

## ACADEMICS

### THE CHRISTIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

The Christian Studies Program aims 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.

### Diploma in Christian Ministry

The Diploma in Christian Ministry program is designed primarily for students who have not had opportunity for college or seminary training in ministry or biblical studies, including those who may have entered vocational ministry in later years, laypersons seeking formal training to equip them for local church ministry, and others desiring Bible, theology, and ministry training. The program incorporates an exposure to the classic liberal arts.

While the Diploma program is intended primarily as preparation for local church ministry, most courses are designed to match “General Education” or biblical studies courses in most traditional baccalaureate programs. All courses in the Program may be applied to the Associate of Christian Leadership or Associate of Arts in Christian Studies.

Students in the Diploma in Christian Ministry program must complete a *Basileia* (“Kingdom”) Mission (non-credit) for graduation. 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 Diploma in Christian Ministry 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 Christ-like as manifested in love for God and others and a mature heart that is superbly suited to fulfill various Kingdom-functions.

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### Program Requirements

#### **Language** (0)

#### **Humanities** (9)

HIS/HUM 111: Ancient World I (3)

HIS/HUM 112: Ancient World II (3)

Elective (3)

#### **Christian Studies** (21)

CHR 101: Introduction to the Bible (3)

CHR 102: Biblical Interpretation (3)

CHR 211: The Old Testament Story (3)

CHR 222: The New Testament Story (3)

Christian Studies Electives (9)

#### **Leadership** (3)

LDR 101: Leadership Foundations I (3)

LDR 200: *Basileia* Mission (non-credit)

**Total:** 33 credits

GENERAL CATALOGUE

Diploma in Christian Ministry

CORE AREA	COURSES	
<b>Humanities</b>	Ancient World I	Ancient World II Humanities Elective
<b>Christian Studies</b>	Introduction to the Bible Old Testament Story Christian Studies Elective I Christian Studies Elective II	Biblical Interpretation New Testament Story Christian Studies Elective III
<b>Leadership</b>	Leadership Foundations I	<i>Basileia</i> Mission (no credit)
<b>Credits</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>