



B.A. Biblical Studies Program Map 2024–2025

Program maps are intended to help students in both registering for courses in the recommended sequence and tracking their progress through those courses. Students should consult the Academic Catalog for requirements regarding specific courses, programs, and graduation. Students should use SONIS, the college's student information system, to perform degree audits since the information in SONIS contains each student's official course and credit information.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

The goal of the Biblical Studies major is to prepare students to study the Bible efficiently and to communicate it effectively in a contemporary setting. Although there are more Bible study resources and aids available today than ever before, biblical illiteracy still seems to be on the rise even among those who have been raised in a Christian environment. Since we affirm that the Bible is "God's revelation of Himself to man" and "a perfect treasure of divine instruction," we believe it is important for those who will communicate its message to do so with accuracy and truth for the benefit of the body of Christ.

Freshman Fall (15 hrs)				Cr.	Semester	Grade	Freshman Spring (15 hrs)				Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel			0			CPL 100	Chapel			0		
General Education Requirements				General Education Requirements									
COM 101	Rhetoric and Writing I*	3				COM 102	Rhetoric and Writing II	3					
CRIS 100	The Roots of a Christian Scholar	3				100–400	Open Elective	3					
100-400	Mathematics	3				100–400	Natural Science or Mathematics	3					
Bible & Theology Major				Bible & Theology Major									
BIB 105	Hermeneutics	3				NTS 101	New Testament Survey I	3					
THS 201	Church History	3				OTS 101	Old Testament Survey I	3					

**Students may be required to take a developmental course before taking COM 101. Refer to the Academic Catalog for requirements.*

Sophomore Fall (15 hrs)				Cr.	Semester	Grade	Sophomore Spring (15 hrs)				Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel			0			CPL 100	Chapel			0		
General Education Requirements				General Education Requirements									
COM 201	Intercultural Communication	3				CRIS 201	Global Learning and Service	3					
HUM 101	Ancient World	3				HUM 201	Roman World	3					
100–400	Open Elective	3				100–200	Social/Behavioral Science	3					
Bible & Theology Major				Bible & Theology Major									
NTS 201	New Testament Survey II	3				THS 203	Systematic Theology I	3					
OTS 201	Old Testament Survey II	3				THS 204	Systematic Theology II	3					

Sophomore Summer (0 hrs)				Cr.	Semester	Grade
General Education Requirements						
CRIS 202	Global Learning and Service Practicum	0				

The Academic Record, which is maintained by the Registrar's Office, contains a student's authoritative academic information. Program maps are provided as a personal aid to assist students in planning and tracking their own academic progress; they are not official records. Students alone are responsible for updating and maintaining the confidentiality of their own program maps.



Junior Fall (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0		
General Education Requirements				
<i>One of the following:*</i>				
100–200	Social/Behavioral Science	3		
CRIS 203	Local Learning and Service	3		
Biblical Studies Major				
GRK 306	Greek I	3		
OTS 350	Old Testament Backgrounds	3		
PHI 301	Ethics	3		
<i>One of the following:</i>				
NTS 310	New Testament Intensive***	3		
OTS 310	Old Testament Intensive***	3		

Junior Spring (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0		
General Education Requirements				
<i>One of the following:*</i>				
100-200	Social/Behavioral Science	3		
CRIS 203	Local Learning and Service	3		
Biblical Studies Major				
GRK 307	Greek II	3		
NTS 350	New Testament Backgrounds	3		
<i>One of the following:**</i>				
300	Bible/Theology Elective	3		
MIN 401	Teaching from the Bible	3		
MIN 402	Preaching from the Bible	3		
<i>One of the following:</i>				
NTS 310	New Testament Intensive***	3		
OTS 310	Old Testament Intensive***	3		

**Both a 100-200 Social/Behavioral Science course and CRIS 203 (Local Learning and Service) are required. Therefore, a student shall choose one of the following in the fall of their junior year and then choose the other during the spring of their junior year.*

****Course may be repeated for credit when the topic differs.*

Senior Fall (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0		
Bible & Theology Major				
CRIS 300	Baptist Faith and Witness	3		
Biblical Studies Major				
HEB 301	Hebrew I	3		
NTS 315	Topics in New Testament Studies***	3		
OTS 380	Theology of the Old Testament	3		
<i>One of the following:**</i>				
300	Bible/Theology Elective	3		
EDU 301	Principles of Teaching	3		

Senior Spring (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0		
Bible & Theology Major				
HUM 404	Faith and Culture	3		
Biblical Studies Major				
HEB 302	Hebrew II	3		
NTS 380	Theology of the New Testament	3		
OTS 315	Topics in Old Testament Studies***	3		
THS 410	Theological Hermeneutics	3		

***If the Bible/Theology Elective in the spring semester of the junior year is taken, the student must take EDU 301 (Principles of Teaching) in the fall semester of the Senior Year.*

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Criswell Courses Approved for General Education Requirements

The courses offered at Criswell College that fulfill the Humanities/Fine Arts, Natural Science/Mathematics, and Social/Behavioral Sciences requirements of the General Education curriculum are listed below.

Humanities/Fine Arts	
HIS 103	American History I
HIS 104	American History II
HUM 101	Ancient World
HUM 201	Roman World
HUM 202	Medieval World
HUM 203	Early Modern World
HUM 204	Modern World
HUM 205	Greek World
MIN 203	Foundations of Global Christianity
MIN 206	Encountering World Religions
PHI 201	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 206	Encountering World Religions

Natural Sciences/Mathematics	
SCI 201	Natural Science
SCI 205	Physical Science
SCI 206	Biology
STA 201	Intro to Statistics

Social/Behavioral Sciences	
ECN 202	Principles of Microeconomics
ECN 203	Principles of Macroeconomics
EDU 200	Introduction to Education
EDU 205	Educational Research & Psychology
POL 202	State and Local Government
POL 203	Introduction to American Politics
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology
PSY 102	Dynamics of Marriage and Family
PSY 202	Multicultural Perspectives
PSY 205	History of Psychology
PSY 210	Theories of Personality

Students who are in their first three semesters should seek advice from the Student Success Manager as they plan and register for General Education courses and Bible & Theology courses.

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies program may also consult the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies Program Director.