

BIBLE AND MINISTRY MAJOR

The Bible and ministry major is designed to prepare students to grasp the message of the Bible, interpret the Scriptures accurately, and serve faithfully in roles in church, society and vocational ministry, as well as preparing for graduate study.

The Bible and ministry major assumes the meeting of the requirements of the general education Bible courses (BI 105, BI 115, and BI 211) as they are not included in the major.

Bible and ministry students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in all courses (47-55 hours) required for the major. Students with a pre-seminary emphasis desiring to enter into the AP MDiv program at TEDS must maintain a cumulative 3.25 GPA with a grade of "B" or better in each required prerequisite TEDS course. Transfer students must take a minimum of 15 hours of upper-division courses in the major at Trinity.

Program Outcomes:

- Biblical Living.** The Bible and Ministry graduate should be able to exhibit Christian maturity and professionalism (integrity, responsibility, etc.), and be able to describe these responsibilities in the context of ministry.
- Biblical Interpretation.** The Bible and Ministry graduate should be able to analyze biblical texts in their historical, grammatical, and theological context and be able to interpret the Scriptures accurately by applying linguistic, historical, theological, and philosophical methods to the study of the text.
- Biblical Application.** The Bible and Ministry graduate should be able to develop a Christian worldview that will allow him or her to apply biblical truths to contemporary settings in order to be culturally relevant.
- Theological Integration.** The Bible and Ministry graduate should be able to explain the major doctrines of Christianity and articulate his or her own theological convictions by integrating Scriptural interpretation, biblical philosophy, critical thinking, cultural and ecclesial context.

Requirements total 47-55 hours including the Bible and ministry core and one emphasis. Up to 15 hours required in the major may be used to meet general education requirements.

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Bible and Ministry Major

Code	Title	Hours
Bible and Ministry Major Core		
Required Courses		
BI 290	Interpreting and Teaching the Bible ¹	3
BRS 305	Theology I: The God of the Gospel	3
BRS 306	Theology II: The Gospel of God	3
Church History Core (choose one)		3
BRS 321X	American Church History ¹	
BRS 340X	History of Christianity ¹	
CM 172	Introduction to Ministry	3
CM 224	Integrated Field Experience - Spiritual Formation	3
Total Hours		18

¹ May be used to fulfill a general education requirement

Emphasis: Biblical Studies

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
Bible Core: 12 hours including at least one OT and one NT course; BI 105, BI 115, or BI 211 do not fulfill this requirement.		12
BI 452	Biblical Studies Seminar (capstone)	3
Biblical Language (must choose 8 hours of Greek or 6 hours of Hebrew)		6-8
GR 201	Elementary Greek	
& GR 202	and Elementary Greek	
or HB 32	Elementary Hebrew I	
& HB 322	and Elementary Hebrew II	
Bible and Ministry Electives (BI, BRS, CM, GR, HB)		6-8
(excluding courses taken to meet the requirements of the Bible Core)		
Total Hours		29

Emphasis: Ministry

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses:		
Bible elective. BI 105, BI 115, or BI 211 do not fulfill this requirement.		3
Integrated Field Experience (choose one)		3
CM 225	Integrated Field Experience - Small Group Ministry	
CM 324	Integrated Field Experience: Discipleship	
CM 325	Integrated Field Experience - Ministry Methods	
Ministry Core		
BRS 338	Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism	3

CM 260	Introduction to Intercultural Ministry	3
CM 320	Principles of Ministry Programming	3
CM 475	Senior Seminar (capstone)	3
CM__	Additional CM courses	6
Bible and Ministry Electives (BI, BRS, CM, GR, HB):		6
(excluding courses taken to meet the requirements of the Ministry Core)		
Total Hours		30

Emphasis: Pre-Seminary

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
BI 452	Biblical Studies Seminar	3
Church History (Other Not Chosen in Core)		3
BRS 321X	American Church History ¹	
BRS 340X	History of Christianity ¹	
CM 201	Survey of Christian Education	3
CM 260	Introduction to Intercultural Ministry	3
Biblical Language (must choose 8 hours of Greek or 6 hours of Hebrew)		6-8
GR 201	Elementary Greek	
& GR 202	and Elementary Greek	
or HB 321	Elementary Hebrew I	
& HB 322	and Elementary Hebrew II	
Bible and Ministry Electives (BI, BRS, CM, GR, HB):		12-14
TEDS Cross Registration:		
CM 5000	Intro to Counseling Ministries	2
CM 6000	Issues in Counseling Ministries	1
PR 5600	Christian Faith and Contemporary Challenges	2
Total Hours		35-39

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ADVANCE 5 Year BA/MDiv Program

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