

Degree Path: B.A. in Bible & Theology

Southwestern College of Bible and Church Ministries

Freshman Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success ∞
ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I ∞
COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech ∞
MTH 1113/1123 (Math option) ∞
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 1) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours
ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II ∞
(prereq: ENG 1113)
HIS 1113/1123 (American History option) ∞/◇
PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology ∞
BIO 1113/PHY 1113 (Science option) ∞
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞

Sophomore Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
ENG 2273/2233 (English option) ∞/◇
(ENG 2243, if preferred, is spring only)
(prereq: ENG 1123)
PED 2232 Wellness & Lifestyle ∞
PED 1101-2291 (Activity Course option 2) ∞
THE 2113 Intro to Theology & Apologetics ∞
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 1)
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞

Spring Semester 15 hours
GOV 2213 National and State Government ∞
BIB 2213 Bible Study ∞
THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine & History ∞
BIB/REL (Bible Core option) ∞
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 2)

Junior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
BIB 3483 Hermeneutics ∞
(prereq: BIB 2213)
THE 3123 Systematic Theology I ◇
REL 3113 Christianity in the Anc.- Mid. Ages ◇
BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 1)
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 1)

Spring Semester 15 hours
CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I ∞
(prereq: BIB 2213, BIB 3483, COM 1143)
THE 3113 Systematic Theology II ◇
REL 3123 Christianity from Ref. to PoMo Era ◇
BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 2)
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 2)

Senior Year

Fall Semester 15 hours
REL 3153 Christian Ethics ∞
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 3)
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 4)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 3)
BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 3)

Spring Semester 15 hours
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 5)
BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE (Major Elective option 6)
XXX XXXX (General Elective Course option 4)
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BIB XXXX (Bible Elective option 4)

Please Note:

- This plan is one example of how to complete the degree in 4 years. It assumes no transfer credit and no developmental coursework. It will work for some, but not for all.
- You can meet with your scheduler, program coordinator, or department chair to plan around your circumstances and develop your personal degree path. Degree requirements and offerings are subject to change, so consult advisors for on-going updates.
- Course Offering Codes:
 - ∞ every fall and spring semester
 - * only that semester in odd years
 - *** to be taken *only* in specified semester
 - ◇ every year only fall/spring/summer (as listed)
 - ** only that semester in even years
 - ∞/◇ offering differs in order listed

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OVERVIEW

A degree in Bible and Theology prepares you for ministry in the church, in the academy, and in the world at large. The degree provides foundational study in the Bible and Christian theology while also allowing for customizations for specialized areas of study. The analytical and communication skills that are integral to our program are among the most highly-valued soft skills in businesses and professional organizations.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Our graduates have gone on, both at home and abroad, to become ministers, military/federal/hospital chaplains, missionaries, educators, lawyers, and school administrators. They have also gone on to graduate studies at universities and graduate schools all over the world.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Learn to read the Bible in its original languages and earn a minor in Biblical Languages by taking Greek 1 & 2, Hebrew 1 & 2, and Hermeneutics. There is enough room in our program for this plus any other minor offered at Nelson, including business, education, music, digital media, marketing, psychology, coaching, and so forth.
- All graduates from our program are qualified to take the Assemblies of God Credentialing Exam. Our degree qualifies you to make application as a licensed minister.
- Our degree gives a special advantage to those preparing for further graduate studies and for employment in church and parachurch organizations, military and civilian chaplaincies, publishing houses, Bible software companies, denominational administration, missions organizations, and educational institutions.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 57 Hours

General Education: 14 hours

- ☐ COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech Communication
- ☐ ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ☐ ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II
- ☐ GES 1122 Strategies for Student Success
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - ENG 2233 American Literature through the Civil War
 - ENG 2243 American Literature after the Civil War
 - ENG 2273 Introduction to Literature

Social/Behavioral Sciences: 9 hours

- ☐ GOV 2213 National and State Government
- ☐ PSY 1153 Introduction to Psychology
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - HIS 1113 American History I
 - HIS 1123 American History II

Natural Science/Mathematics: 6 hours

- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - BIO 1113 Biological Science
 - PHY 1113 Physical Science
- ☐ 3 hours from the following:
 - MTH 1113 College Mathematics
 - MTH 1123 College Algebra

Physical Education: 4 hours

- ☐ PED 2232 Wellness and Lifestyle
- ☐ 2 hours from activity courses without duplication:
 - PED 1101-PED 2291

General Biblical Studies: 24 hours

- ☐ BIB 1223 The Church in Ministry and Mission
- ☐ BIB 2213 Bible Study
- ☐ REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- ☐ REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- ☐ REL 1163 Old Testament Literature
- ☐ REL 3153 Christian Ethics
- ☐ THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics
- ☐ THE 2333 Pentecostal Doctrine and History

MAJOR STUDIES 48 Hours

Bible: 15 hours

- ☐ BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
- ☐ 12 hours from any BIB course

Biblical Proclamation: 3 hours

- ☐ CMN 3433 Expository Preaching I

Theology and Christian History: 12 hours

- ☐ REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages
- ☐ REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to Postmodern Era
- ☐ THE 3123 Systematic Theology I
- ☐ THE 3133 Systematic Theology II

Major Electives: 18 hours

- ☐ 18 hours from any BIB/GRK/HEB/PHL/REL/THE course

MINOR STUDIES/GENERAL ELECTIVES 15 Hours

- ☐ 15 hours of student's choice

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 120 Hours