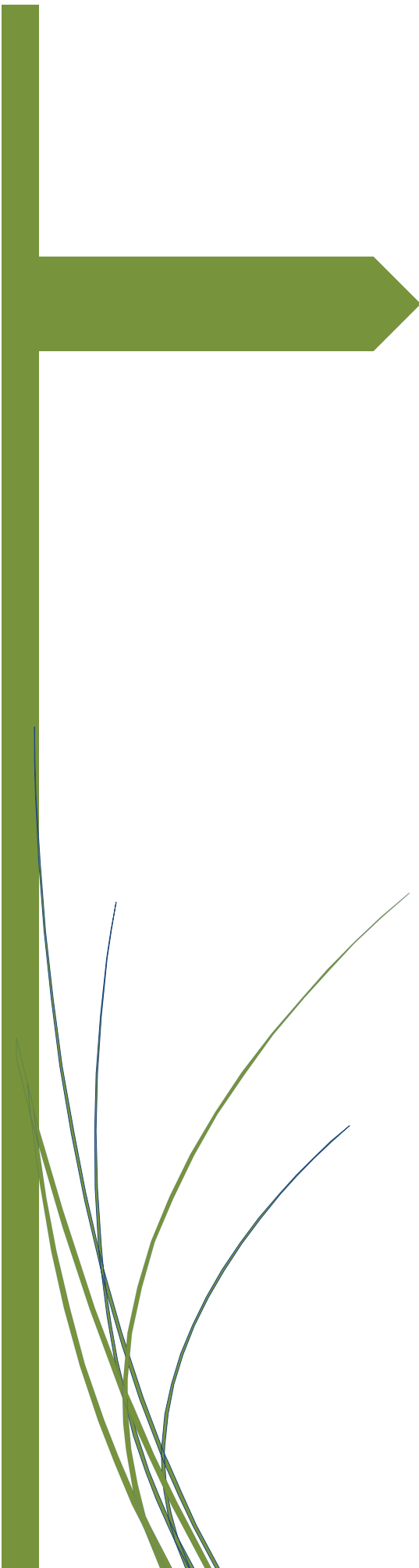




Master of Biblical Studies  
**Student Information**

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Developing passionate, relevant servants of Jesus Christ who are shaped by the entire Scriptures.

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## What is the purpose of this degree program?

The Master of Biblical Studies degree further equips church and ministry leaders to handle the word of truth in the context of practical ministry (2 Tim. 2:15, 3:16-17).

The Master of Biblical Studies is a 3-year, 60 credit hour program designed for those with an undergraduate degree which includes a minimum of 30 credit hours in the areas of Bible and Theology who are actively involved in ministry (e.g., pastoring, missions, or para-church ministry).

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## What are the desired outcomes of this program?

The student who successfully completes the Master of Biblical Studies degree should know:

1. The one true and living God.
2. The Bible.
3. Their calling from God.
4. Their world and how to minister to it.

Academic, relational and character measurements are used to assess these outcomes.

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## What are the foundational values of this program?

In addition to holding to orthodox Christian beliefs as outlined in the College's [Doctrinal Statement](#), the following theological and educational distinctives mark Millar College of the Bible:

### Theological Distinctives

1. **We believe the Bible is the inerrant, authoritative, and sufficient Word of God.**
2. **We believe penal substitutionary atonement is the essence of the doctrine of salvation.** It is not merely one of the theories of atonement but is at the very heart of redemption as seen in the New Testament fulfillment of the Old Testament redemption picture.
3. **We believe in the sovereignty of the triune God who works all things out to the purpose of His will.** He is the Creator, sustainer and ruler of the universe and all things are under His rule which will be fully displayed at the return of Christ to the earth as King of kings and Lord of lords.
4. **We believe God has given complementary roles to men and women in the home and church.** While men and women are created equal in value, they have each been given a unique and complementary role in the family and the family of God, the church.
5. **We believe in the historicity of the Genesis account of the creation of Adam as the head of the human race.** The creation account is not just the historical record of the

beginning of mankind, it also has theological impact on the redemptive plan of God as further revealed and explained in the New Testament.

### Educational Distinctives

1. **We believe biblical education should primarily be centered on Scripture itself.** Scripture is the canon of truth against which all other truth claims are measured. As such, it transcends time and culture and must be at the heart of academic, ministry skill and character development.
2. **We believe in the development of strong biblical convictions.** Biblical studies must not merely produce opinions but result in convictions that can be clearly stated and vigorously defended.
3. **We believe that the biblical education process must be transformational.** Biblical education must not result in a collection of information but rather shape the character of the student as it is applied to everyday life circumstances and decisions.

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### How is the program designed?

The Master of Biblical Studies degree is a 60 credit hour program offered in modular format. One modular course (one week) is offered in early January and two modular courses (one week each) in June of each year. The student can complete the program in three years, spending three weeks each year on campus.

The degree program consists of the following four parts:

#### 1. Academic Studies (36 credit hours)

The student must complete nine Biblical Studies courses (2 credits each) and nine Ministry Skill courses (2 credits each).

- a. **Biblical Studies (9 courses)**  
Nine 2 credit biblical studies courses taught in a modular format over the period of three years. These courses will be built around the genres of biblical literature as well as specific theological topics. Successful completion of each course will require pre and post course reading and writing assignments.
- b. **Ministry Skill (9 courses)**  
Nine 2 credit ministry skill courses taught in a modular format over a period of three years. These courses will focus on a particular ministry skill deemed pertinent for effective church and/or ministry leadership. Each of the course syllabi will include an assignment that will be specifically pertinent and directed towards the actual ministry arena of the student.

During the modular week, the biblical studies courses are typically taught in the mornings and the ministry skill courses in the afternoons. The biblical studies courses are largely lecture based and the ministry skill courses are more interactive.

If a student chooses to audit a course, attendance is limited to the biblical studies component only. Audit guidelines are available online.

## 2. Character Development Mentoring (6 credit hours)

Each student will meet regularly with a mature mentor of their choice to address issues of character growth. The student must also mentor another promising leader.

- a. **Being Mentored:** Each student must demonstrate progress in the development of godly character. This will take place through a mentoring relationship with a mature leader of the student's choice. The *Character Mentoring Manual* will guide this mentoring relationship as the mentor and student work through it. This program includes reading prescribed books, meeting regularly for mentoring and writing reflection papers. The mentor will submit regular evaluation reports to the academic team for consideration prior to the successful completion of the degree program.
- b. **Being a Mentor:** Each student must mentor another person using the same prescribed materials in the *Character Mentoring Manual*. The student will keep track of the amount of time spent and journal the progress of the person they are mentoring.

The *Character Mentoring Manual* is available as a PDF on the application web page.

## 3. Ministry Development Mentoring (6 credit hours)

Each student will meet regularly with a mature mentor of their choice who has significant experience in the ministry field the student is involved in or is pursuing. The student will work through a *Ministry Mentoring Outline* with their ministry mentor and will communicate what they are learning in this area through reflection papers.

The *Ministry Mentoring Outline* is available as a PDF on the application web page.

## 4. Ministry Project/Thesis (12 credit hours)

Each student will complete a ministry project or thesis valued at twelve credit hours. This will begin with a proposal that must be approved by the academic team. This project or thesis must combine academic learning with practical ministry and have significant impact on the student's current ministry.

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### Who qualifies to be a student in this program?

A candidate for the Master of Biblical Studies must meet the following requirements. They must:

1. Have successfully completed an undergraduate degree that includes at least 30 credit hours in Bible and Theology or undergo a prior learning and ministry assessment. An applicant who does not meet these requirements will not be considered for the program.
2. Be currently involved in significant ministry leadership with at least 3-5 years of ministry experience. This does not need to be full-time employment in ministry but at least part-time vocational or vocational-equivalent ministry.

3. Have significant life experience. While this level of experience will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, we will not actively recruit the college student who is pursuing graduate studies immediately upon completion of an undergraduate degree.
4. Demonstrate a clear call to ministry leadership. Priority will be given to a student who demonstrates a call to full-time vocational ministry, though others will also be considered.
5. Have a clear understanding of why they are pursuing a master's degree and acknowledge how it will impact their ability to provide ministry leadership.
6. Have clear endorsement by references including their pastor, ministry supervisor, work supervisor, and friend.
7. Must provide the names and contact information of the following persons:
  - a. Character Development Mentor
  - b. Ministry Development Mentor
  - c. The person they will mentor in Character Development

The mentors suggested by the applicant must meet the following qualifications and be approved by the Graduate Program Director:

**Character Development Mentors must:**

- a. Give evidence of a life transformed by the Gospel.
- b. Be older in the faith and give evidence of a consistent walk with the Lord in their marriage, family, church family and community relationships.
- c. Be willing to spend regular time with their mentee, speaking the truth in love as it relates to personal sanctification and character growth.
- d. Be willing to walk through the *Character Mentoring Manual* and complete the reports required by the program.

**Ministry Development Mentors must:**

- a. Give evidence of a life transformed by the Gospel.
- b. Have significantly more ministry experience and expertise than the mentee in the ministry field of the mentee.
- c. Be willing to spend regular time with their mentee, speaking the truth in love as it relates to ministry questions and skill development.
- d. Be willing to complete the reports required by the program.

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### **Where will the courses be held?**

Millar College of the Bible in Saskatchewan awards the Master of Biblical Studies degree.

- The January and June courses are held on Millar's Pambrun Campus south of Swift Current, Saskatchewan.

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### **How much work is involved in the program?**

Each week of modular classes requires about 900 pages of pre-reading. The biblical studies component involves one 10-15 page paper, and the ministry skill application component requires the student to design a project relevant to their area of ministry.

The mentoring component of the program requires the student to do additional reading as well as to write a 1-2 page reflection paper after each mentoring session. Over three years, the Character Mentoring component of the program requires 18 meetings and the Ministry Mentoring component requires 12 meetings.

Serving as a mentor to someone else requires 18 regular meetings over three years. At the conclusion of each of the two sections of mentoring, the student will complete a 1-2 page reflection report expressing what they are learning about mentoring and leadership through this mentoring relationship.

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### **How long will it take to complete the degree program?**

A student should ideally be able to attend nine consecutive courses, complete the mentoring requirements and the final project within four years. Each student has up to six years to complete the program. If an extension is needed, the student may apply for additional time to complete the program.

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### **When are the courses scheduled?**

The nine academic courses are scheduled in one-week modules over a three-year period. The nine courses are offered in an ongoing three-year cycle.

Each course stands alone and, once a student has met the program entry requirements, there are no pre-requisites or required course ordering. If a student attends nine consecutive courses, completes the mentoring program and their final project, it is possible to complete the program in three years.

Students may enter the program at any point and have the opportunity to complete the courses in the order they are offered. If a student must miss a particular course, they will be able to take it when it is offered again.

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### **What courses are being offered as part of the program?**

While subject to change, the courses currently being offered are as follows:

<b>Biblical Studies Courses</b>	<b>Ministry Skill Courses</b>
• Old Testament Prophets - Ezekiel	• Issues in Global Ministry
• Old Testament Historical Books	• Foundations of Biblical Leadership
• Theology One	• Ministry Leadership
• Theology Two	• Expository Preaching
• Theology Three	• Worship
• Pauline Epistles - Corinthians	• Current Issues in Evangelicalism
• Psalms	• Gospel Applied to Ministry
• The Book of Acts	• Relationship Conflict
• Genesis	• Strategic Evangelism
• General Epistles	• Biblical Counseling
• Old Testament Prophets - Isaiah	• Contextualised Biblical Communication
• Pauline Epistles - Romans	• Worship Ministry/Training Volunteers

To complete the classroom portion of the program you will need to take nine Biblical Studies courses (one of them being a Theology Course) and nine Ministry Skill courses.

### Who are the teaching faculty?

The teaching team is comprised of both biblical scholars and ministry practitioners. Each one brings academic and ministry skills to the classroom that enrich the student.

The Master of Biblical Studies teaching team includes:

- **Arnie Armstrong M.A.**  
Dean of Education  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Bruce Ware Ph.D.**  
Professor of Christian Theology  
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Daniel Block D.Phil.**  
Professor Emeritus of Old Testament  
Wheaton College
- **Daryl Kroeker Ph.D.**  
Graduate Program Director  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Ian Vaillancourt D.Phil.**  
Professor of Old Testament  
Heritage College and Seminary
- **John Neufeld D. Min.**  
Radio Bible Teacher  
Back to the Bible Canada
- **Lorn Gieck D.W.S.**  
Director of Fine Arts  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Patrick Schreiner Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor of N.T. and Biblical Theology  
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- **Phil Powers Ph.D.**  
Graduate Program  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Phil Ruten M.A.**  
President  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Rob Godard D. Min.**  
Senior Pastor  
Cloverdale Baptist Church, Cloverdale, BC
- **Ron Koleba**  
Senior Pastor  
Delburne Gospel Church, Delburne, AB
- **Steve Janz M.C.L.**  
Executive Director Sunnybrae Campus  
Millar College of the Bible
- **Trevor Kiriaka D. Min.**  
Academic Dean, Sunnybrae Campus  
Millar College of the Bible



### How much does this program cost?

The fee structure of the Master of Biblical Studies program as of January 1, 2024, is:

<b>Graduate Student Fees</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Application/Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$100.00	\$100.00
Academic Course Fee (9 courses)	\$660.00	\$5940.00
Ministry Course Fees (9 Courses)	\$660.00	\$5940.00
Mentoring Fee	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
Final Project Fee	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
Graduation Fee	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COST</b>		<b>\$15,130.00</b>

<b>Graduate Program Audit Fees</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Application/Registration Fee (non-refundable)	\$0	\$0
Academic Course Audit Fee (9 courses)	\$400.00	\$3600.00

- The Application/Registration Fee is due with the application.
- Course fees are due as part of registering for a particular course.
- The Mentoring Fee is due at the beginning of the first course for which the student is registered.
- The Final Project Fee is due when the student submits their project proposal to the Program Director.
- The student will be strongly encouraged to offer their mentors an honorarium for participating in the program.
- These fees are subject to change.

### Can I apply for government student loans?

Government student loans are not available for this program. However, student assistance may become available. Contact the office at Millar College for details.

### Is student housing available?

Student housing and meals are available on the Pambrun Campus. Meals and limited housing are available at Sunnybrae. We make every attempt to keep the prices reasonable.

While studying on the Pambrun campus, students are encouraged to bring their families with them when possible.

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### **What is the application process?**

Application forms are available on the Millar College website, [www.millarcollege.ca](http://www.millarcollege.ca). The application requests:

1. Personal Information
2. Testimony of Faith in Christ
3. Previous Education
4. Ministry Experience
5. A Call to Ministry
6. Reason for pursuing a Master's Degree
7. References (Pastor, Ministry Supervisor, Work Supervisor, Friend)
8. Name and contact information of potential Character Mentor and Ministry Mentor and the reasons for choosing them.
9. Name and contact information of the person the student will Mentor.

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### **What if I have more questions?**

If you have further questions, please send them to the Graduate Program Registrar:

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