

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (M.B.S.)

1. Goals of the Program

- a. To prepare the believers, who are having only a secular degree, to pursue higher theological education.
- b. To train the student in the sound hermeneutical, and theological skills necessary for accurate interpretation and application of the Scriptures in preparation for effective Christian ministry.
- c. To impart basic biblical and theological foundation to the believers who wish to be more effective in their involvement in the local churches.
- d. To train the student in the methodology of research and in the written presentation of his research.

2. Requirements for Admission

- a. Experience of conversion to Christ.
- b. A secular degree in any field.

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Mature candidates (25 years and above) without a secular degree can be admitted after passing an entrance examination in the following areas:-

- Bible Knowledge
- ii. Christian Experience
- iii. Proficiency in English Language

3. Medium of Study

M.B.S. is offered only in English medium.

4. Duration of the Program

The minimum duration of the course will be two years and maximum will be five years from registration.

5. Graduation Requirements

- a. Successful completion of 60 credits of course work. ACTS follows the Credit system for its programs. In distance education each credit amounts to 30 hours of study including all learning activities. Thus, a three-credit course involves 90 hours of study. This helps the student to understand the academic efforts one has to put in, in order to successfully complete a course.
- b. An assessment of Field education involvement.
- c. An assessment of character, spiritual development and ministry commitment.
- d. Successful completion of an approved thesis of not less than 15,000 words.

6. Subjects Required for M.B.S. Program

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credit Hours
MBS-01	O.T. Survey	3
MBS-02	N.T. Survey	3
MBS-03	Bible Study Methods	3
MBS-04	Research Methodology	3

MBS-05	Hermeneutics	3
MBS-06	Evangelism and Missions	3
MBS-07	Church History	3
MBS-08	Systematic Theology	6
MBS-09	Homiletics	3
MBS-10	Christian Ethics	3
MBS-11	Thesis	3

7. Electives

The students are required to select any 8 subjects from the following subjects listed as "Electives"

Subject Code	Subject Name	Credit Hours
MBS-12	Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
MBS-13	Christian Education	3
MBS-14	Christian Leadership	3
MBS-15	Principles of Church Growth	3
MBS-16	Christian Discipleship	3
MBS-17	Basic Spirituality	3
MBS-18	Brethren Distinctives	3
MBS-19	Biblical Archaeology	3
MBS-20	Christian Apologetics	3
MBS-21	False Cults	3
MBS-22	Manners & Customs of Bible Lands	3
MBS-23	Major Religions	3
MBS-24	Contemporary Indian movements	3
MBS-25	Life of Christ	3
MBS-26	Acts of the Apostles	3
MBS-27	Life of Paul	3