



JOHN WITHERSPOON  
COLLEGE  
*Fides Quaerens Intellectum*

## 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. Gain a reading knowledge of one or more of the 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 (120 credits minimum)

The **A.A. in Humanities** plus the following courses for the third and fourth year:

1. *Theologia Principia I: Method, God, and Creation* (CHR 331)
2. Greek III/Latin I/Hebrew I/CHR Elective
3. Biblical Interpretation (CHR 102)
4. Gospels (CHR 421)
5. The Origin of the Bible (CHR 101)

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### Program Requirements (120 credits minimum) *continued*

6. *Theologia Principia II: Christ, Church, Eschatology* (CHR 332)
7. Greek IV/Latin II/Hebrew II/CHR Elective
8. Pauline Epistles (CHR 422)
9. History of Theology (CHR 335)
10. World Religions (PHL 349)
  
11. Poetry and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (CHR 413)
12. Biblical Counseling (CHR 304)
13. Humanities Elective (ECO 201/ART 316/PSY 101/PHL 243)
14. *Imitatio Christi* (CHR 499)
15. Christian Studies Elective
  
16. Christian Studies Elective
17. Senior Thesis/General Elective
18. Humanities Elective (ECO 201/ART 316/PSY 101/PHL 243)
19. General Elective
20. General Elective

**Note:** Students will be registered for the Senior Thesis by default unless given special exemption from their academic advisor.