

ACADEMICS

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A. A.) IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

The program of study leading to the Associate 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.

Associate of Arts in Christian Studies 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.

Associate of Arts in Christian Studies Program Requirements (62 Credits)

Fall Semester Courses Freshman Year:

1. MAT 102 College Algebra I or MAT 100 Mathematical Thought for the Liberal Arts
2. ENG/COM 111 Classical Rhetoric I
3. HIS 111 Ancient World
4. CHR 101 The Origin of the Bible
5. CHR 111 The Old Testament Story

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Spring Semester Courses Freshman Year:

6. LDR 101 Leadership Foundations I: Spiritual Formation
7. ENG/COM 112 Classical Rhetoric II
8. HIS 112 Medieval World to Renaissance
9. CHR 303 Missions and Evangelism
10. CHR 112 The New Testament Story

Fall Semester Courses Sophomore Year:

11. PHL 243 Ethics/Moral Decision Making
12. HIS 211 American History I
13. CHR 304 Biblical Counseling
14. SCI 111 Physical Science w/Lab (4)
15. GRK 211 Greek I or HBR 311 Hebrew I

Spring Semester Courses Sophomore Year:

16. MAT 208 Introduction to Statistics and Probability
17. HIS 212 American History II
18. CHR 335 The History of Theology
19. SCI 112 Life Science w/Lab (4)
20. GRK 212 Greek II or HBR 312 Hebrew II