

# WISCONSIN INMATE EDUCATION INITIATIVE

The Wisconsin Inmate Education Initiative's Biblical Studies major prepares students to interpret the Bible accurately and to apply the Bible wisely in a wide variety of settings. The major prepares inmates for ministry to fellow inmates, positions of leadership in the church, or for a variety of other ministry positions at home or abroad.

This program is a cohort-based, 120-hour degree program that serves an adult non-traditional student population at the a correctional institution in Wisconsin. Presently, the program is housed at the Waupun Correctional Institution.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biblical Studies will be able to:

- identify the basic elements of Christian ethics, exhibit Christian maturity and professionalism (integrity, responsibility, etc.), and describe their responsibilities in the context of ministry (biblical living).
- analyze biblical texts in their historical, grammatical, and theological context and interpret the Scriptures accurately by applying linguistic, historical, theological, and philosophical methods (biblical interpretation).
- develop a Christian worldview that describes how biblical truths apply to contemporary settings in order to be culturally relevant (biblical application).
- explain the major doctrines of Christianity and articulate their own theological convictions by integrating scriptural interpretation, biblical philosophy, and critical thinking (theological integration).

## General Education

Students in this special program will be required to complete the college's general education and global requirements, with these specifications and exceptions:

- IDS 105 Foundations for Adult Learning is taken in lieu of IDS 180 One Mission, Many Stories.
- BI 290 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible is taken as presentation-intensive general education course.
- PSY 140 Introduction to Psychology and PSY 255 Psychology of Addiction are to be taken within the general education core.
- Service learning requirement is waived.
- World language is not required.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
BI 290	Interpreting and Teaching the Bible <sup>1</sup>	3
BI 301	Old Testament Pentateuch and Former Prophets	3
BI 303	Old Testament Latter Prophets	3
BI 307	Old Testament Writings	3
BI 331	New Testament Synoptic Gospels and Acts	3
BI 333	New Testament Pauline Epistles	3
BI 337	New Testament General Epistles	2

BI 339	New Testament Johannine Literature	2
BI 350	Topics in the Bible	1-3
BRS 305	Theology I: The God of the Gospel	3
BRS 306	Theology II: The Gospel of God	3
BRS 338	Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism	3
BRS 340X	History of Christianity	3
BRS 400	Bible and Ministry Senior Seminar	3
CM 172	Introduction to Ministry	3
CM 181	Spiritual Formation	3
CM 260	Introduction to Intercultural Ministry	3
CM 331	Theology and Practice of Discipleship	3

**Total Hours** **50-52**

Students in the Waupun program also complete a minor in psychology as part of the cohort program by taking the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Psychology Minor</b>		
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology <sup>2</sup>	3
PSY 220	Interpersonal Skills Training	3
PSY 255	Psychology of Addiction <sup>2</sup>	3
PSY 300	Personality Theories	3
PSY 356	Conflict Management	3
PSY 375X	Foundations of Christian Counseling	3
PSY 381	Counseling Theories	3
PSY 382	Crisis Counseling	3
PSY 383	Marital Counseling	3
PSY 384	Parent Education	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

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The 3 units for BI 290 are counted in the General Education totals, so they are omitted from the total hours for the Biblical Studies Major.

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The 6 units for PSY 140 and PSY 255 are counted in the General Education totals, so they are omitted from the total hours for the psychology minor.