

Berea International Theological Seminary

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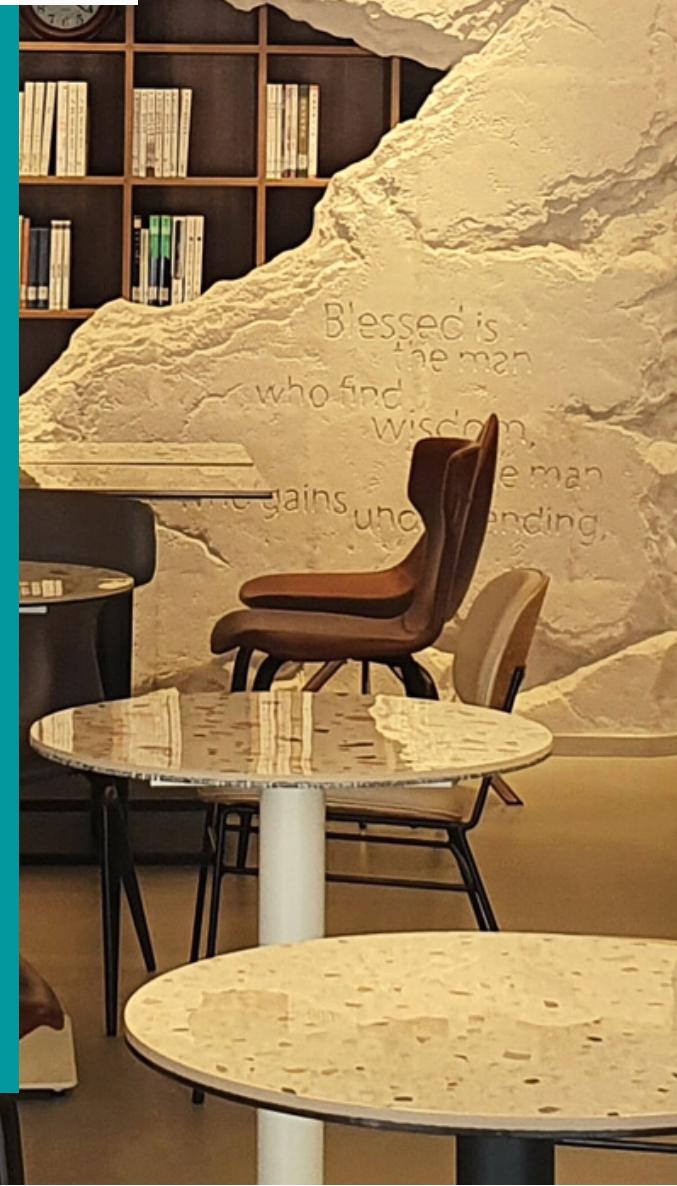
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Welcome to BITS

We believe this generation needs people who represent God's truth and love with humility and honest hearts.

I gladly welcome all who have the passion to learn and act out their academic knowledge to serve society.



Dr. Seong-hyun Kim

President of Berea International Theological Seminary
B.th. University of Oxford
M.A. Durham University
D.Phil. University of Oxford

Theological programs/degrees

There are a variety of ways you can apply to take Theology courses at BITS

MDiv degree course

3 years-MDiv master degree course is designed for the people who plan to serve churches as a minister. Full- or part-time students in these BITS graduate programs may take these courses for credit or audit. MDiv and MTS courses need the bachelor degree requirements. Should consult those regulations in the calendar for your program.



MTS or ThM

2 years - MTS master degree course is designed for those who want to work for the church and society as a lay person. ThM master degree course is pre-doctor course. These MDiv/MTS courses require a university degree may apply.

PhD or ThD course

These courses are theology doctor courses and average 3 years.



Academic Passion in the Life

M.Div.

Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity program in Theology is Designed primarily for those who expect to enter the formal ministry either of the pastorate or in organizations associated with the local churches. This 3 year course provides a comprehensive study of the Bible with theological training for proper understanding of the God's will. For the course, a bachelor's degree is required.

It is designated for the people for the professional degree preparing men and women for ordination. Students not seeking ordination may apply to be admitted to this program but are strongly encouraged to apply for MTS (the Master of Theological Studies) program instead. The MDiv program consists of three years of fulltime training or their equivalent in part- and full-time studies.

- Full-time course : 3 Years or 6 Semesters / 85 Credits Required
- Part-time course : 3 ~6 Years / 85 Credits Required

Admission to MDiv

Students with a Bachelor of Arts degree(or equivalent) from a recognized university may apply for admission to the Master of Divinity program.

All applicants must submit the following:

1. The standard application form;
2. Complete original transcripts verifying the completion of a Bachelor of Arts (or equivalent) degree;
3. Form letters of reference from the applicant's rector

M.T.S.

Master of Theology

The Master of Divinity program in Theology is Designed primarily for a layperson who wants to have a foundational theological training. This 2 year course offers essential understanding of the Bible, theology, ecclesiastical history, and pastoral care. For the course, a bachelor's degree is required. Credits can be transferred for a M.Div. degree.

- Full-time course : 2 Years or 4 Semesters / 36 Credits Required
- Part-time course : 2~4 Years / 36 Credits Required

Admission to MTS

Students with a Bachelor of Arts degree(or equivalent) All applicants must submit the following:

1. The standard application form;
2. Complete original transcripts verifying the completion of a Bachelor of Arts (or equivalent) degree;
3. Form letters of reference from the applicant's rector or rec



Socialized Doctorate Degree Course Doctor of Theology

Higher course for academic or professional studies in the specific fields, for acquiring theological doctorate. To complete the course, a rigorous doctoral dissertation is required. BITS offers several courses for doctorate, as follows:

Doctor of Theology

Doctor of Christian Education

Doctor of Christian Counselling

Doctor of Ministry

Doctor of Missiology

Three Years or 6 Semesters/ 32 ~ 40 Credits

Admission to Doctorate Degree

Students with a Bachelor of Arts degree(or equivalent) from a recognized university may apply for admission to the Master of Divinity program. (Application packages are available online.)

All applicants must require the following:

1. M.Div. & a Th.M. or its equivalent
2. Advanced level of knowledge of Greek or Hebrew for those pursuing biblical studies
3. The written and spoken English exams
4. substantial sample of their scholarly writing (15-20 pages) or Th.M. Thesis



Lifelong Education Course

Non-degree programme

Ministerial Training Course

This course is designed for the female workers who either want to work as a minister or to have a high-level theological education. Both the BITS professors and the pastors with much ministerial experience provide students with both theological and practical education in a balanced and systematic manner. Graduates can serve various missions in and around the church and the denomination as a professional pastoral worker.

Academic Credit Bank System

The Academic Credit Bank System is an educational system which recognizes diverse types of learning experiences acquired not only in school but also outside of schools under. It allows people with various educational backgrounds to obtain a higher education degree at the bachelor or associate degree level. Students can earn as much as 105 government-authorized credits at BITS.

Practical Liberal Arts Program

Liberal arts students learn a wide range of skills that prepare them for jobs ranging from advertising to web development.

**Computer Documentation
Vocal lessons
Video making & editing**



Korean Language program



Why
language
important?

Language is a vital part of human connection.
BITS Language Center will be the platform for your bigger world!

Course Name	Lecture Time	Lecture Content	Total Hours	Tuition
Level 1 - 2	Mon. - Thur. 13:30 - 17:30	Korean speaking, listening, reading and writing skills	200 hours	1,350,000 won (1 Semester)
Level 3 - 6	Mon. - Thur. 09:00 - 13:00			

Enlarge language boundary, Go beyond your limit

Korean lecture levels

Level 1	basic language functions necessary for survival
Level 2	necessary for talking on the phone, and asking for assistance, and for the use of public facilities
Level 3	necessary to use various public facilities and maintain social relations
Level 4	necessary for the general business performance to a certain extent
Level 5	work in specialized fields and can understand and use materials in society and culture in general.
Level 6	research and professional work relatively accurately and fluently



Benefits

Dormitory	2 person room: 190,000 won / 1 mth 1 person room: 350,000 won / 1 mth
Scholarship for Degree courses	After obtaining TOPIK 3 level, there is special entrance scholarship when you take degree course at BITS (10~50% down of the fee)

