

Bachelor of Arts Theology Major

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Purpose: The Theology major is designed for students who are seeking an intensive undergraduate theological and biblical studies education. This major would be appropriate preparation for those interested in studying theology or biblical studies at the graduate level, for those interested in graduate-level studies in any one of the humanities, or for individuals anticipating attending seminary.



Students successfully completing the Theology B.A. program will demonstrate:

1. Advanced knowledge of biblical studies
2. Knowledge of the history of Christian thought
3. Advanced skills in translation and interpretation of biblical Greek

Major Requirements (Total Required Credits: 123)

I. General Studies 39 Credits

College and Career Success	3
Freshman Composition I	3
Freshman Composition II	3
Introduction to Public Speaking	3
Introduction to Philosophy	3
Interpersonal Communication	3
General Psychology	3
Literature Elective	3
Fine Arts Elective	3
History Elective	3
Math Elective	3
Science Elective	3
General Education Elective	3

II. Bible 45 Credits

Apologetics	3
Bible or Theology Elective	3
Evangelism and Discipleship	3
Hermeneutics	3
Life and Revelation of Christ	3
New Testament History and Letters	3
Old Testament Law and History	3
Old Testament Poetry and Prophecy	3
Romans	3
Systematic Theology I	3
Systematic Theology II	3
Systematic Theology III	3
Systematic Theology IV	3
World Missions and Religions	3
Advanced Research Writing	3

III. Major 39 Credits

<i>Core Courses:</i>	
Church History	3
<i>Choose one course from:</i>	3
Biblical Ethics	
Contemporary Issues in Theology & Ethics	
C.S. Lewis: Apostle to the Skeptic	
Contemporary Ethical Issues	
Business Ethics	
Managing <i>Ethics</i> in Organizations	
Theology of Sanctification	
<i>Choose one course from:</i>	3
Fundamental Issues in Worship	
Sacred Actions and Sacramentality	
Music and the Arts in Christian Worship	
Philosophy and Theology of Worship	
The Church Year	
Art and Architecture in Christian Worship	
Images of Christ: The History &	
Christology of Religious Art & Film	
History of Worship in the Church	
<i>Concentration Courses:</i>	
Daniel and Revelation: Exegesis and Theology	3
Elementary Greek I	3
Elementary Greek II	3
Advanced Greek I	3
Theological Tradition (Patristics)	3
Bible or Theology Electives	15

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Suggested Four-Year Schedule:

Freshmen Year Fall Semester 12 Credits

SLS 1501	College and Career Success	3
GNMN 1302	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
BIBL 1311	Old Testament Law and History	3
ENC 1101	Freshman Composition I	3

Freshmen Year Spring Semester 15 Credits

MISS 1301	World Missions and Religions	3
BIBL 1322	Old Testament Poetry and Prophecy	3
ENC 1102	Freshman Composition II	3
PSY 1012	General Psychology	3
BTEL 1000	Bible or Theology Elective	3

Sophomore Year Fall Semester 15 Credits

BIBL 2301	Life and Revelation of Christ	3
BIBL 2331	Hermeneutics	3
THEO 3301	Systematic Theology I	3
PHI 1010	Introduction to Philosophy	3
SPC 1608	Introduction to Public Speaking	3

Sophomore Year – Spring Semester 15 Credits

BIBL 2321	New Testament History and Letters	3
THEO 3302	Systematic Theology II	3
SCEL 2000	Science Elective	3
HSEL 2000	History Elective	3
MTEL 2000	Math Elective	3

Junior Year Fall Semester 15 Credits

THEO 4321	Systematic Theology III	3
GRE 1110	Elementary Greek I	3
THEO 4311	Apologetics	3
BTEL 3000	Bible or Theology Elective	3
SPC 1300	Interpersonal Communication	3

Junior Year Spring Semester 15 Credits

THEO 3302	Systematic Theology IV	3
GRE 2111	Elementary Greek II	3
BIBL 4301	Romans	3
WORS 2302	Fundamental Issues In Worship**	3
GEEL 3000	General Education Elective	3

Senior Year Fall Semester 18 Credits

GRE 3212	Advanced Greek I	3
THEO 4342	Theological Traditions	3
BIBL 4303	Daniel & Revelation: Exegesis & Theology	3
BTEL 4000	Bible or Theology Elective	3
FAEL 4000	Fine Arts Elective	3
LTEL 4000	Literature Elective	3

Senior Year Spring Semester 18 Credits

BIBL 3323	Biblical Ethics***	3
REL 1506	Church History	3
ENC 4313	Advanced Research Writing	3
BTEL 4000	Bible or Theology Elective	3
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** or Sacred Actions and Sacramentality, Music & the Arts in Christian Worship, Philo. & Theo. of Worship, The Church Year, Art & Architecture in Christian Worship, Images of Christ: The History & Christology of Religious Art & Film, or History of Worship in the Church.

*** or Contemp. Issues in Theo. & Ethics, C.S. Lewis: Apostle to the Skeptic, Contemp. Ethical Issues, Bus. Ethics in Org., Ethics in Hebrew Wisdom Literature, or Theo. of Sanctification.

Following the Admissions Assessment, the following courses: BIBL 1101 Basics of Biblical Living (Fall), BIBL 1102 Christian Belief and Scripture (Spring) may be required during the freshman year in lieu of Bible/Theology electives. Adjustments will be made to satisfy all other course requirements of the degree.