BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Biblical and Theological Studies form an essential part of a liberal arts education. They put students into contact with the historical foundations of the Christian faith in the Old and New Testaments and introduce the great doctrines of Christianity, which have been formulated in the church and have been expounded and debated by theologians past and present. They provide a forum in which the foundation and content of students’ faith can be examined and an opportunity for students to understand the teachings of the most significant world religions. Students in biblical and theological studies are also encouraged to see the value of learning one or more of the languages in which the Christian Scriptures were written (Greek and Hebrew).

Besides its service to students within the liberal arts curriculum, the Department of Biblical and Theological Studies aims to prepare students for seminary or other graduate studies in fields related to theology, to provide biblical and theological background for other ministries that students may enter without a graduate degree, and to enrich the life and ministry of the church by equipping educated laypeople with the tools for lifelong Bible study.

Majors in Biblical and Theological Studies

• B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies
• B.A. in Missional Ministries

Minors in Biblical and Theological Studies

• Biblical and Theological Studies
• Biblical Languages (Hebrew and Greek)
• Religious Studies (See Religious Studies section)

BIB 101 • Introduction to the Bible 3 Credits. Traces the journey of God’s people from Abraham and Sarah through the New Testament church, highlighting the unifying self-disclosure of God in the various cultures and types of writing of the Old and New Testaments. A holistic approach is used to introduce students to both historical and thematic content as well as broad but basic exegetical principles. Offered: Fall, Interim, Spring.

BIB 205 • Introduction to Spiritual Formation 3 Credits. Examines key Old and New Testament texts undergirding Christian spirituality, differentiating it from other forms of spirituality. The study and practice of historic spiritual disciplines and readings of classic and contemporary works in Christian spirituality, including African, Asian, Hispanic, and European perspectives. Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Spring, even # years.

BIB 210 • History of Ancient Israel 3 Credits. Focus on the history of the coastlands along the southern half of the eastern Mediterranean from the Early Bronze through the Maccabean eras, with an emphasis on the rise and history of ancient Israel. Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 212 • Reading the Hebrew Bible 3 Credits. Study of select foundational themes and difficult areas for Christians reading the Hebrew Bible today, with an introduction to a range of methods in interpretation. Topics discussed may include: creation, capital punishment, social justice, violence and holy war, and the status of women. Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 220 • The Pentateuch 3 Credits. Study of mosaic books of the Old Testament, with particular interest in the Genesis account of world beginnings, the Patriarchs, the Exodus and founding of the nation of Israel, and the faith and religion of the Hebrews. Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 230Z • Israel Study Tour 3 Credits. Historical geography and onsite investigation of the Holy Land with emphasis on sites from the Early Bronze through Byzantine eras. Particular emphasis on sites that underlie the Hebrew Bible, the intertestamental period, and the New Testament. Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally interim.
BIB 236 • Archaeology of the Southern Levant 3 Credits.
Explores the objectives, history, methodology, and results of archaeology of the coastlands along the southern half of the eastern Mediterranean from the Early Bronze through Early Roman eras.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 240 • Topics in Biblical Studies 3 Credits.
Study of a biblical area or topic. The specific subject is announced when the course is offered.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 260 • The Life and Teachings of Jesus 3 Credits.
Main events of the life of Jesus and the form and message of His teaching in the light of first century Jewish culture. Use of the Old Testament in the gospels, the structure of the gospels, and their literary genre.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or spring

BIB 264Z • Greece-Italy Study Tour 3 Credits.
Onsite investigation of the sites and regions that underlie the people, movements, and events of the Early Christian era. The area is examined in light of the historical, geographical, and rich cultural context of the classical Greek and Roman worlds.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally, Interim.

BIB 265 • The Life and Teachings of Paul 3 Credits.
Life of Paul, his strategic role in the expansion of Christianity, and the contribution of his theology and thought as reflected in his writings.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 301J • The Faith of Abraham in Genesis, Paul and James 3 Credits.
The faith of Abraham as reflected in biblical and extra-canonical traditions, with emphasis on Genesis, Romans, Galatians, and the book of James. Attention to the theological and exegetical perspectives of the various documents, unity and diversity within the canon, and contemporary application.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 302J • Biblical Law in Christian Belief and Practice 3 Credits.
Biblical law as an expression of the character and will of God; the form, content, and use of law throughout Scripture; and the relationship of law and grace. Modern viewpoints on the abiding relevance of biblical law for individuals and societies.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 304J • Messianic Concepts 3 Credits.
Development of such terms as “Son of Man,” “Son of God,” and “Messiah” is traced from origins in Old Testament texts of poetry and prophecy to New Testament fulfillment in the Gospels and Epistles.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 305J • Sleep, Surrender, and Sabbath 3 Credits.
The theology and ethics of rest from a biblical perspective. Focus on key passages in Scripture regarding sleep, dreams, and Sabbath. Explores topics such as creation, the human condition, divine relationality, human dependency, prayer, and social responsibility. Interdisciplinary approach, utilizing historical records of Sabbath practices, scientific research, and sociological analyses.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 306J • Covenant, Promise, and Fulfillment 3 Credits.
Major covenants between God and humans in both the Old and New Testaments. Relationships between these covenants, especially regarding the theme of promise and fulfillment.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 307J • Jerusalem: Earthly City and Spiritual Symbol 3 Credits.
Jerusalem as the means of studying God’s plans for worldwide redemption. The city where much of biblical history took place and its symbolism as God’s earthly and heavenly kingdoms: its geography, history, and relationship to the Biblical covenants.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.
BIB 308J • Biblical Theology of Reconciliation 3 Credits.
The goal of reconciliation in personal and socio-political conflicts is examined in light of biblical texts relating to liberation from oppression, establishment of justice, practice of forgiveness, and promotion of peace.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 309J • A Biblical Theology of Poverty 3 Credits.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 310J • Holiness in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits.
Exegetical and theological foundations underlying the biblical notion of holiness in both the Old and New Testaments. Biblical texts in their historical-cultural context, with a view to uncovering biblical understandings of holiness and integrating them into a Christian worldview.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 311J • Worship in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 312J • Female and Male in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits.
Significant Old and New Testament passages related to past and current discussions of gender, roles, and ministry in the church.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 313J • A Biblical Theology of Justice 3 Credits.
Justice, in the full biblical sense, is employed as an integrating focus for the task of God on earth of restoring humankind. Elements of continuity and discontinuity between the Old Testament and New Testament. Location of each major block of biblical data in historical, literary, and social context.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 314J • The "Word" in Biblical Tradition 3 Credits.
"Word" in its creative, redemptive, active, prophetic, and prescriptive significance in the Christian canon. Beginning with the concept of "word" in creation through "The Word as Law" and "The Prophetic Word," and ending with emphasis on "The Incarnate Word" and the words of the cross, the preacher, and the sacraments.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 315J • God, Evil, and Spiritual Warfare 3 Credits.
Study of God's ongoing battle with spiritual forces from Genesis to Revelation. Origin, power, activity, and end of Satan and evil angels are traced throughout Scripture. Discussion of implications of these concepts for the problem of evil, a theology of providence, and spiritual formation.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 316J • Vocation and Calling: A Biblical Perspective 3 Credits.
An investigation of the biblical understandings of vocation and calling in both Old and New Testaments. Examination of foundational issues such as definitions of ministry, personal and spiritual gifting, the role of the church in contemporary context, and calling and vocation as they relate to being Christ-followers.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.
BIB 317J • Family in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits.
Biblical perspective of family developed through an examination of family in ancient biblical cultures and a study of family in the Old and New Testaments. A biblical perspective integrated with an exploration of the cultural and historical influences on our contemporary understanding of family.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 319J • Eschatology: The Last Things in the Church's Scriptures 3 Credits.
Examines “the last things” in the Pentateuch, historical works, poetry, gospels, letters, and apocalypse. Exegesis of the Bible’s statements regarding the last things in order to learn how they functioned in their original setting, how they function in Scripture, and how they function in living out a Christian worldview today.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 321 • Issues in Biblical Studies 3 Credits.
Theoretical and practical introduction to academic study in biblical disciplines. Major theories that influence current study along with methods for research and investigation in these fields.
Prerequisites: 200-level course in biblical studies; THE 201; Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course. Offered: Fall.

BIB 326 • The Prophets of Israel 3 Credits.
The basic meaning of prophecy and the function of the prophets in Israel; analysis of the context and message of the great Hebrew prophets. Inductive studies bring out theological truths and relate them to the New Testament as well as to the Christian life as experienced today.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 331G • Cultural World of the New Testament 3 Credits.
Historical and cultural backgrounds of the New Testament in their Jewish, Greek, and Roman contexts.
Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course]. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 334G • Cultural World of the Old Testament 3 Credits.
Historical, cultural, and archaeological backgrounds of the Old Testament in their Ancient Near Eastern contexts.
Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course]. Offered: Occasionally

BIB 336 • Poetic Books of the Old Testament 3 Credits.
Doctrinal and devotional themes of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. The literary structure of these books and of individual psalms, the nature of Hebrew poetry, and its use in the New Testament and the church.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 370 • Romans 3 Credits.
A widely influential letter of Paul with emphasis on the themes of justification by faith, ethics (good works), and life in the Spirit. Discussion of the letter’s significance for original and contemporary readers.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, odd # years.

BIB 375 • First Corinthians 3 Credits.
Paul’s letter to the Corinthian church in its first century setting. Topics include sexuality, divorce, spiritual gifts, the Christian ministry, resurrection, and the contemporary application of these.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, even # years.

BIB 440 • Topics in Biblical Studies 3 Credits.
Advanced course on a biblical area or topic. The specific subject is announced when the course is offered.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Occasionally

BIB 499 • Seminar: Biblical Studies 3 Credits.
A selected topic in biblical studies related to a course theme. A major research project is followed by an oral and written presentation of its results.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; BIB 321; major in biblical and theological studies. Offered: Spring.
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<td>GRK 103</td>
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<td>Provides Spanish-speaking students (or non-native speakers or Spanish majors who have gained proficiency in the language) with a basic introduction to New Testament (Koine) Greek. Focus on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament.</td>
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<td>Second half of a two-part introduction to NT (Koine) Greek. Greek II focuses on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical concepts, and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament, with special focus on the latter.</td>
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<td>GRK 253</td>
<td>Readings in New Testament Greek</td>
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<td>Advanced Greek Translation</td>
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<td>Translation and analysis of Greek passages, both biblical and classical, of moderate to considerable difficulty. Specific subject matter varies each term.</td>
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<td>Study of a selected book or representative passages in the Greek New Testament to increase exegetical skills. A major exegetical project is followed by an oral and written presentation of results.</td>
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<td>Study of the Hebrew of the Old Testament. Designed for the beginning student. The Old Testament is used to build a basic vocabulary and to understand the language's phonology, morphology, basic syntax, and semantics.</td>
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LAT 102S • Introductory Latin II 4 Credits.
Further study and use of the spoken and written language and culture of ancient Rome.
Prerequisites: LAT 101 or placement exam. Offered: Spring, even # years.

MIN 200 • Foundations of Ministry 3 Credits.
Introduction to the theology and practice of ministry. Presents a conceptual, theological, and biblical understanding of ministry. Opportunity to develop a usable, working philosophy of ministry and a model for critical thinking about the practice of contemporary ministry.
Prerequisites: LAT 101 (may be taken concurrently). Offered: Spring, even # years.

MIN 210 • Adolescent Development and the Family 3 Credits.
Understanding child/adolescent development in the physical, cognitive, moral, psycho-social, cultural, and spiritual arenas, along with examining family social systems and family dynamics. Focus on application to practical ministry.
Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Fall, odd # years.

MIN 310Z • Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church 3 Credits.
Ministry in an urban, multicultural context. Emphasizes biblical, theological, and historical themes of reconciliation, diversity, poverty, and justice. Experiences include homeless shelters, youth ministry centers, spiritually formative practices, and the religious and cultural life of a major city.
Prerequisites: THE 201; Junior standing. Special Notes: Carries cross listing in Biblical and Theological Studies. Offered: Interim.

MIN 320 • Spiritual and Faith Formation 3 Credits.
Dynamics of spiritual development and faith formation. Review of biblical, historical, and theological models as well as contemporary social science research. Emphasizes the spiritual and faith formation of both ministers and those to whom they minister, and the interrelatedness of evangelism and discipleship as well as counseling and referral.
Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Spring.

MIN 328 • Missional Theology 3 Credits.
Explores the doctrine of the Trinity and its connections to the missio Dei (mission of God) and how God's mission influences our thinking and practice as the church, with a special emphasis on the context of North America.
Prerequisites: BIB 101 or THE 201; Junior standing. Offered: Spring.

MIN 330 • Teaching in Ministry Contexts 3 Credits.
Preparation and delivery of presentations enabling students to teach effectively in various settings. Students develop their theology and philosophy of teaching and learning. Improving skills in teaching small and large groups, facilitating discussion, adapting curriculum to audiences and contexts, and self-analysis. Emphasis on biblical themes of reconciliation, diversity, and justice.
Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Fall, even # years.

MIN 350 • Ministry Practicum I 1 Credit.
Explores ministry as a career through discipleship and job shadowing. Development as a disciple, and reflection on personal call to ministry as a career.
Prerequisites: MIN 200. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Fall.

MIN 355 • Ministry Practicum II 1 Credit.
Explores ministry as a career through discipleship and job shadowing. Development as a discipler, and reflection on personal call to ministry as a career.
Prerequisites: MIN 200; MIN 350. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Fall.

MIN 483 • Ministry Internship I 3 Credits.
Explores ministry as a career through a supervised ministry internship, seminars, readings, and reflections. Students reflect especially on defining their current sense of calling.
Prerequisites: MIN 200; MIN 350; MIN 355. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Fall.

MIN 484 • Ministry Internship II 3 Credits.
Explores ministry as a career through a supervised ministry internship, seminars, readings, and reflections. Students integrate various components of their Missional Ministries major.
Prerequisites: MIN 200; MIN 350; MIN 355; MIN 483. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Spring.

MIN 499 • Senior Seminar 3 Credits.
Selected topics in ministry leadership with emphasis on preparation for ministry, culminating with a professional portfolio. A major research project is followed by an oral presentation of its results.
Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; MIN 200; Missional Ministries major; senior standing. Offered: Spring.
THE 201 • Christian Theology 3 Credits.
Investigates central themes of the Christian faith from a primarily systematic perspective. Topics include Scripture, God, the person and work of Jesus Christ, salvation, and last things. Emphasis on the unity and diversity of theological beliefs within Christianity, and on the interrelationships among theological understanding, culture, and discipleship.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; Sophomore standing.
Offered: Fall, Interim, Spring.

THE 235 • Current Theological Controversies 3 Credits.
Study of a number of theological topics of contemporary interest or debate such as the Calvinism/Arminianism debate, the inerrancy of Scripture, the nature of divine foreknowledge, spiritual gifts, and end times controversies.
Prerequisites: THE 201. Offered: Occasionally

THE 240 • Topics in Theology 3 Credits.
Study of a theological area or topic. The specific topic is announced when the course is offered.
Prerequisites: THE 201. Offered: Occasionally

THE 256L • Christian Apologetics 3 Credits.
Study of the intellectual viability of the Christian faith. Topics include the nature of apologetics and apologetic method, theological and philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God, and historical and philosophical arguments for and against the central beliefs of Christianity.
Prerequisites: THE 201 or GES 246; GES 130 and GES 160 (may be taken concurrently) or GES 244 (may be taken concurrently). Offered: Fall, Interim, Spring.

THE 263 • Christian Social Ethics 3 Credits.
Christian approaches to ethical problems within today’s society, such as the morality of war, poverty and welfare, homelessness, racism, and human sexuality. Roles of Christians and churches in response to these issues. Classical ethical approaches of utilitarianism, Kant, and social contract ethics.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; THE 201. Offered: Fall.

THE 310Z • Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church 3 Credits.
Ministry in an urban, multicultural context. Emphasizes biblical, theological, and historical themes of reconciliation, diversity, poverty, and justice. Experiences include homeless shelters, youth ministry centers, spiritually formative practices, and the religious and cultural life of a major city.
Prerequisites: THE 201; Junior standing. Special Notes: Carries cross-credit in Missional Ministries. Offered: Interim.

THE 311 • Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective 3 Credits.
Explores the global historical development of Christian thought from the Early Church to the Reformation. Includes assessment of major figures such as Augustine and Aquinas, and developments such as early North African, Syriac, Byzantine, medieval Asian, and European theologies.
Prerequisites: BIB 101; THE 201 or consent of instructor. Offered: Fall.

THE 312L • Post-Reformation to Contemporary Theology in Trans-Atlantic Perspective 3 Credits.
Explores the global historical development of Christian thought from the Post-Reformation era to the present. Includes assessment of major figures such as Barth, Bonhoeffer, Schleiermacher, and Wesley and developments including African American, Feminist and Womanist theology, and Pietism.
Prerequisites: GES 130 and GES 160 (may be taken concurrently) OR GES 244 (may be taken concurrently). Offered: Spring.

THE 315 • Contemporary Theological Issues 3 Credits.
Theoretical and practical engagement with the academic disciplines of theology. Considers contemporary theological issues facing the 21st century church and explores current research and writing in the fields of theology.
Prerequisites: THE 201 or consent of the instructor. Offered: Spring
THE 326G • Christian Theology in Africa, Asia, and Latin America 3 Credits.
Introduces major theological themes and theories that have emerged in the socio-political and cultural contexts of sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Offers critical and constructive dialogue with key theological themes and issues in Black, Feminist, Liberation, Dalit, and African theologies.
*Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course].
Offered: Occasionally fall

THE 401 • Christianity and the World’s Religions 3 Credits.
Exploration of the historical and contemporary relationships of Christianity and various world religions, specifically focused at the theological level. Focus rotates from year to year, emphasizing the interfaith dialogue between Christianity and one other world religious tradition.
*Prerequisites: BIB 101; THE 201. Offered: Occasionally. Special Notes: Carries cross-credit in religious studies.

THE 431 • Advanced Topics in Systematic Theology 3 Credits.
Research on a topic in the area of systematic theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Past offerings include Doctrine of God, Christology, Ecclesiology, and Pneumatology.
*Prerequisites: THE 201 or consent of instructor. Offered: Fall

THE 432 • Advanced Topics in Historical Theology 3 Credits.
Research on a topic in the area of historical theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Past offerings include Barth and Bonhoeffer and History and Theology of Pietism.
*Prerequisites: THE 201 or consent of instructor. Offered: Occasionally.

THE 433 • Advanced Topics in Philosophical Theology 3 Credits.
Research on a topic in the area of philosophical theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Potential topics include Arguments for God’s Existence, The Problems of Evil and Hell, and Science and Theology.
*Prerequisites: THE 201 or consent of instructor. Offered: Occasionally

THE 440 • Topics in Theology 3 Credits.
Research course in a topic in theology. Content determined by the professor in conjunction with students majoring in biblical and theological studies. Usually, the course entails an advanced study of one of the major doctrines of the Christian faith.
*Prerequisites: THE 201 or consent of instructor. Offered: Occasionally.

THE 499 • Seminar: Theology 3 Credits.
A selected topic in theology related to a course theme. A major research project is followed by an oral and written presentation of its results.
*Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; BIB 321; THE 315 or consent of instructor. Offered: Fall.