerations or points of view, conscious or unconscious, involved in or appear to underlie a person's choice and actions.
4. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the skill of communication. good communication includes perceptivity and sensitivity in grammar, adaptability to audiences, and flexibility in style.
5. A graduate of NGBTS will be able to demonstrate his educational experiences as cumulative and unified.

A Complete Catalog of Course Descriptions

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

BI-116 God's Plan of the Ages

A complete study of the dispensations of Scripture from eternity to eternity. Examines the seven great economies by which God has tested man through the ages. An in-depth study of this time-tested method of Biblical interpretation.

BI-222 Bible Study Methods

An introduction to the basics of Bible study including chapter summaries, inductive Bible study, the analytical study of a book, topical study, and biographical study.

BI-634 Daniel

The book of Daniel has been called the key to understanding prophecy. Correctly interpreting this book means putting the whole prophetic picture in place. This study will open the scripture and the prophecy within as you study this great book.

BI-644 Revelation

The book of Revelation is the high water mark of prophecy. What began in Genesis and developed through the Old and New Testaments finds its culmination in this great study of victory and glory. Dr. Billy Owensby (*Author of Revelation: The time is near*) assists in the examination of this book literally, grammatical, and the dispensational perspective finding that it gathers the cacophony of the ages into one grand climax of glorious and harmonious resolution.

BI-541 The Life of Christ

This is a chronological study of the life of Christ from the parallel accounts of the four Gospels. The life and ministry of Jesus are divided into generally accepted periods.

BI-841 The Life of Christ

This class springs off of BI-541 with additional in-depth study of the life of Christ. (Doctorate Level requires research and writing assignments.)

BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT

BN-114 Matthew

The Gospel of Matthew is studied in the light of its relationship to the Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah. An examination of the dispensational, devotional and practical as well as the prophetic portions of Matthew characterize instruction in the course.

BN-235 Romans & Galatians

This course pursues the major themes of Redemption from the two greatest treatises ever written on the subject. Salvation by grace alone through faith alone is examined along with all of the implications and ramifications which flow from this great theme.

BN-235 Acts

Covers apostolic times as they relate to the Early Church Period. A study of the Church, which is His Body, and the local church in action as it seek to carry out its mandate as laid down in the Great Commission. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is examined in the great missionary outreach and evangelistic movement of the 1st century. The story of the church is traced as it moves from the Middle East into Asia and Europe.

BN-357 1 & 2 Corinthians

A comprehensive study of these two crucial epistles with a careful look at the problems faced by the church at Corinth, how they were dealt with and there implications for the church today.

BN-464 Hebrews

In this examination of the book of Hebrews careful attention is given to the contrast between the shadows of the Old Covenant and the realities of the New. Special emphasis is given to this passages which seem to suggest that a believer, once saved, might lose his salvation.

BN-242 James

Luther called this book “the epistle of straw.” This course will demonstrate that Luther was wrong and the Epistle of James has much to say to us today as we seek to follow Christ.

BN-573 1 & 2 Thessalonians

A careful examination of these two epistles so practical for the believers life and yet so full of eschatological truth. Difficulties of interpretation are addressed and resolved.

BN-583 The Prison Epistles

A comprehensive study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon, these epistles which examine the full depth of Christian doctrine and life.

BN-592 1 & 2 Peter

The two Epistles of Peter are the last work from the great “Apostle of Hope.” In them Peter obeys our Lord’s final command to him to “feed my sheep and tend my lambs.” In the 1st Epistle the key word is “suffering” and Christ is set forth as our example. In the 2nd, the key word is “knowledge” and it is a personal and full knowledge found only in Christ. Both Epistles are full of the Sovereignty of God. Your faith will be greatly strengthened by a study of this course.

BN-603 Pastoral Epistles

The three Pastoral Epistles of 1st & 2nd Timothy and Titus are examined especially in the light of their application to church policy and leadership. The dangers faced by the early church and its leaders and the exhortations given are viewed in the light of the real and present dangers faced by the church today.

DISCIPLESHIP

DS-801 Disciple Making Church

This focus of this course is teaching the student what it means to be an apprentice of Jesus. Often there is so much focus in our churches on the first part of Christ's Great Commission – evangelism - that the second part is overlooked. In this update course we explain why disciple making must be the focus of the church and shows us our part in making it happen. With practical examples drawn from ministry experience to deepen and enrich the lives of students as they learn to truly follow Christ.

DS-803 Discipleship (Master Life 1-2)

DS-804 Discipleship (Master Life 3-4)

This series of courses is a sequential, developmental, small-group discipling process that instructs the student how to make Christ Master and to master life by developing a personal, life-long, obedient relationship with Jesus.

ELECTIVES

EL-313 Elective - As assigned by the administration of NGBTS.*

EL-423 Elective - As assigned by the administration of NGBTS.*

EL-533 Elective - As assigned by the administration of NGBTS.*

EL-542 Elective - As assigned by the administration of NGBTS.*

*** Explanation of Elective Program** - Nine Credit hours of Elective courses are included within the NGBTS program as an opportunity to insert courses which the facility/staff instructors feel will address special situations which make course work applicable with cultural or doctrinal matters peculiar to a specific field relevant and important.

HISTORY

HI-216 Old Testament History

A survey of the historical books of the Old Testament designed to deal with the facts of Hebrew history. Spiritual lessons are to be learned from God's dealing with His people through the past ages that should stimulate and motivate Christians in our day. War and peace, idolatry and revival, and tragedy and triumph make up a tapestry that reveals the heart of the Eternal God.

HI-329 New Testament History

We begin with the record of the Gospels. The life and labors of Jesus are thoroughly examined. His ministry of redemption is given proper emphasis. The founding and ministry of the 1st Century Church is brought into focus, and the response to the Great Commission Mandate is surveyed from the book of Acts, The conversion of Saul, his subsequent missionary journeys, and the founding of Christian Churches in Asia and Europe are given places of importance in the panorama of New Testament History.

HI-329 The History of Israel

This course is a well planned and executed study of Israel from Abraham to the close of the Old Testament. The students will see the Old Testament come alive as they follow the lives of the patriarchs.

MISSIONS

MI-413 Introduction to Missions

The course is in Three major sections: the 1st looks at what the Bible teaches about God's desire to bring all men to Himself as revealed in both the Old and New Testament Scriptures and then sets forth seven great reasons for being involved in missions. The 2nd traces the history of the missionary mandate from the 1st century to the present, noting the highlights and important personalities that have impacted it most. The 3rd and final section examines a variety of strategies for evangelism and church planting that are currently producing dramatic results in difficult settings. Each section encompasses one step and requires external research and a report.

MI-629 Religions & Cults

A comprehensive study of major religions and cults, old and new. Special attention is given to new developments with the last decades and the connection between these and their roots in ancient pagan teaching. Focus will be placed on the founders, organizations, and operations of major contemporary movements.

ORIENTATION

OR-111 Orientation

A course to introduce the student to the entire NGBTS program. The programmed instruction method is explained as well as the various features of the learning STEP (*Simplified Theological Education Packet*). The student will also be taught how to use the tools of Bible study including a Concordance and Bible dictionary.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

PM-541 Pastoral & Church Ministry

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to understand relevant biblical passages related to the early churches customs, manner and practices leading towards powerful growth. 21st century church growth practices and practitioners will be evaluated in light of God's Word with biblically acceptable church growth practices being carefully considered.

PM-542 The Pastor & Christian Education

Examines the major themes, issues and approaches to the pastor in teaching of the local congregation in worship, and reviews some of the expectations of teaching and preaching.

PM-543 The Disciple Making Pastor

This course provides solid, practical material on how to transform church members who depend on the pastor for everything into disciples who reproduce themselves and multiply their results through others. Discussions include: why discipleship is crucial, what being a disciple-making pastor means, misconceptions that discourage discipleship, how to follow Jesus' teaching methods.

PM-544 The Pastor & Leadership

A basic introduction to organizational management with emphasis on analysis of theory, organizational structure and managerial functions. Designed to introduce students to the application of management theory to ministry in the local church.

PM-545 Expository Preaching

This course introduces students to the theology of preaching and to the principles of sermon construction and delivery. The purpose of preaching as an essential element in the ministry of the church will be considered, as well as the various sermon types and communication techniques used to convey the timeless message of Scripture.

PM-822 Crisis Care & Marriage Counseling

The first part of this course examines the major issues and problems facing marriages in our culture in light of current research and scripture. Systemic approaches and interventions will be learned as applied to couples counseling.

PM-823 Biblical Counseling

The purpose of the course is to acquaint the student with basic counseling methods in relation to the typical situations encountered in pastoral ministry. One of the principal objectives will be to help the student recognize when and how to refer persons to counseling professionals.

PM-825 Pastoral Work & Ministry

The purpose of the course is to develop professional competence through increased understanding of the theological basis of pastoral ministry, and the various types or models of pastoral ministry. Attention will also be given to anticipated leadership responsibilities associated with pastoral ministry and how the student's personal leadership style may both help and hinder the satisfactory fulfillment of these responsibilities.

PM-830 Conflict Management

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to understand relevant biblical passages related to the early churches customs, manner and practices leading towards powerful growth. 21st century church growth practices and practitioners will be evaluated in light of God's Word with biblically acceptable church growth practices being carefully considered.

PM-842 Pastoral Theology

A course that facilitates the process of synthesizing a coherent theology of leadership that will serve to inform one's practice of leadership and guide one's thinking through the final stages of the dissertation project. Students will be challenged to reflect on the insights gained through their experiences in the program and to articulate how these experiences serve to inform their theology of leadership. Students will write an essay, and complete a practical project that is in keeping with the stated goals of their learning plan.

PRACTICUM

PR-614 Practicum

The Practicum is designed by the administration in order to provide the individual student with a opportunity to practice what he/she has learned and to exercise the student's spiritual gifts in a controlled setting. The practicum is intended to be an opportunity to give practical counsel and experience to the student with the view of strengthening, correcting, and evaluating him/her for anticipated future service.

PR-845 Teaching Practicum

The Practicum is setup by the administration to give each Doctorate level student opportunity to put into practice all that they have learned. A hands on experience in which the student is required to teach a class that is setup and shadowed by the administration.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

SL-116 Christian Growth

These are studies in the Christian life from the time of regeneration to the moment of glorification at His coming. Relationships of the Christian to the local church, the home, and the community are emphasized. The Christian's exercise of service, stewardship, witnessing, prayer, Bible study, and the daily living of the Christian life are given prominence.

SL-123 Personal Evangelism

This course provides the student with the "Romans Road" method of presenting the Gospel, a tried and proven method of evangelism used by soul winners for many years. The student will learn the essential truths which are necessary to impart the Scripture to lead another person to Christ.

SL-534 Christian Ethics

The Scripture establish standards of morality and principles upon which morality is built. This course will explore those standards and principles and apply them to some of the most common questions of our time such as capital punishment, abortion, homosexuality, and the use of drugs and intoxicants. The course seeks to provide the student with the standards necessary to make moral judgments on the issues of the day.

SL-850 Christian Growth

This class continues forward picking up from SL-116 with additional study of the Christian's exercise of service, stewardship, witnessing, prayer, Bible study, and the daily living of the Christian life. (Doctorate Level requires additional research and writing assignments.)

SL-845 Evangelism

This course examines the theology, history, and methodology of evangelism and seeks to apply them to personal witness and the ministry of the local church. It examines methods for evaluating the evangelistic fruitfulness of a local church, methods of personal and corporate evangelism, small group rationale and methodology for evangelism, and methods for equipping laity to do evangelistic ministry.

THEOLOGY

TH-316 Doctrine I

This course seeks first to establish the inspired Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the basis for all doctrine. After studying the Doctrine of Inspiration, the course moves on to Theology Proper, including a complete study of the nature and person of God. The doctrines of God the Father and God the Son are pursued in this dynamic course of study.

TH-427 Doctrine II

Continuing the study from Doctrine I, this course examines the teaching of the Scripture concerning the Holy Spirit, His person, and His work; Angels, Demons, and Satan; the Doctrine of Man, Salvation, the Church, Prayer, and Apostasy. Every major doctrine of scripture is pursued in these two courses on doctrine with the exception of Eschatology, which is covered in another course.

TH-436 Christian Evidences

This course provides the student with strong and irrefutable evidence for the Bible as a special revelation from God to man. Internal and external evidence is brought forth with which to substantiate the claims of Scripture and thus the claims of Christianity itself. The course includes a consideration of the credibility of the Bible in regard to science, history, miracles, and prophecy.

TH-541 Hermeneutics

This course explores how to understand the meaning of Scripture and how it applies to us today. The course focuses on the different literary forms in Scripture. In this practical approach to Bible study, students will learn how to use resources, including Bible software, for studying Scripture.

TH-547 Prophecy

This course begins with a thorough examination of the basis for prophetic interpretation found in the great unconditional biblical covenants, and then traces the path of prophecy throughout the Scripture, dealing with the major themes of Israel, the Church, the Kingdom, the Judgment, and the Eternal State.

TH-583 Eschatology

In the Old Testament the “last things” or “last days” referred to the whole era of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. By the time of the New Testament with the coming of Christ as a present even, the “last things” or the *eschaton* is a reference to the climax or the ages centered in the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This study, though dealing with some background concepts, will be centered on those things which are to come, the consummation of this age and the beginning of the age to come. “Things To Come” written by Dr. Dwight Pentecost will be the text for this course. The author in the book has produced a massive work in which he has synthesized the whole field of prophecy into a unified Biblical doctrine, a systematic and complete Biblical eschatology.

TH-853 Eschatology

This class continues forward from TH-583 with additional study of New Testament theologies of Eschatology. (Doctorate Level requires additional research and writing assignments.)

TH-854 Systematic Theology

A systematic study of the doctrines of Bibliology, Theology, Christology, Pneumatology, Anthropology, and Soteriology in the Old and New Testaments.

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Basic Bible Curriculum

CODE	SEMESTER 1	STEPS	CODE	SEMESTER 2	STEPS
OR-111	Orientation	1	BN-226	Romans/Galatians	6
SL-116	Christian Growth	6	HI-216	Old Testament History	6
BI-116	God's Plan of the Ages	6	BN-235	Acts	5
SL-123	Personal Evangelism	3	BI-222	Bible Study Methods	2
BN-114	Matthew	<u>4</u>	BN-242	James	<u>2</u>
	Total	20		Total	21
CODE	SEMESTER 3	STEPS	CODE	SEMESTER 4	STEPS
HI-329	New Testament History	9	BN-464	Hebrews	4
BN-357	1, 2 Corinthians	7	MI-413	Introduction to Missions	3
TH-316	Doctrine I	6	TH-427	Doctrine II	7
BN-313*	Elective	<u>3</u>	TH-436	Christian Evidences	6
	Total	25	EL-423*	Elective	<u>3</u>
				Total	23
CODE	SEMESTER 5	STEPS	CODE	SEMESTER 6	STEPS
TH-547	Prophecy	7	BN-634	Daniel	4
BN-573	1, 2 Thessalonians	3	BI-644	Revelation	4
SL-534	Christian Ethics	4	BN-603	Pastoral Epistles	3
BN-583	Prison Epistles	3	MI-629	Religion & Cults	9
BN592	1, 2 Peter	2	PR-614*	Practicum	<u>4</u>
BN-533*	Elective	<u>3</u>		Total	24
	Total	22		Total Basic 6 Semesters	135

COURSE IDENTIFICATION

BI – Biblical Interpretation	EL – Electives*	PM – Pastoral Ministry
BN – Bible New Testament	HI – History	PR – Practicum
BO – Bible Old Testament	MI – Missions	SL – Spiritual Life
DS – Discipleship	OR – Orientation	TH – Theology

* Elective courses are designed by NGBTS staff according to specific needs.

** Practicum is designed by NGBTS staff for each student to provide practical experience in ministry.

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Master of Ministry Curriculum

CODE	COURSE	CREDIT HOURS
BI-541	The Life of Christ	4
PM-541	Pastoral & Church Ministry	4
PM-542	The Pastor & Christian Education	4
PM-543	The Disciple Making Pastor	3
PM-544	The Pastor & Leadership	4
PM-545	Expository Preaching	4
TH-583	Eschatology	4
TH-541	Hermeneutics	4
EL-543	Elective	2
EL-542*	Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	36

36 Total Credit Hours Required

30 Hours must be completed through NGBTS to receive the Master of Ministry degree.



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Doctor of Ministry Curriculum

Entrance Requirements:

- 1) A Master's Degree, preferably in the same field as the doctoral program.
- 2) A minimum of three years ministry experience related to the doctoral program.
- 3) A personal reference letter, stating that the student applying for a degree program through NGBTS is currently an active church member in good standing.

<u>Code</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit Hours</u>
DS-803	Discipleship (Master Life 1-2)	3
DS-804	Discipleship (Master Life 3-4)	3
DS-801	Disciple Making Church	3
PM-822	Crisis Care & Marriage Counseling	3
PM-823	Biblical Counseling	3
PM-825	Pastoral Work & Ministry	3
PM-830	Conflict Management	3
PM-842	Pastoral Theology	3
PR-845	Teaching Practicum	3
BI-841	The Life of Christ	4
HI-842	The History of Israel	3
SL-845	Evangelism	4
SL-850	Christian Growth	3
TH-583	Eschatology	6
TH-854	Systematic Theology	<u>3</u>
	Total	50

The Doctor of Ministry degree totals 50 hours. A maximum of 15 hours may be given for transfer credits or a combination of transfer credit and life experience credit. However, students are required to complete a minimum of 35 hours through NGBTS.

Completion Requirement:

- 1) A minimum of 35 total credits completed through NGBTS.
- 2) Fulfillment of all financial obligations.

Admission Policies & Requirements

Applicants for admission to North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary will be considered without regard to race, class, or nationality. The prospective student is assessed according to his or her academic background and personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. In considering applications, the complete record of the applicant will be reviewed and evaluated. If the proposed applicant meets the required standard, he or she is admitted to NGBTS until the program of study for which they enrolled is completed.

A degree from NGBTS is not an indication that any student receiving a degree is recommended for licensing or ordination. The guidelines of ordination or licensing are set by the ecclesiastical denominational organization to which that student belongs.

Application must be made on the forms provided by NGBTS. Upon receiving the necessary information and all appropriate fees, action will be taken by the administration regarding the application.

The acceptance to a degree program will be granted only after an evaluation of the application, after official transcripts have been received, and appropriate fees have been paid. A \$35.⁰⁰ application (*registration*) fee must accompany the application. This fee is non-refundable.

Application For Admission To:

North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc.
248 Maple Ridge Place
Colbert, GA 30628
706-206-8687, 706-677-3092

Please print legibly in ink or type response to each item and sign the application in all the proper areas. Return it along with the required \$35.⁰⁰ application (*non-refundable*) fee.

Application Instructions:

Proposed student must complete the applications in its entirety. Once the evaluation is completed the evaluation assessment will be returned to you. Your signature will be needed for your FINAL APPROVAL.

Transfer Applicants:

NGBTS accepts both first year and transfer students. If you are a transfer student you must request the registrar at each post-secondary institution in which you have enrolled since graduation from high school to mail an official copy of your transcript directly to the admissions office.

Transit Applicants:

If you are enrolling at NGBTS as a transit student, you will need to request the registrar or dean of the college in which you are currently enrolled to complete a transit authorization or statement of courses enrolled in and mail it directly to the admissions office.

Seminary Applicants If you wish to take undergraduate or graduate courses in pursuit of a degree, you must request the registrar at each post-secondary institution in which you have enrolled since graduation from high school to mail an official copy of your transcript directly to the admissions office.

Non-degree Applicants

If you wish to enroll for individual courses and do not wish to pursue a degree, you may enroll as a part time student into the courses of your choice. For information regarding cost, contact the admissions office.

Re-Admission Policies

Students are dropped from active status and required to submit a new application for admission:

- Any external student who does not submit at least two courses annually.
- Any student who does not complete his or her program within the specified period of time.
- Any previous balance owed to NGBTS must be paid before a student will be able to make application for re-admission.
- Any student who submits an application for re-admission will enter his or her program at the current tuition rate with degree requirements in effect at the time of re-admission.

Transfer Credits

A student transferring to NGBTS in the Bachelor degree program may transfer credit for work which is a "C" or better. Students entering the Master degree program may only transfer those grades that are a "B" or above. No transfer credit will be allowed for the Doctorate degree programs. All transfer credits must be evaluated and approved before any credit will be given to the transferring student.

In addition to college transcripts, credit will be given when applied for the Associate and Bachelor programs in the following areas: (These will fall under the area of life experience credits.)

- Up to 3 semester hours for any proficiency test passed.
- Up to 3 semester hours for each year of experience in the following fields:
 - √ Pastoral Ministry
 - √ Christian Education (Teaching in an accredited school)
 - √ Religious Education (Minister of youth or Education)
- Up to 12 semester hours of Seminary Extension Classes taken and passed. Credit will be given according to the transcript when received in the admissions office.
- Up to 3 semester hours for each year spent in active military duty.
- Up to 3 semester hours for each documented study course taken (LIFE Courses with Lifeway, various study courses, etc.)

Credits accepted for life and work experience cannot exceed 30 hours. In order to receive a degree from NGBTS, a minimum of 30 hours must be earned through NGBTS.

Financial Information:

Registration: **\$35.00** (paid at the time application is made)

Tuition: (excludes cost of books) (External students will pay same tuition rate)

Associate Degree of Biblical Studies - \$40.00 per credit hour

Bachelor Degree of Biblical Studies - \$45.00 per credit hour

Master Degree of Biblical Studies - \$50.00 per credit hour

Doctor of Ministry Degree - \$60.00 per credit hour

Graduation Fee: **\$200.00** (includes cap, gown and diploma)

Payment may be made by one of the following plans.

Plan I - Enclose payment in full, less **10%** discount.

Plan II - Enclose down payment of **\$100.00** with final approval and balance due is 30-60-90 days (three monthly payments). The student will receive **5%** discount for this option.

Plan III - Enclose down payment of **\$150.00** with final approval and balance is to be paid in 12 monthly installments.

Full payment for a course must be received before a course can be mailed. Credit will not be given for a course until full payment for that course has been paid.

Refund Policy

The **\$35.00** registration (*application fee*) is non-refundable. If the student has received course material and elects to withdraw within fifteen (15) days after receiving those materials, the student will be charged a **\$25.00** withdrawal fee.

The signing of the final approval on the application is considered signing a contract with NGBTS. Fifteen days after receiving the study guide materials the student is liable for the entire amount of the program in which he or she enrolls.

Classification of Students

Full Time: A student taking 12 hours or more each semester.

Part Time: A student who is taking less than 12 hours each semester.

The Total required credit hours for classifying students by grade level are as follows:

<u>Credit Hours</u>	<u>Classification</u>
0- 30	Freshman
31- 61	Sophomore
62- 92	Junior
93- 123	Senior
124+	Graduate

Exemption

North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary has met requirements for exemption from applicable Georgia law as a religious institution.

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STUDENT APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number: Area Code (_____) - _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Place of Birth _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____

Marital Status: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____

Present Occupation _____

Name of your local church _____

Address _____

Pastor's Name & Address _____

Are you a minister? _____ Yes _____ No

How long in full time service? _____

Are you licensed? _____ Yes _____ No Are you ordained? _____ Yes _____ No

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STUDENT APPLICATION *(Continued)*

Education: (List all colleges, universities, and seminaries attended and degrees earned.)

What program do you wish to enroll into or what major do you wish to have?

With the above information completed you will need to send the following information and materials:

- 1) Copies of all previous education transcripts.
- 2) Copies of license, ordination, and a resume.
- 3) Copy of your personal testimony.
- 4) Application with \$35.00 application fee (refunded if not accepted).
- 5) Letter verifying employment at church or school.

Signature of Applicant _____

It is imperative that men and women who have been called by God into full time Christian service recognize the importance of theological training as they meet the challenges of the world. Using all the advantages and resources at their disposal will equip them to minister in an effective way as they serve God. The administration of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary believes that God's Word is emphatic when He says, “*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the work of truth*” (2 Timothy 2:15). It is the purpose of North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary to train students in and for evangelical Christian ministry. Race, class, and nationality offer no barrier to any student who desires to receive training. Furthermore, students from various evangelical denominations may enjoy academic freedom and Christian fellowship. All degrees offered by North Georgia Baptist Theological Seminary whether granted or conferred, are of an ecclesiastical nature and are in the restricted area of religion. The purpose is to prepare persons to work in the area of religion, whether educational or ministerial.

