

# BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

The Department of Theology offers a major in Theological Studies and a major in Biblical Studies. The Biblical Studies major can be completed with or without a concentration in biblical languages. The department also offers three minors: Biblical Studies, Theology and Ethics, and Christian Thought. These majors and minors are ideal for students with interest in a deeper understanding Christianity and the integration of faith and reason.

Because each major requires only thirty-six hours of coursework and many of our courses overlap with Eastern's core requirements, it is easy for students to double major. A double major in Biblical and Theological Studies requires only fifty-seven hours of coursework.

Courses for Biblical and Theological Studies are grouped under four categories:

1. Foundational courses provide students with a gateway into the rich world of biblical, theological, and ethical reflection on the Christian tradition.
2. Canonical/Systematic courses consider critical texts, categories, and practices that form the infrastructure of the Christian tradition, and thus its unique identity, boundaries, and dynamics.
3. Elective courses consider the import of the Christian tradition as it is brought into conversation with varied cultural contexts, social and ethical issues, and vocational pursuits.
4. Culminating Senior Experience courses are an opportunity for majors at the end of their course of study to reflect critically upon what they have learned, anticipate future challenges, and communally assess their competencies in the discipline.

To major in Biblical Studies or Theology one must complete all Bible and Theology courses with a grade of C or higher. The minors have no such requirement and can be pursued by anyone with interest.

## The Major for the B.A. in Biblical Studies

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
BIBL 100 or BIBL 200	Introducing Biblical Literature, Biblical Literature in Contemporary Context Exploring Biblical Literature	3
BIBL 201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL 202W	Research Methods	3
THEO 210	Christian Spirituality	3
THEO 240	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
<b>Canonical Courses</b>		
Select four of the following:		12
BIBL 310	The Torah	
BIBL 320	The Prophets	
BIBL 350	Wisdom and Poetry	
BIBL 360	Jesus and the Gospels	
BIBL 370	Paul: His Life and Letters	
BIBL 390	Apocalyptic Literature	
<b>Elective Courses</b>		

Select two of the following:		6
BIBL 325	Women in Scripture and Tradition	
BIBL 355	Film and the Bible	
BIBL 365	Sex, Violence, and the Bible	
BIBL 375	The Marginalized and the Bible	
BIBL 385	The Sermon on the Mount	
<b>Culminating Senior Experience</b>		
BIBL 440	Senior Seminar	3
<b>Optional Language Track Courses</b>		
Majors will take one of the following sequences:		
GREE 101 & GREE 102	Biblical Greek I and Biblical Greek II	
HEBR 101 & HEBR 102	Biblical Hebrew I and Biblical Hebrew II	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## The Major for the B.A. in Theological Studies

Code	Title	Credit Hours
<b>Foundational Courses</b>		
BIBL 100 or BIBL 200	Introducing Biblical Literature, Biblical Literature in Contemporary Context Exploring Biblical Literature	3
BIBL 201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL 202W	Research Methods	3
THEO 210	Christian Spirituality	3
THEO 240	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
<b>Systematic Courses</b>		
THEO 305	Theology in Historical Context	3
THEO 310	The Triune God	3
THEO 340	On Being Human	3
THEO 350	The Son and Salvation	3
<b>Elective Courses</b>		
Select two of the following:		6
THEO 207	Christian Ethics	
THEO 315	Theological Foundations of World Religions	
THEO 329	C.S. Lewis	
THEO 337	Theology of Culture	
THEO 351	Modern Theology, Contemporary Theology: Issues and Traditions	
PHIL 304	Medieval Philosophy: the Christian Tradition	
<b>Culminating Senior Experience</b>		
THEO 440	Senior Seminar	3
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>36</b>

## The Minor in Biblical Studies

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIBL 100 or BIBL 200	Introducing Biblical Literature, Biblical Literature in Contemporary Context Exploring Biblical Literature	3

THEO 210	Christian Spirituality	3
Four additional 200-level or 300-level BIBL courses		12
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

## The Minor in Theology and Ethics

Code	Title	Credit Hours
THEO 207	Christian Ethics	3
THEO 210	Christian Spirituality	3
THEO 240	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
Two additional 200-level or 300-level THEO courses		6
Select one additional THEO course or one of the following:		3
BIBL 365	Sex, Violence, and the Bible	
BIBL 375	The Marginalized and the Bible	
BIOL 320	Environmental Issues	
BUSA 311	Business Ethics and Leadership	
ECON 220	Faith and Economic Justice	
ECON 315W		
ENGL 225	Post-Colonial Women's Novels	
INST 270	Justice in a Pluralistic Society	
INST 271	Justice in Caring for Vulnerable Populations	
PHIL 225	Christian Sexual Ethics	
PHIL 311	Ethics and Justice	
POLI 250	Ethics and Public Policy	
POLI 415	Faith and Politics	
CRMJ 220	Restorative Justice	
SOCI 273	Social Institutions & Justice	
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>

## The Minor in Christian Thought

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIBL 100	Introducing Biblical Literature, Biblical Literature in Contemporary Context	3
or BIBL 200	Exploring Biblical Literature	
THEO 210	Christian Spirituality	3
THEO 240	Introduction to Christian Theology	3
Three additional 200 or 300-level electives in BIBL or THEO		9
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>		<b>18</b>