FIRST SEMESTER BLUEPRINT  
DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

When planning your first semester...

- Most students register for a total of 14 to 16 credits.
- 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](#).
- Biblical and Religious Studies students should NOT register for RELI 205 Religions of the World. This course must be taken as a “majors only” section in the spring semester.

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.

- [Biblical and Religious Studies (B.A.)](#)
- [Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.)](#)
- [Youth Ministries (B.A.)](#)
### Biblical and Religious Studies (B.A.)

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- **Language Course** *(HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2022)*

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Subtotal: 6-9 credits

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Specific major-related questions may be directed to Dr. Brian Smith, Department Chair of Biblical and Religious Studies, [bsmith@messiah.edu](mailto:bsmith@messiah.edu), or 717-796-1800 ext. 7088.

Total credits your first semester: 14-16 credits
### Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.)

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Students **SHOULD** register for:

- **Language Course**
  - (*HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2022)

**AND ONE** of the following courses:

- PSYC 101 | Introduction to Psychology OR 3
- HDFS 101 | Foundations of Marriage and Family OR 3
- EDUC 203 | Educational Psychology 3

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- European History or U.S. History
- Laboratory Science
- Mathematical Science

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Youth Ministries (B.A.)

Students **MUST** register for the following courses:
- IDFY 101  First Year Seminar 3
- BIBL 202  Encountering the Bible (Majors) 3

Students **SHOULD** register for:
- **Language Course** *(HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2022)* 3
- **AND ONE** of the following courses:
  - PSYC 101  Introduction to Psychology **OR** 3
  - HDFS 101  Foundations of Marriage and Family **OR** 3
  - EDUC 203  Educational Psychology 3

Students may **CONSIDER** registering for:
- CHRM 235  Ministry and Youth I 3

Subtotal: **6-15 credits**

**Select** from the following **QuEST** options to complete your schedule:
- 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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