

Department of Biblical Studies

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Admission to the Bible Major and Scholarships

Students must be formally admitted to the major to graduate with a degree in Bible. Pre-majors will usually apply for formal admission during their fourth long semester. Information about the requirements, deadlines, and applications for formal admission to the major is available from the department administrative assistant. A limited number of tuition discounts are available for majors. Scholarships and discounts may be renewed beyond the fourth long semester only if the student is formally admitted to the program. Formal admission as a major does not guarantee that one will receive a tuition discount. Tuition discount scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis each semester and require service to the department.

Degrees

To earn a degree, students must complete the curriculum and meet other requirements for a degree listed in the academic policy section of this catalog.

- [Bachelor of Arts - Biblical Text and Preaching](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts - Children's Ministry](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts - Missions](#)
- [Bachelor of Arts - Youth and Family Ministry](#)
- [Master of Science - Family Ministry](#)

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Text and Preaching

A. University Core (45 hours)

- BIB1312 Introduction to the Old Testament for Majors
- BIB1322 Introduction to the New Testament for Majors
- MIN2322 Christian Spiritual Formation
- HTH3311 Christian History and Theology I
- COM2340 Communication for the Professional
- ENG1301 Composition Studies
- ENG1302 Composition and Literature
- PSY1300 General Psychology
- HIS1315 World History and Geography I
- HIS1316 World History and Geography II
- ESS1200 Personal Fitness and Wellness
- MAT1311 College Algebra
- 3 hours from BIO, CHE, NRC or PHY
- ENG2301 Masterpieces of Literature
- PHI3305 Ethics
- UNI1170 University Seminar
- UNI2000 University Skills

B. Major (36 hours)

- BIB3312 Nature of Scripture

- BIB4311 Advanced Biblical Interpretation
- BIB4090 Practicum
- BIB4360 Bible Department Capstone
- 9 hours from BIB, BNT, or BOT
- 3 hours from
 - BIL4351 Advanced Greek
 - BIL4357 Advanced Hebrew
- 9 hours upper level from BIB, BNT, or BOT
- 3 hours from
 - MIN4302 Preaching Biblical Genre
 - BIB4302 Preaching Biblical Genre
- MIN4342 Christian Ministry

C. Supporting Courses (39 hours)

- BIB2302 Interpretation: Hermeneutics
- BIB2303 Interpretation: Homiletics
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2311 Elementary Greek I
 - BIL3313 Elementary Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2322 Elementary Greek II
 - BIL3324 Elementary Hebrew II
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3331 Intermediate Greek I
 - BIL4336 Intermediate Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3342 Intermediate Greek II
 - BIL4345 Intermediate Hebrew II
- HTH3322 Christian History and Theology II
- HTH4331 Christian History and Theology III
- MIN2311 Mission of God
- MIN3301 Family and Congregational Dynamics
- MIN4331 Spiritual Direction and Worship
- PHI2304 Introduction to Philosophy
- 3 hours from
 - REL3301 World Religions
 - PHI4306 Philosophy of Religion

D. Electives (9 hours)

E. Total (129 hours)

Note: Students that took BIB 1310 instead of BIB 1312 must also take BIB 1010. Students that took BIB 1320 instead of BIB 1312 must also take BIB 1020.

Bachelor of Arts in Children's Ministry

A. University Core (45 hours)

- BIB1312 Introduction to the Old Testament for Majors
- BIB1322 Introduction to the New Testament for Majors
- MIN2322 Christian Spiritual Formation
- HTH3311 Christian History and Theology I
- COM2340 Communication for the Professional
- ENG1301 Composition Studies
- ENG1302 Composition and Literature
- PSY1300 General Psychology
- HIS1315 World History and Geography I
- HIS1316 World History and Geography II

- ESS1200 Personal Fitness and Wellness
- MAT1311 College Algebra
- 3 hours from BIO, CHE, NRC or PHY
- ENG2301 Masterpieces of Literature
- PHI3305 Ethics
- UNI1170 University Seminar
- UNI2000 University Skills

B. Major (36 hours)

- BIB3312 Nature of Scripture
- BIB4311 Advanced Biblical Interpretation
- BIB4360 Bible Department Capstone
- 9 hours from BIB, BNT, or BOT
- 3 hours from
 - CFM2311 Foundations of Children, Youth and Family Ministry
 - YFM2311 Foundations of Children, Youth and Family Ministry
- CFM2326 Practice of Children and Family Ministry
- CFM3301 Children's Spiritual Formation
- CFM3302 Methods for Children's Spiritual Formation
- CFM4090 Practicum
- MIN3303 Contemporary Issues in the Family
- MIN4342 Christian Ministry

C. Supporting Courses (39 hours)

- BIB2302 Interpretation: Hermeneutics
- BIB2303 Interpretation: Homiletics
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2311 Elementary Greek I
 - BIL3313 Elementary Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2322 Elementary Greek II
 - BIL3324 Elementary Hebrew II
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3331 Intermediate Greek I
 - BIL4336 Intermediate Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3342 Intermediate Greek II
 - BIL4345 Intermediate Hebrew II
- HTH3322 Christian History and Theology II
- HTH4331 Christian History and Theology III
- MIN2311 Mission of God
- MIN3301 Family and Congregational Dynamics
- MIN4331 Spiritual Direction and Worship
- PHI2304 Introduction to Philosophy
- 3 hours from
 - REL3301 World Religions
 - PHI4306 Philosophy of Religion

D. Electives (9 hours)

E. Total (129 hours)

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Bachelor of Arts in Missions

A. University Core (45 hours)

- BIB1312 Introduction to the Old Testament for Majors
- BIB1322 Introduction to the New Testament for Majors
- MIN2322 Christian Spiritual Formation
- HTH3311 Christian History and Theology I
- COM2340 Communication for the Professional
- ENG1301 Composition Studies
- ENG1302 Composition and Literature
- PSY1300 General Psychology
- HIS1315 World History and Geography I
- HIS1316 World History and Geography II
- ESS1200 Personal Fitness and Wellness
- MAT1311 College Algebra
- 3 hours from BIO, CHE, NRC or PHY
- ENG2301 Masterpieces of Literature
- PHI3305 Ethics
- UNI1170 University Seminar
- UNI2000 University Skills

B. Major (36 hours)

- BIB3312 Nature of Scripture
- BIB4311 Advanced Biblical Interpretation
- BIB4360 Bible Department Capstone
- 9 hours from BIB, BNT, or BOT
- MIN4342 Christian Ministry
- MIS2311 Introduction to Missions
- MIS2322 Missionary Anthropology
- 6 hours from
 - MIS3302 The Gospel and Holistic Missions
 - MIS3303 Living Globally
 - MIS4304 Imaging God
- MIS4312 Mission Team Dynamics
- MIS4090 Practicum

C. Supporting Courses (39 hours)

- BIB2302 Interpretation: Hermeneutics
- BIB2303 Interpretation: Homiletics
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2311 Elementary Greek I
 - BIL3313 Elementary Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2322 Elementary Greek II
 - BIL3324 Elementary Hebrew II
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3331 Intermediate Greek I
 - BIL4336 Intermediate Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3342 Intermediate Greek II
 - BIL4345 Intermediate Hebrew II
- HTH3322 Christian History and Theology II
- HTH4331 Christian History and Theology III
- MIN2311 Mission of God
- MIN3301 Family and Congregational Dynamics
- MIN4331 Spiritual Direction and Worship
- PHI2304 Introduction to Philosophy
- 3 hours from
 - REL3301 World Religions
 - PHI4306 Philosophy of Religion

D. Electives (9 hours)

E. Total (129 hours)

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Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry

A. University Core (45 hours)

- BIB1312 Introduction to the Old Testament for Majors
- BIB1322 Introduction to the New Testament for Majors
- MIN2322 Christian Spiritual Formation
- HTH3311 Christian History and Theology I
- COM2340 Communication for the Professional
- ENG1301 Composition Studies
- ENG1302 Composition and Literature
- PSY1300 General Psychology
- HIS1315 World History and Geography I
- HIS1316 World History and Geography II
- ESS1200 Personal Fitness and Wellness
- MAT1311 College Algebra
- 3 hours from BIO, CHE, NRC or PHY
- ENG2301 Masterpieces of Literature
- PHI3305 Ethics
- UNI1170 University Seminar
- UNI2000 University Skills

B. Major (36 hours)

- BIB3312 Nature of Scripture
- BIB4311 Advanced Biblical Interpretation
- BIB4360 Bible Department Capstone
- 9 hours from BIB, BNT, or BOT
- MIN3303 Contemporary Issues in the Family
- MIN4342 Christian Ministry
- YFM2311 Foundations of Youth and Family Ministry
- YFM2324 Strategic Issues of Youth and Family Ministry
- YFM3303 Adolescent Spiritual Formation
- YFM4322 Advanced Youth and Family Ministry
- YFM4090 Practicum

C. Supporting Courses (39 hours)

- BIB2302 Interpretation: Hermeneutics
- BIB2303 Interpretation: Homiletics
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2311 Elementary Greek I
 - BIL3313 Elementary Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL2322 Elementary Greek II
 - BIL3324 Elementary Hebrew II
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3331 Intermediate Greek I
 - BIL4336 Intermediate Hebrew I
- 3 hours from
 - BIL3342 Intermediate Greek II
 - BIL4345 Intermediate Hebrew II
- HTH3322 Christian History and Theology II

- HTH4331 Christian History and Theology III
- MIN2311 Mission of God
- MIN3301 Family and Congregational Dynamics
- MIN4331 Spiritual Direction and Worship
- PHI2304 Introduction to Philosophy
- 3 hours from
 - REL3301 World Religions
 - PHI4306 Philosophy of Religion

D. Elective (9 hours)

E. Total (129 hours)

Note: Students that took BIB 1310 instead of BIB 1312 must also take BIB 1010. Students that took BIB 1320 instead of BIB 1312 must also take BIB 1020.

Master of Science in Family Ministry

Students in the Master of Science in Family Ministry must take at least one-third (1/3) of their credit hours in hybrid formats which includes an on-campus classroom experience.

(48 hours)

- BIB6300 Introduction to Graduate Studies
- REL6334 Christian History and Theology
- REL6333 Ethics
- 6 hours from BIB
- HSC6301 Family Life Education
- HSC6310 Social Development of Individuals and Families
- HSC6322 Human Sexuality
- HSC6324 Family Resource Management
- HSC6315 Parent Education
- HSC6332 Helping Professions and Public Policy
- HSC6333 Ethics in Helping Professions
- MIN6304 Church Leadership
- MIN6301 Family Ministry
- MIN6323 Family Systems
- MIN6390 Practicum in Family Ministry
- MIN6062 Comprehensive Examination

Minor in Biblical Languages

The biblical languages minor requires 24 hours.

- BIL2311 Elementary Greek I
- BIL2322 Elementary Greek II
- BIL3313 Elementary Hebrew I
- BIL3324 Elementary Hebrew II
- 12 hours from upper level BIL

Minor in Missions

The missions minor requires 18 hours. The student must be in good standing with the university and maintain ongoing involvement in the missions community.

- 18 hours from
 - MIS2311 Introduction to Missions
 - MIS2322 Missionary Anthropology
 - MIS3302 The Gospel and Holistic Missions
 - MIS3303 Living Globally
 - MIS4304 Imaging God

- MIS4312 Mission Team Dynamics
- REL3301 World Religions

Minor in Philosophy

The philosophy minor requires 18 hours. At least 9 must be in addition to the 126 hours required for the Bachelor of Arts degree.

- PHI2304 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHI3303 Plato
- 3 hours from
 - PHI3305 Ethics
 - PHI3310 Aristotle's Ethics
- 9 hours from
 - ART4308 Art Theory and Criticism
 - ENG3307 Classical and Contemporary Rhetoric
 - PHI3304 Augustine and Aquinas
 - PHI4306 Philosophy of Religion
 - REL3368 Intermediate Studies in Religion/Theology