

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		
Bible & Theology Major					100–400	Natural Science or Mathematics	3		
BIB 105	Hermeneutics	3			Bible & Theology Major				
NTS 101	New Testament Survey I	3			NTS 102	New Testament Survey II	3		
OTS 101	Old Testament Survey I	3			OTS 102	Old Testament Survey II	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 206	Classical World	3		
100–400	Mathematics	3			100–400	Social/Behavioral Science	3		
Bible & Theology Major					100–400	Open Elective	3		
THS 201	Church History	3			Bible & Theology Major				
THS 203	Systematic Theology I	3			THS 204	Systematic Theology II	3		

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

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Junior Fall (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade	Junior Spring (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0			CPL 100	Chapel	0		
General Education Requirements					General Education Requirements				
<i>One of the following:**</i>					<i>One of the following:**</i>				
100–400	Social/Behavioral Science	3			100–400	Social/Behavioral Science	3		
CRIS 203	Local Learning and Service	3			CRIS 203	Local Learning and Service	3		
Biblical Studies Major					Biblical Studies Major				
GRK 306	Greek I	3			GRK 307	Greek II	3		
OTS 350	Old Testament Backgrounds	3			NTS 350	New Testament Backgrounds	3		
PHI 301	Ethics	3			<i>Choose one of the three options:**</i>				
<i>One of the following:</i>					300–400	Bible/Theology Elective	3		
NTS 310	New Testament Intensive***	3			MIN 401	Teaching from the Bible	3		
OTS 310	Old Testament Intensive***	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 100–400 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	Senior Spring (15 hrs)		Cr.	Semester	Grade
CPL 100	Chapel	0			CPL 100	Chapel	0		
Bible & Theology Major					Bible & Theology Major				
CRIS 300	Baptist Faith and Witness	3			HUM 404	Faith and Culture	3		
Biblical Studies Major					Biblical Studies Major				
HEB 301	Hebrew I	3			HEB 302	Hebrew II	3		
NTS 315	Topics in New Testament Studies***	3			NTS 380	Theology of the New Testament	3		
OTS 380	Theology of the Old Testament	3			OTS 315	Topics in Old Testament Studies***	3		
<i>One of the following:**</i>					THS 410	Theological Hermeneutics	3		
300–400	Bible/Theology Elective	3							
EDU 301	Principles of Teaching	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. Additionally, if MIN 401 (Teaching from the Bible) or MIN 402 (Preaching from the Bible) is taken in the spring semester of the junior year, the student must take the Bible/Theology Elective during the fall semester of their senior year.*

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B.A. Biblical Studies Program Map 2026–2027

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; any courses not already listed in the program map may be taken as electives to fulfill these requirements.

Humanities/Fine Arts	
COM 220	Topics in Communication
HIS (Any American History Course)	
HUM (Any Humanities Course)	
MIN 203	Foundations of Global Christianity
MIN 206	Encountering World Religions
PHI (Any Philosophy Course)	

Natural Sciences/Mathematics
SCI (Any Science Course)
MTH/STA (Any Math Course)

Social/Behavioral Sciences
ECN (Any Economics Course)
EDU (Any Education Course)
POL (Any Politics Course)
PSY (Any Psychology Course)

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.

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