

# 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 233 and BIBL 237 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. Christian Ministries majors should take CHRM 210 or CHRM 220 in their sophomore year.
5. Christian Ministries majors will fulfill their ELI requirement via CHRM 391 or 393.
6. All 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
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year – Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> language requirement*	3	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Biblical Text	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore – Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
RELI 344	History of Christianity	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or 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	RELI/THEO 366	Topics in Religion/Theology	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism*	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
CHRM 391	Practicum [or INTE 391]	3	Varies	300-level RELI or THEO	3
THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

\*fulfills QuEST requirement

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

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year – Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> language requirement*	3	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	RELI 205	Religions of the World	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	BIBL 239	Biblical Text	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore – Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST	3 or 4
CHRM 222	Foundations of in Leadership	3	THEO 238	Theology I	3
CHRM 210	Theology of Ministry	3	CHRM 323	Worship	3
		3	BIBL 3XX	300-Level Bible	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Elective	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	2
CHRM 351	Mobilizing Congregations for Justice	3	RELI 355	Christianity in America	3
THEO 305	Theology of Religions	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
Varies	Elective	3	CHRN 330	Organization and Leadership for Min.	3
				Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
CHRM 391	Practicum/Internship	3	Varies	Elective	3
THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
SOWK 356	Engaging Diversity and Inequality	3	Varies	Elective	3
CHRM 352	Interfaith Leadership	3	Varies	Elective	3
		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

\* Meets QuEST requirement

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

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year – Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> language requirement*	3	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> social science/history meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	RELI 205	Religions of the World	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	BIBL 239	Biblical Text	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Sophomore – Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST	3 or 4
CHRM 222	Foundations of Xn Leadership	3	THEO 238	Christian Theology I	3
RELI 342	Religious Pluralism in America	3	PACS 201	Basic Conflict Mediation	3
Varies	Elective	3	BIBL 3XX	300-Level Bible	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Elective	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre meeting Quest*	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	2
CHRM 351	Mobilizing Congregations for Justice	3	RELI 355	Christianity in America	3
THEO 305	Theology of Religions	3	THEO 338	Theology II	3
Varies	Elective	3	CHRN 330	Organization and Leadership for Min.	3
			Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
CHRM 391	Practicum/Internship	3	Varies	Elective	3
THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
SOAN 335	Social Conflict, Justice, and Peacemaking	3	COMM 360	or RELI 342	3
CHRM 352	Interfaith Leadership	3	Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

\* Meets QuEST requirement

### Youth Ministries (B.A.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year – Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> language requirement*	3	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	Laboratory Science meeting QuEST*	3-4
Varies	Mathematical Science meeting QuEST*	3-4	BIBL 239	Biblical Text	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible for Majors	3	CHRM 225	Field Experience	2
			Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>17-18</b>
<b>Sophomore – Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> social science/history meeting QuEST*	3	Varies	Philosophy or Religion*	3
THEO 238	Theology I	3	CHRM 210	Theology of Ministry	3
CHRM 235	Youth Ministry I	3	BIBL 3XX	300-Level Bible	3
CHRM 242	Christian Spirituality	3	HDFS 101	Intro to HDFS/PSYC	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or Theatre meeting Quest*	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
HDFS 311	Adolescent Development	3	Varies	Non-Western Studies*	3
THEO 338	Theology II	3	CHRM 336	Youth Ministry II	3
RELI 344	History of Christianity	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	CHRM 330	Organization and Leadership	3
			Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Ethics, World View or Pluralism*	3	Varies	Science, Technology & the World*	3
CHRM 391	Practicum	3	CHRM 243/342	Or THEO 305	3
THEO 487	Senior Seminar	3	CHRM 338	Teaching for Christian Ministries	3
CHRM 353	Topics in YM	3	Varies	Elective	3
Varies	Elective	3	Varies	Elective	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

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## Philosophy (B.A.)

Course #	Course Name	Credits	Course #	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year – Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First year seminar*	3	IDCR 151	Created and Called*	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> language requirement*	3	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> language requirement*	3
COMM 105	Foundations of Oral Communication*	3	Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 352	Modern Philosophy	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>
<b>Sophomore – Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	3 <sup>rd</sup> language requirement*	3	ENGL 1xx	Literature meeting QuEST*	3
Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
Varies	Christian Beliefs* (THEO 205 rec)	3	WELL 1xx	Wellness*	1
Varies	Art, Music, Dance, or 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
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
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
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

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