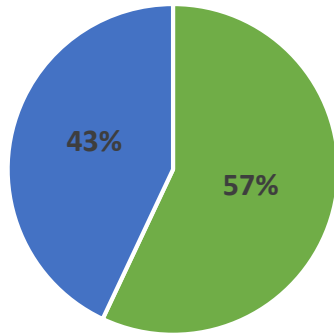


Degree Program Survey Summary

Spring 2019

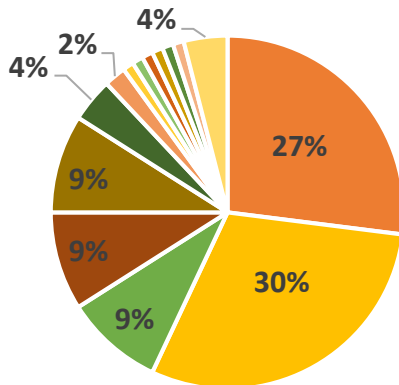
102 responses

Have you studied towards an MDiv at NOBTS?



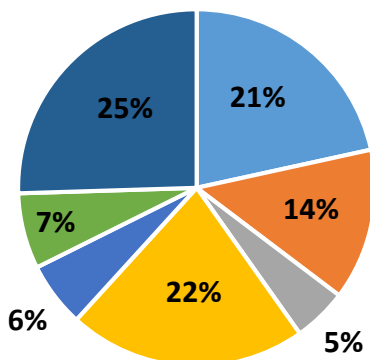
No – 58 students – 57%
 Yes – 44 students – 43%

When did you begin study at NOBTS?



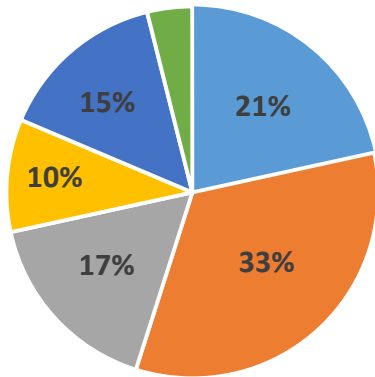
2016 – 27 students – 27%
 2015 – 30 students – 30%
 2014 – 9 students – 9%
 2013 – 9 students – 9%
 2012 – 9 students – 9%
 2010 – 4 students – 4%
 2009 – 2 students – 2%
 2007 – 1 student – 1%
 2005 – 1 student – 1%
 2004 – 1 student – 1%
 2003 – 1 student – 1%
 2001 – 1 student – 1%
 2000 – 1 student – 1%
 Before 2000 – 4 students – 4%

Please describe your current ministry service?



Pastor – 22 students – 21%
 Youth Pastor – 14 students – 14%
 Minister of Education – 5 students – 5%
 Volunteer Ministry – 22 students – 22%
 Worship Leader – 6 students – 6%
 Teaching – 7 students – 7%
 Other – 26 students – 25%

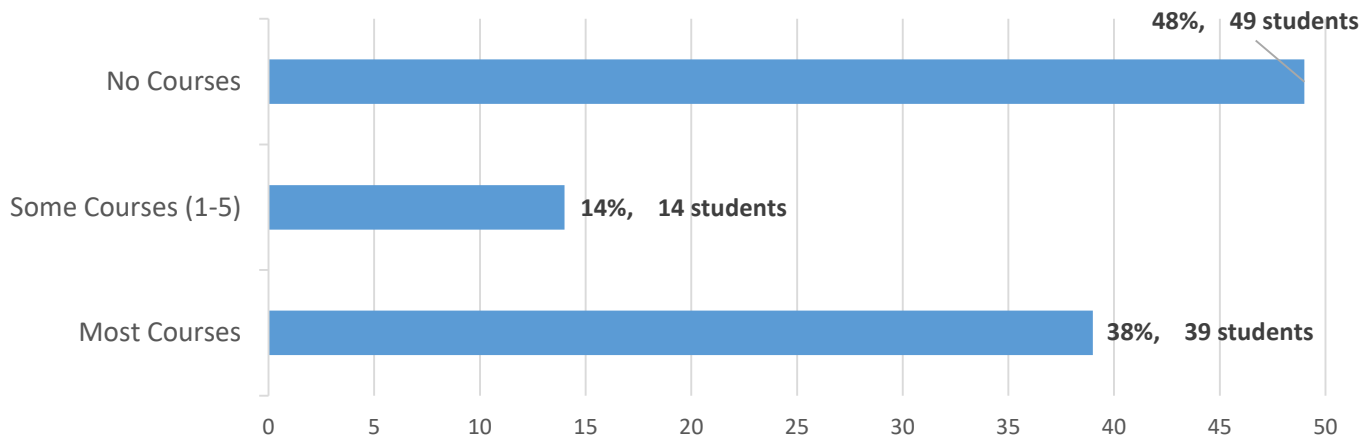
How many years have you served in your current ministry role?



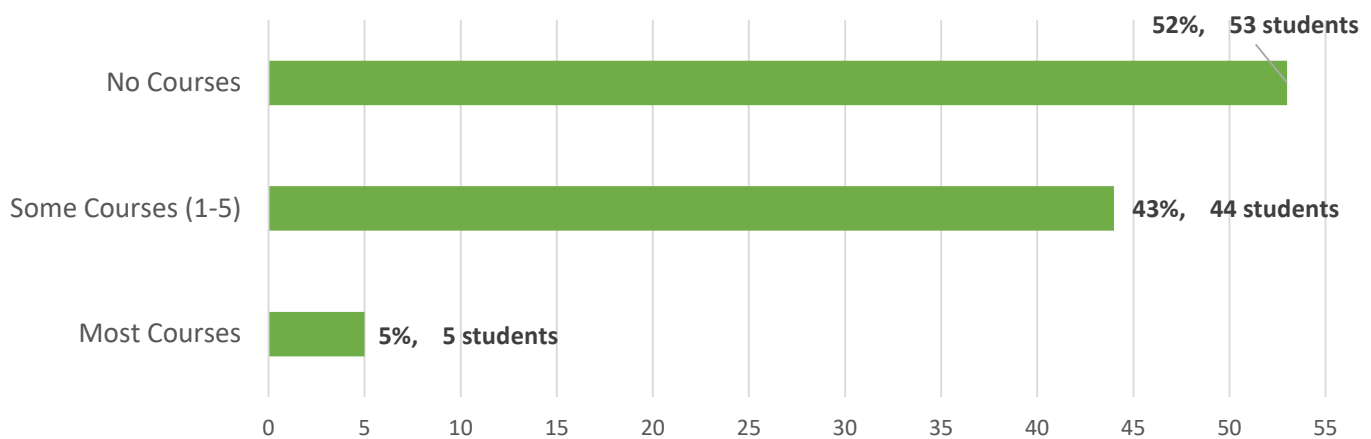
Less than 1 year – 22 students – 21%
1-3 years – 34 students – 33%
3-5 years – 17 students – 17%
5-10 years – 10 students – 10%
10-20 years – 15 students – 15%
More than 20 years – 4 students – 4%

Delivery Systems

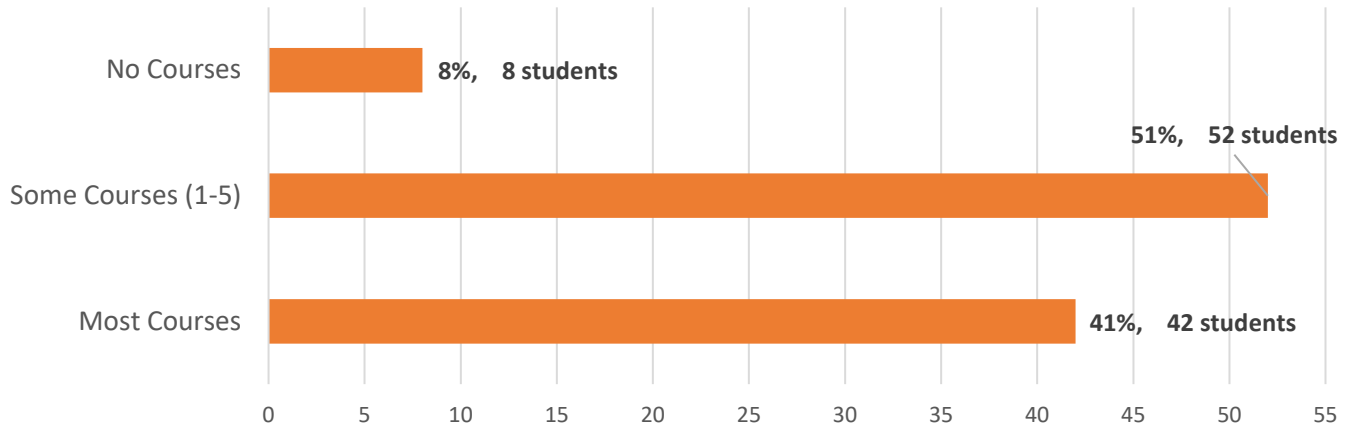
NOBTS Regular Classroom Courses



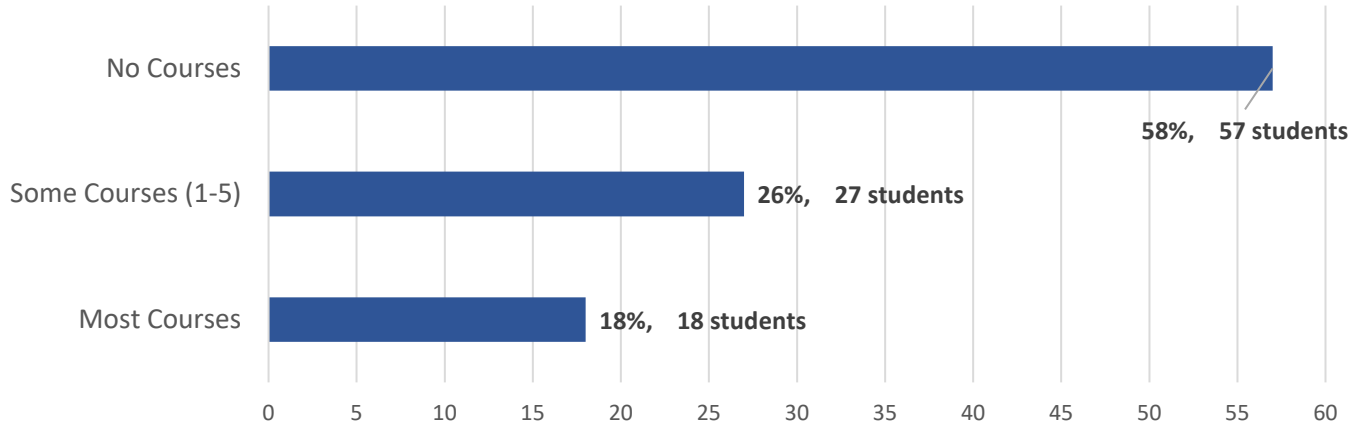
Hybrid Courses on NOBTS Campus



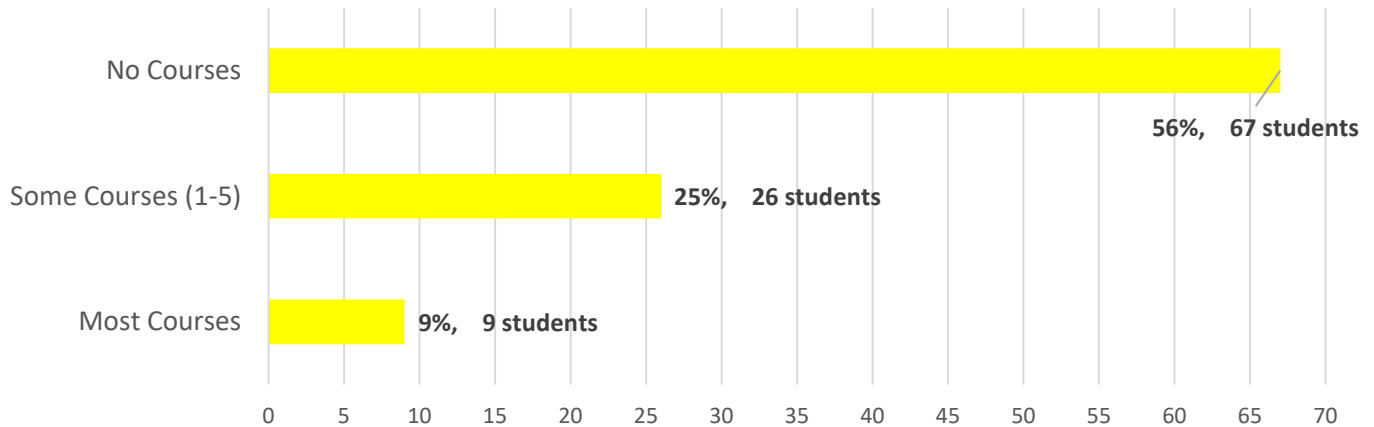
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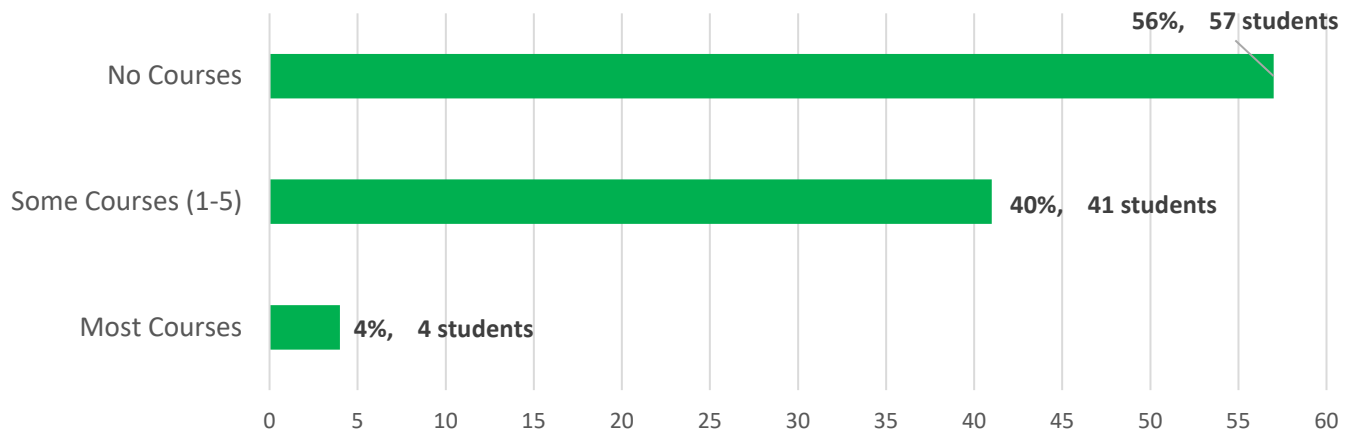
Extension Center Courses with a Local Professor



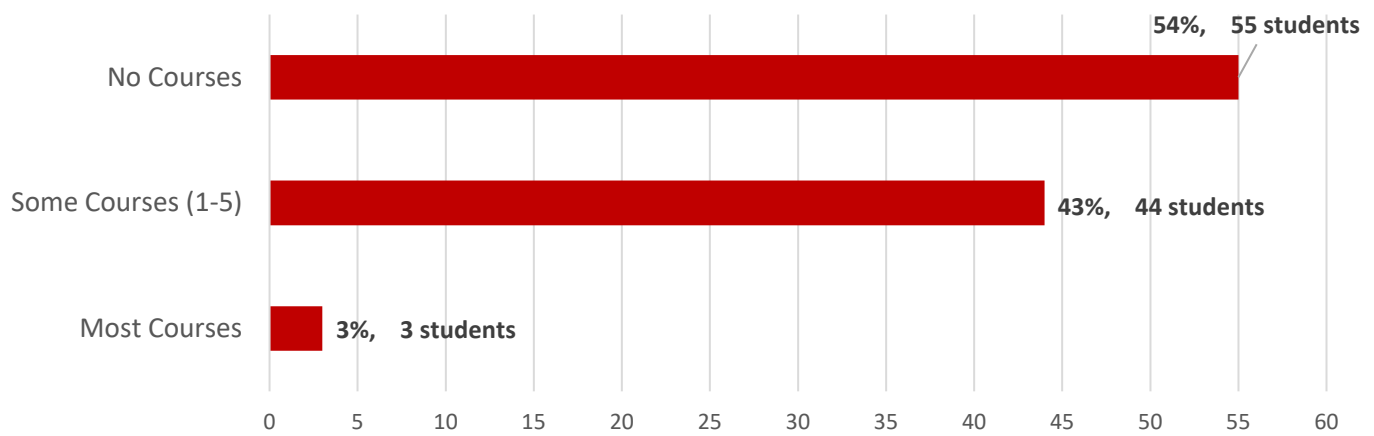
Extension Center Courses Taught by CIV



Workshop Courses

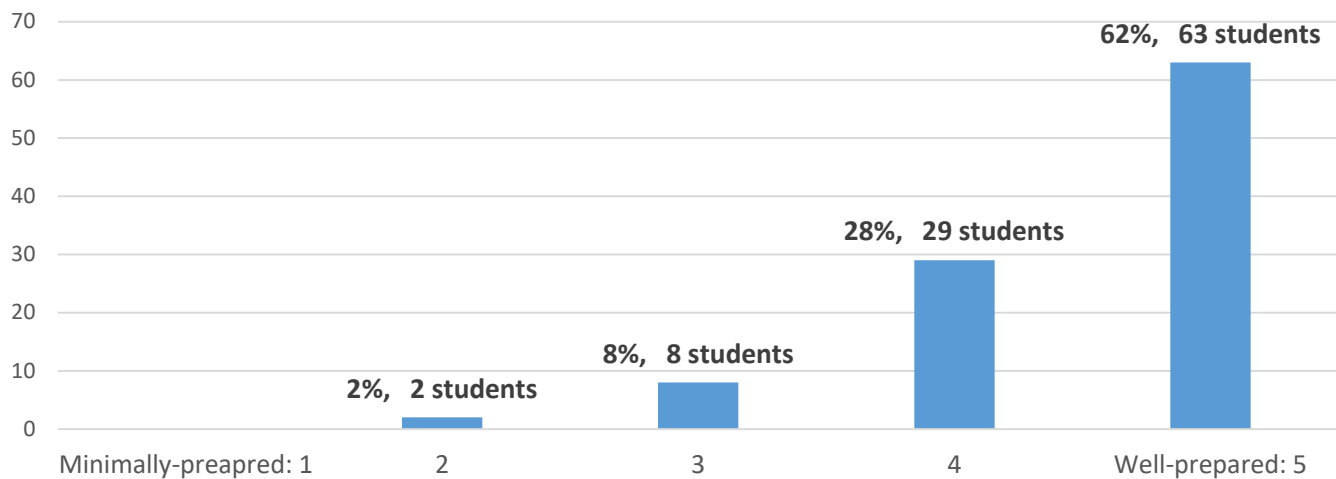


Mentoring Courses

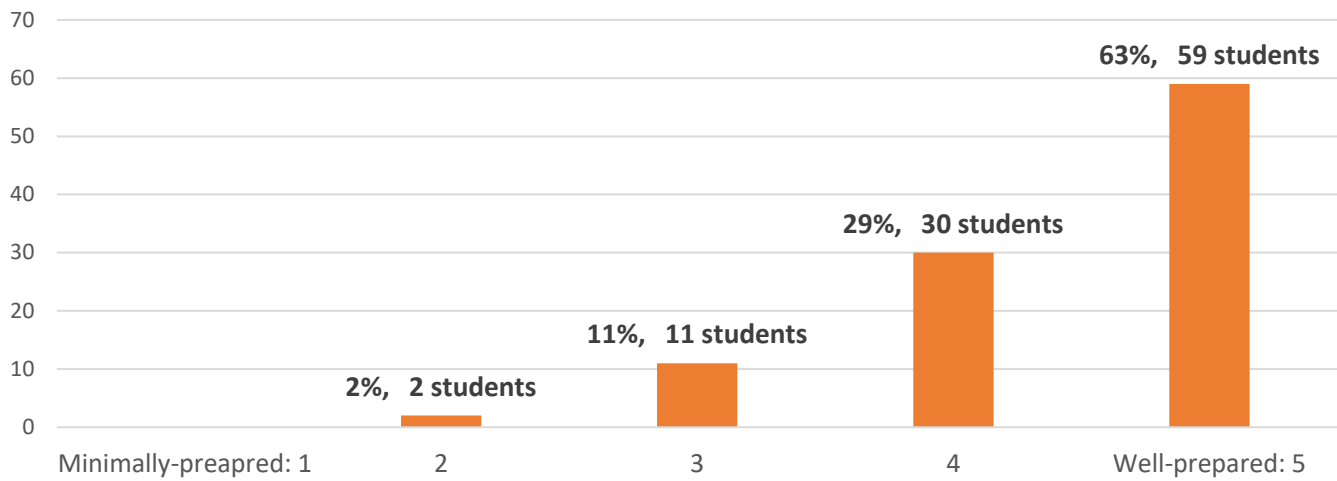


Core Competencies

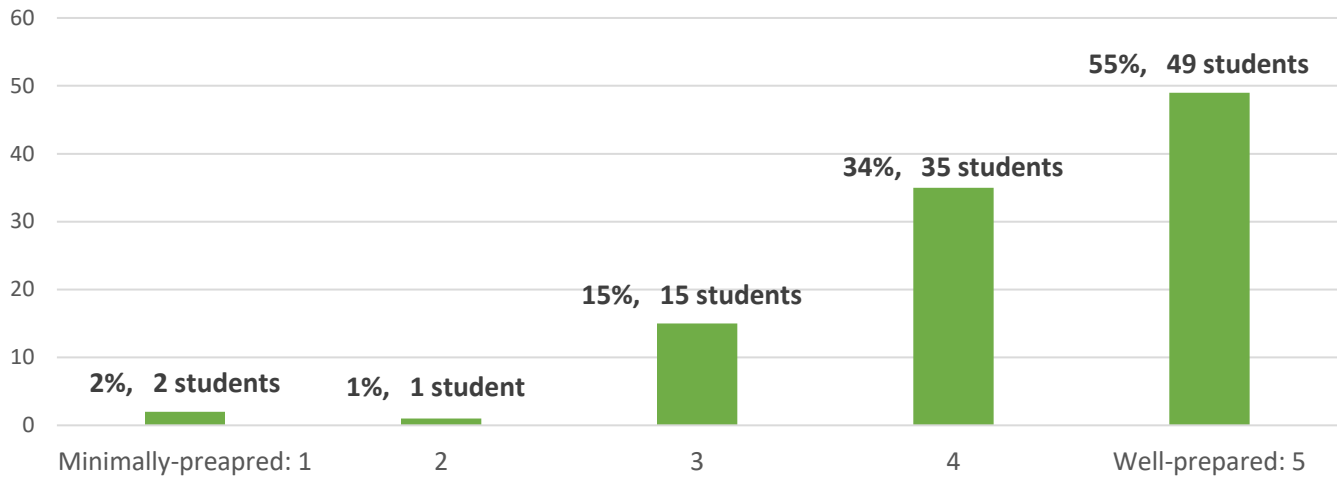
In your ministry context, how well do you feel NOBTS prepared you to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church?



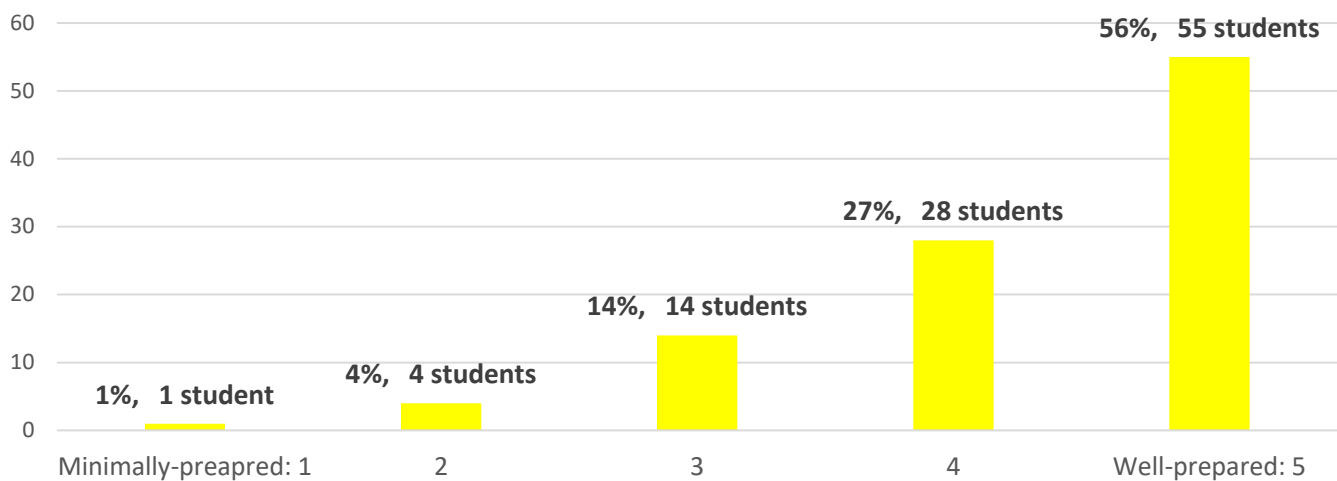
Biblical Exposition: To interpret and communicate the Bible accurately



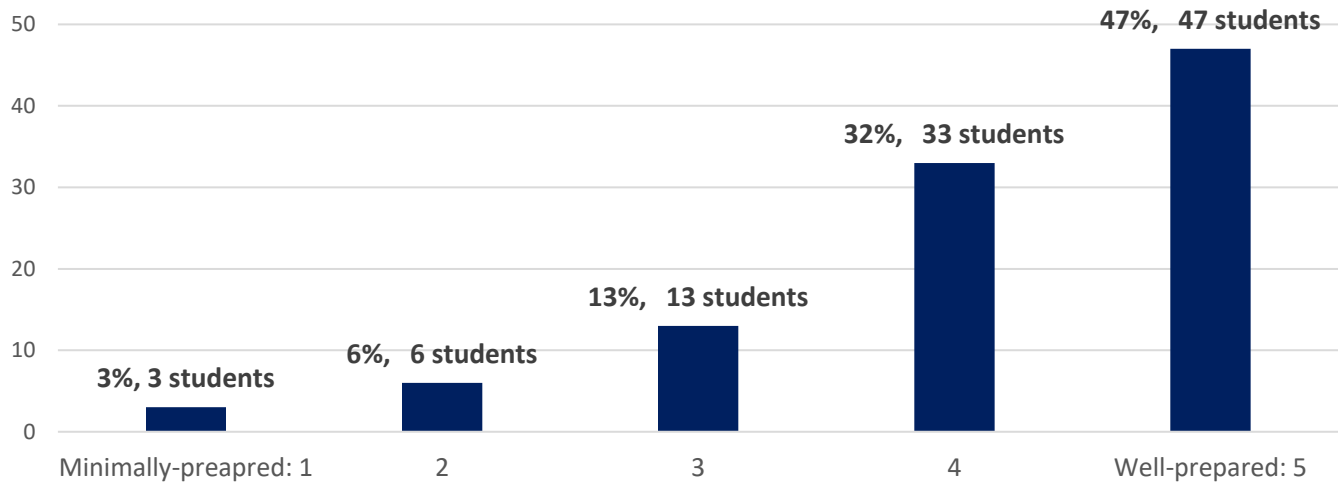
Christian Theological Heritage: To understand and interpret Christian theological heritage and Baptist polity for the church.



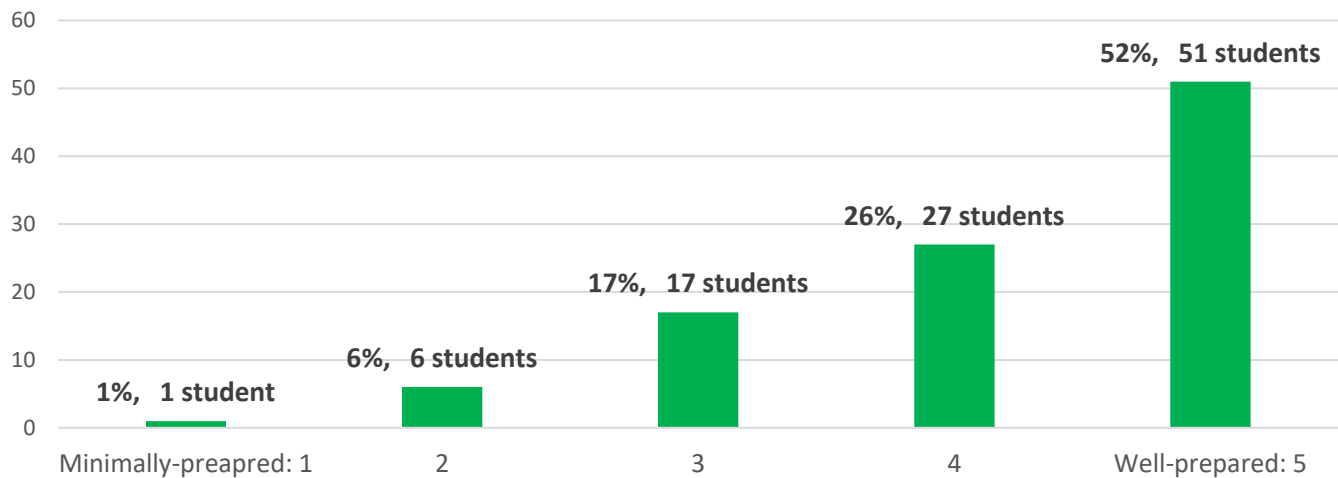
Disciple Making: To stimulate church health through mobilizing the church for missions, evangelism, discipleship, and church growth.



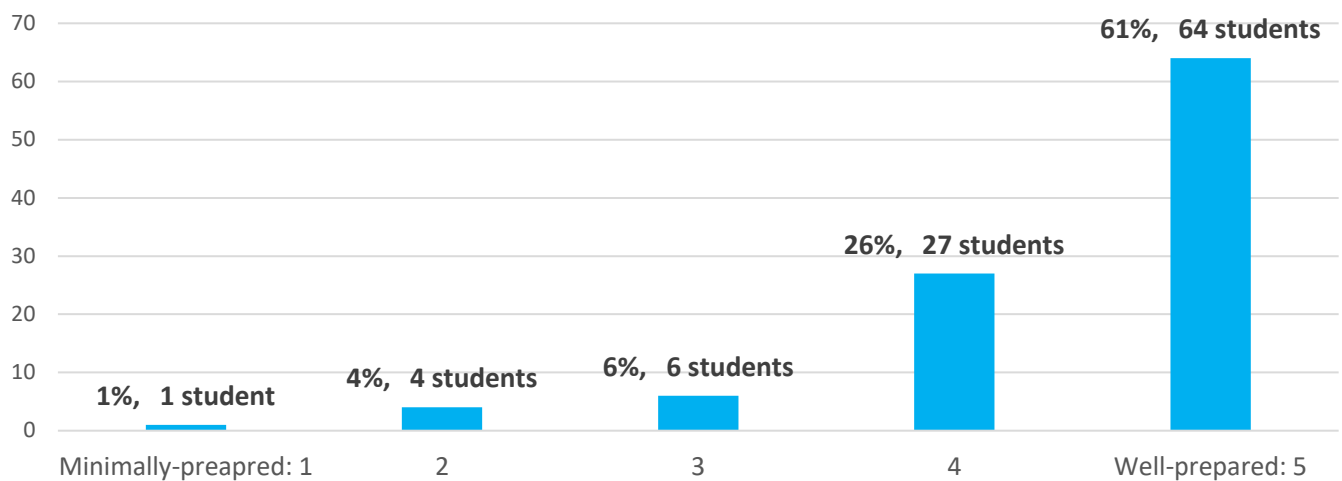
Interpersonal Skills: To perform pastoral care effectively, with skills in communication and conflict management.



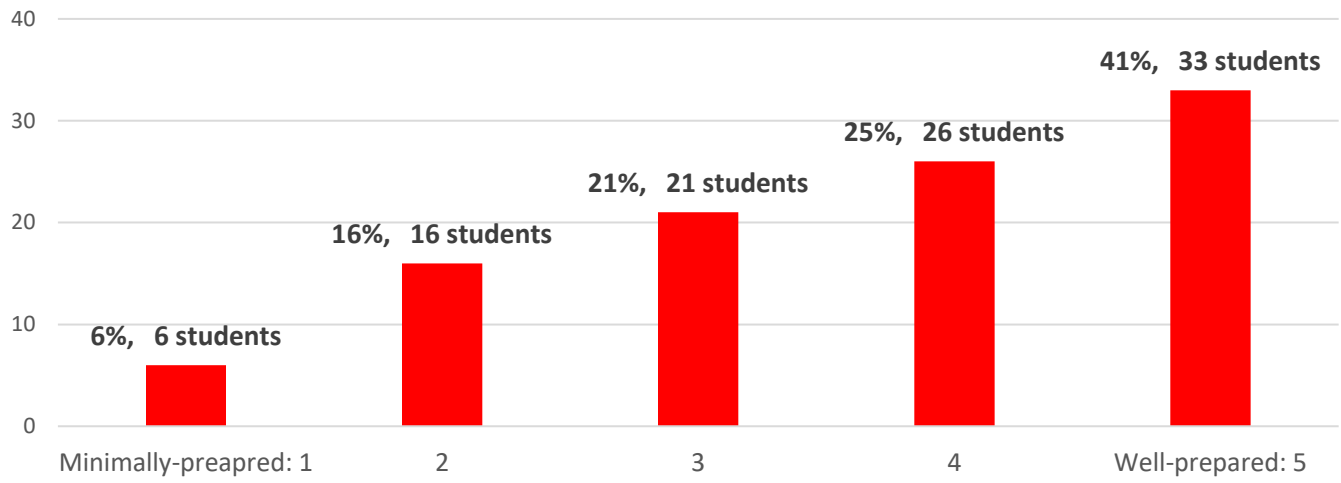
Servant Leadership: To serve churches effectively through team ministry.



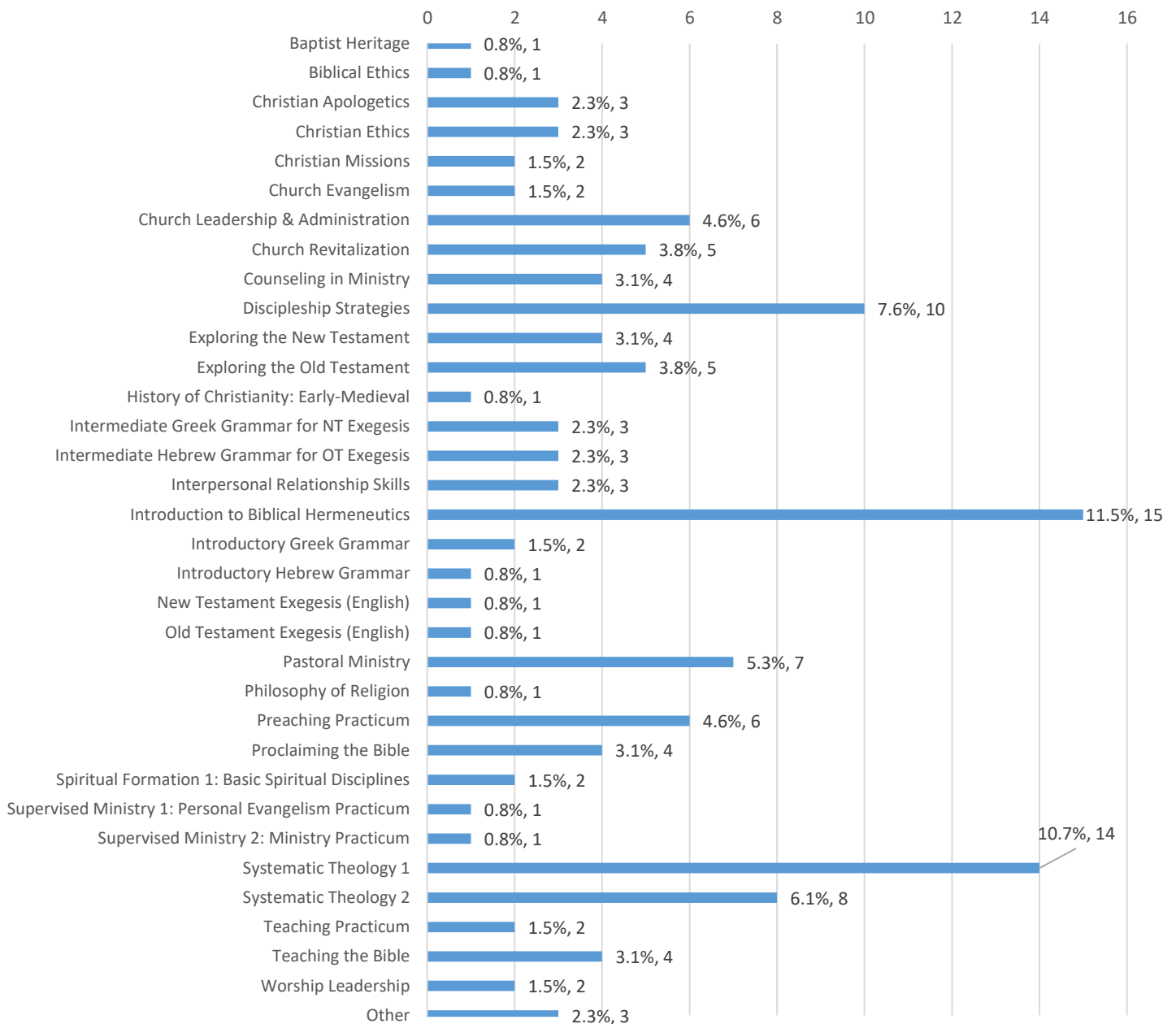
Spiritual and Character Formation: To provide moral leadership by modeling and mentoring Christian character and devotion.



Worship Leadership: to facilitate worship effectively.



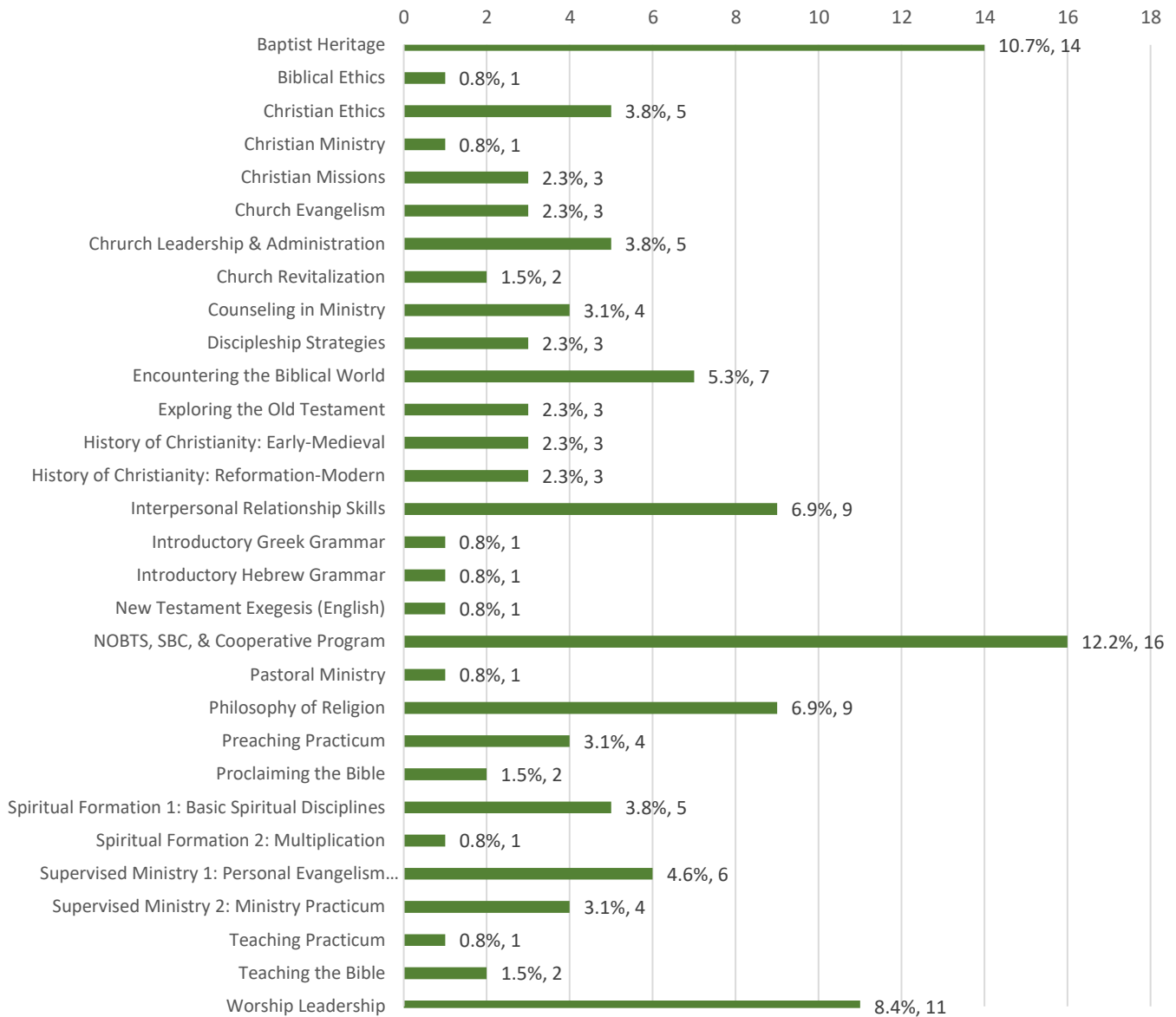
Of the courses listed below, identify the 3 courses which have MOST equipped you to fulfill your calling:



Comments:

- A number of the classes in the Worship Ministry specialization greatly benefited my ministry.
- Hermeneutics was a game changer for me, and really laid the interpretive framework that affected the rest of my Bible study/teaching. I felt that Church revitalization, honestly hand in hand with Pastoral ministry, gave me a deeper love for Christ's church. Ethics and apologetics helped me understand my culture and share Christ more effectively.
- The teachers in these classes made a huge difference. Great classes!
- The biblical studies and counseling faculties are doing an incredible job. There is excellence in the other divisions as well but these two are so consistent in giving students their best.

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



Comments:

- Spiritual Formation was not really necessary as a course. It was something I was already doing.
- I really enjoyed all my classes. Philosophy has never been my favorite subject, but I did learn a lot in the class.
- Although Teaching the Bible and Proclaiming the Bible were two of the classes I thought would be essential and most helpful, I did not have a good experience with either. Many of the other classes I took had very outdated content, some that had not been updated in 10+ years.
- I received something from every course
- I really don't think they didn't prepare me but I checked them off compared to the other classes.
- I enjoyed all of my courses at NOBTS. Each one had something that was helpful! ...the Missions internet course and Encountering Biblical World course put to much information in one course. Should make these more focused in content. The New Testament course, and other courses that discussed the history of the biblical text, used required textbooks that did not encourage me to trust the Bible due to

the liberal biblical textual criticism included in the textbooks. However, all the professors I had at NOBTS honored the Bible. The problem is with some of the required textbooks that do not agree with the Baptist Faith and Message on Scripture.

- I've heard others have had a different experience with encountering the Biblical world, but my course simply consisted of maps and architecture. I didn't feel that it helped me be more effective in Bible study. As someone already in a ministry position, Sup Min 2 felt like a waste of time, especially the textbook on being supervised. Lastly, the Cooperative program class sounds like it has changed somewhat since I started. In my experience, what I had to read was presented far better in Baptist Heritage or other history courses.
- I marked Exploring the Old Testament because that is really too much material to learn in a semester. Would be much better if it was broken up into two or three classes.
- A few of the "practical" courses seemed shallow, redundant, or filled with busywork. They should either be filled out with more thoughtful content or be condensed into fewer courses. More historical and even ecumenical perspectives would have made them more interesting, as some of them seemed tailored to a context of rural Southern churches in the 1990s...

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

- More classes on New Testament and Old Testament
- Counseling in Ministry, Chaplaincy, Urban Ministry
- more counseling courses. One is not enough.
- More NT Exegesis classes
- Leadership
- Biblical languages
- more courses in church administration and preaching
- I wish I had taken more exegesis courses.
- New Testament Exegesis
- Teaching Practicum
- Apologetics
- Exegesis, Textual Criticism, more Islam Classes.
- Cross Cultural Communications
- Hebrews
- Church History and Theology
- fourth semesters for both Greek and Hebrew
- Intermediate Hebrew
- Apologetics or Ethics
- Practical Ministry - focused on things like how to conduct weddings and funerals, etc.
- Church Administration
- Would like to have taken more classes on preaching.
- Apologetics
- Logic
- Cognitive behavioral therapy
- pastoral ministry
- Advanced Hebrew Grammar
- Crisis Intervention/Response

- Any Biblical Exegesis courses
- Proclaiming the Gospel and classes that teach how to baptize, Lord's supper, and other specific services - the only area I found lacking with NOBTS.
- Christian Apologetics. I did not see this offered at the extension or on the internet. I took the Philosophy of Religion internet course, instead, because it was provided as an internet course. It was very good.
- Pastoral Ministry
- islamic studies
- I wish I would have had the room to take more exegesis courses.
- More Youth Ministry related classes
- Christian Apologetics
- Exegesis courses
- Counseling
- Proclaiming the Bible
- I took them all. Or the equivalent.
- Anything in the counseling field

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?

- More classes on disciple making in the local church (not programs)
- Debate and Rhetoric
- Not sure. I think the seminary is attempting to cover most of the skills needed in the local church setting. The classes were more practical than some in my degree program 30 years ago. Thanks for refreshing my heart.
- Leadership
- Parent Discipleship (for Youth and Children's ministers)
- Business administration/non-profit leadership
- Anything that includes how to implement discipleship--multiplying disciples
- Arabic for Islamic Studies Specializations and other who want to take it.
- Biblical Sexuality
- Stress Management and Conflict Resolution
- M.Div Cross Cultural Communications
- Church plans and architectural studies
- Ecclesiology. A taste was given in Baptist Heritage and Sys Theo II, but nothing substantial was provided to really think through the question: what is the church? Pastoral Ministry provided nuts and bolts of tasks the minister has, but never established a framework to hang everything on. "Shepherd Leader" was a good start, but, from what I remember, we never dived deep into it.
- men's ministry
- Governance, Legal, and Administrative Considerations for the 21st Century
- Bi-vocational Ministry
- Church Planting Strategies
- A class for greater development in communication skills (writing, speaking, etc.)
- Legal and Administrative Church Leadership
- Something to better raise self-awareness of students

- Nonprofit business classes
- More Urban Ministry classes
- Crisis/Disaster response
- I think a course on just leadership would be great. It needs to be separate from Administration though.
- How to run specific ordinances and services
- Biblical young-earth creationism. I was not exposed to any course content at NOBTS that promoted the biblical young-earth creation view but I would have enjoyed a course that at least respectfully considered it as a option for Baptists. This is a topic that I feel NOBTS purposefully avoids. I think it would be a great and well-attended course, if one was provided.
- Maybe a class on understanding culture from a Biblical perspective? Or a course on church planting as a part of the MDiv Standard.
- Ministry in a Digital Space
- Basic finance courses
- "Balancing Home Life and Ministry Life- This has been difficult for me and others.
- There needs to be a way to keep in contact with people off campus. I was at the Tuscaloosa Extension Center for 3 years and did the last year online. I really missed that dialogue on a weekly basis. Not sure how to help overcome this. Discussion Boards are good but are difficult to connect on.