



BA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES—PROGRAM PLAN

2019–2020

Chicago Campus

This program plan is a suggested sequence of courses for students who changed their program or were admitted during the 2019–2020 academic year. Adjustments may be made as needed based on course availability, prerequisite courses, and transfer credits. Students are responsible to satisfy all program requirements by their expected graduation date.

First Year—Fall

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| BI-1111 | Old Testament Survey | 4 |
| FE-1100 | Introduction to Ministry | 1 |
| GSU-1110 | College Writing | 3 |
| LF-1100 | Principles of Lifetime Fitness | 1 |
| MS-1100 | Spiritual Life in Community | 3 |
| TH-1110 | The Church and Its Doctrines | 3 |
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Spring

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| BI-1112 | New Testament Survey | 4 |
| GSU-1112 | Research Writing | 3 |
| MS-1101 | Introduction to Disciplemaking | 2 |
| MS-1102 | Studying and Teaching the Bible | 3 |
| MU-1130 | Exploring Music | 3 |
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Second Year—Fall

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| BI-2230 | Bible Introduction | 3 |
| GSU-1120 | Speech Communication | 3 |
| GSU-2221 | Christianity and Western Culture I | 3 |
| GSU-2250 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 |
| LF-XXXX | Lifetime Fitness Activity | 1 |
| MS-1103 | Christian Missions | 3 |
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Spring

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| BI-2280 | Hermeneutics/Bible Study Methods | 3 |
| GSU-2222 | Christianity and Western Culture II | 3 |
| GSU-XXXX | Literature elective | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Math/Science elective | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Social Science elective | 3 |
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Third Year—Fall

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| BI-2270 | Life in Bible Times | 3 |
| TH-3330 | Systematic Theology I | 4 |
| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Biblical Theology* | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Language I† | 3 |
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Spring

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| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| TH-3340 | Systematic Theology II | 4 |
| XX-XXXX | Biblical Theology* | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Language II† | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Advanced Communication elective | 3 |
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Fourth Year—Fall

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| BI-4410 | Romans | 3 |
| | Or BI-4411 Romans in Greek | |
| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| FE-4400 | Ministry Internship (summer) | 3 |
| TH-4451 | Apologetics | 3 |
| TH-XXXX | Theology elective | 3 |
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Spring

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| BI-4490 | Senior Seminar | 3 |
| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| BI-XXXX | Bible elective | 3 |
| LF-4400 | Wellness Seminar | 1 |
| TH-XXXX | Theology elective | 3 |
| XX-XXXX | Open elective | 3 |
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Total Program Credits 127

*Select one: BI-3355 Old Testament Biblical Theology, BI-3356 New Testament Biblical Theology, or TH-3332 Introduction to Biblical Theology.

†Only offered in the semester listed.

Refer to the [Undergraduate Approved Electives](#) list for elective options.

Undergraduate Approved Electives

The following electives (all 3 credits) may be taken if the course is not already a core requirement for a student's major:

Advanced Communication Electives**†

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| CM-2230 | Oral Interpretation | CM-3344 | Public Discourse and Critical Thought |
| CM-2235 | Creative Arts in Ministry | ED-2200 | Teaching the Bible Practicum |
| CM-2240 | Message Preparation for Women | PS-3330 | Communication of Biblical Truth |
| CM-3305 | Advanced Speech | | |

Bible Electives (Old or New Testament)**†

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| BI-2270 | Life in Bible Times | BI-4418 | Daniel and Revelation |
| BI-3353 | Introduction to Biblical Archaeology | BI-4455 | Biblical Perspectives on Human Sexuality |
| BI-3342 | Biblical Theology of Suffering | BI-4462 | Topics in Biblical Theology |
| BI-4401 | Topics in Biblical Studies | TH-3332 | Introduction to Biblical Theology |

Bible Electives (Old Testament)**†

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| BI-3301 | Ancient Near Eastern Backgrounds & the OT | BI-3355 | Old Testament Biblical Theology |
| BI-3305 | Conquest to Kingdom: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Sam. | BI-3371/3372 | Hebrew Exegesis I/II |
| BI-3307 | Decline & Fall of Davidic Kingdom: 2 Sam., 1-2 Kings | BI-4417 | Major Prophets II |
| BI-3308 | Exile to Expectation: 1-2 Chron., Ezra, Neh., Esther | BI-4422 | Minor Prophets |
| BI-3311 | The Pentateuch | BI-4452 | Messianic Prophecy |
| BI-3312 | Genesis | BI-4458 | Topics in Old Testament Studies |
| BI-3313 | Psalms | BI-4483/4484 | Advanced Hebrew Reading I/II |
| BI-3316 | Major Prophets I | BI-4460 | Topics in Old Testament Theology |

Bible Electives (New Testament)**†

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| BI-2210 | Gospel of John | BI-3356 | New Testament Biblical Theology |
| BI-2214 | Acts | BI-3383/3384 | Greek Exegesis I/II |
| BI-3323 | Life of Christ | BI-4459 | Topics in New Testament Studies |
| BI-3325/4427/4432 | Pauline Epistles I/II/III | BI-4485/4486 | Advanced Greek Reading I/II |
| BI-3326 | General Epistles | BI-4461 | Topics in New Testament Theology |
| BI-3333 | Hebrews | | |

Language Electives*

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| BI-2271/2272 | Hebrew Grammar I/II | GSU-1157/1158 | Elementary Russian I/II |
| BI-2281/2282 | Greek Grammar I/II | GSU-1159/1160 | American Sign Language I/II |
| GSU-1151/1152 | Elementary Spanish I/II | MI-2241 | Introduction to Language and Phonetics |
| GSU-1153/1154 | Elementary French I/II | MI-2242 | Second Language Acquisition |
| GSU-1155/1156 | Elementary German I/II | | |

Literature Electives**†

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| GSU-2200 | Special Topics in Literature | GSU-2217 | Contemporary Jewish Fiction |
| GSU-2201 | Writing & Reading Children's Literature | GSU-2218 | Ethnic Literature |
| GSU-2211 | American Literature | GSU-2223 | Forbidden Knowledge & the Monstrous in the Novel |
| GSU-2212 | British Literature | GSU-2224 | Listening for God in Fiction |
| GSU-2214 | Violence and Grace in the Novel | GSU-2225 | The Fiction of C.S. Lewis |
| GSU-2216 | Images of Christ in the Novel | | |

Math/Science Electives***†

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| GSU-2208 | Introduction to Probability and Statistics |
| GSU-2231 | Quantitative Reasoning |
| GSU-4400 | Contemporary Issues in Science and Christian Thought |

Social Science Electives**†

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| ED-2220 | Human Development | GSU-2210 | Introduction to Psychology |
| ED-3305 | Disability, Society, and the Church | GSU-2213 | Introduction to Sociology |
| ED-3340 | Marriage and Family Systems | MI-3311 | Intercultural Communication |

Theology Electives*

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| BI-3342 | Biblical Theology of Suffering | TH-3352 | Classical and Contemporary Ethics |
| BI-3355 | Old Testament Biblical Theology | TH-3361 | Early Christian Thought |
| BI-3356 | New Testament Biblical Theology | TH-3362 | History of Ecumenism |
| BI-4455 | Biblical Perspectives on Human Sexuality | TH-3363 | The European Reformations |
| BI-4460 | Topics in Old Testament Theology | TH-3365 | History of American Protestantism |
| BI-4461 | Topics in New Testament Theology | TH-4411 | Global Theology |
| BI-4462 | Topics in Biblical Theology | TH-4471 | Topics in Systematic Theology |
| TH-3310/3320 | Historical Theology I/II | TH-4472 | Topics in Theology and Intercultural Studies |
| TH-3332 | Introduction to Biblical Theology | TH-4481 | Topics in Historical Theology |
| TH-3343 | Issues in Dispensationalism | TH-4491 | Topics in Apologetics/Philosophical Theology |
| TH-3351 | Philosophy of Religion | | |

Open Elective†

Any course not required for a degree program. Credits from any academic division will apply as an open elective.

*Refer to major requirements for any variations (or required courses) in the Bachelor of Arts Degree Core Requirements.

**Any three credits of Math/Science courses may be taken to fulfill this requirement.

†This course is not required for BA in Music