



## Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies

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### Program Description:

Graduates of Grand Canyon University's Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies will utilize biblical studies as the foundation, and an understanding of theology, philosophy, and Christian history as the framework, for communicating Christ to various audiences. In addition to spiritual formation and exegetical skills essential to Christian studies, graduates will be able to employ communication, leadership, and organizational skills necessary for effective ministry.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
UNV 101	University Success	This course provides positive re-enforcement of successful learning strategies and assistance with adaptation to the academic environment.	3
COM 101	Intro to Human Communication	This course focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The course readings and discussions seek to increase understanding of relevant communication theories and their application in the practice of effective and ethical human communication in both personal and professional life.	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing	A course in writing academic prose, including various types of essays, arguments, and constructions. A writing intensive course. Prerequisite: UNV 105.	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	A foundation course in the science of behavior. Includes a study of the origin and development of behavior patterns, motivation, emotional behavior sensory functions, perception, intelligent behavior, and adjustment. Simple experiments constitute a basic part of the course.	3
HIS 107	World Civilization Before 1500 <sup>^</sup>	A survey of the major events, personalities, movements, and ideas in world civilization from the prehistoric era to 1500 CE. This course focuses on the key political, intellectual, scientific, social, economic, and cultural changes that occurred in world civilization. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world.	3
ENG 102	Research Writing	A course exploring various types of research writing, with a focus on constructing essays, arguments, and research reports based on primary and secondary sources. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisite: ENG 101.	3
SPA 101	Elementary Spanish I <sup>^</sup>	This course builds a foundation in the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing through the use of a text-workbook, classroom conversational practice, and outside cultural activities.	3
SPA 101L	Spanish I Lab <sup>^</sup>	A language lab for SPA 101.	1
MAT 120	Intermediate Algebra	Topics from basic algebra: linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, systems of equations, and introductory conic sections. Prerequisite: MAT 100.	3
BIB 113	Old Testament History	An introductory and historical survey of the Old Testament. Attention is given to the study of the Bible itself, its institutions, literature, and history of the national life of the Hebrew people from earliest times to close of the Old Testament period	3

BIB 123	New Testament History	A general historical survey of the New Testament, beginning with the inter-biblical period, with the main emphasis given to the Gospels and Acts.	3
UNV 200	Western Ideas and Aesthetics	An examination of ideas that shaped Western thought, and aesthetics. Students will have opportunities to identify and analyze instances of these ideas literature, film, and art.	4
SPA 102	Elementary Spanish I I <sup>^</sup>	This course is a continuation of SPA 101.	3
SPA 102L	Spanish II Lab <sup>^</sup>	A language lab for SPA 102.	1

*Total General Education Credits: 39*

<sup>^</sup> Campus students may choose an alternative course from the Grand Experience. See the current Academic Catalog for details.

### Christian Studies Major:

MIN 315	Spiritual Formation	An introductory study of the basic disciplines of Christian discipleship, focusing on the formation of character, values, disciplines, and habits, especially related to the inner development of spirituality. The study makes use of some of the Christian devotional classics. A writing intensive course.	3
BIB 313	Biblical Interpretation	This course helps equip students more interested in more serious Biblical Studies to understand and use basic principles of Biblical interpretation. An introduction to the nature of Bible interpretation is given. The majority of the course will focus on developing skills in exegesis of Scripture, using a nine-step approach. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
BIB 433	The Gospels	A study of the life of Jesus, with special attention given to his person, teachings, and work. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
BIB 442	The Pentateuch	A study of the first five books of the Bible with special emphasis given to the scriptural record of beginnings and of early Hebrew history, religion, and law. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
HTH 373	Christian Doctrines	A systematic study of the major doctrines of the Christian religion, including revelation and the Bible, the Trinity, the doctrine of man, the atonement, salvation and Christian growth, the church and its ordinances, and eschatology. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
INT 303	Cross-Cultural Communication	A study of cross-cultural communication and cultural transition for students preparing for cross-cultural Christian ministry. The course will present with the philosophy, principles, and methods of cross-cultural communication and cultural transition/adjustment.	3
CHL 448	Leadership in the Global Community	Christian values in a global community provide a forum for interdisciplinary examination of ethics, community, and the environment, as well as possibilities for cross-cultural leadership development. The course will help students develop the framework for practicing global citizenship, as well as allow the students the opportunity for informed dialogue concerning the nature of leadership in other cultures.	3
HTH 353	History of Christianity	A study of the significant movements within the church from New Testament times through the Reformation. Special emphasis is given to the ancient Christian Church, the Church Fathers, heresies, monasticism, the Papacy, and the practices and problems of the Church.	3
MIN 490	Senior Seminar	This course allows students to integrate their call to ministry and vocational intent with their academic activity. This course should be taken during the student's final semester. A writing intensive course. Prerequisites: HTH 373 MIN 315.	3

### Choose one of the following courses:

BIB 443	Life and Letters of Paul	The course material will first cover some preliminary issues in Pauline studies, issues such as the Judaizer conflict, the effect of Paul's conversion on his thinking and writing, and the sequence of his letters. Then, the main themes and issues of each of Paul's thirteen letters will be explored. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
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BIB 432	The Old Testament Prophets	A study of the writings of the prophets of the Old Testament, with special attention given to the Messianic element, the occasion of writing, authorship, content, and interpretation. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and BIB 123.	3
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Choose one of the following courses:

HTH 375	Contemporary Theology	Begins with a brief background of the development of Protestant Liberal Theology starting with Schleiermacher. Then, more attention is given to twentieth-century schools of theological thought: Neo-Orthodox, Existential, Process, Theology of Hope, and Liberation Theology.	3
INT 463	World Religions	A study of the major contemporary religions of the world including both historical background and development, and current beliefs and practice with emphasis on basic religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Baha'i.	3

Choose one of the following courses:

HTH 355	Biblical Theology	An introduction to the history, method, and structure of biblical theology. Attention is given to the study of some of the key topics of biblical theology including God, God's role in history, the concept of the Messiah, Jesus Christ as Suffering Servant, the church as covenant community, and the biblical foundations of ethics.	3
PHI 318	Faith and Reason	An examination of the reasonableness of religious beliefs, especially beliefs which are central to the Christian Faith. Topics include arguments for the existence of God, religious experience, the problem of evil, miracles, religious language, and life after death. Prerequisite: PHI 101.	3

*Total Christian Studies Core Credits: 36*

*Total Grand Experience Credits: 39*

*Total Electives: 45*

*Total Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies Credits: 120*

Students may use Electives to complete one or more Concentrations or Minors.