

# DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

## Purpose

The Department of Biblical Studies is the heart of our College, providing a biblical foundation for every academic program. Our desire is to provide the greatest opportunity for Christian growth and professional development so that we may be faithful stewards of the joys and responsibilities received through Christ. To accomplish this, our Biblical Studies Department prioritizes three essential tasks: instructing, equipping, and integrating.

## Biblical Instruction

Our Bible department recognizes Scripture's fundamental position in Christian education and seeks to incorporate this educational philosophy into all our programs. Biblical instruction in both doctrine and Christian maturity are merged just as they are in Scripture, thus providing students with a foundational understanding of faith and practice. Furthermore, instruction is provided in a setting of respect, love and tolerance. This academic environment creates a context and pattern for mature, informed and edifying interaction among individuals within our college family and our neighboring communities.

## Equipping

The second purpose of the department is to help students recognize their own desires and abilities so that they may confidently pursue a career direction. By combining biblical instruction with personal ministry skills, our department equips students for effective and meaningful Christian service at home and abroad.

## Personal Integration

Thirdly, we believe that the final product of our departmental pursuit must be the ongoing integration of Scripture into every discipline of life and knowledge. As we are exposed to the truth of God's Word, we must be compelled to respond appropriately with obedience to God and grace towards others. Our department strives to deploy scriptural ideals resulting in a holistic Christian worldview with both the liberties and restrictions therein. Only then can we responsibly contribute to the Church and society.

## Department of Biblical Studies Programs

### ***ACHIEVE* Adult Education Program**

#### **Bachelor of Arts in Leadership Ministries (Degree Completion)**

The Bachelor of Arts in Leadership Ministries is a 128-hour *ACHIEVE* Adult Education program that combines a well-rounded Biblical Studies curriculum with broad-based leadership courses. This program is designed to equip students with a strong scriptural foundation and key leadership skills that can be used in a variety of ministry contexts. Students who enroll in this degree completion program must be at least 25 years of age and be able to transfer in a minimum of 45 credit hours (but no more than 90 credit hours) from another institution. Full details about this program may be found in the *ACHIEVE* Adult Education Program Handbook.

#### **Biblical Studies Courses**

ACV1731 Interpreting Scripture I	3 hours	<b>34 hours</b>
ACV1730 Introduction to Scripture	3 hours	

ACV1724 Survey of Evangelism	2 hours	
ACV1721 Introduction to Theology	2 hours	
ACV2733 The Gospels	3 hours	
ACV2732 Interpreting Scripture II	3 hours	
ACV2736 Trinitarianism	3 hours	
ACV2737 Soteriology	3 hours	
ACV3720 Bibliology	2 hours	
ACV3722 Eschatology	2 hours	
ACV3723 Ecclesiology	2 hours	
ACV3734 Survey of the Pentateuch	3 hours	
ACV3735 Survey of Romans	3 hours	
<b>Leadership Ministries Courses</b>		<b>17 hours</b>
ACV4734 Christian Leadership and Ethics	3 hours	
ACV4725 Communication in Leadership	2 hours	
ACV3733 Principles of Conflict Resolution	3 hours	
ACV4721 Small Group Leadership	2 hours	
ACV3730 Introduction to Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
ACV4720 Discipleship and Ministry	2 hours	
ACV4723 Principles of Leadership	2 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences Courses</b>		<b>36 hours</b>
ENG1330 English Comp 1	3 hours	
ENG1331 English Comp 2	3 hours	
HIST2130 Western Civilization 1 or HIST2230 Western Civ 2	3 hours	
PHIL3131 Introduction to Philosophy or PHIL3230 History of Philosophy	3 hours	
MTH2131 College Algebra	3 hours	
SPCH 1331 Oral Communication	3 hours	
PSY2132 General Psychology	3 hours	
CIS1330 Introduction to Computers	3 hours	
Science Elective	3 hours	
Literature Elective	3 hours	
History Elective	3 hours	
Health & Physical Education Elective	1 hours	
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	2 hours	
<b>Open Electives</b>		<b>41 hours</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>128 hours</b>

### **Associate of Arts Degree in Leadership Ministries**

The Associate of Arts in Leadership Ministries is a 71-hour *ACHIEVE* Adult Education Program that combines a well- rounded Biblical Studies curriculum with broad-based leadership courses. Students who enroll in this program must be at least 25 years old. Full details about this program may be found in the *ACHIEVE* Program Handbook.

<b>Biblical Studies Courses</b>		<b>34 hours</b>
ACV1731 Interpreting Scripture I	3 hours	
ACV1730 Introduction to Scripture	3 hours	
ACV1724 Survey of Evangelism	2 hours	
ACV1721 Introduction to Theology	2 hours	
ACV2733 The Gospels	3 hours	
ACV2732 Interpreting Scripture II	3 hours	
ACV2736 Trinitarianism	3 hours	
ACV2737 Soteriology	3 hours	

ACV3720 Bibliology	2 hours	
ACV3722 Eschatology	2 hours	
ACV3723 Ecclesiology	2 hours	
ACV3734 Survey of the Pentateuch	3 hours	
ACV3735 Survey of Romans	3 hours	
<b>Leadership Ministries Courses</b>		<b>13 hours</b>
ACV4734 Christian Leadership and Ethics	3 hours	
ACV3733 Principles of Conflict Resolution	3 hours	
ACV3730 Introduction to Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
ACV4720 Discipleship and Ministry	2 hours	
ACV4723 Principles of Leadership	2 hours	
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences Courses</b>		<b>24 hours</b>
ENG1330 English Comp 1	3 hours	
ENG1331 English Comp 2	3 hours	
MTH2131 College Algebra	3 hours	
SPCH1331 Oral Communication	3 hours	
PSY2132 General Psychology	3 hours	
CIS1330 Introduction to Computers	3 hours	
Human/Fine Arts Elective	3 hours	
History Elective	3 hours	
<b>Total</b>		<b>71 hours</b>

### **Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies Program**

The Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies Program is a two-year, 65-hour, program offering basic Biblical Studies and Arts and Sciences courses for those who wish to acquire a foundational knowledge of Scripture with the added benefit of general education courses. The Associate of Arts Degree in Biblical Studies will be conferred upon all those who complete the following coursework:

<b>Biblical Studies</b>		<b>34 hours</b>
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences</b>		<b>24 hours</b>
MTH2131 College Algebra	3 hours	
ENG1330 English Composition 1	3 hours	
ENG1331 English Composition 2	3 hours	
PSY2132 General Psychology	3 hours	
CIS1330 Introduction to Computers	3 hours	
SPCH1331 Oral Communication	3 hours	
History Elective	3 hours	
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3 hours	
<b>Open Electives</b>		<b><u>7 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>65 hours</b>

### **Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies Program**

Successful completion of the four-year Biblical Studies Program results in a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology. The semester hours and minimum course requirements are listed with the individual minors on the following pages.

### **Biblical Studies Minor (Degree Completion)**

Students in the four-year Biblical Studies Program may choose the Biblical Studies Minor. The Biblical Studies Minor is a 128-hour program offering the basic core of Biblical Studies and Arts and Sciences courses. It is designed for those seeking degree completion or those who desire to add a

biblical foundation to coursework completed at other institutions. The Biblical Studies Minor requires students to have a minimum of 45 hours of transfer credit from another institution and can transfer in up to 90 credit hours. (Some core courses can be accepted from approved institutions.)

Students entering this program with intentions of pursuing vocational coursework from another institution may complete their vocational credits later in their program at SEBC. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with a Biblical Studies Minor will be conferred upon all those who complete this program comprised of the following coursework:

<b>Biblical Studies</b>		<b>39 hours</b>
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
Bible Electives	5 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences Core</b>		<b>36 hours</b>
<b>Open Electives</b>		<b><u>53 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>128 hours</b>

### **Christian Ministries Minor**

Students in the four-year Biblical Studies Program may choose the Christian Ministries Minor. This 128-hour program offers a well-rounded Biblical Studies curriculum combined with the Arts and Sciences core. With the addition of basic communication/presentation courses, this program is designed to equip students with basic ministry skills that could be used in a variety of professional and lay Christian services. It is designed for students not pursuing the mission field. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with a Christian Ministries Minor will be conferred upon all those who complete this program comprised of the following coursework:

<b>Biblical Studies</b>		<b>53 hours</b>
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
Bible Electives	12 hours	
Senior Biblical Studies Seminar	3 hours	
ICM Electives	6 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences Core</b>		<b>36 hours</b>
<b>Ministry Skills</b>		<b>30 hours</b>
PASM2230 Homiletics 1	3 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
CHED4521 Group Dynamics	2 hours	
APOL2130 Introduction to Apologetics	3 hours	
PHIL3135 Introduction to Ethics	3 hours	
PHIL2430 Logic and Critical Thinking	3 hours	
CHED2120 Technology & Learning	2 hours	
CHED4720 Biblical Principles of Leadership	2 hours	
CM4620 Internship	2 hours	
CM3620 Practicum	2 hours	
CHED3130 Teaching the Bible	3 hours	
APOL3431 Apologetics and Other Faiths or APOL2230 Worldviews/Contemporary Culture	3 hours	
<b>Open electives</b>		<b><u>9 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>128 hours</b>

### **Pre-Seminary/Pastoral Ministries Minor**

Students in the four-year Biblical Studies Program may choose the Pre-Seminary/Pastoral Ministries Minor. This minor is a four-year, 135-hour program offering a broad Biblical Studies and Arts and Sciences curriculum designed to equip future pastors and teachers for graduate-level training in biblical studies. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with a Pre-Seminary/Pastoral

Ministries Minor will be conferred upon all those who complete this program comprised of the following coursework:

<b>Biblical Studies</b>		<b>67 hours</b>
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
Biblical Studies Electives	9 hours	
Senior Biblical Studies Seminars	6 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
LANG2130 Elementary Greek I	3 hours	
LANG2230 Elementary Greek II	3 hours	
LANG3130 Intermediate Greek I	3 hours	
LANG3230 Intermediate Greek II	3 hours	
LANG4130 Hebrew 1	3 hours	
LANG4230 Hebrew 2	3 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences</b>		<b>62 hours</b>
Arts and Sciences Core	36 hours	
Arts and Sciences Electives	8 hours	
Literature Elective	3 hours	
History Elective	3 hours	
History of Christianity Elective	3 hours	
APOL2130 Introduction to Apologetics	3 hours	
PHIL3135 Introduction to Ethics	3 hours	
PHIL2430 Logic and Critical Thinking	3 hours	
<b>Open Electives</b>		<b><u>6 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>135 hours</b>

## **Intercultural Ministries Minor**

Students in the four-year Biblical Studies Program may choose the Intercultural Ministries Minor. This is a four-year, 135-hour program designed to prepare students for Christian service in a variety of community contexts, both foreign and local. The program allows students to either pursue a more traditional missions curriculum in preparation for overseas ministry or coursework that would lead to participation in local ministries. A Bachelor of Arts Degree in Bible and Theology with an Intercultural Ministries Minor will be conferred upon all those who complete this program comprised of the following coursework:

<b>Biblical Studies</b>		<b>59 hours</b>
Biblical Studies Core	32 hours	
Bible Electives	13 hours	
Greek (or approved foreign language)	12 hours	
ICM1321 Evangelism	2 hours	
<b>Arts and Sciences Core</b>		<b>36 hours</b>
<b>Ministry Skills Core</b>		<b>15 hours</b>
PASM2230 Homiletics 1	3 hours	
APOL3431 Apologetics and Other Faiths	3 hours	
APOL2230 Worldviews and Contemporary Culture	3 hours	
ICM1320 Introduction to World Missions	2 hours	
ICM4121 Cultural Anthropology	2 hours	
CHED1220 Introduction to Church Education	2 hours	
<b>ICM Electives</b>		<b>15 hours</b>
<b>Open Electives</b>		<b><u>10 hours</u></b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>135 hours</b>

## **Diploma in Biblical Studies Program**

The Diploma in Biblical Studies is a one-year, 32-hour program that offers 18 hours of select coursework and 14 hours of Biblical Studies electives. The program is designed to provide a basic biblical and theological foundation for personal enrichment, thereby increasing opportunities for lay ministry. Each student will work closely with an academic advisor to determine the biblical studies electives most beneficial for that student.

Biblical Studies Select Courses	18 hours
Biblical Studies Electives	<u>14</u> hours
Total	32 hours