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Baptist
Seminary
of Kentucky

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President's Message

The decision to pursue a Master of Divinity is a choice to begin a journey. The Baptist Seminary of Kentucky offers a supportive, diverse and challenging community to share in this journey.

Theological education at BSK is designed to form women and men as they pursue their calling. Our integrated approach blends spiritual formation, practical experience and solid academic foundations. Your particular ministry path can also flavor your coursework, since faculty often shape assignments to integrate with your focus.

Graduates of BSK find that our formational approach often leads to creativity. This view book shares some of their insights and creative projects. Our students and alumni include authors, pastors, artists, counselors, musicians, missionaries, chaplains, non-profit directors and innovative leaders.

Whether you choose to attend BSK in Georgetown or Louisville, we look forward to welcoming you to our community and journeying together.

*Grace and peace,
David Cassady, Ph.D.*

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Journey & Partners

During the early to mid-1990s, a confluence of events led a number of Kentucky Baptists to seek new possibilities for training ministers that reflected the diversity of Baptist identity and worship in the Commonwealth and took into account shifting cultural realities.



As a result, a group of ministers, laity and theological professors formed a Joint Venture Committee in 1995 to consider alternative avenues of theological education among Baptists in Kentucky. By mid-1996, through prayer and conversation, the Committee agreed to form a new institution preparing women and men for ministry. They further agreed to value historical Baptist principles while participating in the larger Christian community and to stress a formational approach emphasizing spiritual growth and the practical dimensions of ministry.

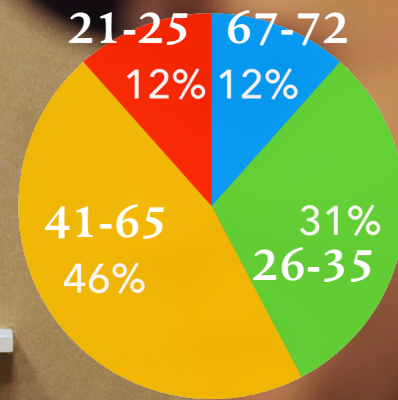
Throughout our 20+ year journey, the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky has been able to partner with many organizations and became accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in 2015. If you would like more information about our journey, visit the link below.

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Quick Facts

Female/Male Ratio

1:1



Student Ages

“Having spent all of my life in the Baptist church, it seemed natural that I would go to a Baptist seminary. I’m grateful for the way my journey led me to BSK. It showed me a new and refreshing way to be Baptist, a broader view of what that could mean. I met people from all walks of life—some fresh out of college, some on their second or third career path. Though my experience of being Baptist before then was largely a white, conservative experience, at BSK there was all kinds of diversity. From race to life experience, church background to current job, political leanings to socioeconomic status, and more. BSK held open a wide umbrella where all of us were welcome to learn from and with each other.”



– Laura Edgar
2015 graduate

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Finances

Because of our reasonable tuition costs, strong scholarship resources and work-friendly block scheduling, 80% of BSK graduates finish their degree without incurring any educational debt while attending seminary. The remaining 20% incur less than \$10,000 in educational debt.

Why is BSK so affordable?

Reasonable tuition costs.

At \$375 per credit hour (and \$150 per audit hour), the Baptist Seminary of Kentucky offers the Master of Divinity degree at an impressively low cost.

Strong scholarship resources.

Any BSK student taking 5 or more credit hours a semester is able to apply for Financial Aid. Baptist Seminary of Kentucky has plentiful opportunities for students to receive academic scholarships as well as need-based aid.

Work-friendly block scheduling.

Because of BSK's block scheduling approach, students are able to take classes in tandem with working full-time. This allows students to continue their full-time positions while in school and not have to quit working and continue to accrue debt. Students are also able to spread their classes out over time and do not have to load up on classes each semester at an un-affordable rate.

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Degree Program

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky offers the Master of Divinity degree, accredited by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS). This degree program is 90 hours with 72 required hours and 18 elective hours.

Within the Master of Divinity, students also have the option to concentrate in Pastoral Care and Counseling or Rural Ministry.

The concentration in Pastoral Care and Counseling provides training within the context of Master of Divinity studies. This emphasis will enable students to fulfill significant requirements toward licensure or certification.

The concentration in Rural Ministry offers intensive internship experiences as well as electives specific to preparation for rural ministry. Students will also discover resources through the Berry Center, which collaborates with BSK around this program.

Environment

Because of the intimate, contextual environment in the classrooms at BSK, professors know their students well, and are able to apply what is being taught directly to what students are doing outside of the classroom.

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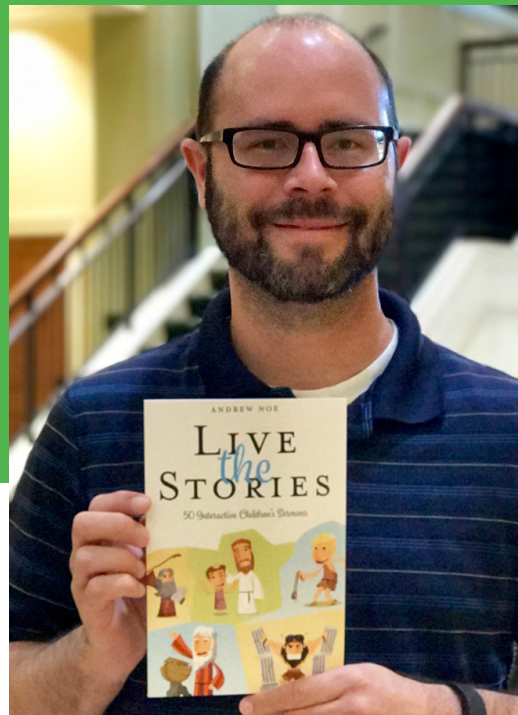
Classroom Style

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky offers theological education that is contextual, immersive and collaborative.



"Many of the classes required projects that showcased our knowledge of the material, but were usable in the church setting. I created a lesson in my Church History class that I turned right around and used to teach children about what it means to be a Baptist."

– Andrew Noe, 2013 graduate



Louisville

Simmons College of Kentucky

Simmons College provides an urban setting in which to pursue theological education. Simmons College has been central in efforts to grow opportunities and improve life for the vibrant community in West Louisville. Working with city and civic leaders, as well as the ministerial alliance known as "Empower West," Simmons College offers an energizing setting in which to study and do ministry. Our Louisville site includes offices and classrooms in the historic Steward Hall on 7th Street. BSK students enjoy library, recreation and other cultural opportunities as part of our presence at Simmons College.



Louisville, Kentucky is a metropolitan area offering major medical, educational and shopping areas, as well as a vibrant culture around sports and the arts. Both Lexington, Kentucky and Cincinnati, Ohio can be reached in about an hour by car, providing two additional nearby major metropolitan areas and airports.

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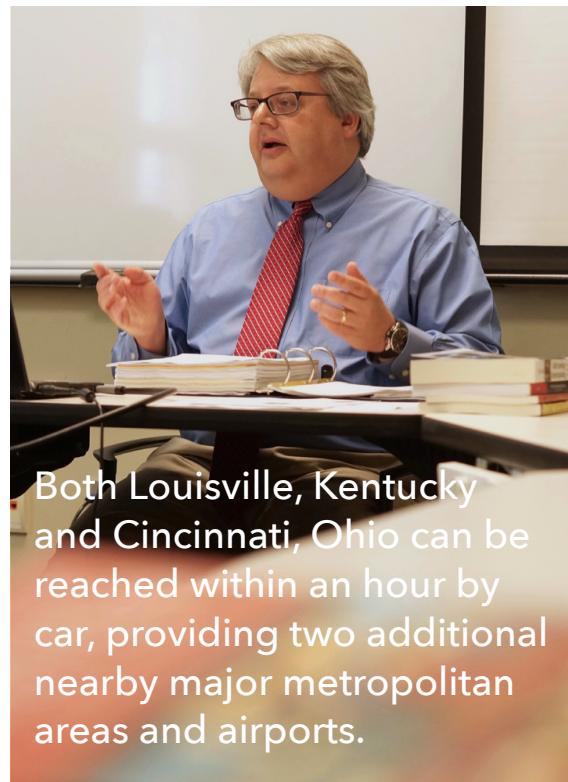
Georgetown

Georgetown College



Georgetown College provides a picturesque setting for learning, allowing BSK students to enjoy the extensive library, museum and recreational services available on campus.

The historic town of Georgetown is the home of Toyota's largest plant in the USA, great restaurants and beautiful scenery. Much of Kentucky is rural, and Georgetown's location and culture make it convenient to participate in ministry or work in nearby rural communities. Georgetown is only minutes from Lexington, which offers major medical, educational and shopping areas, as well as a vibrant culture around sports and the arts.



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Creativity

Baptist Seminary of Kentucky students and alumni use their degrees in many different and creative ways.

Sara Herrington Jones

Has earned several certificates in "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" training, and is exploring further ways to extend the reach of this program into neighborhoods and rural areas through a mobile classroom non-profit.

Andrew Noe

Serves as the Director of Faithways Academy at Georgetown College and has also written children's books and created Youth Ministry Conversations, a website where Youth Ministers can find curriculum and other content.

Damon Horton

Co-founder of Within My Father's House, an organization dedicated to helping ex-offenders and at-risk youth and adults obtain educational and spiritual development opportunities.

Scarlette Jasper

Serves as a missionary among the homeless population and working poor, families in medical crisis, victims of domestic violence and families in financial crisis.

Jessica Jasper

Neonatal unit chaplain who has created initiatives to implement programs and change hospital policies and procedures to better serve families who experience pregnancy and infant loss.



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Areas of Emphasis

Over the years, the BSK community has developed key areas of emphasis that have helped focus our efforts and passions. Sometimes our commitment to these areas is expressed in special events, partnerships, or programs, but all are woven into appropriate places in our curriculum and community.

Women in
Ministry

Racial
Justice

Pastoral
Care

Rural
Ministry

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"My experience as a BSK student was holistic, healthy, complete – terrifying, hilarious, frustrating, and fun, fun, fun. Oh, and completely holy."

– Bert Montgomery
2007 graduate



Learn More

If you're interested in learning more about what Baptist Seminary of Kentucky has to offer, contact our Director of Admissions, Abby Sizemore, at 502.863.8301 or abby.sizemore@bsk.edu to set up a campus visit.

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