



DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Billy Graham School of Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Diploma, Graham School—A diploma program is offered for students above 30 years of age who lack the academic prerequisites for the Master of Divinity program.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies—The M.A.T.S. offers ministry training for laity who are not preparing for a professional ministry.

Master of Arts in Missiology—The Master of Arts in Missiology is a graduate degree designed to provide training for missionaries and others who serve in cross-cultural ministry settings. Unless otherwise approved by the Associate Dean for Christian Missions, only students with at least two years of experience in missions may be admitted to this program. Spouses of current students (regardless of missions experience) may also enroll in this degree. This degree is offered in two concentrations: Missions, and Minister of Missions.

Master of Divinity in Missions, Evangelism and Church Growth—The Master of Divinity degree is the foundational professional degree in ministry. The program of study leading to this degree is designed to provide the student with comprehensive knowledge in biblical and Christian life and thought studies while also helping the student to develop the specific skills necessary for effective Great Commission ministry. This degree is offered in multiple concentrations:

- **M.Div. – Great Commission Ministries Concentration**—This concentration allows the student maximum flexibility in elective courses, while also requiring a core of biblical studies, theology, and Great Commission emphases.
- **M.Div. – Missions Concentration**—The M.Div. Missions concentration is designed for students interested in serving as a missionary.
- **M.Div. – Applied Apologetics Concentration**—The M.Div. concentration in Applied Apologetics is designed for church leaders who are interested in making practical application of apologetics in the local church.
- **M.Div. – Pastor Concentration**—The M.Div. Pastor concentration in the Graham School is designed for students interested in serving as a pastor or church staff member.
- **M.Div. – Urban Ministries and Black Church Leadership Concentration**—The specialized ministry emphasis is designed to prepare persons for ministry in an urban setting. Students choosing to pursue this option should seek academic advisement through Dr. T. Vaughn Walker, Professor of Black Church Studies.
- **M.Div. – North American Church Planting Concentration**—This program, often called the “two plus two” program, involves two years of study on campus or at an extension center and two years of a church planting internship in a North American missions setting. The Billy Graham School cooperates with the North American Mission Board in providing internships in the U.S. and Canada.
- **M.Div. – International Church Planting Concentration**—Known as the “two plus two international” or “two plus three” program, this program involves two years of study on campus or at an extension center and two years of a church planting internship in an international missions setting. The Billy Graham School cooperates with the International Mission Board in providing internships in international countries.

- **M.Div. – Intercultural Youth Ministries Concentration**—This concentration provides training for students preparing to do youth ministry in an international setting.
- **M.Div. – Great Commission Biblical and Theological Studies Concentration** – Designed for students who want Great Commission training while also maximizing their biblical and theological courses, this concentration includes 33 credit hours of Scripture and Interpretation courses.
- **M.Div. – Itinerant Evangelist Concentration**—This concentration provides training for students preparing to serve as itinerant evangelists.
- **M.Div. – Bible Translation Concentration**—This concentration allows students to earn both the M.Div. from SBTS as well as the Master of Arts in Applied Linguistics from a highly respected Bible translation organization.
- **Advanced M.Div.**—The Advanced M.Div. in the Billy Graham School is an accelerated professional degree program for students who have a baccalaureate or Master of Arts degree in religion or biblical studies. All assistance in planning course schedules is provided on a personal basis through the Billy Graham School and the Director of the Advanced M.Div. program.
- **Advanced M.Div. with emphasis in Church Planting Concentration**—The Advanced M.Div. in the Billy Graham School is an accelerated professional degree program for students who have a baccalaureate or Master of Arts degree in religion or biblical studies. This particular concentration prepares students for church planting.

Doctor of Missiology—The Doctor of Missiology degree is an advanced professional degree in missiology for missionary practitioners.

Doctor of Ministry—The Doctor of Ministry degree is an advanced professional degree designed to equip the person committed to a Christian vocation for a high level of excellence in the practice of ministry. The Graham School currently offers a D.Min. in Evangelism and Church Growth (with two concentrations: Pastor and Church Staff Leadership concentration and Church Consultation concentration), Missions Leadership, Black Church Leadership, and Korean Church Leadership.

Master of Theology—The Master of Theology degree is an advanced research degree designed to provide advanced preparation for pastors and teachers of religion.

Doctor of Philosophy—The Doctor of Philosophy degree is an advanced research degree designed to provide students of exceptional ability and promise with the highest level of academic training.

Please contact the Billy Graham School Director of Student Advising to receive more information at jlyell@sbts.edu.