

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries (Biblical & Theological Studies)

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministries: Biblical-Theological Studies seeks to prepare students for seminary and graduate studies through the study of the biblical text, basic theology, and basic ministry skills. Students will focus on acquiring an understanding of ministry and skills typically used by pastors or other ministry professions in related vocations. Other vocations which would draw from this degree include teaching pastors, church staff ministers, Christian schoolteachers, missionaries, early preparation for college instructors in biblical studies, ethicists, apologists and Christian writers. Whether the student is called to serve a local church or to teach in an academic field, this degree will establish a foundation of knowledge and skills to build a lifetime of ministry of study, teaching, and sharing God's Word. Upon completion of this degree,

- Students will be able to communicate the basic message of the Bible in its historical, literary, and theological contexts (*Orthodoxy*).
- Students will be able to employ basic skills in biblical interpretation, teaching Christian doctrine, and church ministry (*Orthopraxy*)
- Students will be able to employ ongoing intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual, and professional development as ministers of the gospel (*Orthopathy*).

General Education Requirements (44 hrs.)

The Biblical World (6 hrs.)

The Biblical Story	3 hrs.
The Christian Worldview	3 hrs.

The Cultural World (15 hrs.)

English Composition I and II	6 hrs.
World Literature I or II	3 hrs.
Philosophy	3 hrs.
Humanities elective (choose one)	3 hrs.
<i>(Any appreciation course or speech communication)</i>	

The Social World (9 hrs.)

American History & Politics	3 hrs.
<i>(U.S. History Before 1865 or Since 1865 or Am. Govt.)</i>	
Western Civilization I	3 hrs.
Social Sciences elective (choose one)	3 hrs.
<i>(Sociology, psychology, or economics)</i>	

The Natural World (14 hrs.)

Health and Physical Education	4 hrs.
<i>(one hour must be physical activity)</i>	
Natural science and mathematics	10 hrs.
<i>(Must include at least one chemistry, biological science, or physical science course with a laboratory class, and one mathematics course MT1133 or higher, and excluding MT1123 Intermediate Algebra, MT 3133 Math for Teachers I, MT 4123 Math for Teachers II, GS 3213 Science for Teachers: K-6, and GS 3233 Science for Teachers: 4-8. MT 1123 Intermediate Algebra may be required if Math ACT score is less than 19. The mathematics requirement may be waived if Math ACT is 28 or higher.)</i>	

Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Electives (10 hrs.)

Christian Ministries majors are required to take 10 elective hours outside of the Christian Ministries department.

Christian Ministries Core (30 hrs.)

Introduction to Christian Ministries	3 hrs.
Christian Doctrine	3 hrs.
Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs.
Biblical Studies electives	9 hrs.
Biblical Teaching or Preaching (choose one)	3 hrs.
<i>(Principles of Christian Teaching or Sermon Prep & Delivery)</i>	
Evangelism	3 hrs.
Church Administration	3 hrs.
Supervised Ministry	3 hrs.

Biblical-Theological Studies Specialization (18 hrs.)

Biblical Languages	6 hrs.
Biblical or Theological Studies electives	6 hrs.
Christian Ministries department electives	6 hrs.

Minor (18 hrs.)

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Students are required to have a minor.

Total Required Hours: 120 hrs.