

DEGREE PROGRAMS

The Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism

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

Programa Hispano—The Programa Hispano is a professional degree program for Spanish speaking students.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies—Lay Leadership—The MATS—Lay Leadership offers ministry training for laity who are not preparing for a professional ministry.

Master of Arts in Theological Studies for Intercultural Leadership—The MATS for Intercultural Leadership is a graduate degree designed to provide training for missionaries who are under appointment by a recognized missions agency.

Master of Arts in Missiology—The MA 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 and/or a clear call to missions may be admitted to this program. Spouses of current students (regardless of missions experience) may also enroll in this degree.

Master of Divinity in Missions and Evangelism—The MDiv 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:

MDiv – 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. *Students preparing for any area of vocational ministry may enroll in this concentration.*

MDiv – Missions Concentration—This concentration is designed for students interested in serving as a missionary.

MDiv – Applied Apologetics Concentration—This concentration is designed for church leaders who are interested in making practical application of apologetics in the local church.

MDiv – Pastor Concentration—This concentration is designed for students interested in serving as a pastor or church staff member.

MDiv – Black Church and Urban Ministry Concentration—This specialized ministry emphasis is designed to prepare persons for ministry in an urban setting.

MDiv – International Church Planting Concentration (“2+2/3 IMB”)—Known as the “2+2 international” or “2+3” program, this program involves two years of study on campus or at an extension center and two or three 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.

MDiv – International Church Planting Concentration (“Reverse 2+2 IMB”)—Known as the “Reverse 2+2 International” program, this program involves two years of a church planting internship in an international missions setting and two years of study on campus or at an extension center. The Billy Graham School cooperates with the International Mission Board in providing internships in international countries.

MDiv – Intercultural Youth Ministries Concentration—This concentration provides training for students preparing to do youth ministry in an international setting.

MDiv – Itinerant Evangelism Concentration—This concentration provides training for students preparing to serve as itinerant evangelists.

MDiv – Missions and Bible Translation Concentration—This concentration allows students to earn both the MDiv from SBTS as well as the MA in Applied Linguistics from a highly respected Bible translation organization.

Advanced Master of Divinity—The Advanced MDiv 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 student advisor. A church planting concentration is available in this degree program.

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

Doctor of Ministry—The DMin 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 DMin in Evangelism and Church Growth (with two concentrations: Pastor/Church Staff Leadership and Church Consultation), Missions Leadership, Black Church Leadership, and Korean Church Leadership.

Doctor of Missiology—The DMiss degree is an advanced degree in missiology for missionary practitioners. While this degree is classified as a professional degree, it includes the preparation of a doctoral dissertation.

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

