Students in the MAR program may be eligible for up to 18 hours of Advanced Standing credit to be applied to the MAR degree requirements. The Advanced Standing credits are for select foundational courses (500 level) in the Seminary curriculum.

BNT 500 New Testament Foundations (3 hours)  
BOT 500 Old Testament Foundations (3 hours)  
BEX 500 Foundations of Biblical Exegesis (3 hours)  
TTH 500 Basic Theology (3 hours)  
BLA 510 Beginning New Testament Greek and BLA 511 Intermediate New Testament Greek (6 hours total)  
or  
BLA 520 Beginning Old Testament Hebrew and BLA 521 Intermediate Old Testament Hebrew (6 hours total)

The criteria for each of these courses may be met in one of the following ways:
1. Successful completion (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) of a prior corresponding course in the appropriate field.
2. Successful completion (3.0 on a 4.0 scale, with no single grade lower than 1.67) of selected courses which together most closely match the course content of the required course.
3. Successful completion of a proficiency exam.
4. Successful completion (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) of the College-level course equivalent.

The procedure for awarding Advanced Standing credit:
1. The Seminary Acceptance Committee (Seminary Dean, Director of Admissions, and Faculty Representative) evaluates a student’s undergraduate transcripts to determine undergraduate courses that can be applied to Advanced Standing. If in question, a committee representative conducts an oral interview with the student to clearly identify the subject matter within the undergraduate course(s).
2. A student may also be required to submit an academic writing sample related to the course when additional evidence of competency is needed.
3. The Director of Seminary Admissions then informs the student of Advanced Standing credit granted, and files a printed report in the student’s file in the Registrar’s office.