

BIBLICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The goal of the Biblical Studies Department is to help students grasp the message of the Bible, interpret the Scriptures accurately, develop a Christian worldview, and integrate faith, living, and learning. Faculty members and students are committed to studying the Bible in its historical and cultural context and applying it to present-day ethical issues. Students will study various theological options and points of view of the larger Christian community and be encouraged to arrive at their own conclusions based on careful study and scholarship. Faculty members will endeavor to model Christian character and lifestyle in their dealings with the students both in and outside the classroom.

Majors

- Biblical Studies Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/biblical-studies-major>)
- Pre-Seminary Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/pre-seminary-major>)
- Advance (5 Year BA/MDiv) Major (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/advance-pre-seminary-major>)

Minors

- Biblical Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/biblical-studies-minor>)
- Religious Studies Minor (<http://catalog.tiu.edu/trinity-college/academic-life/majors-minors-department/biblical-studies/religious-studies-minor>)

Courses

BI 101 Understanding the Old Testament - 3 Hours

A survey of the setting, history and literature of the Old Testament. Emphasis is given to major Old Testament themes, including covenant, salvation, worship, wisdom, justice and righteousness, and messianic hope. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 111 Understanding the New Testament - 3 Hours

A survey of the setting, history, and literature of the New Testament. Emphasis is given to major New Testament themes, including the person and work of Jesus Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the theology of Paul, and the Christian in society. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 210 Biblical Interpretation - 3 Hours

This course is designed to acquaint the student with a basic understanding of the principles of biblical interpretation as well as the primary tools of biblical research. The student will then apply these principles and tools to the study of a selected New Testament epistle. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 221X Intermediate Greek - 3 Hours

Building on the foundation laid in GR 121-GR 122 this course equips students for applied exegesis of the Greek New Testament. Emphasis is placed on exegetical method and practical application, with the goal of building lifelong habits for the use of Greek in interpreting the New Testament. Prerequisites: GR 121-GR 122. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with GR 221X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 222X Intermediate Greek - 3 Hours

Continuation of BI 221X/GR 221X. Prerequisite: BI 221X or GR 221X. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with GR 222X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 275 Teaching the Bible - 3 Hours

A study of theories and methods of teaching the Bible utilizing instructional objectives. Students will prepare and present lesson plans to demonstrate their proficiency in the stating and accomplishing of appropriate educational objectives. Prerequisite: BI 210. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 289 Topics in the Bible - 2 Hours

A topics course in Bible offered at an extension site. (A matriculated Trinity College student may not take an extension course for credit.) Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 302 Pentateuch - 3 Hours

A study of the content, theology, and criticism of the Pentateuch. Emphasis will be on major themes like creation, fall, salvation, election, covenant, ethics and worship. A selection of the most important chapters of the Pentateuch will be exegeted in detail and developed from theological and literary perspectives. Prerequisites: BI 101, BI 210. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 304 Old Testament Prophetic Books - 3 Hours

A study of the historical setting and message of the Old Testament prophets. The course will survey all the prophetic books briefly, and focus in some detail on Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, and Zechariah. Selected passages will be exegeted in class using methods taught in BI 210 Biblical Interpretation. Prerequisites: BI 101, BI 210. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 306 Old Testament Poetic Books - 3 Hours

A study of the poetic books of the Old Testament: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations. Emphasis will be on major themes like praise, lament, messianic hope, the fear of the Lord, the problem of suffering and the nature of wisdom. A selection of representative psalms and the most important chapters in Wisdom Literatures will be exegeted in detail and developed from a theological and literary perspective. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered Fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 308 Old Testament Historical Books - 3 Hours

A consideration of the basic outline of Israelite history contained in the books of Joshua-2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 and 2 Chronicles. In addition to content and theology, emphasis is on the historiography of the biblical authors and differing modern historiographical approaches to these Old Testament books. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 312 Life of Christ - 3 Hours

A study of the life of Jesus Christ, with emphasis on crisis events. Attention is given to the uniqueness of each of the four Gospels, to the development in Jesus' ministry, and to the topic of Messiahship, kingdom of God, discipleship, and controversy. Prerequisites: BI 111, 210. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 313 New Testament Church - 3 Hours

A study of early Christianity based on the Book of Acts and the New Testament epistles. Attention is given to the historicity of Acts, the careers of Peter and Paul, and the dynamics that spread the church into the Roman world. Prerequisites: BI 111, 210. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 321 The End Times - 3 Hours

A study of eschatology in its historical, hermeneutical, and theological context. Consideration will be given to issues of interpretation and theology with an exegetical emphasis on the book of Revelation. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 334 Old Testament Theology - 3 Hours

An examination of the message of the Old Testament, with special emphasis on Jesus in the Old Testament and topics such as law and grace, Israel and the church, promise and fulfillment, and covenant and faith. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 335 Theology of the General Epistles - 3 Hours

A study of major theological themes of the general epistles including Christology, Soteriology, and Sanctification. Prerequisite: BI 111, BI 210 recommended. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 336 Theology of the Pauline Epistles - 3 Hours

A study of major theological themes of the Pauline literature including Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Theology proper. Prerequisite BI 111 required, BI 210 recommended. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 350 Topics in the Bible - 1-3 Hours

A study of an individual book or topic in Old Testament or New Testament. May be repeated for different books or topics. Prerequisites: BI 101 or BI 111 and BI 210. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 362 Messiah in the Old Testament - 3 Hours

A study of the concept of promise and fulfillment as it applies to the major texts in the Old Testament that deal with the messianic hope and an examination of the various ways these texts are quoted and used in the New Testament. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 390 Experiential Learning in Biblical Studies - 0-2 Hours

This course will fulfill the professional experience general education requirements for students in Biblical Studies. Students may write and present a paper at a professional conference, write and present a paper from any BI 300 or 400 level course to the TC Biblical Studies Department faculty or serve as tutor in one of these course: BI 101, BI 111, BI 210, BRS 231, GR 121-122. Requires approval of one of the full time faculty members of the department. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 400 Romans - 3 Hours

A study of the background, content, and theology of Paul's letter to Rome; emphasis is placed on the development of major themes of the book. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 405 New Testament Theology - 3 Hours

An in-depth study of the central tenets of the Christian faith with emphasis on the doctrines of God, the church, sin, and salvation. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 415 Theological Issues - 3 Hours

An examination of theological issues within selected categories of systematic theology with an emphasis on the key doctrines in each category as viewed from differing theological perspectives. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 430 The Book of Acts - 3 Hours

A study of the background, content, and theology of the early church as found in Acts. Emphasis is placed on the development of the early church, the missionary journeys, and the relationship of the gospels and epistles to the historical events in Acts. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 435 Revelation - 3 Hours

A study of the background, content, and theology of the book of Revelation. Emphasis is placed upon identifying the major themes of the book by interpreting its messages and visions. In addition, attention is given to the major interpretive approaches to the book. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery Mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Advanced study in special topics for students who have demonstrated ability in biblical studies. The preparation of a research paper will normally be required. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 452 Biblical Studies Seminar - 3 Hours

An in-depth study of selected problems and recent developments in biblical studies. Attention will be given to tools, principles, and practice of research and writing in biblical studies. May be repeated for different topics. This course fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone requirement for students in the Biblical Studies major. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111, BI 210. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 453 Seminar in Discipleship and Justice - 3 Hours

A study of the call of the gospel and responses to it in various aspects of society, seeing these as integral to faith. A survey of several important problems and areas of need in modern society where the Christian is called to act, this course is intended to stimulate thought regarding Christian discipleship and involvement in the world. Some of these problems will not have simple answers, and perhaps more questions will be raised than answers found, but it is hoped the process will lead to increased social consciousness and involvement as an expression of being a follower of Christ. This course fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone for students in the Biblical Studies major. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 321X American Church History - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of Christianity in America from the colonial period to the present. Special attention is given to the Protestant evangelical tradition. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with HI 321X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 322X Topics in Church History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected themes, topics, or periods in the history of the Christian church since 400 A.D. with a particular emphasis on the relationship between church history and social, intellectual, political, and cultural history. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Topics have included Reformation and Puritanism. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with HI 322X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 330 Christian Evidences - 3 Hours

An examination of the concept of "evidence" and a rigorous study of the historical events and documents upon which Christianity rests, as well as a comprehensive overview of the presuppositions and conceptions that are inimical to orthodox Christianity and how they may be handled. Prerequisite: Any two of the general education requirement courses (BI 101, BI 111, or BI 210). Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 331 Christian Doctrine - 3 Hours

A study of the major doctrines of Christianity as taught in the Bible, with some emphasis on the development of doctrines in the history of the church and the various options held by the Christian church. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 332 Biblical Theology - 3 Hours

A survey of the methods and content of biblical theology. Emphasis is on the Bible's storyline, examining how the books and corpora of the Bible contribute to the unfolding history of redemption. Attention is given to themes of temple, sacrifice, priest, rest, kingship, exile, idolatry, promise, messiah, wisdom, and others. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 338 Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism - 3 Hours

A study of the theology of evangelism and contemporary sociological factors of conversion. This course will examine the gospel message and biblical reasons for doing evangelism, as well as consider issues in understanding why people convert in order to formulate an evangelical understanding of evangelism. The course will give consideration to contemporary evangelistic methods and evaluate them in light of the material presented in class. Students will be challenged to make evangelism a component of daily life whether in a vocational ministry or a secular occupation. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

BRS 340X History of Christianity - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of the Christian church from the New Testament to the present. Approximately equal time is spent on the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern periods. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Cross-listed with HI 340X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 341 Theology: Prolegomena, Scripture, Theology Proper - 3 Hours

This course begins by clarifying the nature, method, and necessity of theology. Discussion then moves to the doctrine of Scripture, including revelation, inspiration, illumination, and inerrancy. This course concludes with the study of the existence and nature of God (including the Trinity), God's works of creation (including angels), and providence. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 342 Theology: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation - 3 Hours

This course covers the study of the person and work of Christ. It treats the nature of man both as a creature and as a sinner, including original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual acts of sin. Discussion focuses on both the atoning work of Christ and on the application of the work of Christ by the Holy Spirit that runs from election through conversion and justification all the way to glorification. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 343 Theology: Holy Spirit, Church, Last Things - 3 Hours

This course begins with the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Focus then shifts to the doctrine of the church. Topics include the nature, mission, function, organization, and ordinances of the church, the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry, and the relation of Israel to the church. The course concludes with a treatment of the Last Things in relation to individuals (including the intermediate state and the resurrection of the body) and in relation to the following corporate groups: the church, Israel, and the nations. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 350 Topics in Biblical and Religious Studies - 1-3 Hours

A study of selected biblical or religious topics. May be repeated for different topics. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 359 Topics for Honors Students - 3 Hours

Selected topics not taught under specific course titles. Depending on the topic, the course will be designated as falling under one or more departments. May be repeated for credit if the topic differs. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 360X Foundations of Intercultural Ministries - 3 Hours

An examination and exploration of biblical and cultural issues related to a student's preparation for intercultural ministry. Students will pursue an understanding of these issues through research, interviews, and discovery learning experiences. The course is designed as an essential element in the student's process of preparing for CM 445 Internship in Intercultural Ministries. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with CM 360X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 363X Survey of Religious Diversity - 3 Hours

A survey of the world's major religions, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other religious movements. The specific aim of the course is to learn how to understand and engage a full range of religious worldviews from the perspective of the Christian faith. Special attention is given to comparing and contrasting religious movements with the historic Christian faith. The course probes various dimensions of the problem of religious truth, explores the possibility of constructing a systematic understanding of religions, and seeks to formulate creative and thoughtful responses to the problem of religious diversity. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Cross-listed with PH 363X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

BRS 430 Advanced Topics in Religious Studies - 1-3 Hours

Selected courses taught at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Open only to qualified juniors and seniors with approval from the Director of the School of Biblical and Religious Studies and TEDS professor. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 437X Music in Worship - 3 Hours

The study of biblical, theological, historical, and practical concepts and patterns for worship of all major Christian traditions. The types of music and the roles music has played in the worship of various historical traditions will be considered in light of the theology of those traditions. Includes the study of congregational song. Student projects will include planning, leading, and evaluating music in worship. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111 or permission of instructor. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years. Cross-listed with MUW 437X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Advanced study in special topics for students who have demonstrated ability in religious studies. The preparation of a research paper will normally be required. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 170X Leadership Dynamics - 3 Hours

This course will study the vital role and responsibilities of leaders within various organizations. Emphasis will be given to the study of a biblical concept of leadership, various leadership styles, spiritual gifts, personal development, leadership management, administration/delegation, change management, conflict management, and development of leadership staff. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with PSY 170X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 173 Emerging Leadership I - 1 Hour

Students will be exposed to the theory and practice of team leadership and group dynamics. Through a series of papers and other assignments, course participants will delve more deeply into the principles learned in Emerging Leaders program. Practical experience will be gained by planning a leadership conference for high school students. Prerequisite: Admittance into Emerging Leaders Program and permission of instructor. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 174 Emerging Leadership II - 2 Hours

Students in this course will gain practical leadership experience by planning and conducting a leadership conference for high school students. Participants will be challenged to apply principles in organizing, group dynamics, motivation, delegation, and conflict resolution. In addition to the experiences offered in the Emerging Leaders program, students will complete a series of assignments designed to help them in their personal leadership development. Prerequisites: LR 173 Emerging Leadership I and permission of instructor. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 220 Practicum in Leadership - 1 Hour

This practicum is for students who hold approved leadership positions but who are not in executive roles. Qualifying leadership experiences must involve at least 20 hours of leadership responsibilities during a semester. Students are required to keep a leadership journal as well as complete a reflection paper and research paper dealing with topics related to leadership. Students will adhere to internship standards. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 350 Topics in Leadership - 1-3 Hours

Selected topics as announced. Course may be repeated with different topic. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 378X Servant Leadership - 3 Hours

This course is designed to move the student from theory to practice as it relates to being a Servant Leader (SL). Emphasis will be given to the strategic and tactical aspects of Servant Leadership with a pervasive focus given to evidencing a SL ethic. Servant Leader domains covered include: valuing people, developing people, displaying oneself authentically, building community, providing and sharing leadership. Prerequisite: LR 170X or LR 174/174 or PSY 140. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with PSY 378X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 420 Practicum in Advanced Leadership - 1 Hour

This practicum is up for students who hold executive leadership positions in approved on-campus activities. Qualifying leadership experiences must involve at least 45 hours of practical leadership experience along with significant responsibility/oversight of others. Students will adhere to TIU internship standards including keeping a leadership journal, meetings with a Leadership Coach, and the completion of a reflection paper. May be repeated. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 440 Practical Leadership Capstone - 1 Hour

This course challenges students to synthesize their leadership coursework and activities to prepare them for professional leadership positions. Students will reflect upon their leadership and growth and gain a greater appreciation of their individual leadership styles through tools such as ePortfolios, Personal Development Plans, Leadership Practices inventory, and integration papers. Upon completion of the course, students will receive an endorsement letter documenting their involvement in the Practical Leadership Program and citing their individual leadership strengths. Prerequisites: Senior standing and permission of instructor. Course fee required. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

LR 470X Leadership Dynamics Practicum - 1-6 Hours

An advanced application course in leadership dynamics. Students will integrate leadership theory with experience in a practical setting, either on or off campus. Program specifics should allow students to practice all areas of leadership, including planning, implementation, and supervision. Practica experiences must be approved by the chair of either the Business or Psychology department. Enrollment is contingent upon completion of the College's internship contract, including the stipulation of course requirements. May be repeated for up to twelve total hours of credit. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing and enrollment in an academic leadership program: the OL emphases, leadership emphases or minor in leadership. Offered each semester. Cross listed with PSY 470X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.