

BIBLICAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE

The goal of the Biblical Studies Certificate, which emphasizes foundational coursework in biblical studies, is to nurture more informed, whole and holy people for the blessing of church congregations and their witness to the world. Its purpose is to strengthen faith and understanding, and to equip people to teach and lead with godly wisdom.

All three required courses must be taken at Bethel, and only courses taken for credit will apply toward the certificate. Coursework from other institutions is not transferable. After receiving this certificate, students who later choose to pursue a Bethel degree, may receive credit toward their specific degree program for courses taken, if applicable.

Program Outcomes

1. A comprehensive understanding of biblical content, a discerning approach to biblical interpretation, and theological reflection informed by historical traditions.
2. Growth in emotional, spiritual, and relational health resulting in observable love for God and neighbor
3. Capacity and skills in area of biblical exegesis
4. Intercultural competence for the purpose of advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Intentional integration of faith, learning, life and practice.

Code	Title	Credits
Biblical Studies Certificate ¹		
BT 510	Biblical Hermeneutics	4
NT 516	Reading New Testament Literature	4
OT 516	Reading Old Testament Literature	4
Total Credits		12

¹ It is highly recommended that students take GS 001 in addition to the other Biblical Studies courses.