



JOHN WITHERSPOON COLLEGE

Fides Quaerens Intellectum

The Christian Studies Program

The Christian Studies Program and all of its degrees aim at the formation of mature Christian character and effective Kingdom leadership by way of:

1. Thorough grounding in biblical, theological, and related studies, and the development of interpretive skills for “rightly handling the word of truth” (2 Tim 2:15).
2. Development of capacities and skills for analysis and synthesis, problem-solving, logic, and written expression, transferable across disciplines and cultural contexts.
3. Leadership development in the classical tradition based on wide-ranging knowledge of Western culture and literature, training in the skills and methods of argument and oratory, and hands on leadership experience in a variety of roles and settings, including cross-cultural experience.

Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Christian Studies

The Associate of Arts in Christian Studies is a professional degree which incorporates an exposure to the liberal arts through the JWC Classics Core. It is designed to provide foundational ministry preparation, as well as preparation for further ministry studies.

Students in the Associate of Arts in Christian Studies program must complete a *Basileia* (“Kingdom”) Mission (non-credit) for graduation, if they have not done so already in a diploma program. Such projects might include missions trips, regular involvement in an approved ministry, internships, or participation in special evangelistic outreach efforts. Guidelines for completing the *Basileia* Mission requirement are available from the Registrar’s Office.

Program Objectives

The purpose of the Christian Studies program is achieved by enabling students to:

1. Explain and summarize the nature and contents of the New and Old Testament Scriptures, the origin of the Bible, models of Scripture, key themes of major biblical books, and the progressive nature of redemptive history;

2. Comprehend and analyze influential controversies in systematic theology, exegetical theology, and the history of Christian thought;
3. Think critically about the relationship of the Bible's teachings to other academic disciplines and to classic works in the Western Tradition, and be able to apply biblical principles and narratives to contemporary situations;
4. Obtain a reading knowledge of one or more biblical language, translate Scripture, and identify fundamental challenges in translation and interpretation;
5. Become more Christlike as manifested in love for God and others and a mature heart that is superbly suited to fulfill various Kingdom-functions.

Program Requirements

Language (6)

GRK 111: Greek I or HBR 211: Hebrew I (3)

GRK 112: Greek II or HBR 212: Hebrew II (3)

Humanities (28)

ENG 111: Rhetoric I (3)

ENG 112: Rhetoric II (3)

PHL 243: Ethics/Moral Decision Making (3)

MAT 102: College Algebra or MAT 107: Mathematics for Liberal Arts (3)

SCI 111: Physical Science Colloquium/Lab (4)

HIS/HUM 111: Ancient World I (3)

HIS/HUM 112: Ancient World II (3)

HIS/HUM 211: American Experience I (3)

HIS/HUM 212: American Experience II (3)

Christian Studies (24)

BIB 101: Introduction to the Bible or CHR 113: Biblical Interpretation (3)

CHR 211: The Old Testament Story (3)

CHR 212: The Old Testament Story (3)

CHR 311: *Theologia Principia* I: God and Creation (3)

CHR 312: *Theologia Principia* II: Christ and Salvation (3)

CHR 263: Christian Preaching (3)

Leadership (6)

LDR 101: Leadership Formation I (3)

LDR 201 Leadership Formation II (3)

LDR 200: *Basileia* Mission (non-credit, may combine with CHR 481: Field Practicum or Cross-cultural Exp.)

Total: 64 credits

CORE AREA	Freshman		Sophomore	
Language	Greek I or Hebrew I	Greek II or Hebrew II	---	---
Humanities	Rhetoric I	Rhetoric II	Ethics/Moral Decision Making	---
	College Algebra <i>or</i> Math for Liberal Arts	Phys. Science with Lab (4)	---	---
	Ancient World I	Ancient World II	Am. Exp. I	Am. Exp. II
Christian Studies	---	Intro to Bible or Biblical Interpretation	Old Testament <i>Theologia Principia</i> I Christian Studies Elective I	New Testament <i>Theologia Principia</i> II Christian Studies Elective II Christian Preaching
Leadership Dev.	Leadership Foundations I	---	---	Leadership Foundations II
Credits	15	16	15	18