

BIBLICAL STUDIES (BS) MAJOR,

Purpose

The Biblical Studies Major is designed to provide increased knowledge of the Bible and its interpretation as preparation for service in local church ministries, evangelism, international or North American missions, denominational service, and/or other Christian ministries.

B.A. Degree Objectives

Students graduating with the Bachelor of Arts degree will be able to:

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

Biblical Studies Major Objectives

Students graduating with the Biblical Studies major will be able to:

5. Demonstrate increased understanding of Biblical material.
6. Interpret Scripture using appropriate hermeneutical and historically informed principles.
7. Demonstrate skill in communicating Biblical truth.

CURRICULUM

Biblical/Theological Studies	21 hours
BS202 Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs
BS320 The Pentateuch	3 hrs
BS350 The Gospels	3 hrs
HT350-351 Christian Doctrine I & II	6 hrs
MN201 Personal Evangelism and Discipleship	3 hrs
MS201 Global Missions & Evangelism	3 hrs
General Education	52 hours
BS101 Survey of Old Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS102 Survey of New Testament Literature	3 hrs
BS205 Historical Geography of the Bible	3 hrs
GE101-102 English Composition I & II	6 hrs
GE125 Basic College Mathematics	3 hrs
GE180 Introduction to Nutrition	3 hrs
GE201 Introduction to Computers	3 hrs
GE210 Basic Speech Communication	3 hrs
GE235 Marriage and Family	3 hrs
GE240 World Literature	3 hrs
GE320 Introduction to Business and Finance	3 hrs
GS100 Freshman Experience ¹	1 hr
HT101 Christianity and the Western World	3 hrs
HT401 Worldviews	3 hrs
HT410 Christian Ethics	3 hrs
HT420 Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs
MU301 Introduction to Music in the Church	3 hrs
Biblical Studies Major	36 hours
BS326-327 Prophetic Literature of the OT I & II	6 hrs
BS330 Wisdom and Poetic Literature of the OT	3 hrs
BS353 The Acts and Pauline Letters	3 hrs
BS356 Hebrews and General Epistles	3 hrs
BS405 Biblical Backgrounds	3 hrs
Select One Pair: BS451-452 Elementary Greek I & II OR BS441-442 Elementary Hebrew I & II	6 hrs
CE304 Teaching Ministry of the Church ²	3 hrs
CE401 Principles of Christian Teaching ²	3 hrs
HT111 Baptist History and Practice	3 hrs
HT460 Biblical Theology	3 hrs
Electives	17 hours
TOTAL	126 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).