

III. BIBLICAL, RELIGIOUS, and PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES

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Planning Your Academic Program

1. BIBL 202 must be taken before any other BIBL courses. Students who have taken BIBL 201, 203 or 204 prior to joining the department do not need to take BIBL 202.
2. BIBL 239 should be taken early in your program.
3. It is also recommended that you take THEO 238 relatively early in your program, but not before you've completed BIBL 202.
4. Students in the Congregation Leadership concentration and Youth Ministries majors should take CHRM 210 in their sophomore year.
5. BRS and CRML majors will fulfill their ELI requirement via CHRM 391 or INTE 391. Youth Ministries majors will fulfill their ELI requirement via CHRM 391.
6. All BRS, CRML, and YOUM majors are strongly encouraged to take Biblical Greek or Biblical Hebrew, either of which will satisfy the QuEST requirement for Modern Languages. Hebrew and Greek are offered alternate years.

Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

There is no specific math course required for BRS majors. Familiarity with digital technology is increasingly important for students in the humanities. Students interested in pursuing digital applications in the humanities should consider taking courses in CIS. The introductory CIS courses to consider include:

CIS 171 Problem Solving with Computers focuses on using computers and software to create reports, images, spreadsheets, web pages, and databases.

CIS 180 Introduction to Computer and Information Science covers both technical and social aspects of computing, including privacy, security, reliability, and ethics.

CIS 181 Introduction to Computer Programming in Python is the introductory programming course for both majors and non-majors.

For students interested in math, we recommend students enroll in MATH 101, MATH 102, or MATH 107 in their first year, unless they have had a pre-calculus course; then they should consider MATH 108. Statistical literacy is another important area of mathematical study, and STAT269 is a course that gives a good introduction to statistical methods and meets the QuEST requirement.

Sample 8-Semester Plans

Biblical and Religious Studies (B.A.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 st social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST*	3-4
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	BIBL 239	The Biblical Text	3
Total		15	Total		15
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 nd social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	THEO 238	Theology I	3
RELI 205	Religions of the World	3	BIBL 3xx	300-level Bible	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
RELI 344	History of Christianity	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art/Music/Dance/Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	3
THEO 305	Theology of Religions	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
Varies	300-level RELI or THEO	3	Varies	RELI /THEO 366 Topics	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		18	Total		16
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism*	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
Varies	CHRM 391 Practicum^ or INTE 391 Internship	3	Varies	300-level RELI or THEO	3
Varies	Elective	3	THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15

*fulfills QuEST requirement

^Practicum/Internship can be taken summer, fall, or spring semesters. Additional cost may apply in summer.

Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.) with Community Engagement Concentration

Sample 8-semester plan

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 st social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	CHRM 222 ⊕	Foundations Christian Leadership (alt. yr)	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	BIBL 239	The Biblical Text	3
Total		15-16	Total		12-15
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 nd social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST	3-4
CHRM 330 ⊕	Organization & Leadership for Min. (alt yr)	3	BIBL 3xx	300-level Bible course	3
RELI 205	Religions of the World	3	PACS 201	Basic Conflict Mediation	3
RELI 342	Religious Pluralism in America	3	THEO 238	Christian Theology I	3
Varies	Elective	3			
Total		15-18	Total		15-18
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	Elective	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art/Music/Dance/Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	2-3
RELI 355	Christianity in America	3	CHRM 356	Mobilizing Congregations for Justice	3
THEO 305	Theology of Religions	3	CHRM 352	Interfaith Leadership	3
Varies	Elective	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
			CHRM 361	Interfaith Leadership	3
Total		12-15	Total		15-16
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	CHRM 391 ^ or INTE 391 Internship	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
SOAN 335	Social Conflict, Justice, and Peacemaking	3	Varies	Elective	3
SOAN 356	Social Inequality	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
Varies	Elective	3	varies	COMM 307 Rhetoric or RELI 342 Rel. Plur	3
Varies	Elective	3	THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3
Total		15	Total		15

* Meets QuEST requirement

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⊕ CHRM 222 Foundations in Christian Leadership (better suited for first year and sophomores) and CHRM 330 Organizational Leadership (better suited for Juniors and Seniors) are alternate year courses. Please schedule accordingly.

Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.) with Congregational Leadership Concentration

Sample 8-semester plan

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 st social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	BIBL 239	The Biblical Text	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	CHRM 210	Theology of Ministry	3
			CHRM 222 ⊕	Foundations in Christian Leadership (alt. yr)	3
Total		15-16	Total		15
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 nd social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST	3 or 4
CHRM 323	Worship	3	BIBL 3xx	300-level Bible	3
RELI 205	Religions of the World	3	CHRM 222 ⊕	Foundations in Christian Leadership (alt. yr)	3
Varies	1 of: CHRM 243, 342, or 365	3	THEO 238	Theology I	3
Total		15	Total		15-16
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	Elective	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	2
RELI 355	Christianity in America	3	CHRM 356	Mobilizing Congregations for Justice	3
THEO 305	Theology of Religions	3	CHRM 361	Interfaith Leadership	3
CHRM 330 ⊕	Organization and Leadership for Min.	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
			Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
Varies	CHRM 391 ^ or INTE 391 Internship	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
Varies	Elective	3	THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3
Total		12	Total		12

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Philosophy (B.A.)

Sample 8-semester plan

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 st social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST*	3-4
PHIL 101	Problems of Philosophy	3	Phil 353	Modern Philosophy	3
Total		15-16	Total		15-16
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 nd social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Phil 247	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
BIBL 2xx	Knowledge of the Bible*	3	Phil 318	Asian Philosophy	3
Phil 220	Logic	3	varies	Elective	3
Phil 352	Existentialism	3	varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	Christian Beliefs* (THEO 205 rec)	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art/Music/Dance/Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	3
Phil 220	Logic	3	Phil 362	Philosophy of Science	3
Phil342	Aesthetics	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		18	Total		16
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism*	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
Phil 460	Senior Seminar	3	Phil 382	Ethics	3
Varies	Elective	3	Phil 356	Minds and Machines	3
Varies	Elective	3	Phil 345	Philosophy of Religion	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15

* Meets QuEST requirement

Youth Ministries (B.A.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
First Year – Fall			First Year – Spring		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 st language requirement*	3	Varies	2 nd language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST*	3-4
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	BIBL 239	The Biblical Text	3
CHRM 235	Youth Ministry I	3	CHRM 210	Theology of Ministry	3
Total		156	Total		15-16
Sophomore – Fall			Sophomore – Spring		
Varies	3 rd language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	HIST xxx	HIST 1xx or 2xx meeting QuEST History*	3
CHRM 225	Field Experience	2	BIBL 3xx	300-Level Bible	3
Varies	QuEST Philosophy or Religion	3	THEO 238	Theology I	3
Varies	HDFS 101 or PSYC 101 or EDUC 203		CHRM 242	Christian Spirituality	3
Total		15	Total		15
Junior – Fall			Junior – Spring		
Varies	Art/Music/Dance/Theatre meeting Quest*	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
HDFS 311	Adolescent Development	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	2-3
CHRM 330	Organization and Leadership	3	CHRM 336	Youth Ministry II	3
CHRM 365	Creative Communication of the Gospel	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
RELI 344	History of Christianity	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
			Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15-16
Senior – Fall			Senior – Spring		
Varies	CHRM 243 or CHRM 352 or THEO 305	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
Varies	CHRM 391 Practicum [^] or INTE 391 Internship	3	Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism*	3
Varies	Elective	3	THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Total		15	Total		15

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