



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.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Christian Studies

The program of study leading to the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Studies is designed to prepare students for leadership in the church and the world by way of studies in the classical liberal arts, all interpreted through and integrated into a world and life view formed by biblical truth.

Students in the Bachelor of Arts program must complete a *Basileia* (“Kingdom”) Mission (non-credit) for graduation, if they have not done so already in a diploma or associate degree 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 languages, translate Scripture, and identify fundamental challenges in translation and interpretation;
5. Become more Christ-like as manifested in love for God and others and in a mature heart that is superbly suited to fulfill various Kingdom-functions.

Program Requirements

Language (12)

GRK 111: Greek I (3)

GRK 112: Greek II (3)

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

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

Humanities (56)

ENG 111: Rhetoric I (3)

ENG 112: Rhetoric II (3)

ENG 211: English Literature I (3)

ENG 212: English Literature II (3)

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

MAT 208: Statistics (3)

SCI 111: Physical Science Colloquium/Lab (4)

SCI 112: Life Science Colloquium (3)

PHL 243: Ethics/Moral Decision Making (3)

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)

HIS/HUM 311: Medieval World (3)

HIS/HUM 312: Renaissance/Reformation (3)

PHL 349: World Religions (3)

Humanities Electives (6)

Christian Studies (45 credits)

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 313: *Theologia Principia* III: The Holy Spirit, Church, and New Creation (3)

CHR 307: Biblical Counseling (3)
 CHR 263: Christian Preaching (3)
 CHR 351: Creeds and Confessions (3)
 Old Testament Intensive (3)
 New Testament Intensive (3)
 CHR 411/412: Senior Thesis (3)
 CHR 481: Field Practicum or Cross-cultural Experience (3)
 Christian Studies Electives (3)

Leadership (12)

LDR 101: Leadership Foundations I (3)
 LDR 201: Leadership Foundations II (3)
 LDR 301: Leadership Foundations III (3)
 LDR 401: Leadership Foundations IV (3)

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

Total: 125 credits

CORE AREA	Freshman		Sophomore	
Language	Greek I	Greek II	Greek III or Hebrew I	Greek IV or Hebrew II
Humanities	Rhetoric I College Algebra <i>or</i> Math for Liberal Arts Ancient World I	Rhetoric II Phys. Science with Lab (4) Ancient World II	English Lit I Am. Exp. I	English Lit II Life Science w/Lab (4) Am. Exp. II
Christian Studies	---	Intro to Bible or Biblical Interpretation	Old Testament	New Testament
Leadership Dev.	Leadership Foundations I	---	Leadership Foundations II	---
Credits	15	16	15	16

CORE AREA	Junior		Senior	
Language	---	---	---	---
Humanities	Ethics/Moral Decision Making Medieval World Statistics	Renaissance/ Reformation	Humanities Elective I Humanities Elective II	World Religions
Christian Studies	<i>Theologia Principia I</i> Old Testament Intensive	<i>Theologia Principia II</i> Biblical Counseling New Testament Intensive	<i>Theologia Principia III</i> Christian Studies Elective I Creeds & Confessions	Christian Studies Elective II Christian Preaching Any Electives or Senior Thesis (3)
Leadership Dev.		Leadership Foundations III	Leadership Foundations IV	Field Practicum or Cross-Cult. Exp.
Credits	15	15	18	15