

Program Overview

The Certificate of Biblical Studies is a flexible offering of Memphis City Seminary primarily aimed at an introductory, exploratory, and edifying experience. The CBS prepares students to be more informed church members, sharpened ministry leaders, or theologically trained elders and deacons. It is subject to all the same entrance requirements as other MCS programs in that an undergraduate degree is required for admission. However, prospective students without an undergraduate degree can qualify for the CBS according to MCS protocols found in the Institutional Catalog.

Curriculum Overview		Tuition & Fees Overview	
18	Required Hours	\$3000	Total Cost of Tuition
<i>There are 9 required classes.</i>		<i>The student is charged \$100 per credit hour.</i>	
12	Elective Hours	\$1600	Total Cost of all Fees
<i>Students have the freedom to choose any available courses that are not required.</i>		<i>This estimated cost includes all books, technology costs, one-time fees, and per-class fees.</i>	
30	Total Credit Hours	\$4600	Total Cost of Entire Program

Program Timeline

MCS is committed to delivering all required courses for each program within a four-year window or less. If a student misses a required course, they may talk with an MCS staff member to discuss possible solutions.

The Certificate is a stackable degree that is aligned with our MA and our MDiv degrees. Students who have been awarded the Certificate may continue their studies in pursuit of a “higher” Master’s degree, such as an MA or an MDiv. Each student, regardless of their chosen program of study, receives a Certificate of Biblical Studies upon their completion of 30 credit hours.

MCS will offer an estimated 10-14 courses a year as follows:

- **Every Fall** - 4 to 5 courses
- **Every Spring** - 4 to 5 courses
- **Every Summer** - 2 to 3 courses

Program Learning Objectives

Knowledge

1. Students will gain familiarity with the broad patterns of a biblical perspective and the common themes in Reformed theology and will demonstrate interpretation/application methods for sound biblical study.
2. Students will complete classes from within the full range of seminary coursework to make an informed decision regarding further seminary training and degree choice.

Development

1. Students will examine and assess areas of personal spiritual growth and weakness in light of classroom assignments and discussions and will connect classroom content to skills in ministry leadership.
2. Students will gain exposure to new and challenging ways of contributing to the ongoing work of the kingdom and evaluate their next steps in ministry after seminary.