

Memorandum of Understanding
Oklahoma Baptist University & Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
OBU BA to SWBTS Masters Advanced Standing Partnership (BA to MAS Partnership)
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter "MOU") is to formalize in writing an agreement between Oklahoma Baptist University (hereafter "OBU") & Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (hereafter "SWBTS") for their mutual benefit. This MOU identifies parameters regarding a pathway for said institutional partners from a Bachelor's Degree at OBU (hereafter "BA") into Advanced Standing in a Masters program (hereafter "MAS") at SWBTS for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

PARAMETERS

1. OBU and SWBTS will work within the guidelines of their respective accrediting bodies.
2. SWBTS will evaluate the course equivalencies from OBU as stipulated in Table 1: "OBU BA Bible and Theology Course Equivalencies for SWBTS Masters Advanced Standing Test", below. SWBTS acceptance of course credit equivalencies for Advanced Standing tests is dependent upon the OBU student graduating from OBU with their respective Bachelor's degree.
3. If equivalencies are met and if the student earns an A or B in the class, then SWBTS will grant OBU graduates who qualify entry into the Advanced Standing Test.
4. If some equivalencies are met, then SWBTS will identify which equivalencies will count from OBU (as stipulated in Table 1 & 2) and provide for OBU graduates guidance on necessary leveling work from SWBTS.
5. SWBTS will evaluate Greek and/or Hebrew competency of OBU Bachelor's graduates on the basis of said graduates' completion of adequate courses stipulated in Table 2, below. If equivalencies are met and if the student earns an A or B in the class, then SWBTS will grant OBU graduates who qualify entry into the Advanced Standing Test for biblical languages.
6. OBU will promote the BA to MAS in various media, including website.
7. SWBTS will promote the BA to MAS in various media, including website.
8. OBU and SWBTS will not actively recruit students from the partner institution's primary student body pool (OBU, undergraduate, SWBTS, graduate) but will rather create an incentive for students to attend both institutions through the BA to MAS partnership.



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**TABLE 1: OBU Bible & Theology Course Equivalencies*
for SWBTS Masters Advanced Standing Test**

1. Students must earn an A or B in the OBU courses to qualify for the SWBTS advanced standing tests.
2. No more than 25% of a SWBTS degree can be completed through advanced standing exams.

SWBTS Courses	Credit Hours	OBU Course Equivalencies	Credit Hours
OLDTS 3313 Old Testament I	3	BIBL 3413 Torah	3
OLDTS 3323 Old Testament II	3	BIBL 3433 Writings BIBL 3423 Prophets	3 3
NEWTS 3313 New Testament I	3	BIBL 3513 Gospels and Acts	3
NEWTS 3323 New Testament II	3	BIBL 3523 Pauline Epistles BIBL 3533 General Epistles and Revelation	3 3
CHAHT 3103 Church History I	3	HTHE 2613 History and Doctrine 1	3
CHAHT 3113 Church History II	3	HTHE 3623 History and Doctrine 2	3
BPTST 3203 Baptist Heritage	3	HTHE 3563 Baptist History and Theology	3
SWBTS HOURS	21		

TABLE 2: OBU Language Course Equivalencies* for SWBTS Advanced Standing Test

SWBTS Biblical Language Courses	Credit Hours	OBU Biblical Language Course Equivalencies	Credit Hours
HEBRW 4313 Biblical Hebrew I	3	BIBL 2213 Biblical Hebrew 1	3
HEBRW 4323 Biblical Hebrew II	3	BIBL 3213 Biblical Hebrew 2	3
GREEK 3313 Biblical Greek I**	3	BIBL 2313 Elementary Greek 1	3
GREEK 3323 Biblical Greek II**	3	BIBL 3313 Elementary Greek 2	3
SWBTS HOURS	12		

*See Appendix 1 for course descriptions.

**Biblical Greek is pre-requisite for the SWBTS MDiv. No exam is needed to meet the pre-requisite.