



Program Coordinator: D. Hudson

The B.A. in Biblical Studies prepares students to enter theological seminaries or graduate schools of religion and philosophy in preparation for careers in the pastoral ministry, teaching, mission, or social work. Many graduates also enter the fields of law, business, the social sciences, and education. The Biblical Studies major focuses on biblical texts in preparation for ministry and graduate school.

The minor in Biblical Studies is an excellent supplemental program, enhancing many other majors. These minors enable students to pursue advanced biblical and theological study and thereby integrate faith into their chosen field of interest.

Affiliations

Tel Azekah Archeological Expedition Tel Aviv University, Society of Biblical Literature, American Academy of Religion, and American Society of Oriental Religion

Student Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate a general knowledge of the basic content, history, and ideas of the Biblical canon.
2. Students will demonstrate general knowledge of theological and religious matters pertaining to the study of Christianity and other world religions.
3. Students will acquire and apply critical thinking skills which include analyzing Biblical texts, comparing divergent views of reading, and demonstrating a working knowledge of hermeneutics.

Technology Requirements

Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Adobe, and media player capabilities

A comprehensive assessment covering the major in Biblical Studies will be given the semester prior to graduation. The assessment is 240 questions and will be administered online via Blackboard one month prior to the graduation date.

Biblical Studies Recommended Foreign Language Requirement

Choose one language to satisfy traditional general education requirement and take the second biblical language as elective credit. Ancient Hebrew is strongly recommended but not required for graduation.

- GREEK 2000
 - Ancient Greek II 4 s.h.
 - (Greek 2000, and its pre-requisite Greek 1000, are recommended but not required.)
- HEBR 2000
 - Ancient Hebrew II 4 s.h.

Biblical Studies Major Requirements

BIBL 2251	
The Old Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
BIBL 2252	
The New Testament and Interpretation	4 s.h.
RELG 2430	
Encountering the World’s Religions.....	4 s.h.
RELG 3210	
Introduction to Theology	4 s.h.
BIBL 3040	
The Life and Teaching of Jesus	4 s.h.
RELG 3850	
History of the Christian Movement	4 s.h.
BIBL 4060	
The Gospel and Epistles of John.....	4 s.h.
BIBL 3020	
Hebrew Prophetic Literature.....	4 s.h.
<i>Choose from the following courses</i>	<i>4 s.h.</i>
BIBL 4050	
Hebrew Wisdom Literature (4 s.h.)	
BIBL 4030	
The Books of Moses: The Pentateuch (4 s.h.)	
BIBL 3520	
The Historical Geography and Archaeology of Israel (4 s.h.)	
RELG 3800 or 3830	
Internship/Cooperative Education	2 s.h.
RELG 4990	
Comprehensive Assessment	0 s.h.

Summary of Total Credits

Core Curriculum	42 s.h.
Major.....	38 s.h.
Electives/Minor/Second Major	44 s.h.
Minimum to Earn Bachelor of Arts	124 s.h.