

**Proposed Educational Goals and Objectives for the
Master of Arts in Bible program
Graduate School of Lancaster Bible College**

<i>Expanded Statement of Institutional Purpose</i>	<i>Outcomes</i>	<i>Means of Assessment</i>	<i>Summary of Data Collected</i>	<i>Use of Results</i>
<p>Mission Statement: Lancaster Bible College exists for the purpose of educating Christian men and women to live according to a biblical worldview and to serve through professional Christian ministries.</p> <p>Objectives Statement: The Master of Arts in Bible program is designed to help the student grow personally in biblical maturity and develop skills for lifelong learning by giving the student:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ More effective research and exegetical skills ➤ Greater understanding in biblical studies and theology ➤ Enhanced proficiency in applying the Scriptures to world view, life and ministry ➤ More effective written and oral communication skills 	<p>1. The MAB will provide more effective research and exegetical skills.</p> <p>2. The MAB will provide greater understanding in biblical studies and theology.</p>	<p>1a. At least 80% of the Directed Research Projects (DRP) presented by students at their Oral Defense will achieve a “passing grade,” as compared to the “delayed decision” or “failing grade” options available to the DRP examining faculty.</p> <p>1b. Every other academic year, project grades from courses requiring exegetically oriented projects will be tabulated for students who have completed at least 15 credit hours. At least 80% will score a B or better.</p> <p>1c. 80% of graduates surveyed in the Alumni Survey will rate the questions, “Value of capstone experience,” and “Development of research skills” as satisfied or very satisfied.</p> <p>1d. 80% of graduates surveyed during the exit interview will agree or strongly agree with the statement, “the M. A. in Bible program has advanced my skill in interpreting, understanding and applying the Bible.”</p> <p>2a. 80% of graduates surveyed during the exit interview will agree or strongly agree with the statement, “the M. A. in Bible program has advanced my skill in interpreting, understanding and applying the Bible.”</p> <p>2b. 80% of graduates surveyed in the Alumni Survey will rate the questions, “Quality of instruction,” and “Satisfied with content at graduate level” as satisfied or very satisfied.</p>	<p>1a. During exit interviews and in private conversations, students have been asked about the value of the DRP. The Biblical Division has also discussed the value perceived by those reading and interacting with the DRPs. Response has reinforced the value.</p> <p>1c. In the January 2006 Alumni Survey, 11 out of 11 responding marked satisfied or very satisfied in both categories with 10 out of 11 marking “very satisfied” in “Development of research skills.”</p> <p>2b. In the January 2006 Alumni Survey, 11 out of 11 responding marked satisfied or very satisfied in both categories.</p>	<p>1a. Based on feedback from students and discussion among the Biblical Division, the DRP has been retained as a capstone project.</p> <p>1c. No action needed.</p> <p>2b. No action needed.</p>

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	<p>3. The MAB will provide enhanced proficiency in applying the Scriptures to world view, life and ministry.</p> <p>4. The MAB will provide more effective written and oral communication skills.</p> <p>5. The MAB will result in strong overall student satisfaction and appreciation.</p>	<p>3a. 80% of graduates surveyed during the exit interview will agree or strongly agree with the statement, “the M. A. in Bible program has encouraged my application of Scripture and personal spiritual disciplines.</p> <p>3b. 80% of graduates surveyed in the Alumni Survey will rate the questions, “Satisfied with emphasis on application of content” and “Satisfied with integration of faith and learning” as satisfied or very satisfied.</p> <p>4a. 80% of graduates surveyed during the exit interview will agree or strongly agree with the statement, “The DRP improved my written communication skills.”</p> <p>4b. 80% of graduates surveyed in the Alumni Survey will rate the questions, “Development of oral communication skills” and “Development of written communication skills” as satisfied or very satisfied.</p> <p>5a. 80% of graduates surveyed in the Alumni Survey will rate every category satisfied or very satisfied and 80% will mark the category “Satisfied with overall graduate education experience” satisfied or very satisfied.</p>	<p>3b. In the January 2006 Alumni Survey, 11 out of 11 responding marked satisfied or very satisfied in both categories.</p> <p>4b. In the January 2006 Alumni Survey, 11 out of 11 responding marked satisfied or very satisfied in both categories.</p> <p>5a. In the January 2006 Alumni Survey, 11 out of 11 responding marked satisfied or very satisfied in every category except one in which one student marked dissatisfied. That one category was “satisfaction with your advisor.” In addition, 9 out of 11 marked the overall category “very satisfied.”</p>	<p>3b. No action needed</p> <p>4b. No action needed.</p> <p>5a. No action needed</p>