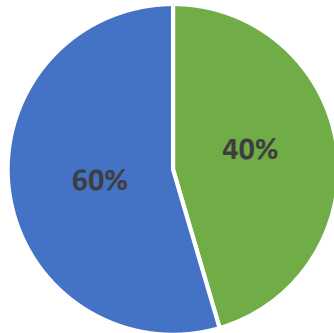


Degree Program Survey Summary

Fall 2018

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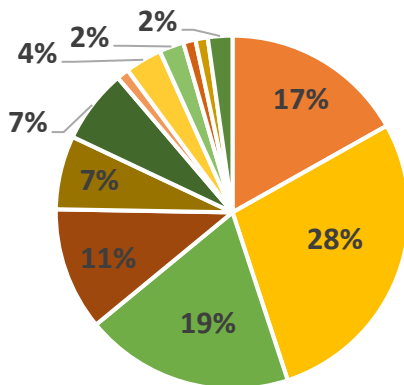
Have you studied towards an MDiv at NOBTS?



No – 36 students – 40%

Yes – 53 students – 60%

When did you begin study at NOBTS?



2016 – 15 students – 17%

2015 – 25 students – 28%

2014 – 17 students – 19%

2013 – 10 students – 11%

2012 – 6 students – 7%

2011 – 6 students – 7%

2010 – 1 student – 1%

2009 – 3 students – 4%

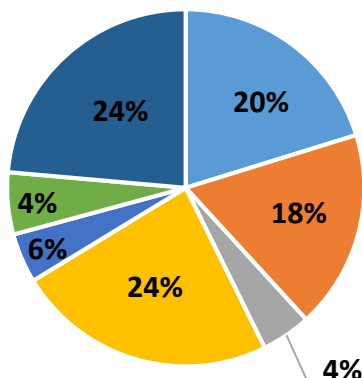
2008 – 2 students – 2%

2007 – 1 student – 1%

2001 – 1 student – 1%

2000 – 2 students – 2%

Please describe your current ministry service?



Pastor – 18 students – 20%

Youth Pastor – 16 students – 18%

Minister of Education – 4 students – 4%

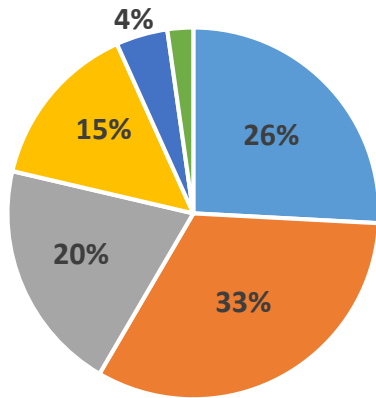
Volunteer Ministry – 21 students – 24%

Worship Leader – 4 students – 4%

Teaching – 5 students – 6%

Other – 21 students – 24%

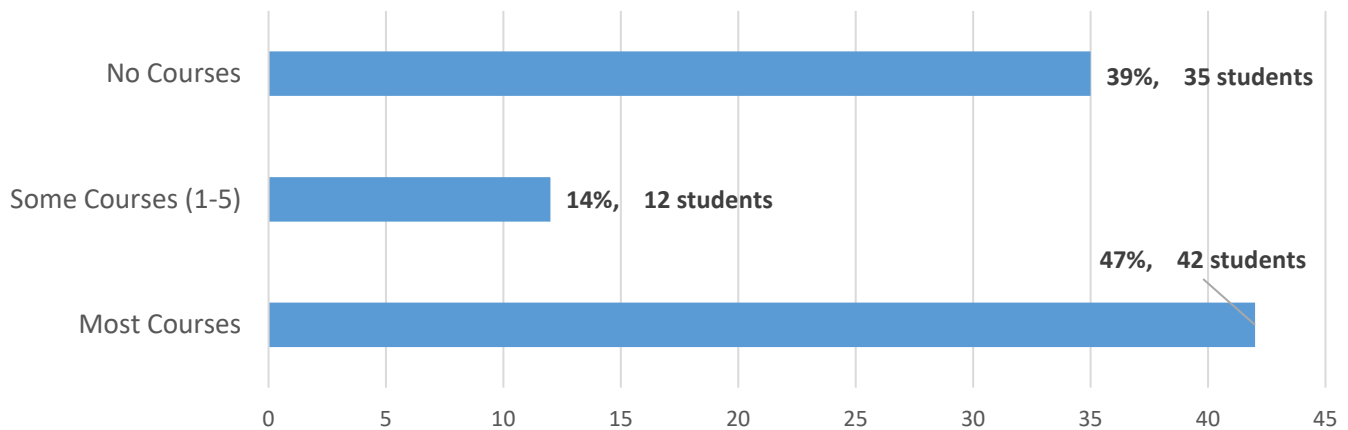
How many years have you served in your current ministry role?



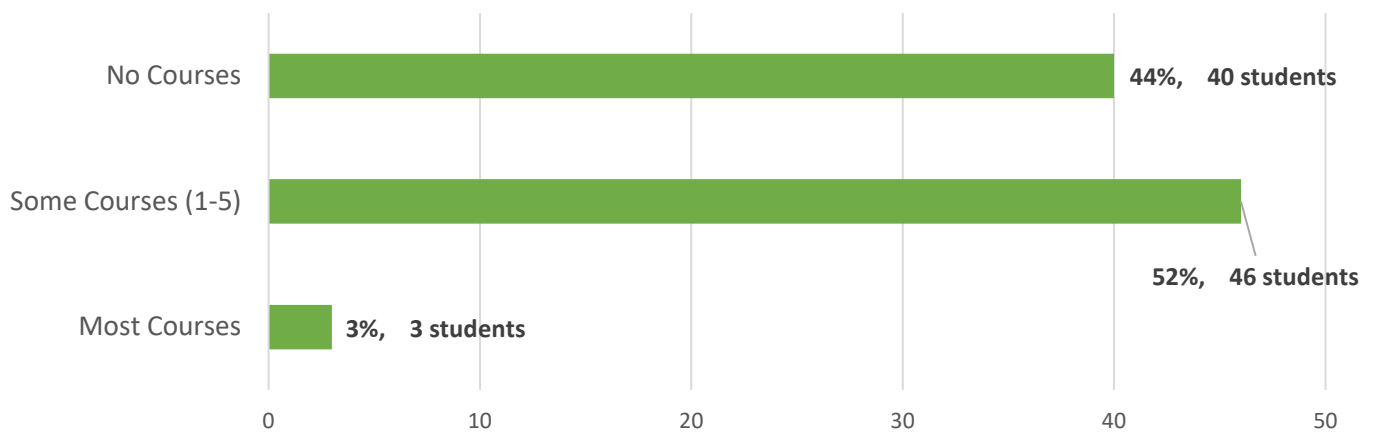
Less than 1 year – 23 students – 26%
 1-3 years – 29 students – 33%
 3-5 years – 18 students – 20%
 5-10 years – 13 students – 15%
 10-20 years – 4 students – 4%
 More than 20 years – 2 students – 2%

Delivery Systems

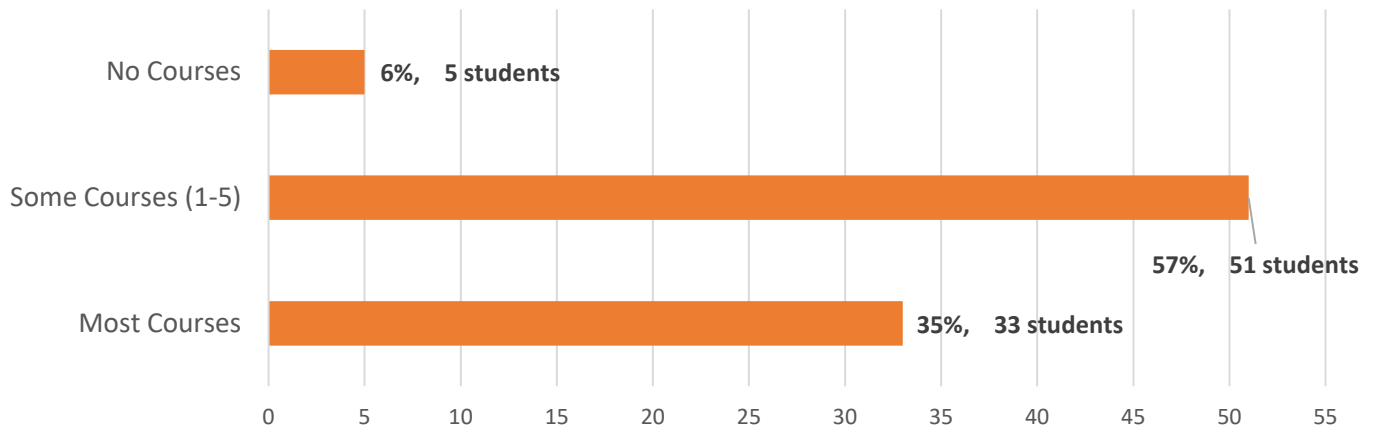
NOBTS Regular Classroom Courses



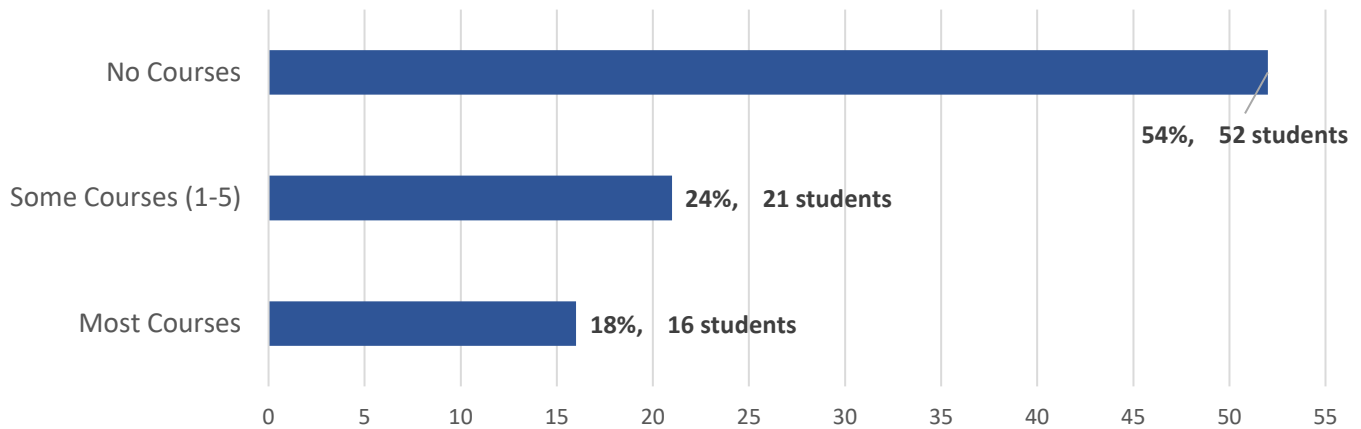
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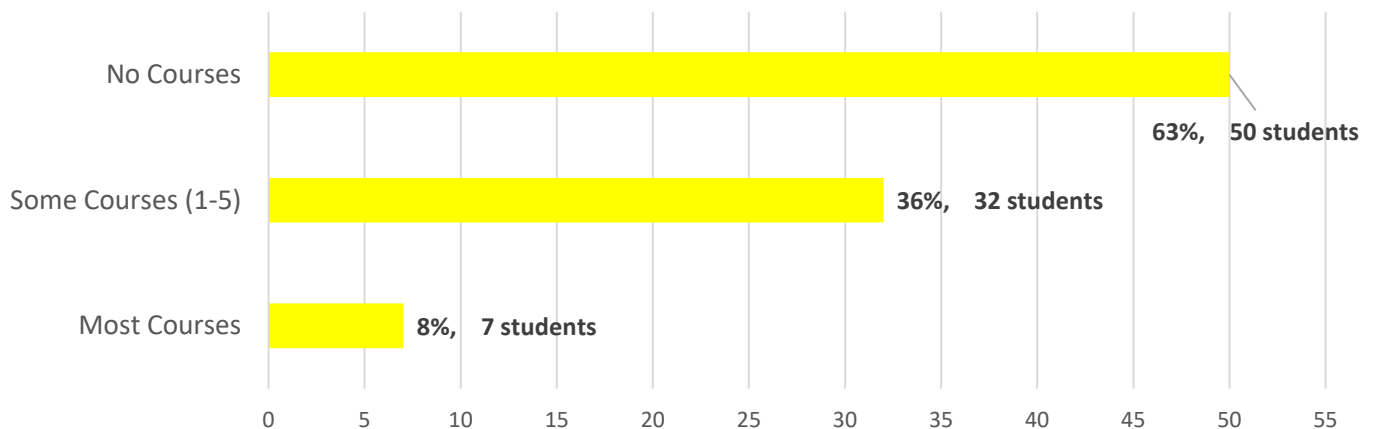
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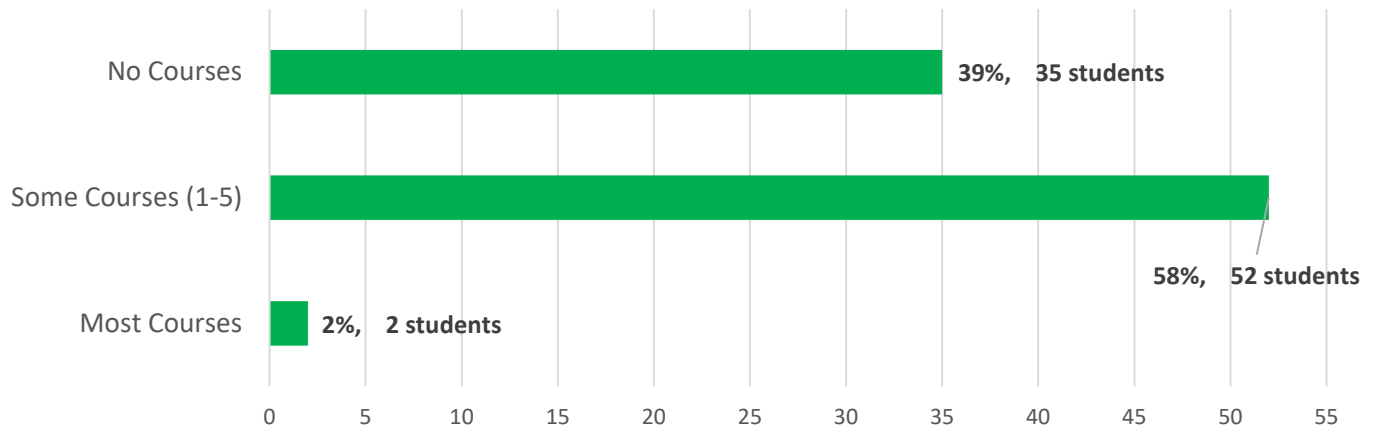
Extension Center Courses with a Local Professor



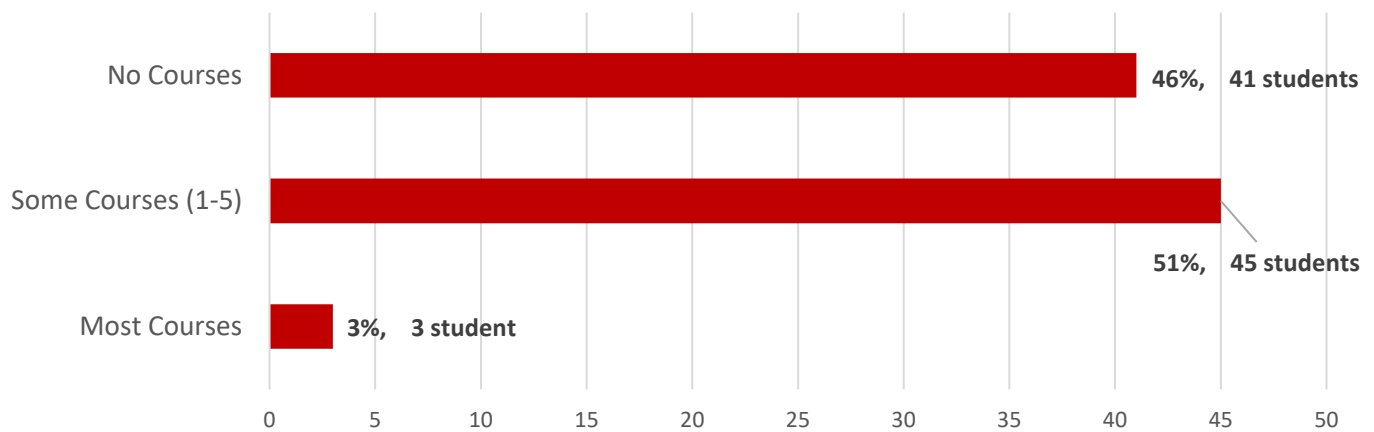
Extension Center Courses Taught by CIV



Workshop Courses

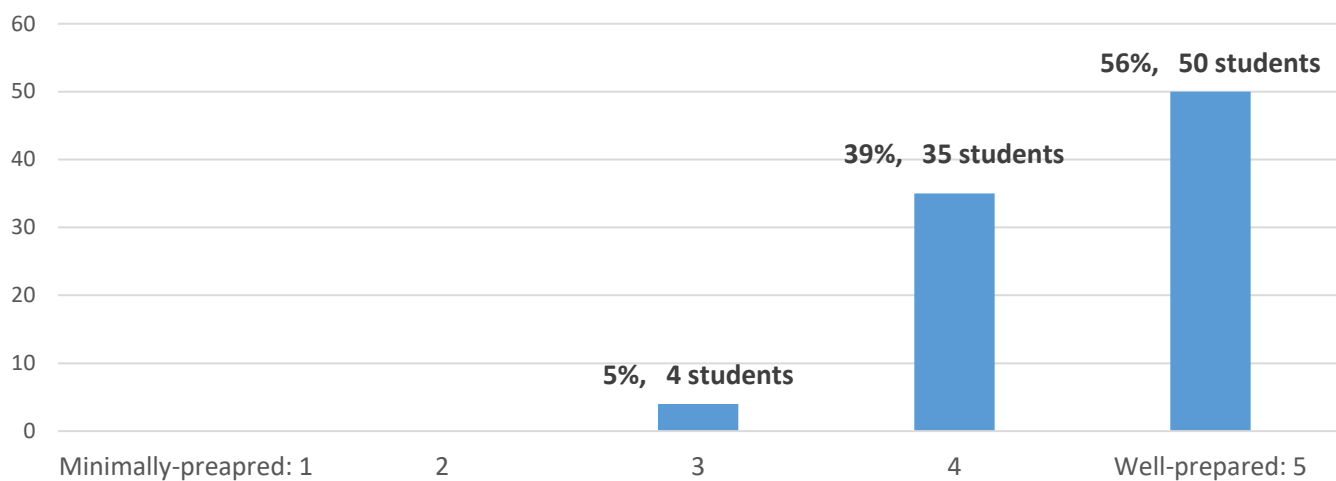


Mentoring Courses

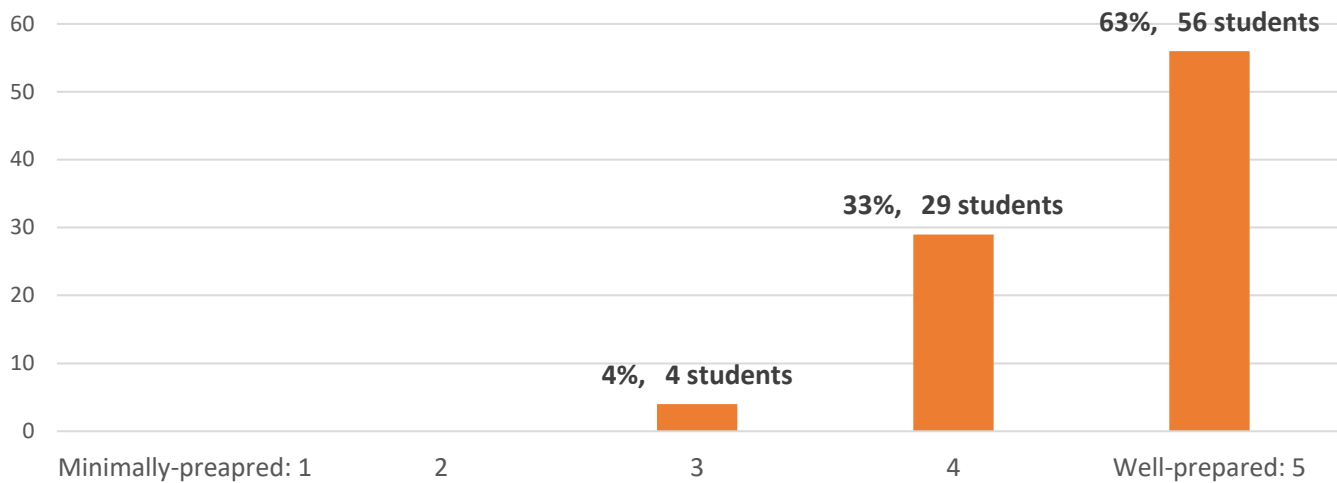


Core Competencies

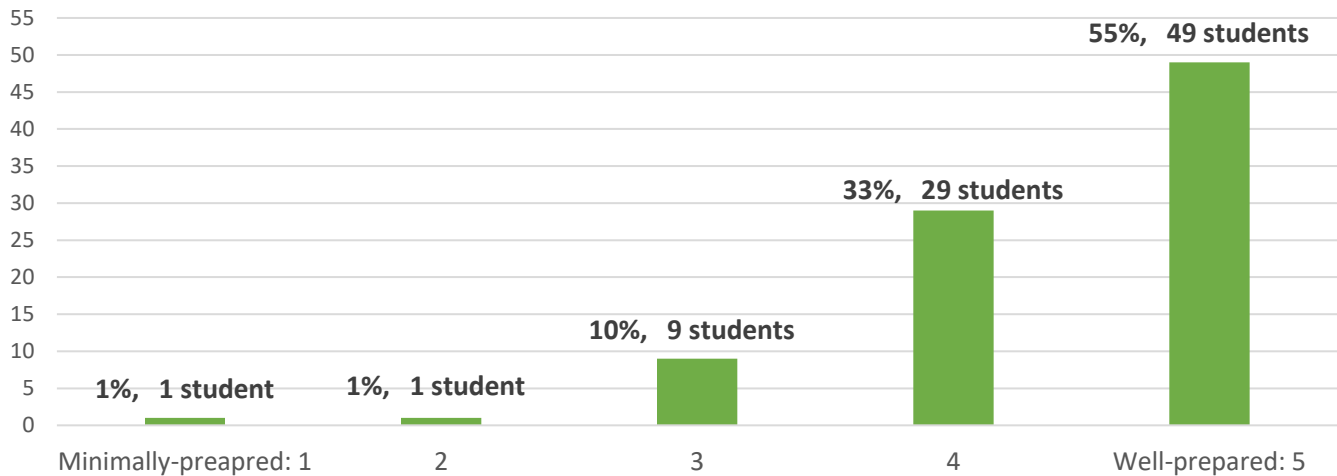
In your ministry context, how well do you feel NOBTS prepared you to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church?



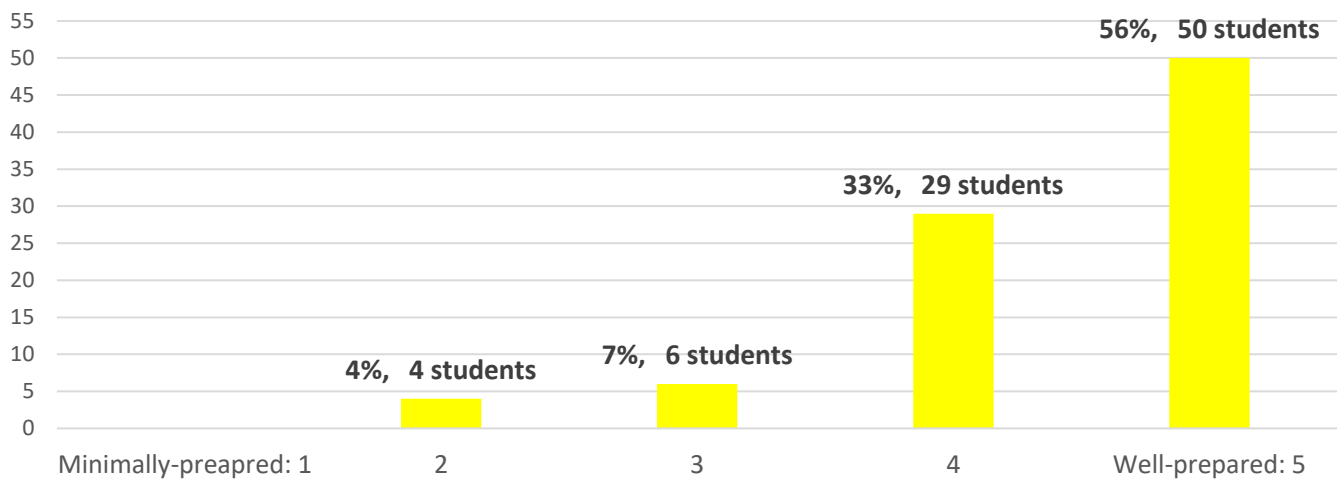
Biblical Exposition: To interpret and communicate the Bible accurately



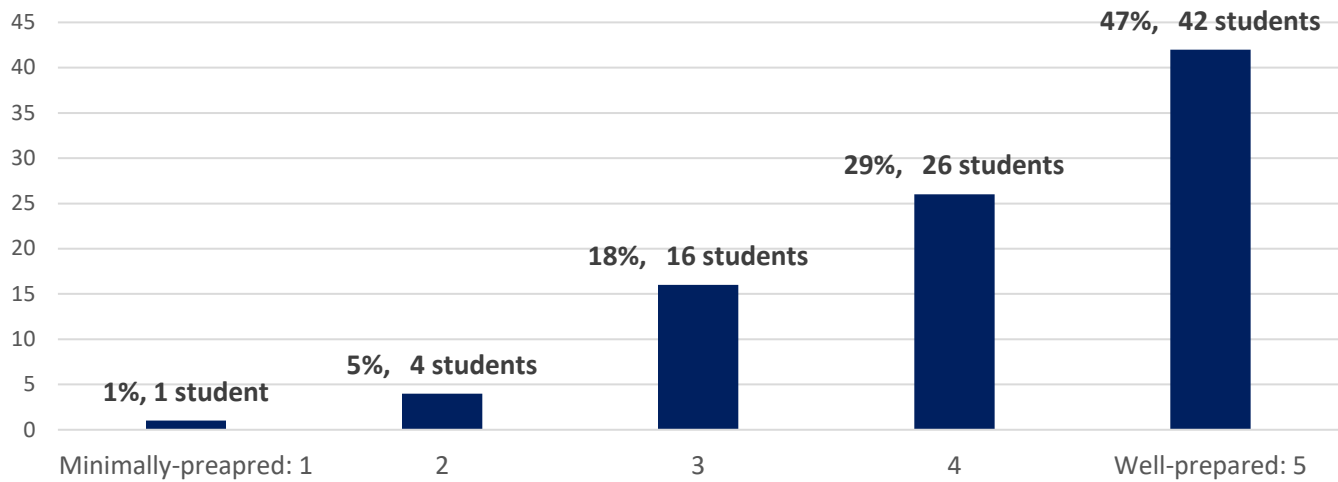
Christian Theological Heritage: To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.



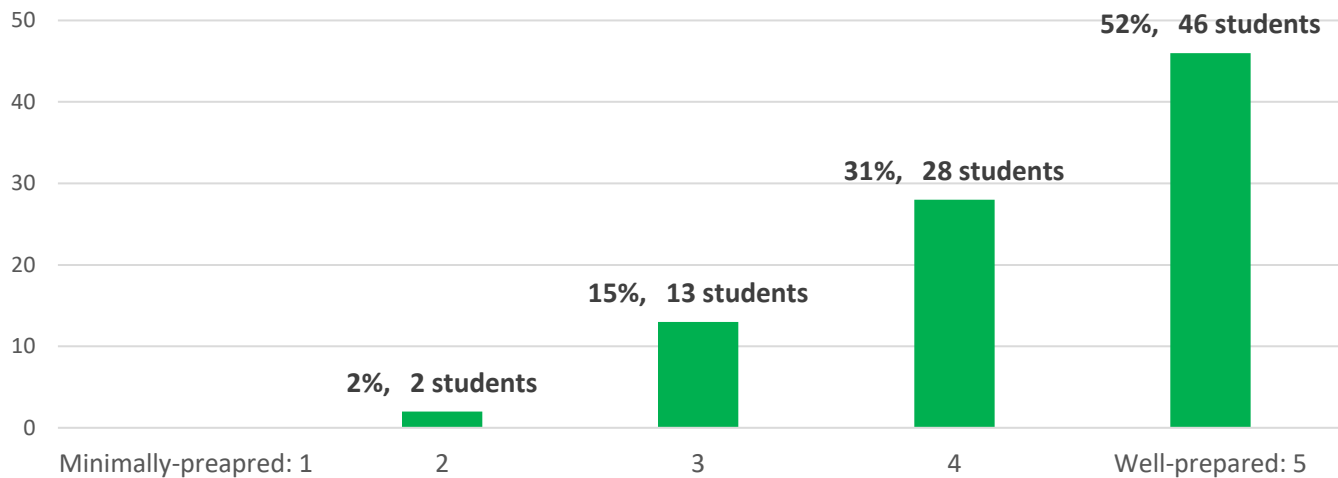
Disciple Making: To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.



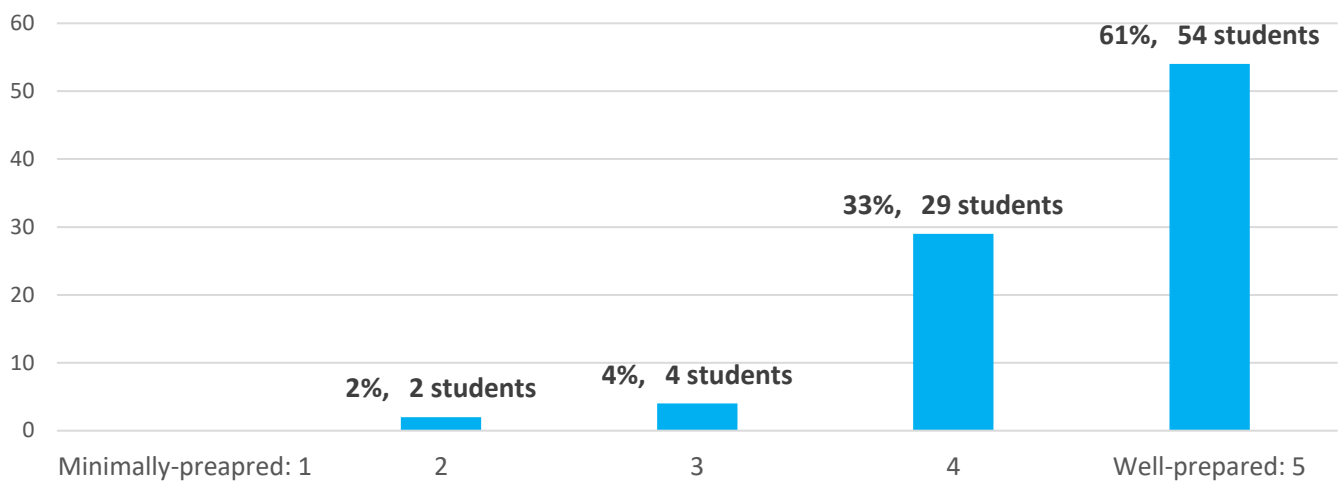
Interpersonal Skills: To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.



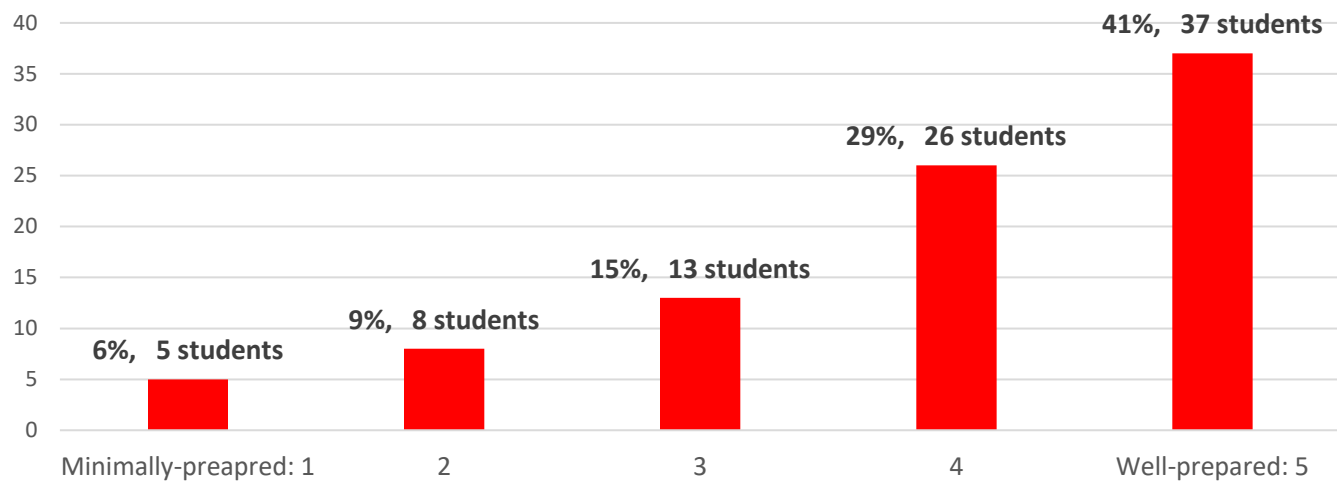
Servant Leadership: To serve churches effectively through team ministry.



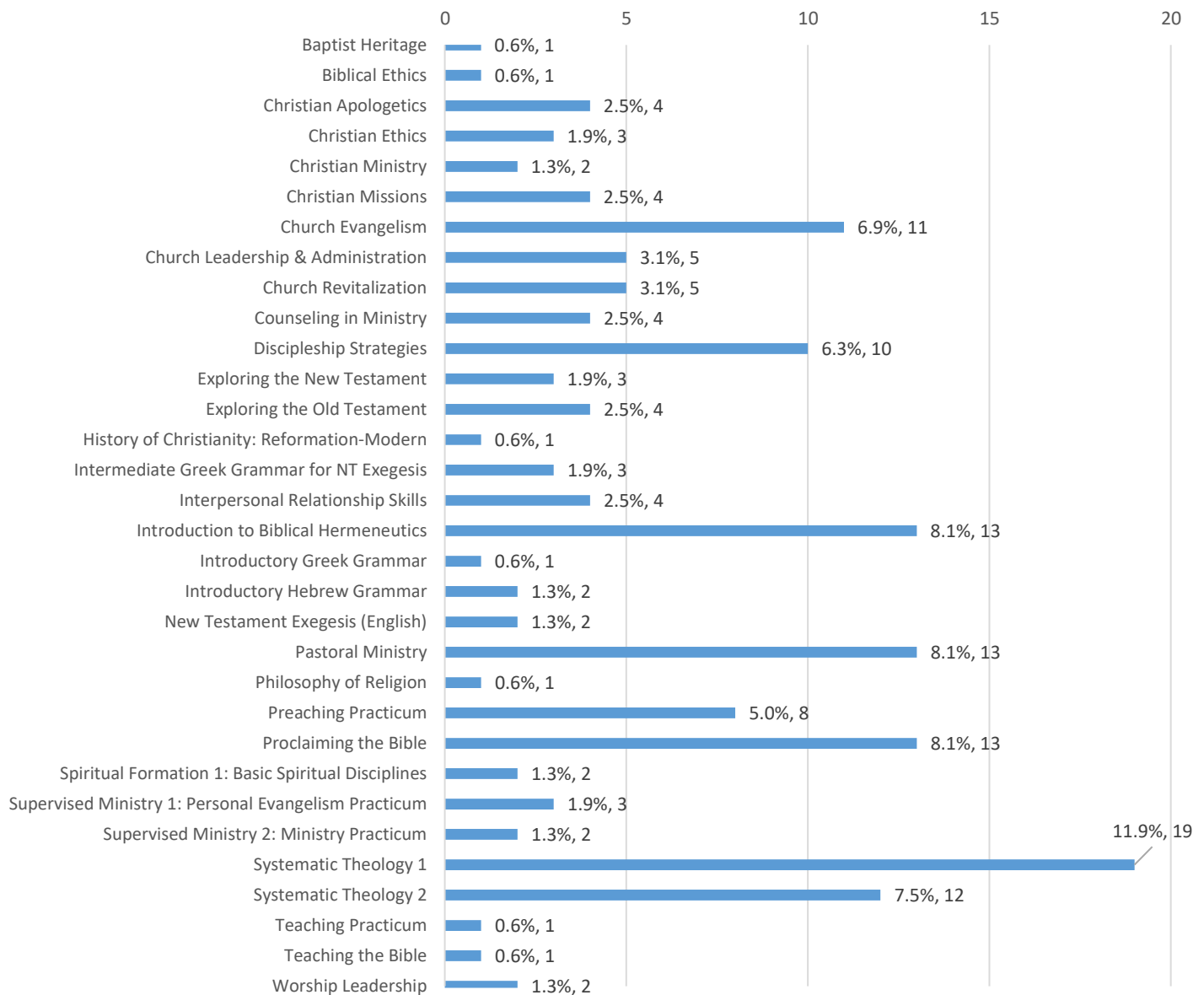
Spiritual and Character Formation: To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.



Worship Leadership: to facilitate worship effectively.



Of the courses listed below, identify the 3 courses which have MOST equipped you to fulfill your calling:

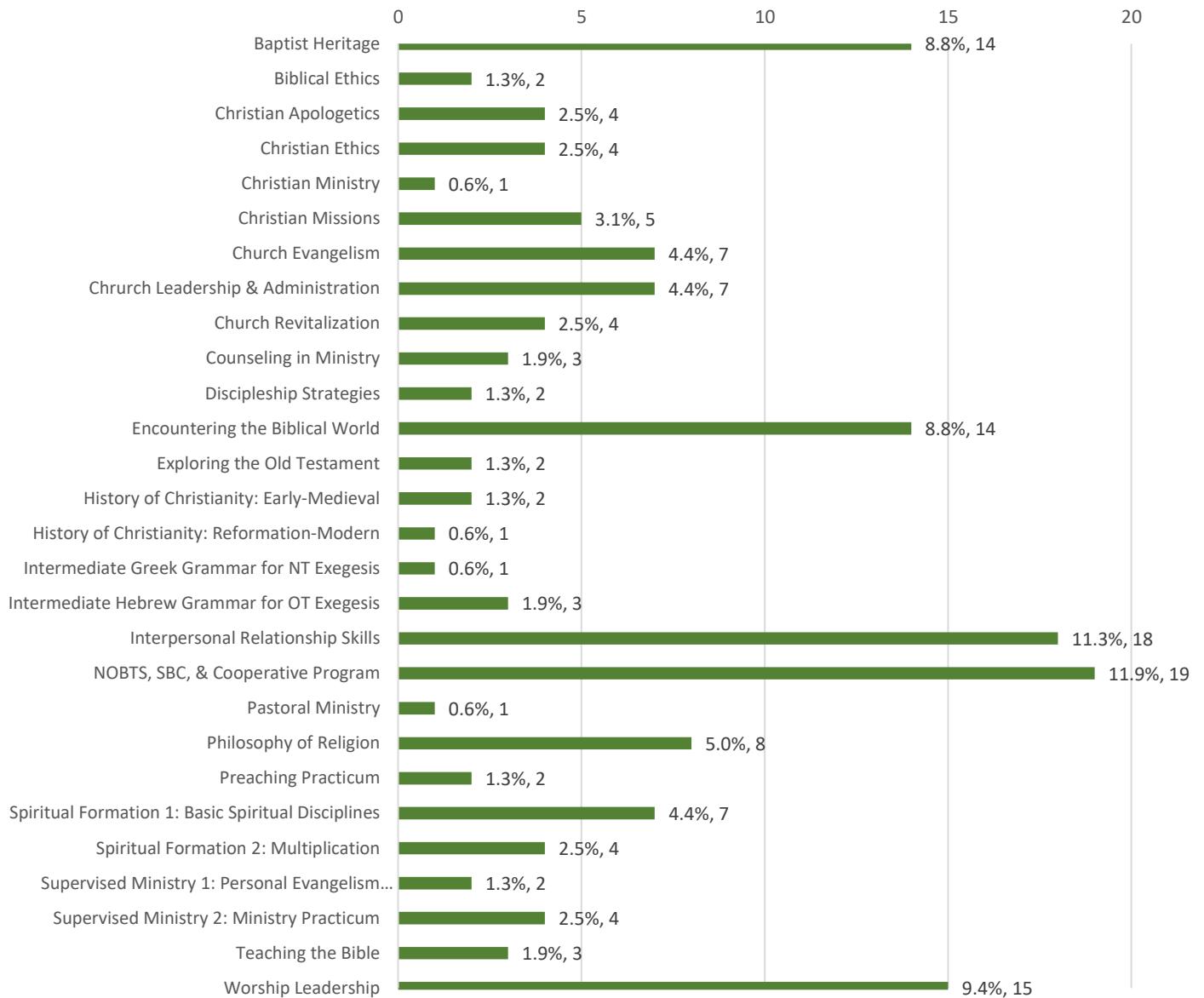


Comments:

- All three of these classes were very helpful in my ministry. Dr. Byrd taught my pastoral ministries class at the Clinton extension and does a great job with it. Very helpful.
- I would have included Systematic Theology 2, but it would only allow me to select three. Both of those courses have been influential in equipping me to fulfill my calling.
- There were many others that were really helpful, but my teachers for these classes (especially Dr. Whitley for Supervised Ministry at the Birmingham extension) made these the best class I took while at New Orleans. If Dr. Aernie (NT and Greek at the Birmingham extension) could teach all the theology and Bible courses and Dr. Whitley could teach all the practical ministry classes (which I know they couldn't or wouldn't) my experience would have been even better.

- Dr. Stacey Boutwell at the Birmingham Center is amazing. He was the toughest professor I had, but I learned a tremendous amount from him. I will thank him personally, but please pass on my thanks to him via this note.
- I really wish there were more sports and recreation classes. Maybe you can hire me in 10 years after i get my ph.D. haha
- My teachers in these classes connected theology to practical ministry.
- This is a difficult question. I wish that it could be reworked. I do not feel that this question can be answered effectively in this format.
- I would also add Discipleship Strategies, Worship Leadership, Spiritual formation and so many others if I had the option to do so.
- Thank you for these wonderful opportunities. Sincerely, Cynthia Becnel
- More than three. All were great.

Of the courses listed below, identify the 3 courses which have LEAST equipped you to fulfill your calling:



Comments:

- All three were great disappointments, especially Counseling. I was hoping it would introduce the legal aspects. It did not.
- Worship Leadership was not helpful at all. I took it online and it was poorly set up and hard to understand what the teacher was wanting from us. It was the worst class I took while at NOBTS.
- Most of these were online for me, and I just didn't get much out of them. That was probably my fault though.
- The ministry and evangelism classes, including Interpersonal Relationship Skills, at NOBTS need some work. They repeat themselves and honestly could all be combined into 2 courses and still have the same learning impact for students. This is my biggest critique of the NOBTS M.Div. program. The history, theology, apologetics, languages, and etc., classes were great. It is just the ministry classes that were a lot of work/time for a little reward.
- I think the M.Div needs to be radically reformatted if it is going to survive. I am 28 years old, and I know a ton of ministers my age not getting the M.Div and getting graduated degrees like the MTS or MACE. The reason is because it is too long for the benefit it provides.
- I think a good idea would be if you just take the ministry classes away, (maybe keep a general ministry/pastoral class), and replace it with a verified ministry employment requirement for 8 months-1 year. If NOBTS makes that a M.Div. track option, you would have a ton more people be interested in pursuing the M.Div. "
- These classes failed to address the urban context where I serve
- I still believe the classes I selected are beneficial.
- Thank you for these class opportunities. Sincerely, Cynthia Becnel
- They all helped. But, you wanted just three I used every class.
- Narrowing down helpful courses was difficult. My professors were very good at relating and drawing practical application to ministry.

Which course or subject do you wish you had taken in your studies?

- additional Greek
- I am ill prepared for the counseling I face. I had hoped for a counseling class more suited for pastors.
- None, but I do wish I had taken Hermeneutics the first semester
- Apologetics
- More Hermeneutics more exegesis
- Death, Loss, and Grief
- More classes covering philosophical responses to modern cultural trends.
- Anything else in the Biblical history field
- Church Business Administration
- Teaching the Bible
- Revelation class (Dr. Stevens)
- History of the Bible
- Stress and conflict management
- I love church history and theology courses. I wish I had taken more courses in these two fields.
- More ethics classes
- I should have taken another youth ministry elective.
- Christian Education

- Church Planting
- More exegesis class, enjoyed language and hermeneutics classes
- Death loss and grief
- Study of a book of the Bible
- I wish I could have taken apologetics. Unfortunately, it is not a course that is offered easily to students that do not live on campus at NOBTS.
- Death, Loss, and Grief
- Persecution & Martyrdom Yesterday & Today
- I wish I would I got an original languages specialization. So my answer would be more Hebrew and Greek exegesis courses.
- I would have liked opportunity for more philosophy courses.
- Preaching a book of the Bible
- Greek
- Biblical languages
- I wish I taken more apologetic classes.
- Contemporary Mission Methods and Movements
- The languages.
- Death, Loss, and Grief
- Apologetics
- Grief
- Church Revitalization
- Counseling
- Advanced language and exegesis classes
- Another NT Greek Exegesis class and Death, Loss, and Grief
- Apologetics
- Counseling in Ministry
- More Exegetical Classes
- Apologetics
- Hebrew Exegesis
- Study of Islam
- Budget
- Apologetics
- How to lead change.
- Christian Apologetics
- Specialized systematic theology courses such as Doctrine of God.
- Apologetics or Doctrine of God.
- Systematic theologic

What course of study (currently non-existent at NOBTS) do you think should be offered to develop leaders in the local church and its ministries?

- Peace Making by Ken Sande
- Something like Peace Makers Ministries, Resolving Conflict. I was not taught any practical steps for resolving conflict

- Leadership Development similar to Exec. Education courses I have taken at Darden Business School-too many pastors have no real idea what a leader is and what a leader does. I think a course like this could reduce the amount of conflict in a local church and bring about more revitalization
- Historical Theology
- A class aimed at students who feel called to writing as a form of ministry.
- Personal finances and how to assist others with financial needs.
- How to begin in a new church
- Church finances
- More practical courses on Interpersonal Relationship Skills and Conflict Resolution, Strategies, etc.
- Some type of course that specifically dealing with funerals, weddings, etc.
- Shepherding your family
- Another class on counseling people through death, loss, grief, marital problems, depression, and substance abuse would have been helpful.
- A finance class or a legal class
- Recreation
- Crisis Ministry
- Family Discipleship in Ministry
- Church management
- Disciple-making
- I am not sure if this course is offered or not, but an introduction to family ministry course would be helpful.
- Something more practical in nature like how to find jobs in ministry and when to start
- I think something like this is already offer but an entire course on Logos. I have heavily used Logos towards the end of my degree and wish I had started out using it. It would have been tremendously helpful to be well versed in it right when I came in.
- courses on Leadership Coaching and Curriculum Mapping for discipleship classes in the local church
- Ecclesiology
- CPE
- Use of technology/social media in church ministry
- A M.Div. track that has a 8 months-1 year employment requirement in replace of most ministry classes.
- Personal Financial Management
- Require the New Orleans missions and ministry for every first year student.
- Ecclesiology
- A singles ministry class
- Church Discipline
- Balancing Church and Family
- Apologetics
- How to become a prayer warrior.
- Mental health/self care
- Small church Ministries
- LEADING CHANGE.
- Specialized church history classes.
- A pastoral self-care course would be good in light of enduring through difficult ministries or difficult people. It may be a more practical and directed extension of spiritual formation, but aching pastors how to heal from wounds or being in the process of bearing the burdens of others while following Jesus and carrying their own.
- Christian philosophy