



What can I do with a major in... **BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

The Biblical & Theological Studies major prepares men and women to carefully examine the Bible as the foundation for life and effectively communicate ideas so they can serve in a career that impacts and transforms lives. You will be equipped to study the Bible in its original languages, analyze theological ideas and exegetical methods, explain biblical customs, understand church history, while developing skills in communication, research, and analysis. Learn from internationally recognized faculty who have expertise in the Old and New Testaments, theology, archaeology, biblical interpretation, and the Dead Sea Scrolls.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Pastoral ministry
Bible translation
Leadership in nonprofit organizations
Research and writing
Theological librarian
Chaplain
University professor
Para-church ministry
Christian education
Missions
Communication
Camp ministry

Who employs people with this degree?

Christian camps
Christian colleges
Denominational offices
Government
Local churches
Mission agencies
Para-church organizations
Prisons
Seminaries
National/International humanitarian aid organizations
Christian service organizations
Curriculum and publishing companies

Strategies for Success:

- Motivated students can complete this major in 3.5 years! (18 credits per semester)
- Students who want to gain proficiency in biblical studies, seek to understand important theological issues, and desire to have a career with significance will benefit from this major.
- To enhance the Biblical & Theological Studies major, students can study abroad in Israel, be inducted into the national honor society Theta Alpha Kappa, present theological research to peers, participate in archaeological excavations in Israel, volunteer for service projects with Biblical and Theological Studies faculty, and get involved in local ministry.
- Many transferable skills such as analyzing and synthesizing data, research, communication skills and critical thinking are associated with the biblical & theological studies degree.
- Expertise in religious ideas can be a plus for secular work environments, as well as more traditional ones.
- An undergraduate degree prepares students for professional and graduate study in seminary, business, law, medicine, counseling, higher education and other fields. Be sure to check for prerequisite classes needed to enter various graduate programs.

Professional Associations:

Evangelical Theological Society
Society of Biblical Literature
American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association (APCCA)
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)
Association of Professional Chaplains

International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC)
National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy (NIBIC)
Christian Camp and Conference Association
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)
National Association of Evangelicals

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with Career Development or check out our online resources on our website or on theROCK, Career Development tab.