

Associate of Science in Biblical Studies

Total Program Credit Hours: 60

Build a strong foundation for Kingdom living from the Word of God with Bible and Theology core and a slate of elective courses that allow some personalization for cross applying that foundation in a variety of subjects and disciplines. This program is designed to stand alone or to serve as a launch point into one of the bachelor's degree programs.

Students who complete this degree program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate core skills to engage and interpret the Bible accurately as the foundational source of truth for life and leadership.
2. Understand the overarching themes of the Bible, its various literary types and the redemptive story it tells.
3. Acquire a general knowledge and basic understanding of theology based upon the exegesis of biblical texts.
4. Develop a philosophy and strategy of godly living that will guide him or her for a lifetime.
5. Acquire knowledge and analytical skills to engage a variety of perspectives and experiences from a biblical worldview.
6. Exchange information and ideas through writing, speech, and visual and digital media.



General Education Requirements (30 Credit Hours)

- **ENG101 – English Composition I (3 credits)** Introduces students to the principles of effective written communication. Emphasis is placed on grammar, structure, clarity, and basic academic writing, with a biblical worldview integrated into topics and reading selections.
- **ENG102 – English Composition II (3 credits)** Builds on the foundations of ENG101 by focusing on research, argumentation, and analytical writing. Students learn to integrate biblical truth with academic reasoning and persuasive communication.
- **COM101 – Introduction to Communication (3 credits)** Explores verbal, non-verbal, and written communication in interpersonal, group, and public contexts. Emphasis is given to Christ-like communication and the ethical use of speech in leadership and ministry.
- **MAT101 – College Algebra or Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)** Covers essential mathematical concepts including equations, problem-solving, and data interpretation. Quantitative reasoning options emphasize practical, real-life applications from a Christian stewardship perspective.
- **HIS201 – Western Civilization or Church History I (3 credits)** Examines key events, people, and ideas that shaped Western society or the historical development of the

Christian church from the Apostolic Age through the Reformation. Includes reflection on how historical movements influence contemporary Christianity.

- **BIO101 – Introduction to Biology (with Lab) (4 credits)** Provides a foundational understanding of biological systems, including cell structure, genetics, and ecology. A biblical perspective on life and creation is emphasized throughout.
 - **PHI101 – Introduction to Philosophy or Logic (3 credits)** Explores major philosophical questions and systems or trains students in critical thinking, argument analysis, and logical reasoning. Students are encouraged to compare worldly philosophies with a biblical worldview.
 - **PSY101 – Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)** Introduces the study of human behavior and mental processes with attention to how psychological concepts intersect with biblical truth and spiritual formation.
 - **SOC101 – Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology (3 credits)** Explores the structure and function of societies and cultures. Students examine human diversity, group behavior, and societal change through a biblical lens.
 - **CSC101 – Introduction to Computer Skills (2 credits)** Covers the basics of word processing, spreadsheets, presentations, email, and internet use. Emphasis is placed on digital stewardship, communication, and productivity in ministry and academic settings.
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Biblical Studies Core Courses (27 Credit Hours)

- **BIB101 – Old Testament Survey (3 credits)** Provides an overview of the books, structure, themes, and key people of the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed on God's covenantal plan and how it points to Christ.
- **BIB102 – New Testament Survey (3 credits)** An introduction to the content and theology of the New Testament, highlighting the life of Christ, the formation of the early church, and the gospel message.
- **BIB103 – Life and Teachings of Jesus (3 credits)** Focuses on the ministry, parables, miracles, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Students explore how the words and works of Christ shape Christian faith, discipleship, and leadership.
- **BIB104 – Acts and the Early Church (3 credits)** Examines the expansion of the early church in the book of Acts and the work of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers. Includes study of early missionary movements and church leadership.
- **BIB201 – Hermeneutics: Principles of Biblical Study (3 credits)** Equips students with tools for accurate interpretation and application of Scripture. Topics include genre analysis, historical context, original languages, and theological integration.
- **BIB202 – Theology I: God, Scripture, and Humanity (3 credits)** Introduces systematic theology with focus on the doctrine of God, the nature of Scripture, creation, and humanity. Students explore these doctrines as essential for Christian living and worldview formation.
- **BIB203 – Theology II: Christ, Salvation, and the Church (3 credits)** A continuation of Theology I, covering the person and work of Christ, salvation, the role of the Holy Spirit, and the nature and mission of the Church.

- **MIN201 – Introduction to Christian Ministry (3 credits)** Explores the biblical and practical foundations of Christian service and leadership. Students discover how to serve in local churches and parachurch organizations with integrity, compassion, and effectiveness.
 - **MIN202 – Spiritual Formation (3 credits)** Focuses on the ongoing process of growth in Christ through spiritual disciplines, community, and grace-driven transformation. Includes practical strategies for maintaining spiritual health in ministry.
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Electives (3 Credit Hours)

Students may choose one of the following or another approved elective:

- **MIS101 – Introduction to Missions (3 credits)** An overview of biblical missions, missionary history, and contemporary global outreach. Students explore God's heart for the nations and their own potential role in the Great Commission.
- **WOR101 – Foundations of Worship Ministry (3 credits)** Introduces biblical principles and practical skills for leading worship in a local church setting. Topics include worship theology, planning, and the integration of music and Scripture.
- **LEA101 – Biblical Leadership Basics (3 credits)** Examines servant leadership as modeled in Scripture. Topics include character development, vision casting, team building, and integrity in leadership.