Students in the Master of Divinity program may be eligible to earn up to 15 hours of Advanced Standing credit to be applied to the MDiv degree requirements. The Advanced Standing credits are for select foundational courses (500 level) in the Seminary curriculum. Eligibility will require prior undergraduate study in similar courses. A Bible College graduate will likely be eligible for the full 15 hours of Advanced Standing credit. A student with a limited amount of undergraduate courses in Bible, Theology, and Church History may be eligible for Advanced Standing credit in one or more of the foundational courses.

**Application**
The first step is to submit an Advanced Standing Application to the Seminary Dean’s office. The form is available online and at the Seminary reception desk. The form may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email attachment. Your undergraduate transcripts will be audited, and then you will be notified of what Advanced Standing credit you have been approved to pursue.

**Examination**
To schedule a competency examination, request an Advanced Standing Exam Registration form from the Registrar’s office. The form will indicate the specific examination you wish to take, and verify that you have been approved for that exam. Take this form to the Financial Services office and pay the $100 non-refundable fee for the examination you have selected. Then take the Registration form to the Dean’s office to schedule a time for the exam.

**Advanced Standing Bible Credit**
Up to 9 hours Advanced Standing credit is available.

**BOT 500 Old Testament Foundations**
An introduction to the history, literature, and interpretation of the Old Testament. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Short answer exam (multiple choice, etc.), 100 questions.

**BNT 500 New Testament Foundations**
An introduction to the history, literature, and interpretation of the New Testament. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Short answer exam (multiple choice, etc.), 100 questions.

**BEX 500 Foundations of Biblical Exegesis**
A survey of the issues and methods of Biblical exegesis, with a view to the needs of practical ministry. This course prepares students to produce sermons, lessons, and small group materials. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Submit an exegetical paper to Dr. Thatcher, to be graded according to our standard rubric for exegetical papers. For more information, contact Dr. Thatcher.
Advanced Standing Church History Credit

3 hours Advanced Standing credit is available for one of the two options below.

**GHI 500 Survey of Church History**
A survey of church history from the time of the apostles to the present. The emphasis is on major developments in church history: the early and medieval periods, developments of the papacy, the Protestant Reformation, and developments in the modern period. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Short answer exam (multiple choice, etc.), 100 questions.

**GHI 530 History of the Restoration Movement**
A study of the background, inauguration, and development of the Stone-Campbell movement, focusing on the concern for the development of Christian unity, the restoration of New Testament authority, and the need to balance these two concerns with an applicable concept of Christian liberty in the area of non-essentials. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Short answer exam (multiple choice, etc.), 100 questions.

Advanced Standing Theology Credit

3 hours Advanced Standing credit is available.

**TTH 500 Basic Theology**
A survey of the basic doctrines taught in Scripture regarding God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and the second coming. (3 hours credit)
Examination: Short answer exam (multiple choice, etc.), 100 questions.
Preparation: Review your undergraduate basic Bible doctrines notes. Review a good, basic Bible doctrines textbook. Suggestion: Jack Cottrell, *The Faith Once for All*. 

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