

Department of

**Biblical and
Theological Studies**

Mission Statement

Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them ... and teaching them to observe all that I commanded you ...” (Matt. 28:19). The apostle Paul is an example of how the early believers embraced this mission and carried it forward. “We proclaim him (Christ),” Paul declared, “admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ” (Col.1:28). Indeed, over the centuries there is an unbroken chain of men and women who have found life doing the same. So it is the mission of the department of biblical and theological studies at Cedarville University to stand firmly in that line of those who have faithfully carried forward Christ’s commission. With Peter we are convinced that it is Christ alone who has “the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

As a department, we are privileged to carry out this commission on two levels. First, we are engaged in training men and women professionally and academically. Professionally, we want to equip graduates for full-time ministry in the church by preparing men and women with a theologically informed philosophy of ministry accompanied by the skills and experience needed to actualize it in the church. Majors that particularly facilitate this are Christian education, youth ministries, pastoral studies, world missions, and international studies-missiology. Academically, we want to inspire men and women to use their minds for the glory of God. We want to raise up a generation of scholars whose desire is to bring every thought into submission to Christ for the glory of God. Majors geared toward this purpose are comprehensive Bible, pre-seminary Bible, and philosophy.

Second, we have the institution-wide opportunity of influencing each student through the required Bible minor. On this level we endeavor to aid students from all disciplines in developing a distinctively God-centered world and life view. We believe it to be crucially important that all those who will be appointing the pastors and missionaries of the future, doing the work of the ministry, and serving God through their vocations know how to handle the word of truth accurately.

To this end, we commit ourselves to facilitating the development in every student of a biblically based, theologically sound, philosophically defensible, and life-transforming view of life under God.

Personal Requirements

Students planning to pursue careers in vocational ministries should possess a commitment to intense study of the Scriptures, a heart for ministering to the needs of others, and a reputation for Christ-like character, which would provide a platform for authentic spiritual leadership. In addition to classroom expectations, students should seek to gain as much practical experience in ministries as possible. Biblical and theological studies majors find the opportunities provided by the Christian ministries program to be excellent avenues for applying truths learned in the classroom and developing necessary skills for effective ministry.

Department Requirements

To graduate with a major from the department of Biblical and theological studies, students must earn a cumulative average of 2.0 or above and a “C-” or above in all courses included in the major with the exception of Greek.

Programs of Study

The Department of Biblical and Theological Studies offers the following programs:

Majors

- Bible Teacher Education
- Christian Education
- Comprehensive Bible
- International Studies-Missiology
- Pastoral Studies
- Philosophy
- Preseminary Bible
- Youth Ministries

Minors

- Bible
- Christian Education
- Greek
- Missions
- Philosophy and Religion
- Preseminary
- Women’s Ministry
- Youth Ministries

Special Program

- One-Year Bible Certificate

Technical Resources

- Concordance and Bible study software (Logos Series-X Scholar’s Edition)
- Greek and Hebrew tutorial software
- 3-D interactive satellite atlas software of the land of Israel
- Textbook-specific software
- Course-specific software

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Several organizations exist campus-wide, which assist in the development of character and ministry skills. Many Bible faculty serve as advisors for these organizations, and our students are encouraged to take full advantage of them. For example:

Chi Delta Nu

Chi Delta Nu encourages students going into youth ministry through prayer, fellowship, and service.

Timilathians

Timilathians is an organization devoted to promoting critical thinking through philosophical and theological inquiry into issues central to the Christian worldview and our contemporary culture.

Career Opportunities

Graduate schools, professional schools, and seminaries welcome Cedarville University graduates. Careers pursued by graduates include:

- Bible teacher
- Camp director
- Christian education director
- Missionary
- Pastor
- Philosopher
- Writer
- Youth pastor



Faculty

Daniel Estes, *Dean* Distinguished Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Cedarville University, 1974; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1978; Ph.D., Cambridge University (England), 1988. At Cedarville since 1984.

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William Brown, President; Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., University of South Florida, 1975; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1981; Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1984. At Cedarville since 2003.

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Paul Dixon, Chancellor; Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Tennessee Temple University, 1961; M.Div., Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964; D.D., Tennessee Temple University, 1978; LL.D., Liberty University, 1984; Ed.D., The University of Cincinnati, 1986. At Cedarville since 1978.

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Daniel Ebert, Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Clearwater Christian College; M.Div., Asian Theological Seminary; Th.M. Biblical Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. At Cedarville since 2008.

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Thomas Hutchison, Professor of Christian Education. *Education:* B.A., Cedarville University, 1980; M.Div., Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, 1985; Ph.D., Marquette University, 1997. At Cedarville since 1995.

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David Mills, Professor of Philosophy. *Education:* B.S., Cedarville University, 1992; Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, 2000. At Cedarville since 1994.

Michael Parrott, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.S., California Polytechnic State University, 1974; M.Div., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1981. At Cedarville since 2004.

Ryan Peterson, Assistant Professor of Theology. *Education:* B.A. Moody Bible Institute, 1998; M.A. Christian Apologetics, Biola University, 2001; M.Th. University of Edinburgh (Scotland), 2004; All work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, Wheaton University. At Cedarville since 2007.

Carl Smith, Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Tennessee Temple University, 1979; M.Div., Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, 1983; M.A., Miami University, 1992; Ph.D., Miami University, 2001. At Cedarville since 2007.

Brock Weston, Instructor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Cedarville University, 2002; M.Div., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007. At Cedarville since 2008.

John White, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.S., Indiana University, 1989; M.Div., Trinity International University, 2000; M.A., Trinity International University, 2001; All work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, University of Edinburgh (UK). At Cedarville since 2008.

Jack Riggs, Senior Professor of Bible Emeritus. *Education:* B.A., Taylor University, 1956; B.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1959; Th.M., Grace Theological Seminary, 1963; Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1968; post-doctoral study, Institute of Holy Land Studies (Jerusalem, Israel), 1987. At Cedarville since 1967-2007.

Richard Durham, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Greek. *Education:* A.B., Wheaton College, 1950; B.D., Faith Theological Seminary, 1953; S.T.M., Faith Theological Seminary, 1960; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1981. At Cedarville from 1976-1991.

Jean Fisher, Associate Professor Emerita of Church Education. *Education:* B.R.E., Baptist Bible Seminary, 1956; M.A., Wheaton College, 1961; graduate study, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, summer 1965. At Cedarville from 1956-1991.

Robert Gromacki, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Bible and Greek. *Education:* Th.B., Baptist Bible Seminary, 1956; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1960; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1966; postdoctoral study, Institute of Holy Land Studies (Jerusalem, Israel), summer 1982. At Cedarville from 1960-2000.

Bible Teacher Education

The Bible teacher education major is designed to prepare students who anticipate teaching Bible primarily in a Christian high school. It will also prepare students who pursue further graduate theological education to teach Bible at an undergraduate institution.

Course requirements involve 92-94 semester hours including:

General Education 16

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2

Bible Teacher Education Core 40

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Ed Ministries	3
BEDU-3110 Clinical Teaching in Bible	1
BENT-3110 Jesus and the Gospels	3
BENT-4110 Romans and Galatians	3
BEOT-3110 Pentateuch	3
BEOT-3150 Wisdom Literature.....	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible.....	2
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3

Professional Education Requirements36-38

EDSE-4100 Principles of Teaching: Adolescent Young Adult	5
EDSE-4450 Adolescent/Young Adult Clinical Experience.....	3
*EDSE-4900 Student Teaching and Seminar: AYA	10-12
EDSP-2000 Teaching Children with Exceptionalities	2
EDSP-2050 Special Education Field Experience	1
EDSP-4000 Principles of Inclusion	1
EDUC-1000 The Education Profession.....	1
EDUC-1050 Contemporary Christian School	0
EDUC-2000 Introduction to Teaching	2
EDUC-2100 Technology in the Classroom	2
EDUC-2200 Multicultural Field Experience	1
EDUC-2500 Educational Psychology	3
EDUC-4000 Reading in the Content Area	3
(or ENG-3300 Developmental Reading	3)
EDUC-4500 Philosophy of Education.....	2

*Capstone Course

Bible Education Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
Other General Education Requirements.....	33-41
Bible Education Requirements	56
Education Requirements	36-38
Electives	0-3
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Bible Teacher Education

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
EDUC-1000 The Education Profession.....	1
ENG-1400 Composition.....	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture.....	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities.....	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
PYCH-1600 General Psychology.....	3
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Total	32.5

Second year:

BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
EDUC-1050 Contemporary Christian School	0
EDUC-2000 Introduction to Teaching	2
EDUC-2100 Technology in the Classroom	2
EDUC-2200 Multicultural Field Experience	1
EDUC-2500 Educational Psychology	3
EDSP-2000 Teaching Children with Exceptionalities	2
EDSP-2050 Special Education Field Experience	1
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
Physical Education Elective.....	1
Physical Science Elective.....	3.5
Total	30.5

Third year:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BENT-3110 Jesus and the Gospels	3
BEOT-3110 Pentateuch.....	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
EDSE-4100 Principles of Teaching: Adolescent and Young Adult	5
EDSE-4450 Adolescent/Young Adult Clinical Experience	3
EDUC-4000 Reading in the Content Area	3
EDSP-4000 Principles of Inclusion	1
Quantitative Elective.....	3
Elective	3
Total	33

Fourth year:

BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Ed Ministries	3
BEDU-3110 Clinical Teaching in Bible	1
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BENT-4110 Romans and Galatians	3
BEOT-3150 Wisdom Literature.....	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible.....	2
EDSE-4900 Student Teaching and Seminar: AYA	10-12
EDUC-4500 Philosophy of Education.....	2
Total	32

A complete description of the general education requirements is found on page 24.

Comprehensive Bible

The **comprehensive Bible major** provides students with a broad knowledge of the Bible and basic skills for teaching the Bible.

Course requirements involve 60 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
Comprehensive Bible Core	44
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BECE-XXXX Elective	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Electives	6
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Electives	6
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPH-XXXX Elective	3
BEPT-XXXX Practical Theology Electives	6
*BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
BEST-XXXX Elective	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Electives	6
Bible Electives	3

*Capstone Course

Suggested Electives:

BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
COM-3240 Interpersonal Communication	2
FIN-2730 Church Business Administration	3
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
SOC-2400 Marriage and the Family	3

Comprehensive Bible Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Comprehensive Bible Major Requirements	60
Electives	27-35
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Comprehensive Bible

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	32

Second year:

BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
New Testament Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	31

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
Bible Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Philosophy Elective	3
Special Topics Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	11
Total	33

Fourth year:

BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
Christian Education Elective	3
New Testament Elective	3
Practical Theology Elective	6
Theology Elective	3
Electives	15
Total	32



Christian Education

The **Christian education major** prepares students to minister effectively and to encourage spiritual growth through meaningful relationships, compelling biblical teaching, effective program development, and influential leadership in a constantly changing culture. The required selection of a ministry concentration area and options in selection of a minor can be combined to equip for unique specialized areas of ministry to diverse age groups and ministry contexts (church, camp, college campus, parachurch organizations, cross-cultural contexts, etc.). This degree also provides a solid foundation for seminary or other related graduate programs.

Course requirements involve 75 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
Christian Education Core	53-55
BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Education Ministries	3
*BECE-4500 Internship in Christian Education	10-12
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective (BEPH-2200 recommended)	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
**BETH-XXXX Theology Elective (BETH-3330 recommended)	3
Select one of the following ministry concentrations	6
Children's Ministries	6
EDEC-2100 Art, Music, and Drama for Early Childhood	2
EDSP-2500 Survey of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities	1
EDUC-2400 Children's Literature	2
EDUC-3990 Independent Study Education	1
Church Music Ministries	6
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
One course from the following	3
CHMU-2600 Music of the Church	3
CHMU-3630 Administering Church Music I	3
CHMU-3640 Administering Church Music II	3
**Cross-Cultural Ministries	6
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions	3
BEPT-3470 Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
BEPT-4510 Advanced Urban Ministry	3
Sports Ministries	6
BECE-2100 Wilderness Ministry	3
CCHG-3670 Fundamentals of Coaching	3
ESSE-1350 Foundations of Sports Ministries	3
ESSE-2810 Introduction to Camping	2
ESSE-2830 Recreational Leadership	2
SMGT-2500 Organizational Behavior in Sport	3

Women's Ministries	6
BEST/BETH-2920 Scriptural Interpretations of Gender Issues and Roles	3
BEPT-3480 Women's Communication for Ministry	3
COM-3150 Gender, Politics, and Communication	3

*Capstone Course

**Students who select the cross-cultural ministries concentration should take BETH-3400 as the theology elective.

Christian Education Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Christian Education Major Requirements	75
Electives	12-20
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

A complete description of the general education requirements is found on page 24.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Christian Education

First year:

BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BECE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Social Science Elective	3
Total	33

Second year:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
Literature Elective	3
Ministry Concentration Electives	6
Philosophy Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Quantitative Elective	3
Total	31

Third year:

BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	6
Total	28

Summer:

BECE-4500 Internship in Christian Education	10-12
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Fourth year:

BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Education Ministries	3
New Testament Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	12-14
Total	24-26

A complete description of the general education requirements is found on page 24.

Pastoral Studies

The **pastoral studies major** is designed to prepare the person who aspires to serve as a general associate pastor or a staff pastor prior to graduate studies or prior to serving as a senior pastor.

Course requirements involve 61 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
Pastoral Studies Core	45-47
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries.....	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective.....	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
(or BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions.....)	(3)
BEPT-3420 Pastoral Ministry	2
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling.....	3
BEPT-3500 Homiletics.....	3
*BEPT-4400 Pastoral Internship	10-12
BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics	3
BEST-XXXX Special Topics Elective.....	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Electives	6

*Capstone Course

Suggested Electives:

BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
FIN-2730 Church Business Administration	3
PYCH-1600 General Psychology.....	3
PYCH-3660 Fundamentals of Counseling	3
PYCH-3670 Group Dynamics	3
SOC-2400 Marriage and the Family.....	3

Pastoral Studies Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements.....	33-41
Pastoral Studies Major Requirements	61
Electives	26-34
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Pastoral Studies

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech.....	3
ENG-1400 Composition.....	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture.....	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities.....	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History Elective.....	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective.....	1
Physical Science Elective.....	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries.....	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	30

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-3420 Pastoral Ministry	2
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling	3
BEPT-3500 Homiletics.....	3
BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics	3
New Testament Elective.....	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	33

Fourth year:

BEPT-4400 Pastoral Internship	10-12
Special Topics Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	14-16
Total	32



Philosophy

The **philosophy major** provides students with the rich conceptual background and analytical skills instrumental in developing a philosophically defensible, biblically faithful, and theologically sound worldview. Students will cultivate a healthy intellectual curiosity as they gain knowledge of the history of Western philosophy and an awareness of the contemporary Western philosophical scene. Students will also acquire the ability to read, state, discuss, and evaluate clearly and charitably major philosophical theories found in the various branches of philosophy. Finally, students will develop the skills necessary to read carefully and listen graciously to alternative worldviews as they formulate precisely and defend rigorously their own Christian worldview.

Course requirements involve 43 semester hours including:

Philosophy Core	29
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPH-2240 Logic	3
BEPH-2250 Ethics	3
BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BEPH-3310 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
BEPH-3320 History of Modern Philosophy	3
BEPH-3330 19th Century Philosophy	3
BEPH-3340 Current Philosophical Developments	3
*BEPH-4910 Seminar in Philosophy	2
Philosophy Electives selected from the following	14
BEPH-3240 Epistemology	3
BEPH-3260 Symbolic Logic	3
BEPH-3280 Metaphysics	3
BEPH-3400 Philosophy of Law and Economics	3
BEPH-4030 Philosophy and Literature	2
BEPH-4260 Philosophy of Art	2
BEPH-4290 Topics in Philosophy	2
BEPH-4900 Independent Study in Philosophy	1-3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	3
BETH-4320 Contemporary Theology	3

*Capstone Course

Suggested Electives:

COM-2050 Communication Theory	3
COM-3100 Advanced Public Speaking	3
COM-3150 Gender, Politics, and Communication	3
HIST-2010, 2020 History of Civilization I and II	6
HIST-3030 History of Christianity: Pre-Reformation	3
HIST-3050 Renaissance and Reformation Europe	3
LIT-3350 Shakespeare	3
LIT-3380 Contemporary British Literature	3
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
PYCH-3650 Learning and Cognition	3

Philosophy Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	49-57
Philosophy Major Requirements	43
Electives	28-36
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Philosophy

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2240 Logic	3
BEPH-2250 Ethics	3
BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
History Elective	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	8
Total	32

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BEPH-3310 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
BEPH-3320 History of Modern Philosophy	3
BEPH-3330 19th Century Philosophy	3
Philosophy Electives	9
Electives	6
Total	31

Fourth year:

BEPH-3340 Current Philosophical Developments	3
BEPH-4910 Seminar in Philosophy	2
Philosophy Electives	5
Electives	22
Total	32



A complete description of the general education requirements is found on page 24.

Preseminary Bible

The **preseminary Bible major** provides students with a broad, integrated foundation in the various disciplines central to a life of service in vocational ministry—philosophy, theology, ecclesial history, and biblical studies. Students will cultivate a deeper commitment to a God-centered vision of ministry by gaining knowledge of the issues, major voices, and methodologies necessary to responsibly engage past and contemporary discussion on the theory and practice of vocational ministry. Students will also acquire the skills of incisive and gracious critique, of employing methodologies and languages in a manner that furthers the discussion of the nature and practice of a life of service, and of translating theology into life and ministry.

Course requirements involve 44 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
Preseminary Core	23
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
*BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3

Preseminary Concentration.....5
 Concentration areas include Biblical Languages, Christian Education, New Testament, Old Testament, Philosophy, or Practical Theology.

Required Minor in Biblical Greek 16
 BEBL-2510, 2520 Elementary Greek I and II..... 10
 BEBL-3510, 3520 Intermediate Greek I and II 6
 *Capstone Course

Recommended Minor

Students are encouraged to select another minor from the following to add breadth to the program: business administration, Christian ministries management, church music, comprehensive communication arts, creative writing, writing for the professions, history, honors program, music, organizational communications, philosophy, psychology, sociology, TESOL, theatre, or another area of study (with permission from advisor and department of biblical and theological studies chair).

Preseminary Bible Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements.....	33-41
Preseminary Bible Major Requirements	44
Required Minor	16
Electives	27-35
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Preseminary Bible

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture.....	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities.....	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

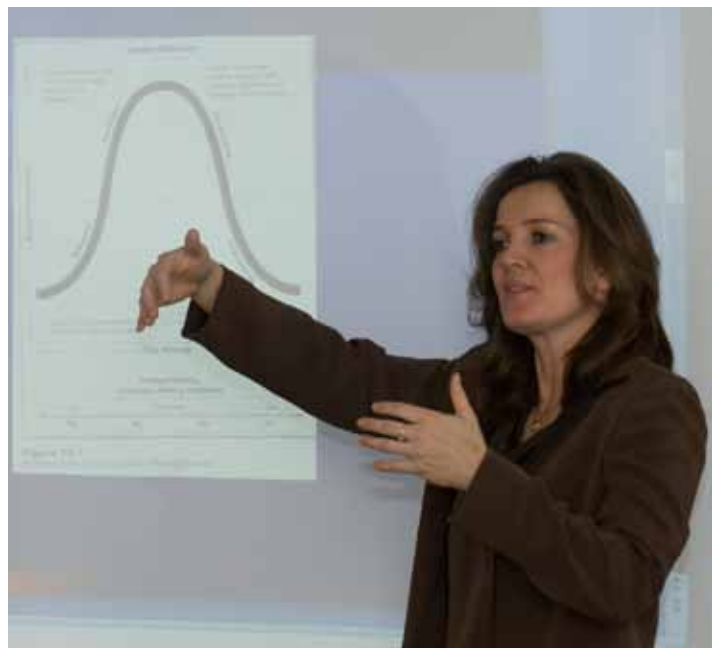
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries.....	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	30

Third year:

BEBL-2510,2520 Elementary Greek.....	10
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
New Testament Elective.....	3
Electives	15
Total	32

Fourth year:

BEBL-3510,3520 Intermediate Greek	6
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
Theology Elective	3
Preseminary Concentration Electives.....	5
Electives	11
Total	33



Youth Ministries

The youth ministries major prepares students to minister effectively to encourage spiritual growth through meaningful relationships, compelling biblical teaching, effective program development, and influential leadership in a constantly changing youth culture. The additional selection of a particular minor can be used to equip for unique specialized ministry contexts (camp, college campus, parachurch organizations, cross-cultural contexts, etc.). This degree also provides a solid foundation for seminary or other related graduate programs.

Course requirements involve 74 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
Youth Ministries Core	58-60
BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry.....	2
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries.....	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Educational Ministries.....	3
*BECE-4750 Internship in Youth Ministry	10-12
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective.....	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective (BEPH-2200 recommended).....	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism.....	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective (BETH-3330 recommended) ..	3
Select one ministry elective from the following:	3
BECE-2100 Wilderness Ministry.....	3
BECE-3510 Small Group Ministry	3
BEPT-3480 Women's Communication for Ministry.....	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry.....	3
BEST/BETH-2920 Scriptural Interpretations of Gender Issues and Roles	3
ESSE-2810 Introduction to Camping	2

*Capstone Course

Youth Ministries Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements.....	0-5
General Education Requirements.....	33-41
Youth Ministries Major Requirements	74
Electives	13-21
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Youth Ministries

First year:

BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry.....	2
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.....	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech.....	3
ENG-1400 Composition.....	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture.....	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities.....	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Quantitative Elective	3
Total	32

Second year:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundation of Ministry	3
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Philosophy Elective.....	3
Physical Education Elective.....	1
Social Science Elective	3
Total	31

Third year:

BECE-3680 Children's Ministries.....	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development.....	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives.....	10
Total	32

Summer:

BECE-4750 Internship in Youth Ministry.....	10-12
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Fourth year:

BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Educational Ministries.....	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective.....	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
BEXX-XXXX Ministry Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives.....	9-11
Total	21-23



International Studies – Missiology

The **international studies majors** are interdisciplinary programs (pages 115–116) that prepare students for a variety of internationally focused careers. The missiology concentration provides students with a missiological view of the international community. Students will cultivate a deeper commitment to the global mission task as they gain knowledge in contemporary global issues, past and present mission thinking and practice, as well as the opportunities and challenges to doing missions in today's world. Students will also develop skills in understanding other cultures and living competently in another culture for the purpose of ministry.

Course requirements involve 21 semester hours of core requirements and 42 hours of concentration requirements. See the major: "International Studies" (page 116) for details on other concentrations.

International Studies Core Requirements	21
^{1,2} ANTH-1800 Cultural Anthropology	3
² BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
BUS-3910 International Business	3
² COM-2140 Intercultural Communication	3
(or PSYCH-1800 Cross Cultural Psychology	3)
GEO-3510 World Regional Geography – Western	3
(or GEO-3520 World Regional Geography – Eastern	3)
³ HIST-2010 History of Civilization I	3
(or HIST-2020 History of Civilization II	3)
INTL-3190 Global Issues	3

Missiology Concentration Requirements	33
BECE-4100 Leadership of CE Ministries	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2000 Introduction to Mission	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Mission	3
BEPT-3470 Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
*BEPT-4500 Missionary Internship	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	3
One course in missiology	3
BEPT-4300 Seminar in Missiology	3
BEPT-4560 Advanced Urban Ministry	3

Two courses in political science	6
POLS-3200 History and Politics of Latin America	3
POLS-3210 History and Politics of Asia	3
POLS-3220 History and Politics of the Middle East	3
POLS-3540 History and Politics of Africa	3
POLS-3650 International Relations	3
POLS-4050 Issues in International Diplomacy	3

¹ Satisfies social science General Education Requirement

² Satisfies humanities General Education Requirement

³ Satisfies history General Education Requirement

*Capstone Course

International Studies Major-Missiology Concentration Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
Other General Education Requirements	43-51
International Studies-Missiology Major Requirements	63
Electives	14-22
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

One-Year Bible Program

The **one-year Bible program** is a non-degree program designed to provide the student with greater Bible knowledge through intensive study of the Scriptures in a single academic year. This program provides personal enrichment through formal Bible study so that the student can participate effectively in the church or a parachurch organization.

The course requirements for the one-year Bible program involve 34 semester hours including:

General Education	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BENT-XXXX New Testament Electives	6
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Electives	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective	3
Other Bible Electives	6

Minors

Bible Minor

The **Bible minor**, a part of the General Education Requirement, involves 16 semester hours of course work including:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2

Christian Education Minor

The **Christian education minor** involves 16 semester hours of course work for the student who wishes to become better equipped to serve in the educational function of the local church. These courses include:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
Choose one from the following	4
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4

Any courses with BECE or BEPT designators

Greek Minor

The **Greek minor** provides the student with two years of study in Koine Greek, the original language of the New Testament. Designed to prepare students for advanced Greek language study at the seminary level, this minor is required for preseminary majors. Course requirements include 16 semester hours of elementary and intermediate Greek.

Mission Minor

The **mission minor** for the student interested in crosscultural ministries involves 18 semester hours including:

BEPT-2000 Introduction to Mission.....	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission.....	3
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions.....	3
BEPT-3470 Cross Cultural Ministry.....	3

At least 6 hours selected from6

BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture.....	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism.....	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship.....	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry.....	3
BEPT-4300 Missiology and Missiologists.....	3
BETH-3400 Current Religious Movements.....	3

Philosophy and Religion Minor

The **philosophy and religion minor** involves 15 semester hours of course work in philosophy and religion for the student who seeks a greater understanding of the nature and history of philosophical thinking and its impact on the religious life.

Preseminary Minor

The **preseminary minor** is designed to help the student prepare for graduate theological education and consists of 17-21 semester hours including:

Choose between Greek or Hebrew6-10

Greek 10

BEBL-2510 Elementary Greek.....	5
BEBL-2520 Elementary Greek.....	5

Hebrew..... 6

BEBL-2610 Elementary Hebrew.....	3
BEBL-2620 Elementary Hebrew.....	3

BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion.....	3
BEST-2910 Theological Research.....	2

At least two courses selected from6

BEPH-2240 Logic.....	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics.....	3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics.....	3
BETH-4320 Contemporary Theology.....	3

Women's Ministry Minor

The **women's ministry minor** involves 18-21 semester hours for students who desires to minister to women in a variety of contexts, through an understanding of the identity, role, and gender-specific needs of women, and through the attainment of the basic skills needed to address those needs and equip women most effectively. Course requirements are:

BECE-3520 Counseling and Mentoring Women.....	3
BECE-3530 Contemporary Women's Ministry.....	3
BEPT-3480 Women's Communication for Ministry.....	3
BEST/BETH-2920 Scriptural Interp of Gender Issues/Roles.....	3

Select one from the following.....3

BECE-3540 Women in Church History.....	3
BEST-4950 Men and Women in Leadership.....	3

Select one from the following..... 3-6

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible.....	6
BECE-3510 Small Group Ministry.....	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism.....	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship.....	3
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling.....	3
BEPT-3470 Cross Cultural Ministry.....	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry.....	3
COM-3150 Gender, Politics, and Communication.....	3

Youth Ministry Minor

The **youth ministry minor** involves 15 semester hours of coursework for the student who wishes to become better equipped to serve in youth ministries. These courses include:

BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry.....	2
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible.....	6
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries.....	4

Any courses with BECE or BEPT designators3

General Education Courses

Every student must take six Bible courses to meet the general education requirements. These 16 semester hours constitute a minor in Bible. They will also count toward the course requirements of any biblical and theological studies major. **These courses may not be taken on an out-of-class basis or by correspondence study.**

