

Victory Baptist School of Ministry

A ministry of
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Overview

Victory Baptist School of Ministry is founded on the principle that the equipping of capable ministers and laymen alike has been tasked to the local church and its spiritual leaders. While we do not discredit a college education, we do believe that any man or woman who desires to prepare for appropriate ministry or to further his or her bible education should be able to realize that in a local church setting. We sincerely desire to train men and women to serve Jesus Christ through their local church, and to provide a deeper understanding of the Word of God.

Doctrinal Statement

The doctrinal statement of *VBSM* is the same as that of Victory Baptist Church. The complete statement is posted on the church's web site.

Affiliations

VBSM is a Baptist school operated under the authority of Victory Baptist Church of Milton, FL. Our instruction will be distinctly Baptist without apology, believing that Baptist doctrine is bible doctrine. We are not interdenominational, new-evangelical, Calvinistic, or charismatic. While we fellowship with Baptist churches of like faith and practice, we are not affiliated with any denominational authorities, conventions, fellowships, associations, or schools.

Admission

VBSM admits only students who are faithful members of independent Baptist churches, believing it would be inconsistent with our statement of purpose and vision to train ministers of other denominations. A high school diploma is not required for admission to our school. If the applicant can read and write, has a desire to learn the word of God, has demonstrated Christian character and a teachable spirit, we believe he has the qualifications to succeed. Each student must be in agreement with the Victory Baptist Church statement of faith. All students who are not members of Victory Baptist Church must be recommended by their own pastors. *VBSM* will not refuse admission to any student simply on the basis of race, color, or national or ethnic origin.

Students must be eighteen (18) years of age at the beginning of the first semester or within two (2) months of that semester. An exception may be made for serious minded young men who feel called to the gospel ministry. This determination will be at the discretion of the instructors of the institute.

Admission will be denied or withdrawn from any student at any time during the academic year who is found in violation of biblical faith and practice, or who is in violation of the Standard of Conduct. This disciplinary action will be solely vested in the authority of the pastor of Victory Baptist Church and at his discretion.

Probation will be imposed upon any student who does not make an honest effort to attend classes and participate in the learning process. This action will be taken after consideration of any extenuating circumstances and is solely at the discretion of the pastor of Victory Baptist Church and with the input of the instructors. Readmission of any student who has been suspended may be granted after a thorough interview with that student and a frank discussion of the issues that led to that suspension.

Financial Information

There is no charge to attend VBSM, though some classes may require the purchase of a textbook or other materials.

Academics

The education students will receive from VBSM is designed to challenge them academically, prepare them practically, and motivate them spiritually. VBSM offers a three (3) year course of study, resulting in a Graduate of Bible Diploma for those who complete the requirements.

Individuals may audit any of the courses offered without credit. Auditors will be required to follow the same registration procedures as students taking courses for credit. Auditors will not receive grades or credits, nor will they be required to take exams. Participation in class discussions and written work is permitted at the discretion of the course instructor.

Students who miss mid-term or final exams for legitimate reasons, i.e. sickness, mission trips, work, death in the family, etc., must secure permission from and make arrangements with the instructor to take the exam prior to the deadline to turn in grades. An incomplete grade will be awarded until the exam is made up. If an exam is missed without cause, a zero (0) will be recorded for that exam.

Missed class assignments may be made up at the discretion of the course instructor. A penalty for being late with the assignment may be applied to the grade. Missed assignments due to legitimate reasons may be made up without penalty. Arrangements should be made with the course instructor.

Cheating in any form is not tolerated. Cheating includes:

- Copying from another student's test or assignment or allowing another person to copy one's own academic work.
- Changing answers after a test or assignment has been completed.
- Reporting false information about the completion of an assignment, including turning in someone's work as one's own.
- Plagiarism is the intentional or unintentional use, to any degree, of the ideas or words of another source material without proper acknowledgement. Plagiarism is a form of cheating and will not be tolerated.

Grading System

Since this is advanced level training, students will be expected to take quizzes, write papers, take meticulous notes, complete outside reading and other various assignments, and take a final examination. Specific requirements and instructions for each course are determined by the course instructor.

The grading system is as follows:

A – 90–100

B – 80–89

C – 70–79

D – 60–69

F – 0–59

Coursework not completed before the end of a semester will receive the grade of “F.” A failing grade may be removed only by repeating the course with a passing grade. Although courses may be repeated, credit for a course will be granted only once. The last letter grade earned by repeating a course will be used to compute the grade-point average.

Due to extenuating circumstances, it may be necessary for a student to withdraw from classes during the semester. The student is required to notify his or her instructor(s) in such an instance and will receive a grade of “W” upon withdrawal.

Graduation Requirements

Applicants for graduation must successfully complete the required courses for the desired diploma. *VBSM* does not offer academic credit for life or ministry experience.

Class Schedule

Each school year will consist of two 14–16 week semesters commencing in early September and concluding the following May. Classes are held on Thursday evening from 6:00–10:00. Four courses are taught each semester.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and arrive on time for all scheduled class sessions. All students are expected to support any activity or special meetings being held at their home church and will not be penalized for such absences, as long as all other course work is completed. The student must notify the instructor when church meetings conflict with the institute’s schedule.

Appropriate class deportment is a matter of self-control. Students are expected to be attentive in class. Talking, reading, studying other materials, text messaging, writing letters, and sleeping are inappropriate. Students using laptop or mobile devices may use it only for functions the instructor deems pertinent to his class.

Textbooks

Students will need a King James Version Bible for all class work, and are responsible for purchasing textbooks and other materials that may be assigned. These materials will be available for purchase through the *Victory Baptist Press* bookstore.

Accreditation

VBSM is not accredited, nor is it our intent to seek any secular accreditation for our programs of study. Students should note that work completed at this school may not be accepted at or by other institutions—secular or otherwise.

Standard of Conduct

VBSM was founded to train men and women to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and their local church. As students prepare for a more active role in church leadership or full-time ministry, they are expected to maintain a godly testimony. To that end, students are expected to abide by the following standards of conduct. We realize that this is a very abbreviated list and is the “minimum” of Christian living, but is set forth to demonstrate that we are interested in training only those who are serious about their Christianity.

- Must be a faithful member of a local independent Baptist church and attend all Sunday and Wednesday services, unless they are sick or required to work.
- Must abstain from all use of any tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs.
- Must abstain from viewing pornography on any medium.
- Must abstain from the use of profanity or coarse language, even in the company of those who do not find it objectionable.
- Must dress modestly. Men are required to wear collared shirts and long pants to class, and women are required to wear dresses or skirts that come to the bottom of the knee to class.

Academic Calendar (2022-2023)

Fall 2022

September 8	Semester Begins
September 27	Classes moved to Tuesday for Mission Conference week
November 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 22	Fall Semester Ends

Spring 2023

January 26	Semester Begins
April 13	Bible Conference Break
May 18	Semester Ends

Schedule of Classes

Fall 2022

Understanding OT Judaism 1
Life of Christ 1
Systematic Theology 1
Hermeneutics

Spring 2023

Understanding OT Judaism 2
Life of Christ 2
Systematic Theology 2
Pulpit Speech

Fall 2023

Acts 1
Dispensational Studies
Systematic Theology 3
Pastoral Practicum

Spring 2024

Acts 2
Manuscript Evidence
Systematic Theology 4
Pastoral Practicum

Fall 2024

Baptist Distinctives

Romans

Church History 1

Pastoral Practicum

Spring 2025

Pastoral Epistles

Personal Evangelism

Church History 2

Pastoral Practicum