**GTU MA BIBLICAL LANGUAGES**  
A Quick Guide for Steps and Procedures

**Program Requirements**
- Introductory Coursework
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**Students must pick a track (Hebrew or Greek) and complete the requirements based on their primary or secondary language.**

**Introductory Coursework**
- Complete this requirement (Old Testament Introduction or New Testament Introduction) prior to admission into the program or during the program without credit toward the program total of 48 units.

**Language Requirement**
Students must earn at least a B+ average in each language or achieve secondary proficiency.
- Twelve units in the Primary Language (Hebrew or Greek).
- Six units in the Secondary Language (Hebrew or Greek)

**Coursework**
- Eighteen units of at the Intermediate and Advanced levels with the following requirements; and (b)
  - distributed across at least two of the three major categories of literature (listed below) in each Testament
    - OT Law, OT Writings, OT Prophets
  - including at least two seminar courses that require major research essays
    - Seminar Course #1
    - Seminar Course #2
    - Other Course
- Twelve units of coursework in other disciplines, normally from Historical and Cultural Studies, Theology and Ethics, or Religion and Practice Departments in the GTU. The Advisor and MABL Coordinator may waive these units for collateral disciplines offering integrative possibilities.

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1 The **GTU Common MA Program Handbook** is the official source for navigating the GTU Common MA Program; this “Quick Guide” is meant only to provide a convenient reference for faculty advisors and students. It does not not replace the handbook as the definitive source for policies and procedures.
within Biblical Studies (e.g. philosophical hermeneutics, social sciences, rhetoric, etc.)

**Program Checklist**

Students and advisors can use the one-page program checklist as a guide to establish a game plan of what courses to take and when so the student can fulfill all of their program requirements. This one-page document lists all of the course designations, fulfillment of the primary and secondary language and Modern Foreign Language Requirement as well as the completion of the oral exam.

**Oral Exam**

The oral exam is a conversation with primary and secondary language committee members that is oriented toward the student’s overall academic work in the program. The student must write a major research essay for this purpose.

- The student must complete the Request for Oral Exam Committee form 90 days before they intend to schedule the exam around their research and file it with the GTU Assistant Dean.
- The student must also complete the Oral Exam prior to the defense deadline their graduation term.
- The Thesis Defense date should be scheduled at least eight weeks prior to when the student would like to defend and completed by the defense deadline.
- The Oral Exam Results form will be taken to the defense and filled out by the committee members with the result.
- The student must fill out all of the necessary paperwork to record the results of their exam and be classified as a graduate of the program. The Academic Secretary has the necessary paperwork.