

**BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

## Department of **BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**Mission Statement**

University of Northwestern puts the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word at the center of all activities. The Scriptures are the integrating core for all academic programs. This commitment means that (1) the Bible is the most urgent concern of persons who study and work at the university, (2) the Bible provides answers to some of humanity's basic questions and establishes a theological frame of reference for education at the university and (3) the Bible defines principles and standards for determining the purpose for which all learning is to be used.

Therefore, the purpose of the Department of Biblical & Theological Studies is to promote the central place of the Scriptures as the theological frame of reference for the curriculum. The department seeks to teach students the Bible as "the whole counsel of God," focused on the Lord Jesus Christ and to train them to interpret and apply biblical content; to help students develop a life submitted to Christ and ordered by biblical ethics so that they can be steadfast spiritually in the midst of life's incongruities and trials; to equip students to develop a biblical worldview; to expose students to ministry in the church and to the world; and to enhance a climate of love and respect for one another in the learning environment.

**Zondervan/University of Northwestern Awards**

With the intent of inspiring students in their studies, Zondervan Publishing House initiated annual award programs to recognize outstanding achievement in the study of biblical Greek, biblical Hebrew and theology. University of Northwestern has entered into a participation agreement with Zondervan, according to which the Biblical & Theological Studies Department establishes selection criteria and the university presents these awards at the yearly Honors Convocation. The winners receive the prize of a Zondervan product, a commemorative item and the recognition of having his/her name engraved on a perpetual plaque displayed in the Berntsen Library. Northwestern has an additional Ancient & Classical Languages Award for an advanced language student each year. For more information, contact the chairperson of the Department of Biblical & Theological Studies.

## **Biblical & Theological Studies Major** Bachelor of Arts

The Biblical & Theological Studies major is designed to provide in-depth study and preparation in Bible and related areas and subjects. It is intended for students who wish to pursue graduate studies in preparation for teaching, for those who desire a solid pre-seminary program, or for persons who wish to gain a high proficiency in biblical studies. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 46–47 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Biblical Worldview: Theory & Contexts** requirement in core curriculum: BIB4360 or 4825.

<b>Required Courses</b> . . . . .	<b>28 cr</b>
BIB4365 Historical Theology . . . . .	4
BIB4460 Biblical Theology . . . . .	4
BIB4835 Seminar in Theological Method <b>[OCE]</b> . . . . .	4
BIA3235 Second Temple Judaism . . . . .	4
BIA3236 Biblical Customs and Geography . . . . .	4
BIA4837 Seminar in Exegetical Method <b>[WCE]</b> . . . . .	4
HIS3125 History of the Christian Church from Apostolic Times to the Present . . . . .	4

<b>Select from the following</b> . . . . .	<b>8 cr</b>
Courses with ACL, BIA, BIB, or PHI prefixes*	
ICS2015 World Religions . . . . .	4
ICS3215 Contemporary Religious Movements . . . . .	2
LIN2226 Introduction to Linguistics . . . . .	4
LTH4155 Literary Theory . . . . .	2
MCH3125 Theology of Worship . . . . .	2
MIN1007 Ministry Foundations . . . . .	4
PAS4305 Communicating the Biblical Message . . . . .	4

<b>Foreign Language</b> . . . . .	<b>16 cr</b>
ACL2001 Elementary Greek I . . . . .	4
ACL2002 Elementary Greek II . . . . .	4
ACL3201 Intermediate Greek I . . . . .	4
ACL3202 Intermediate Greek II . . . . .	4

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\* MAY NOT INCLUDE COURSES USED TO MEET CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS.

## Dual Degree in Biblical & Theological Studies Bachelor of Arts/Master of Arts in Theological Studies

The dual degree leading to a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical & Theological Studies and a Master of Arts in Theological Studies is meant to accelerate completion of a master's degree. The dual B.A./MATS degree is streamlined to save time and tuition by integrating two existing programs. Overlapping credits are applied toward both the undergraduate degree and graduate degree. During the graduate program, students complete courses in the evening or online.

This program is designed to prepare men and women for ministry in a church, para-church, or academic setting. Students complete advanced courses in theological methods and biblical interpretation. To aid in their study of Scripture, students also complete two years of New Testament Greek and one year of Biblical Hebrew and carefully study the socio-historical setting of the Bible. Students gain deeper insight by studying theology according to biblical themes (biblical theology), theological categories (systematic theology), and ecclesiastical history (historical theology).

The program may culminate with the writing of an optional thesis guided by a faculty mentor that contributes to one of three fields of study: Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, or Theological Studies. By the end of this program, students will have improved skills in research, critical thinking, project management, and writing. This preparation is especially helpful for students who are considering doctoral studies.

The total program requires 147 credits (125 credits for the B.A., 22 remaining credits for the MATS). Upon completion of all undergraduate requirements, the B.A. in Biblical & Theological Studies is awarded. This B.A. degree must be completed prior to enrollment in the MATS program. Upon completion of the remaining graduate requirements, the MATS degree is awarded. B.A. requirements are specified on pages 46–47 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Biblical Worldview: Theory & Contexts** requirement in core curriculum: BIB4360 or 4825.

### Required Courses . . . . .30 cr

BIA3235	Second Temple Judaism . . . . .	4
BIA3236	Biblical Customs and Geography . . . . .	4
BIA5015U	Biblical Hermeneutics. . . . .	4
BIA5021U	Apologetics . . . . .	2
BIB4365	Historical Theology . . . . .	4
BIB4835	Seminar in Theological Method [OCE] . . . . .	4
BIB6312U	Biblical Theology of the Old and New Testaments . . . . .	4
HIS5019U	History of Christianity . . . . .	4

### Foreign Languages . . . . .24 cr

ACL2001	Elementary Greek I . . . . .	4
ACL2002	Elementary Greek II . . . . .	4
ACL2011	Classical Hebrew I . . . . .	4
ACL2012	Classical Hebrew II . . . . .	4
ACL3201	Intermediate Greek I . . . . .	4
ACL3202	Intermediate Greek II [WCE] . . . . .	4

### Taken as a Graduate Student (5th Year MATS Coursework)

BIA5011	Spiritual Formation for Leadership . . . . .	2
BIA5017	Bible in Its World . . . . .	2
BIB6311	Theological Prolegomena. . . . .	2
BIB6313	Systematic Theology I . . . . .	4
BIB6314	Systematic Theology II . . . . .	4
BIB6315	Contemporary Issues in Theology . . . . .	2
PHI5310	Ethics . . . . .	2

### Selectives . . . . .4 cr

BIB5120	Old Testament Survey <b>and</b>	
BIB5124	New Testament Survey . . . . .	4
<b>or</b> if approved undergraduate courses similar to BIB5120 and BIB5124 taken:		
BIA/BIB-prefix courses . . . . .		4
<b>or</b>		
BIB6891	Thesis Research I <b>and</b>	
BIB6892	Thesis Research II . . . . .	4

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## Ancient &amp; Classical Languages Minor . . . . . 16 cr

**Required Courses:** ACL3201, 3202; 8 additional credits of courses with ACL prefix excluding ACL2001 and 2002.

## Bible Minor . . . . . 16 cr

Students who complete the following courses as part of the core curriculum requirement earn a minor in Bible. Senior transfers may choose to complete these courses to earn the minor in Bible.

**Required Courses:** BIA1005 (BIA1825); BIB1005 (BIB1829); BIB1006\* (or BIB1827) or BIB1007\* (or BIB1828) or BIB2008\* (or BIB2826); BIB4360 (or BIB4825) or BIB4365 or BIB4460; select 6 credits with minimum of one course in each area: Bible Exposition (2 cr); Spiritual Formation & Integration Selectives (see page 43) (2 cr); Theological Philosophy Selective (see page 43) (2 cr).

\* COURSE FOR WHICH COMPETENCY MAY BE DEMONSTRATED. SEE PAGE 45.

## Science and Theology Minor . . . . . 20 cr

- **Two courses (8 credits)** with BIO, CHE, PHY, or SCI prefix
- **8 credits selected from** BIA/BIB prefix (2–4 credits); BIO4841 (2–4 cr); BIO4995 (2–4 credits); PHI3035; PHI3805 (Topics); SCI1008; one additional BIO-, CHE-, PHY-, or SCI-prefix course (4 credits)
- **SCI3037**

**Philosophy Major** Bachelor of Arts

The Philosophy major is designed to develop capacities and desires for sustained and careful thinking about fundamental questions regarding the world and life and for extended critical conversation regarding others' worldviews, the truth of basic beliefs and logical relations between beliefs. It is also designed to develop a set of skills needed for these. All of this is rooted in a background of historic Christian theology, in particular the basic truth that God is acting according to plan for his purpose in Christ. Students completing this major will, therefore, possess intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession. The degree is granted upon completion of credits specified on pages 46–47 (40 credits must be in 3000- or 4000-level courses).

- **Theological Philosophy Selectives** requirement in core curriculum: PHI2055.

**Required Courses . . . . .24 cr**

PHI2007	Linguistic Introduction to Logic . . . . .	4
PHI2016	Ethics . . . . .	4
PHI2055	Introduction to Theological Philosophy (SEE THEOLOGICAL PHILOSOPHY SELECTIVES REQUIREMENT ABOVE)	4
PHI3025	Philosophy of Religion [ <b>WCE</b> ] . . . . .	4
PHI3035	Metaphysics . . . . .	2
PHI3045	Philosophy of Belief and Knowledge [ <b>OCE</b> ] . . . . .	4
PHIX805	Topics in Philosophy . . . . .	4

**Select one of the following:**

PHI3011	History of Philosophy: Ancient . . . . .	2
PHI3012	History of Philosophy: Medieval . . . . .	2
PHI3013	History of Philosophy: Modern . . . . .	2
PHI3014	History of Philosophy: Contemporary . . . . .	2

**Select from the following . . . . .8 cr**

*Must select at least one PHI-prefix course*

Any course with PHI prefix*		
ART3365	Aesthetics . . . . .	2
BIB4835	Seminar in Theological Method . . . . .	4
LTH4155	Literary Theory . . . . .	2
PSY4306	History and Philosophy of Psychology . . . . .	4
SCI3037	Science and Theology . . . . .	4

**Foreign Language . . . . .8 cr**

Must achieve second semester of first-year language sequence or higher. See page 45.

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## Philosophy Minor . . . . . 16 cr

**Required Courses:** Select 12–14 credits from PHI-prefix courses. Remaining credits selected from ART3365 or PSY4306.

## Associate of Arts & Bible - Option 1: General Associate with a Biblical Worldview Theme . . . . . 60 cr

The Associate of Arts & Bible program is designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to an upper-level degree program at Northwestern or another institution. The degree is granted upon completion of 60 credits as specified here. Of the two options available in this program, students should select the one which best serves their educational objectives. Students are responsible to check the course requirements of the program and school where further study is planned.

- **Option 1** follows the same core curriculum as University of Northwestern bachelor's degrees achieving all of the same general education objectives and 16 credits of Bible coursework.

### FOUNDATION COURSES. . . . . 15 cr

Developing a foundation for a biblical worldview and communication skills.

**FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW . . . . . 6 cr**

- BIB1005 Progress of Redemption (or BIB1829 Honors) . . . . . 2
- BIB2008 New Testament History and Literature (or BIB2826 Honors) or
- BIB1006 Old Testament History and Literature: Law & History (or BIB1827 Honors) or
- BIB1007 Old Testament History and Literature: Poetry & Prophecy (or BIB1828 Honors) or
- BIB2008 New Testament History and Literature (or BIB2826 Honors). . . . . 2
- BIA1005 Spiritual Formation (or BIA1825 Honors) or MIN2045 Christian Formation for Ministry Practice. . . . . 2

**FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION . . . . . 9 cr**

**Written Communication**

- ENG1105 Composition\* (or ENG1825 Honors) . . . . . 4
- ENG2205 Critical Thinking and Writing (or ENG2825 Honors) . . . . . 2

**Oral Communication**

- SPE1075 Public Speaking (or SPE1825 Honors). . . . . 3

\*NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH MAY SUBSTITUTE LAN1105 FOR ENG1105.

### EXPLORATION COURSES. . . . . 27 cr

Exploring the liberal arts through a biblical worldview.

**EXAMINING THE HUMAN CONDITION: History, Social Sciences & Physical Education . . . . . 9 cr**

- HIS1005 History of Western Civilization (or HIS1825 Honors) . . . . . 4
- Social Sciences (any ANT-, CRJ-, ECO-, GEO-, POS-, PSY-, or SOC-prefix courses[s]; COM1005, COM2107, or 4105; or MIN3045 or 5045U). . . . . 4
- Fitness & Wellness (see page 43). . . . . 1

**REFLECTING GOD'S IMAGE: Fine Arts & Literature. . . . . 4-6 cr**

- Fine Arts: Art, Music, Theater, Film (see page 43) . . . . . 2-4
- Literature (any LIT-prefix course[s] or SPA3325) . . . . . 2-4

**ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES . . . . . 4-6 cr**

- BIA2026 Christianity and Culture . . . . . 2
- Cross Cultural (see page 43) or
- Modern World Language . . . . . 2-4

**UNDERSTANDING THE NATURAL WORLD: Science & Mathematics . . . . . 8 cr**

- Mathematics (MAT-prefix course[s] or PSY3208) . . . . . 4
- Lab Science (one laboratory science course) . . . . . 4

### IMMERSION COURSES . . . . . 10 cr

Probing the depths of a Biblical worldview.

**BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: Texts & Application/Theory & Contexts . . . . . 10 cr**

- Bible Exposition . . . . . 2-6
- Spiritual Formation and Integration Selectives (see page 43) . . . . . 2-6
- Theological Philosophy Selectives (see page 43) . . . . . 2-6

### OPEN ELECTIVE COURSES: Select any courses to bring the total credits earned to at least 60 . . . . . 8 cr

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## Associate of Arts & Bible - Option 2: Specialized Associate with a Biblical Worldview Theme . . . . . 60 cr

The Associate of Arts and Bible program is designed to prepare the graduate for transfer to an upper-level degree program at Northwestern or another institution. The degree is granted upon completion of 60 credits as specified here. Of the two options available in this program, students should select the one which best serves their educational objectives. Students are responsible to check the course requirements of the program and school where further study is planned.

- **Option 2** follows most of the same core curriculum as University of Northwestern bachelor's degrees, includes 14–16 credits of Bible coursework and allows for a specialization of the student's own design.

### FOUNDATION COURSES. . . . . 15 cr

Developing a foundation for a biblical worldview and communication skills.

#### FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW . . . . . 6 cr

BIB1005 Progress of Redemption (or BIB1829 Honors) . . . . . 2

BIB1006 Old Testament History and Literature: Law & History (or BIB1827 Honors) or

BIB1007 Old Testament History and Literature: Poetry & Prophecy (or BIB1828 Honors) or

BIB2008 New Testament History and Literature (or BIB2826 Honors). . . . . 2

BIA1005 Spiritual Formation (or BIA1825 Honors) or MIN2045 Christian Formation for Ministry Practice. . . . . 2

#### FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION . . . . . 9 cr

##### Written Communication

ENG1105 Composition\* (or ENG1825 Honors) . . . . . 4

ENG2205 Critical Thinking and Writing (or ENG2825 Honors) . . . . . 2

##### Oral Communication

SPE1075 Public Speaking (or SPE1825 Honors). . . . . 3

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### EXPLORATION COURSES . . . . . 22 cr

Exploring the liberal arts through a biblical worldview.

#### EXAMINING THE HUMAN CONDITION: History & Social Sciences . . . . . 8 cr

HIS1005 History of Western Civilization (or HIS1825 Honors) . . . . . 4

Social Sciences (any ANT-, CRJ-, ECO-, GEO-, POS-, PSY-, or SOC-prefix course[s]; COM1005, COM2107, or 4105; or MIN3045 or 5045U) . . . . . 4

#### REFLECTING GOD'S IMAGE: Fine Arts & Literature/ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

##### AND CULTURES . . . . . 6 cr

BIA2026 Christianity and Culture . . . . . 2

Fine Arts: Art, Music, Theater, Film (see page 43); Literature (Any LIT-prefix course[s] or SPA3325); Cross Cultural (see page 43) or Modern World Language . . . . . 4

#### UNDERSTANDING THE NATURAL WORLD: Science & Mathematics . . . . . 8 cr

Mathematics (MAT-prefix course[s] or PSY3208) . . . . . 4

Lab Science (one laboratory science course) . . . . . 4

### IMMERSION COURSES . . . . . 8 cr

Probing the depths of a Biblical worldview.

#### BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: Texts & Application . . . . . 8 cr

Bible Exposition . . . . . 2–6

Spiritual Formation and Integration Selectives (see page 43) . . . . . 2–6

### SPECIALIZATION: Focused study through a biblical worldview . . . . . 15 cr

Select courses designed to give one a specialization bringing the total credits earned to at least 60. The specialization should consist of courses in related areas and may be designed with specific discipline majors in mind, such as Psychology, Literature, History, Communication, Business, or Bible; or it may be broader in scope in preparation for careers in other areas. Courses in the specialization are to be chosen in consultation with the advisor.

## Certificate in Bible: Biblical Worldview Theme ..... 30 cr

The Certificate in Bible is designed for those desiring concentrated training in the Word of God. It assists students to become established in the faith, rooted and grounded in the Word and fortified with answers to humanity's primary questions regarding life's purpose and destiny. It provides tools for continuing Bible study and for effective Christian witness. It is of value to professional men and women going to the mission field and needing such a concentrated study of the Bible. The Certificate in Bible is granted upon completion of the same Bible credits included in University of Northwestern's bachelor's degrees.

### FOUNDATION COURSES ..... 10 cr

Developing a foundation for a biblical worldview and communication skills.

<b>FOUNDATIONS OF A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW</b> .....	<b>10 cr</b>
BIB1005 Progress of Redemption (or BIB1829 Honors) .....	2
BIB1006 Old Testament History and Literature: Law & History (or BIB1827 Honors) .....	2
BIB1007 Old Testament History and Literature: Poetry & Prophecy (or BIB1828 Honors) .....	2
BIB2008 New Testament History and Literature (or BIB2826 Honors) .....	2
BIA1005 Spiritual Formation (or BIA1825 Honors) or MIN2045 Christian Formation for Ministry Practice... 2	

**FOUNDATIONS OF COMMUNICATION** ..... **Competency**  
 Competency in reading and composition must be demonstrated in one of four ways. Any credits earned to demonstrate competency do not count as part of the 32 credits needed for the certificate.

1. By English coursework successfully completed at another college or university.
2. By scoring high enough on a CLEP English composition examination to qualify for ENG1105 credit according to University of Northwestern credit-by-exam criteria.
3. By an ACT English or ACT English/Writing score of 25 or higher or an SAT Writing and Language score of 32 or higher.
4. If none of the above methods apply, by completing ENG1105\* (or ENG1825). Additionally, a student may be required to complete RDG0009 and/or ENG0009.

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### EXPLORATION COURSES ..... 2 cr

Exploring the liberal arts through a biblical worldview.

<b>ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES</b> .....	<b>2 cr</b>
BIA2026 Christianity and Culture .....	2

### IMMERSION COURSES ..... 18 cr

Probing the depths of a Biblical worldview.

<b>BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: Texts &amp; Application</b> .....	<b>10–12 cr</b>
Bible Exposition (select one Old Testament and one New Testament) .....	.6–10
Spiritual Formation and Integration Selectives (see page 43) .....	.2–6
<b>BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW: Theory &amp; Contexts</b> .....	<b>6–8 cr</b>
BIB4360 Systematic Theology (or BIB4825 Honors) or BIB4365 Historical Theology or BIB4460 Biblical Theology .....	4
Theological Philosophy Selectives (see page 43) .....	.2–4