

**FIRST SEMESTER BLUEPRINT**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL, RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES**

When planning your first semester...

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required writing course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- **QuEST** (Qualities Essential for Student Transformation) courses are Messiah University's general education program completed by all students. Specific recommendations for your first semester are included on the blueprint.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: [AP, CLEP, IB Credit](#).
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing [The View](#).

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

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[Christian Ministries and Leadership \(B.A.\)](#)

[Philosophy \(B.A.\)](#)

[Youth Ministries \(B.A.\)](#)

**Biblical and Religious Studies (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:	<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101                                      First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202                                      Encountering the Bible (Majors)	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following courses:	
<a href="#">Language Course</a> *	3
(*HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2024)	

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105	3
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
Laboratory Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Math)	3 or 4
Social Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

<b>Recommended total credits your first semester:</b>	<b>12-16 credits</b>
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Specific major-related questions may be directed to Dr. Shelly Skinner, Department Chair of Biblical Religious and Philosophical Studies, [sskinner@messiah.edu](mailto:sskinner@messiah.edu), or 717-796-1800 ext. 7384.

**Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:	<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101                      First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202                      Encountering the Bible (Majors)	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following courses:	
<a href="#">Language Course</a> *	3
(*HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2024)	

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
Laboratory Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Math)	3 or 4

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**Philosophy (B.A.)**

Students <b>MUST</b> register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
PHIL 101	Problems in Philosophy	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for the following course:		
<a href="#">Language Course</a>	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

<b>Select</b> from the following <b>QuEST</b> options to complete your schedule:		<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)		3
European History or U.S. History* (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)		3
Laboratory Science* (QuEST/GenEd: Lab Science)		3 or 4
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**Youth Ministries (B.A.)**

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IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202	Encountering the Bible (Majors)	3
Students <b>SHOULD</b> register for:		
	<a href="#">Language Course</a> *	3
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<b>AND ONE</b> of the following courses:		
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology <b>OR</b>	3
HDFS 101	Foundations of Marriage and Family <b>OR</b>	3
EDUC 203	Educational Psychology	3

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