

CALVARY UNIVERSITY  
2020-2021 MASTER OF ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY  
PROGRAM REVIEW ASSESSMENT

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***Degree Program: Master of Arts in Bible and Theology (MABT)***

***Department: Bible and Theology***

### **Calvary University Mission**

Calvary University is an independent, nondenominational institution, providing undergraduate and graduate education with prepares Christians to live and serve in the church and in the world according to the biblical worldview. This is accomplished by providing educational curricula and a climate that fosters the development of intellectual and spiritual maturity, leadership potential, servanthood and a sense of mission.

### **The Mission of the Bible and Theology Department**

The purpose of the Bible and Theology curriculum is to train students in the sound linguistic, hermeneutical, and theological skills necessary for accurate interpretation and application of the Scriptures in preparation for effective ministry.

### **Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)**

1. That the student uses a consistent, dispensational approach when interpreting the Scriptures and applying them to his own life and the lives of others
2. That the student possesses a store of biblical and theological facts as a foundation for personal development, teaching and further study
3. That the student acquires the tools necessary for personal Bible study and has practiced the skill of exegesis and exposition

## **Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)**

1. That the MABT students taking RP601 Biblical Philosophy and Worldview will write a research paper on the biblical world view following Turabian format (PLOs 1, 2, 3).
2. That each MABT student will write a research paper following Turabian format on a biblical/theological topic in one of the Bible overview classes and/or systematic theology classes (PLOs 1, 2, 3)
3. That each MABT student will show a mastery of Bible/theology content on an exam or answering research questions in the discussion forums (PLO 2)

## **Measures and Achievement Targets**

M1 (SLO 1): That the MABT students taking RP601 Biblical Philosophy and Worldview class will write a research paper on the biblical worldview following Turabian format

Achievement Target: Average grade for the biblical worldview research paper in RP601 Biblical Philosophy and Worldview class will be 90%

Results: The average grade for the biblical worldview research paper for 33 students in the Biblical Philosophy and Worldview class (Spring 2021 Cycle 5) was 93.3%. Measure achieved.

M2 (SLO2): That each MABT student will achieve an A or B on an exam in a Bible/theology class or answering research questions in the discussion forums (PLO 2)

Achievement target: Average grade for the exam or answers to research questions in the discussion forums will be 90%

Results: The average grade for the exam on the four gospels for BI620 New Testament Overview I (Spring 2021 Cycle 5) for three students was 95%. The average grade for answering the research questions in the discussion forums for BI621 New Testament Overview II (Spring 2021 Cycle 4) for five students was 92%. Measure achieved.

M3 (SLO 3): That each MABT student will write a research paper following Turabian format on a biblical/theological topic in one of the Bible overview classes and/or systematic theology classes

Achievement target: Average grade for the research paper on biblical/theological topic will be 90%

Results: The average grade for a research paper in Systematic Theology I (Spring 2021 Cycle 4) for 18 students was 93.1%. The average grade for a research paper following

Turabian format in BI621 NT Overview II (Spring 2021 Cycle 4) was 95%. Measure achieved.

## Questions

### **1. How does the program's mission support the University's objectives and mission (pg. 10 of the 2019-2021 University Catalog)?**

The Master of Arts in Bible and Theology degree is designed as a one-year onsite or online graduate degree (36 hours) to prepare students to understand the Bible and Theology from the perspective of traditional dispensational premillennialism.

Students in the MABT program read and study the 66 books of the Bible in the four Bible overview courses as well as all the doctrines of the faith in three systematic theology courses. The MABT program fulfills the first objective of Calvary University: Have a foundational understanding of the Holy Scriptures and Calvary's doctrinal statement.

Students are expected to write theological research papers and exegetical papers. This fulfills the institution objective: Possess the ability to think critically and analytically.

Students who take the MABT program classes can continue their education at Calvary University by going into the Ph.D. in Bible and Theology program. This fulfills the Calvary University objective: "Have an educational foundation for graduate/seminary study."

### **2. What distinguishes the program from other similar programs of other ABHE institutions? When coordinating with the Marketing Office, what marketing recommendations would you suggest for this program?**

The MABT program at Calvary University is unique in that a student can study all 66 books of the Bible and survey all the doctrines of the faith in systematic theology in one year.

Some theological distinctives of Calvary University are: Literal Grammatical Historical Interpretation of the Bible. Traditional Dispensationalism. Young Earth Creationism. Free Grace Theology. Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. Premillennial Second Coming of Christ.

Students interact with the professors and other students in class via the use of Microsoft Teams. Professors can share their Powerpoint presentations with the class as well as discuss course content with online students. The lectures are video recorded and shared in Canvas with online students who are unable to attend the class via Microsoft Teams. This is a better delivery format than other seminaries where online students only interact in discussion forums and do not watch video recorded lectures.

### **3. What steps have been taken in the past three years to enhance and grow the program?**

Dr. Gromacki (Department Chair of Bible and Theology) has promoted Calvary University in his Facebook groups with over 50,000 members (Biblical Creationism; Bible Archaeology; Bible Prophecy; Bible Preachers and Teachers).

Dr. Gromacki has posted his academic research papers and journal articles in academia.edu.

The Bible and Theology department of Calvary University hosted The Council on Dispensational Hermeneutics in September of 2019. Several Bible/Theology faculty members gave presentations on the topic of Dispensationalism, Social Justice and Race.

**4. What trends have you noticed in the program student enrollment including within program concentrations over the past three years (overall enrollment as well as enrollment composition such as male/female, in-class/online)?**

In Fall of 2019 we had 31 students registered to take classes in the MABT program. They were registered to take 225 credits.

After graduation we currently have 27 students registered to take classes in the MABT program for 2021-2022 academic year.

We need to take a survey of our MABT students to discover how they heard about the MABT program, what they like/dislike about the program, and discover what we can do to serve our MABT students better.

As of May 2021 we have more male students (18) than female students (9) in the MABT program.

As of May 2021 we have many more online students (25) than resident students (2).

**5. How do other programs academically support the program? How do various departments interact with each other? (i.e., General Education classes, Bible classes, etc.?)**

The MABT program gives the core Bible and Theology knowledge that a student needs who wants to go forward for a Ph.D. in Bible and Theology at Calvary University. If a student wants to pursue pastoral ministry he can take ministry courses at CU and pursue the Master of Divinity degree. The MABT program also provides the biblical and theological core for the Biblical Counseling program.

**6. How many students have graduated from Calvary University in the MABT program?**

9 = Number of 2020 MABT Graduates from Calvary University

11 = Number of 2021 MABT Graduates from Calvary University

**7. Perform Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threat (SWOT) analysis.**

	<b>HELPFUL</b> To achieving the objective	<b>HARMFUL</b> To achieving the objective
<b>INTERNAL</b> Attributes of the organization	<b>Strengths</b> 1.Students can take MABT classes at night after they worked a day job 2.Detailed exposition of all 66 books of the Bible 3.Detailed survey of all major doctrines of the faith 4.Doctrinal distinctives: Biblical Inerrancy. Traditional Dispensationalism. Young Earth Creationism. 5. Use of Microsoft Teams and video recorded lectures to interact with online students on course content	<b>Weaknesses</b> 1.Some may view the MABT as a reduplication of what they learned in Bible and Theology classes at the undergrad level
<b>EXTERNAL</b> Attributes of the environment	<b>Opportunities</b> 1.Calvary University needs to reach out to pastors and missionaries and encourage them to continue their formal education by pursuing an MABT degree at Calvary University. 2. Teach MABT students how to use Logos and/or Accordance (electronic Bible study software) to do Bible research	<b>Threats</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The low number of Bible and Theology undergrad majors may lead to a decline in enrollment in the MABT program</li> <li>• The low number of in class MABT students</li> </ul>

Strengths: Students can take MABT classes at night after they have worked at their jobs. Students are expected to learn how to write research papers using Turabian format (footnotes).

