

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES (BSBS) – ACCELERATED DEGREE COMPLETION

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The 120-credit hour program with a major in Biblical Studies culminates in a Bachelor of Science degree designed to equip men and women with the skills necessary for ministry in a variety of contexts. Upon completion of the program, successful students will be able to:

1. Defend biblically one's position on major biblical interpretive issues.
2. Learn and apply principles for Christian ministry.
3. Categorize major doctrines of the Bible.

On-ground students take only one course at a time in the CBS core curriculum, attending one 4-hour class with breakout sessions for small-group collaborative and independent work each week. The on-ground courses are accelerated, with some schedule for five weeks in length. Online students take classes that are five to seven weeks in length, and the classes occasionally overlap. For students who transfer in 90 hours, the program is 18 months of three consecutive semesters, requiring 9-12 credits each semester from the CBS core curriculum. Students are members of a continuing class, a cohort group, among whom an atmosphere of shared learning is cultivated; this atmosphere also encourages the development of personal, family, ministry, and career interests. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biblical Studies.

The Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies is composed of upper division college-level courses totaling 30-credit hours offered in an accelerated form as follows:

1. The 30 hours consist of ten courses.
2. Students' focus will ideally be on one course at a time.
3. The same group of students will progress through the entire program together.
4. At graduation, successful students will have cumulative college-level credits as follows:
 - 30 hours CBS baccalaureate core curriculum—all earned at CBS
 - 36 hours general education courses—transferred-in and/or earned at CBS
 - 54 hours free elective courses—transferred-in and/or earned at CBS

DEGREE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Bachelor's degree students are expected to complete all degree and graduation requirements pursuant to their degree program within one year following successful completion of the research project course. Failure to comply will result in the student being withdrawn from the program and subjected to reenrollment procedures and fees.

1. Successful completion of all admissions requirements including completion of high school diploma or GED
2. 30 credit hours of BSBS curriculum
3. 36 credit hours of approved general education
4. 54 credit hours of approved free electives
5. Cumulative 2.0 grade point average
6. Satisfactory completion of 2 units in Christian Service Learning Program and 2 Spiritual Formation units
7. Intent to Graduate form filed by deadline
8. Academic advising sessions as required
9. Graduation/Diploma fee
10. No unresolved disciplinary matter, including but not limited to, student code of conduct violations, library, and/or financial obligation
11. Completion of exit counseling for students with Stafford or PLUS loans
12. Approval by CBS faculty
13. See Graduation Requirements for additional requirement(s) for all academic programs

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This cohort program has major courses that are designed to be taken in order as shown by this table:

GENERAL STUDIES	HRS	MAJOR COURSES	HRS
ENGLISH 9 hours		BIBLE and THEOLOGY 30 hours	
English or Spanish Composition 1	3	BIBL 3301 Biblical Interpretation	3
English or Spanish Composition 2	3	THEO 3330 Major Bible Themes	3
Literature	3	BIBL 3311 Special Issues in the Pentateuch	3
SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 hours		BIBL 3312 Special Issues in the Historical and Wisdom Literature	3
Western Civilization or US History	3	BIBL 3313 Special Issues in the Prophetic Literature	3
PHILOSOPHY/SOCIAL SCIENCES/RELIGIOUS STUDIES 6 hours		BIBL 3321 Special Issues in the Gospels	3
Social Science/Religious Studies ¹	6	BIBL 3322 Special Issues in Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
FINE ARTS/HUMANITIES 3 hours		BIBL 3323 Special Issues in General Epistles	3
Fine Arts/Humanities ²	3	THEO 3331 Theological Method	3
MATH/SCIENCES 6 hours		THEO 4331 Culture, Race, and the Church	3
Computer Science or Math	3	CHRISTIAN SERVICE 2 units	
Natural Science ³	3	MCSP 2011 Christian Service 1	1 u
COMMUNICATIONS 3 hours		MCSP 2012 Christian Service 2	1u
Speech ⁴	3		
GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE 6 hours			
Any courses from the categories above	6	SPIRITUAL FORMATION 2 units	
FREE ELECTIVES 54 hours		MSSF 3011, Spiritual Formation 1	1u
	54	MSSF 3012, Spiritual Formation 2	1u

¹ History, Philosophy, Logic, Economics, Sociology, Psychology, Political Science, Public Policy, Counseling, Bible, Theology, Foundations of Spiritual Life or Apologetics.

² Music Theory, Philosophy or Art Appreciation.

³ Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Geology or Anatomy and Physiology.

⁴ Expository Preaching classes, MSPM 3301-3305, may substitute for Speech. These classes are for men only. MSCE 3323 Women Teaching Women may substitute for Speech. This class is for women only.

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Suggested Sequence

Year	Fall	Spring
1	BIBL 3301 Biblical Interpretation THEO 3330 Major Bible Themes BIBL 3311 Special Issues in the Pentateuch MSSF 3011 Spiritual Formation 1 MCSP 2011 Christian Service 1	BIBL 3312 Special Issues in the Historical and Wisdom Literature BIBL 3313 Special Issues in the Prophetic Literature BIBL 3321 Special Issues in the Gospels MSSF 3012 Spiritual Formation 2 MCSP 2012 Christian Service 2
2	BIBL 3322 Special Issues in Acts and Pauline Epistles BIBL 3323 Special Issues in General Epistles THEO 3331 Theological Method THEO 4331 Culture, Race, and the Church	

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