

PRE-SEMINARY MAJOR

The Pre-Seminary (Biblical Studies/Christian Ministries) Major maintains the broad ministry scope and access to ministry education while allowing for a specialization in a distinctive area of ministry. This major lays a foundation for an effective ministry of biblical understanding in the context of a local church ministry. It is designed to enable a student to do further graduate studies at a seminary of their choice. Students who proceed to graduate studies at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School can qualify for advanced standing in the MDiv program due to agreements between Trinity College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Program Outcomes:

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in *Pre-Seminary* will be able to:

- meet requirements for and apply to graduate program studies in biblical and theological areas (*Preparation for Graduate Studies*)
- demonstrate a healthy sense of self in Christ, commitment to a lifestyle of ministry, and progress toward godly character (*Personal Maturity*)
- study the Bible in its historical and cultural context and apply it to present-day ethical issues (*Cultural Engagement*)
- grasp the message of the Bible, interpret the Scriptures accurately, develop a Christian worldview, and integrate faith, living, and learning (*Biblical Philosophy*)

Requirements:

Requirements total 60 hours. This includes 35 hours from the Biblical Studies required courses/cognate areas, 19-22 hours from Christian Ministries and 3-6 hours of additional general education courses.

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
BI 275	Teaching the Bible	3
BI 452	Biblical Studies Seminar	3
or BI 453	Seminar in Discipleship and Justice	
BRS 330	Christian Evidences	3
BRS 331	Christian Doctrine	3
BRS 338	Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism	3
BRS 340X	History of Christianity	3
BRS 363X	Survey of Religious Diversity	3
GR 121	Elementary Greek	4
GR 122	Elementary Greek	4
CM 180	Christian Character Development	1
CM 201	Survey of Christian Education	3
CM 222	Integrated Field Experience	2
CM 223	Integrated Field Experience	2
CM 335	Strategies for Discipling Ministries	3
CM 342	Relational Skills for Ministry	3
CM 381	Introduction to Preaching	3
CM 420	Ministry Leadership	2
IDS 303	Cross Cultural Contexts	3
or CM 260	Introduction to Intercultural Ministry	

PH 182	Ethics	3
Elective Courses (6 hours)		
Old Testament (choose one)		3
BI 302	Pentateuch	3
BI 304	Old Testament Prophetic Books	3
BI 306	Old Testament Poetic Books	3
BI 308	Old Testament Historical Books	3
BI 334	Old Testament Theology	3
BI 350	Topics in the Bible	3
BI 362	Messiah in the Old Testament	3
New Testament (choose one)		3
BI 321	The End Times	3
BI 335	Theology of the General Epistles	3
BI 336	Theology of the Pauline Epistles	3
Recommended Courses		
CM 315	Principles of Family Ministry	3
CM 320	Principles of Ministry Programming	3
CM 373X	Nonprofit Financial Management	3
COM 210X	Business Communication	3
PSY 220	Interpersonal Skills Training	3
PSY 350X	Social Psychology	3
PSY 355	Group Dynamics	3
PSY 337	Psychology of Adolescence ¹	3
Total Hours		60

¹ PSY 140 is a prerequisite for PSY 337