

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 course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- 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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[Youth Ministries \(B.A.\)](#)

Biblical and Religious Studies (B.A.)

Students MUST register for the following courses:	<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101 First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202 Interpreting the Bible for Majors	3
Students SHOULD register for the following courses:	
Language Course*	3
(*HEBR 205 strongly recommended. Students preferring to study Greek may take GREK 205 in fall of 2026)	

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105** (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
History** (24GE: History)	3
ENGL 110 (24GE: Written Communication)	3
Laboratory Science** (24GE: Natural Science Lab)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science** (24GE: Mathematics)	3 or 4
Social Science** (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits
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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, or 717-796-1800 ext. 7384.

Christian Ministries and Leadership (B.A.)

Students MUST register for the following courses:	<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101 First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202 Interpreting the Bible for Majors	3
Students SHOULD register for the following courses:	
Language Course*	3
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Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105** (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
ENGL 110** (24GE: Written Communication)	3
History** (24GE: History)	3
Laboratory Science** (24GE: Natural Science Lab)	3 or 4
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Philosophy (B.A.)

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

Select from the following General Education options to complete your schedule:	<u>Credits</u>
COMM 105* (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
ENGL 110* (24GE: Written Communication)	3
History* (24GE: History)	3
Laboratory Science* (24GE: Natural Science Lab)	3 or 4
Mathematical Science* (24GE: Mathematics)	3 or 4
Social Science* (24GE: Social Science Ways of Knowing)	3

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Youth Ministries (B.A.)

Students MUST register for the following courses:		<u>Credits</u>
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
BIBL 202	Interpreting the Bible for Majors	3
CHRM 235	Ministry with Youth I	3
Students SHOULD register for:		
	Language Course *	3
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COMM 105** (24GE: Oral Communication)	3
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