

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) DEGREE PROGRAMS

BIBLICAL STUDIES (BS) MAJOR

Purpose

The Associate of Arts degree with a major in Biblical Studies is designed to provide students with a basic knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation as preparation for further training for vocational ministry.

Associate Degree Objectives

Students graduating with an Associate of Divinity or Associate of Arts degree will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to the natural and social world.
2. Demonstrate an introductory understanding of the theological foundations of Christian ministry.
3. Demonstrate introductory competence in practical skills of Christian ministry, such as information management, strategic decision-making, and communication.
4. Demonstrate a basic foundation for subsequent formal and informal education.

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Associate of Arts Degree with a major in Biblical Studies will be able to:

5. Demonstrate knowledge of the Old and New Testaments.
6. Interpret Scripture according to basic hermeneutical principles.
7. Formulate theological beliefs based upon Biblical and historical perspectives.
8. Demonstrate basic skills in communicating Biblical truth.

CURRICULUM

Biblical/Theological Studies	15 hours
BS101 Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102 Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
HT350 Christian Doctrine I	3 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions and Evangelism	3 hrs
General Education	22 hours
GE101-102 English Composition I & II	6 hrs
GE201 Introduction to Computers	3 hrs
GE235 Marriage and Family	3 hrs
GS100 Freshman Experience ¹	1 hr
HT101 Christianity and the Western World	3 hrs
HT401 Worldviews	3 hrs
MU301 Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs
BS Emphasis	23 hours
BS Old Testament Electives	6 hrs
BS New Testament Electives	6 hrs
BS201 Biblical Interpretation	2 hrs
CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church ²	3 hrs
CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching ²	3 hrs
HT351 Christian Doctrine II	3 hrs
Electives	4 hours
TOTAL	64 hours

1. Required for first-time, first-year students; waived for upperclassmen and replaced with an open elective hour.
2. Male students may take MN310 Sermon Preparation (3 hrs) and MN311 Sermon Delivery (3 hrs) in lieu of CE304 Teaching Ministries of the Church (3 hrs) and CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching (3 hrs).