



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 in Christian Studies program must complete a *Basileia* (Kingdom) Mission (1 credit) for graduation. Such projects might include missions trips, regular involvement in an approved ministry, internships, or participation in special evangelistic outreach efforts. BACS students will be required to serve 40 hours for the project. Guidelines for completing the *Basileia* (Kingdom) Mission requirement are available from the Registrar's Office and must be approved by the student's advisor and the Chief Academic Officer.

*Note:* LDR 200 may be combined with CHR 499, *Imitatio Christi* as long as the ministry service includes the minimum number of cross-cultural hours required by the student's degree program.

### Bachelor 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.

### Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies Program Requirements (120 credits minimum)

The requirements for the B. A. in Christian Studies includes completion of the A.A. in Christian Studies curriculum plus the following courses for the third and fourth year:

Fall Semester Courses Junior Year:

1. CHR 331 *Theologia Principia I: Method, God, and Creation*
2. GRK 311 Greek III (or GRK 211 Greek I if not taken previously) or LAT 211 Latin I or HBR 311 Hebrew I or Christian Studies Elective
3. CHR 301 Biblical Interpretation
4. CHR 421 The Gospels
5. LDR 201 Leadership Foundations II: Becoming an Effective Leader

Spring Semester Courses Junior Year:

6. CHR 332 *Theologia Principia II*: Christ, Church, and Eschatology
7. GRK 312 Greek IV (or GRK 212 Greek II if not taken previously) or LAT 212 Latin II or HBR 312 Hebrew II or Christian Studies Elective
8. CHR 422 The Pauline Epistles
9. Christian Studies Elective
10. PHL 349 World Religions

Fall Semester Courses Senior Year:

11. CHR 413 Poetry and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament
12. Christian Studies Elective
13. CHR 499 *Imitatio Christi*
14. Christian Studies Elective
15. Humanities Elective 1: Choose between ECO 201 Introduction to Economics or HUM/POL 313 American Government (*Two Humanities Electives are required for the BACS degree – see Humanities Elective 2 options below.*)

Spring Semester Courses Senior Year:

16. CHR/HUM 498 Senior Thesis Project or General Elective
17. LDR 200 *Basileia* (Kingdom) Mission (1 credit)
18. Humanities Elective 2: Choose between ART 316 History of Western Art and Architecture OR PSY 101 Psychology Colloquium
19. General Elective