

Biblical Studies Department

Faculty

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Aims of Biblical Studies

In keeping with the College's mission, the Biblical Studies department provides academic training through an intensive examination of the biblical text, its original languages, and its historical and social background. In addition, the program offers a study of systems of religious thought and the history of religious movements related to the Bible. The Biblical Studies department offers three majors: Biblical Studies (BA), New Testament (BA), and Biblical Education (BS).

Entrance Requirements

Students are eligible for admission to the Biblical Studies bachelor's degree program at any time after being enrolled at Florida College. A written application must be submitted to the chairman of the Biblical Studies department.

Biblical Studies (BA)

Dr. McClister, *Program Coordinator*

Total Semester Hours

Candidates for a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies must complete at least 120 semester hours of accredited college work, excluding physical education activities courses. At least 50 hours must be completed at the 3000-4000 level, including major, minor, and elective courses.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core, three (3) hours of physical education classes, and the CAAP exam. Students pursuing the B.A. degree must take GRE 2140-2141 (Beginning Greek) in fulfillment of the language requirement. (Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will not be required to take the CAAP or PE activities courses.)

Language Requirement

Each student must complete two semesters of Beginning Greek (GRE 2140-2141) in addition to the required 36 hours in Biblical Literature.

Lower Division Bible Prerequisites (13 hours recommended; minimum 6 hours required)

- REL 1210 History and Geography of the Old Testament (2 hours)
- REL 1240 History and Geography of the New Testament (2 hours)
- REL 1780 Evidences I: General Apologetics (1 hour)
- REL 1781 Evidences II: The Biblical Text (1 hour)
- REL 2223 Introduction to the Prophets (1 hour)
- REL 2257 NT Epistles: 1 Corinthians (1 hour)
- REL 2264 NT Epistles: Ephesians/Colossians/Philemon (2 hours)
- LIT 2371 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature (3 hours)

Required Core (7 hours)

- REL 3713 Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 hours)
- REL 4217 Critical Introduction to the OT OR REL 4247 Critical Introduction to the NT (3 hours)

- REL 4901 Biblical Studies Portfolio (1 hour)

Upper Division Biblical Literature (minimum 20 hours of the following courses)

- REL 3266 Gospel of Mark (2 hours)
- REL 3265 Gospel of Matthew (3 hours)
- REL 3221 The Law of Moses (3 hours)
- REL 3222 OT Historical Books (3 hours)
- REL 3227 Minor Prophets I (2 hours)
- REL 3233 Minor Prophets II (2 hours)
- REL 3231 Job (2 hours)
- REL 3235 NT Backgrounds (2 hours)
- REL 3253 Gospel and Epistles of John (3 hours)
- REL 3256 NT Epistles: 2 Corinthians, Timothy, Titus (3 hours)
- REL 3258 NT Epistles: James, Peter, Jude (2 hours)
- REL 3268 NT Epistles: Thessalonians and Philippians (2 hours)
- REL 4217 Critical Introduction to the OT (3 hours)
- REL 4225 Ezekiel (3 hours)
- REL 4230 Isaiah (3 hours)
- REL 4226 Jeremiah (3 hours)
- REL 4229 Daniel (2 hours)
- REL 4247 Critical Introduction to the NT (3 hours)
- REL 4254 Romans and Galatians (3 hours)
- REL 4255 Hebrews (2 hours)
- REL 4259 Book of Revelation (3 hours)
- REL 4900 Independent Directed Study in Biblical Literature (1-3 hours)
- REL 4930 Selected Topics (1-3 hours)
- Upper level Biblical Languages courses may be counted toward this requirement unless the student chooses Biblical Languages as a minor (these may also count as a daily Bible).

Church History/Religious Thought Electives (9 hours with at least 3 hours in each area)

CHURCH HISTORY (3-6 hours of the following courses)

- REL 3503 Church History: Ancient and Medieval (3 hours)
- REL 3504 Church History: Reformation and Modern (3 hours)
- REL 3541 History of Christianity in America (3 hours)
- REL 3567 History of the Restoration Movement (3 hours)
- REL 4905 Independent Directed Study in Church History (1-3 hours)
- REL 4932 Selected Topics in Church History (1-3 hours)

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT (3-6 hours of the following courses)

- REL 3131 American Sects and Cults (3 hours)
- REL 3308 World Religions (3 hours)
- REL 3460 Philosophy of Religion (3 hours)
- REL 3719 Studies in Biblical Eschatology (3 hours)
- REL 3783 Historical Apologetics (3 hours)
- REL 3797 Studies in Catholic and Protestant Thought (3 hours)
- REL 4907 Independent Directed Study in Religious Thought (1-3 hours)
- REL 4931 Selected Topics in Religious Thought (1-3 hours)

Requirements for the Minor

Each student must complete an approved minor in an area of study other than biblical literature. Minors available for Biblical Studies majors include the following areas: Christian Apologetics; Church History/Religious Thought; Biblical Languages; Behavioral Science; Business; Communication; Education; English; History; Humanities; and Music.

Sequence of Courses

Students should complete the 13 hours of Bible prerequisites during their freshman and sophomore years. Students should complete English Composition I and II during their freshman year of college work, or before enrolling in upper level Biblical Studies courses. The Greek requirement and REL 3713 should be completed in the student's sophomore year. All general education courses and the CAAP exam must be completed prior to the beginning of the student's senior year. The student will take REL 4901 in the final semester of the program.

Exclusions

Special one-hour courses offered as daily Bible for non-Bible majors, or courses taken under the pass/fail option may not be counted toward the Bible major, New Testament major, or Biblical Literature component.

Quality of Work

A minimum quality point average of 2.0 overall and on all upper level work is required.

Residency

Students must complete a minimum of 32 hours of their upper level work at Florida College, at least 16 of which must be completed after the semester in which the student has earned a cumulative total of at least 90 semester hours.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies must participate in graduation exercises.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (122 HOURS)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
Math	3	Math	3
Speech/Communication	3	Social Science	3
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1780 – Evidences I	1	REL 1781 – Evidences II	1
Social Science	3	Minor	3
PE activity	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
GRE 2140 – Beginning Greek I	4	GRE 2141 – Beginning Greek II	4
REL 2264 – Eph/Colossians/Philemon	2	REL 2257 – 1 Corinthians	2
REL 2223 – Intro to the Prophets	1	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Minor	3	Upper Division Bible*	3
REL 3713– Intro. Biblical Studies	3	Elective	3
HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	2		
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
Upper Division Bible*	3	Upper Division Bible*	3
Upper Division Bible*	3	Upper Division Bible*	3
Behavioral Science	3	Humanities	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Church History elective	3	Religious Thought elective	3
CAAP			
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
Upper Division Bible*	3	Biblical Studies Portfolio	1
Upper Division Bible*	3	Upper Division Bible*	3
Elective	3	Upper Division Bible*	3
Minor	3	Elective	3
Church History/Rel. Thought elective	3	Minor	3
		Elective	3
Total	15	Total	16

*REL 4217 or 4247 required

New Testament (BA)

Dr. McClister, *Program Coordinator*

Total Semester Hours

Candidates for a bachelor's degree in New Testament must complete at least 120 semester hours of accredited college work, excluding physical education activities courses. At least 50 hours must be completed at the 3000-4000 level, including major, minor, and elective courses.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core, three (3) hours of physical education classes, and the CAAP exam. Students pursuing the B.A. degree must take GRE 2140-2141 (Beginning Greek) in fulfillment of the language requirement. (Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will not be required to take the CAAP or PE activities courses.)

Language Requirement

Each student must complete two semesters of Beginning Greek (GRE 2140-2141) as part of the general education core. A second year of New Testament Greek (GRW 3250-51) is required as part of the major.

Lower Division Bible Prerequisites (13 hours recommended; minimum 6 hours required, including REL 1240*)

- REL 1210 History and Geography of the Old Testament (2 hours)
- REL 1240 History and Geography of the New Testament (2 hours)*
- REL 1780 Evidences I: General Apologetics (1 hour)
- REL 1781 Evidences II: The Biblical Text (1 hour)
- REL 2223 Introduction to the Prophets (1 hour)
- REL 2257 NT Epistles: 1 Corinthians (1 hour)
- REL 2264 NT Epistles: Ephesians/Colossians/Philemon (2 hours)
- LIT 2371 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature (3 hours)

Required Core (13 hours)

- GRW 3250 NT Greek I (3 hours; may count as a daily Bible)
- GRW 3251 NT Greek II (3 hours; may count as a daily Bible)
- REL 3713 Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 hours)
- REL 4247 Critical Introduction to the NT (3 hours)
- REL 4901 Biblical Studies Portfolio (1 hour)

Upper Division Courses in New Testament (minimum 17 hours of the following:)

- REL 3235 NT Backgrounds (2 hours)
- REL 3253 Gospel and Epistles of John (3 hours)
- REL 3256 NT Epistles: 2 Corinthians, Timothy, Titus (3 hours)
- REL 3258 NT Epistles: James, Peter, Jude (2 hours)
- REL 3265 Gospel of Matthew (3 hours)
- REL 3266 Gospel of Mark (2 hours)
- REL 3268 NT Epistles: Thessalonians and Philippians (2 hours)
- REL 4254 Romans and Galatians (3 hours)
- REL 4255 Hebrews (2 hours)
- REL 4259 Book of Revelation (3 hours)
- REL 4900 Independent Directed Study in Biblical Literature (1-3 hours)
- REL 4930 Selected Topics (1-3 hours)

Requirements for the Minor

Each student must complete an approved minor in an area of study other than New Testament. Minors available

for New Testament majors include the following areas: Christian Apologetics; Church History/Religious Thought; Biblical Languages; Behavioral Science; Business; Communication; Education; English; History; Humanities; Music; and Old Testament.

Sequence of Courses

Students should complete the 13 hours of Bible prerequisites during their freshman and sophomore years. Students should complete English Composition I and II during their freshman year of college work, or before enrolling in upper level Biblical Studies courses. The Greek requirement and REL 3713 should be completed in the student's sophomore year. All general education courses and the CAAP exam must be completed prior to the beginning of the student's senior year. The student will take REL 4901 in the final semester of the program.

Exclusions

Special one-hour courses offered as daily Bible for non-Bible majors, or courses taken under the pass/fail option may not be counted toward the New Testament major component.

Quality of Work

A minimum quality point average of 2.0 overall and on all upper level work is required.

Residency

Students must complete a minimum of 32 hours of their upper level work at Florida College, at least 16 of which must be completed after the semester in which the student has earned a cumulative total of at least 90 semester hours.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree in New Testament must participate in graduation exercises.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN NEW TESTAMENT (122 HOURS)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
Math	3	Math	3
Speech/Communication	3	Social Science	3
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1780 – Evidences I	1	REL 1781 – Evidences II	1
Social Science	3	Minor	3
PE activity	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
GRE 2140 – Beginning Greek I	4	GRE 2141 – Beginning Greek II	4
REL 2264 – Eph/Colossians/Philemon	2	REL 2257 – 1 Corinthians	2
REL 2223 – Intro to the Prophets	1	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Minor	3	Upper Division NT*	3
REL 3713 – Intro. Biblical Studies	3	Upper Division NT*	3
HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	2		
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
GRW 3250 – NT Greek	3	GRW 3251 – NT Greek	3
Upper Division NT*	3	Upper Division NT*	3
Behavioral Science	3	Humanities	3
Minor	3	Minor	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
CAAP			
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
Upper Division NT*	3	Biblical Studies Portfolio	1
Upper Division NT*	3	Upper Division NT*	3
Upper Division NT*	3	Upper Division NT*	3
Minor	3	Upper Division NT*	3
Elective	3	Minor	3
		Elective	3
Total	15	Total	16

*REL 4247 required.

Biblical Education (BS)

Dr. McClister, Dr. Johnson, Mr. Benson, and Mrs. Roberts, *Program Coordinators*

Total Semester Hours

Candidates for a bachelor's degree in Biblical Education must complete at least 120 semester hours of accredited college work, excluding physical education activities courses. At least 50 hours must be completed at the 3000-4000 level, including major, minor, and elective courses.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core, three (3) hours of physical education classes, and the CAAP exam. Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science degree must take PSY 1012 (Introduction to Psychology) and at least one semester of natural science. (Transfer students who have completed at least 60 semester hours, including courses that satisfy the 36-hour general education core at Florida College, will not be required to take the CAAP or PE activities courses.)

Lower Division Prerequisites (19 hours)

- REL 1210 History and Geography of the Old Testament (2 hours)
- REL 1240 History and Geography of the New Testament (2 hours)
- REL 1780 Evidences I: General Apologetics (1 hour)
- REL 1781 Evidences II: The Biblical Text (1 hour)
- REL 2223 Introduction to the Prophets (1 hour)
- REL 2257 NT Epistles: 1 Corinthians (1 hour)
- REL 2264 NT Epistles: Ephesians/Colossians/Philemon (2 hours)
- LIT 2371 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature (3 hours)
- EDF 2005 Introduction to Education (3 hours)
- SPC 1608 Public Speaking (3 hours)

Upper-level Requirements

Requirements for the major consist of 48 upper-level hours in Biblical Literature, Education, and Communication.

Biblical Literature (24 hours)

- REL 3713 Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 hours)
- REL 4901 Biblical Studies Portfolio (1 hour)

The remaining 20 hours will be selected from the following courses:

- REL 3221 The Law of Moses (3 hours)
- REL 3222 OT Historical Books (3 hours)
- REL 3227 Minor Prophets I (2 hours)
- REL 3231 Job (2 hours)
- REL 3233 Minor Prophets II (2 hours)
- REL 3235 NT Backgrounds (2 hours)
- REL 3253 Gospel and Epistles of John (3 hours)
- REL 3256 NT Epistles: 2 Corinthians, Timothy, Titus (3 hours)
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- REL 3265 Gospel of Matthew (3 hours)
- REL 3266 Gospel of Mark (2 hours)
- REL 3268 NT Epistles: Thessalonians and Philippians (2 hours)
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- REL 4225 Ezekiel (3 hours)
- REL 4226 Jeremiah (3 hours)
- REL 4229 OT Prophets: Daniel (2 hours)
- REL 4230 Isaiah (3 hours)
- REL 4247 Critical Introduction to the NT (3 hours)

- REL 4254 Romans and Galatians (3 hours)
- REL 4255 Hebrews (2 hours)
- REL 4259 Book of Revelation (3 hours)
- REL 4900 Independent Directed Study in Biblical Literature (1-3 hours)
- REL 4930 Selected Topics (1-3 hours)

Education (9 hours)

- EDF 3122 Learning and the Developing Child (3 hours)
- EDF 3251 Classroom Management (3 hours)
- EDF 3430 Testing and Measurement OR EEX 3050 Survey of Special Education OR TSL 3080 Introduction to TESOL (3 hours)

Communication (9 hours)

- SPC 3602 Advanced Public Speaking (3 hours)
- SPC 3301 Interpersonal Communication (3 hours)
- SPC 3513 Argumentation and Debate OR SPC 4710 Intercultural Communication (3 hours)

Required Electives (6 hours)

6 additional hours of upper-level work in Bible, Church History, Religious Thought, Education, or Communication

Sequence of Courses

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ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
Math	3	Math	3
SPC 1608 – Public Speaking	3	Social Science	3
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 1780 – Evidences I	1	REL 1781 – Evidences II	1
Social Science	3	PSY 1012 – Intro. to Psychology	3
PE activity	1		
Total	16	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
Natural Science	4	Natural Science	4
REL 2264 – Eph/Colossians/Philemon	2	REL 2257 – 1 Corinthians	2
REL 2223 – Intro to the Prophets	1	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
EDF 2005 – Introduction to Education	3	Humanities	3
REL 3713– Intro. Biblical Studies	3	Upper Division Bible	3
HLP 2081 – Health and Wellness	2		
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
Upper Division Bible	3	Upper Division Bible	3
Upper Division Bible	3	Upper Division Bible	3
EDF 3122 – Learning and Dev. Child	3	EDF 3251 – Classroom Management	3
SPC 3513 – Arg. and Debate Upper	3	SPC 3602 – Adv. Public Speaking	3
Division Bible	3	Elective	3
CAAP			
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
Upper Division Bible	3	REL 4901 – Biblical Studies Portfolio	1
Upper Division Bible	3	Upper Division Bible	3
EDF 3430 –Testing and Measurement	3	Upper Division Bible	3
SPC 3301 – Interpersonal Comm.	3	Elective	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
		Elective	3
Total	15	Total	16