

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE**

The Department of Bible and Christian Ministries offers programs in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, youth ministry, women's ministries, and missions.

### **PURPOSE**

1. To enable students to increase in their knowledge of the contents of the Old and New Testaments and in their understanding of the major Bible doctrines.
2. To facilitate the development of students' worldviews that are Biblically based
3. To facilitate the development of students' lifestyles that are distinctly Christian as a result of the practical application of the truths of the Bible to everyday life.
4. To enable students to develop and practice Bible study methods that employ consistent and accurate principles of interpretation, and to cultivate within students the desire to continue to grow spiritually, based upon their personal study of the Bible.
5. To prepare students to be able to preach and teach the Bible effectively.
6. To provide an environment, in conjunction with Highland Park Baptist Church, that will give students the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills in practical Christian ministry.
7. To prepare graduates who are equipped for a lifetime of Christian leadership and serviced characterized by effective evangelism and discipleship.

### **OBJECTIVES**

1. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the contents of the Bible and understanding of the major doctrines of the Bible.
2. The student will be competent to carry out the responsibilities of the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
3. The student will demonstrate the skills for the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
4. The student majoring in Bible will be prepared to pursue graduate work in that field.

### **Bible Program Curriculum**

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#### **FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (19 hours)**

(Must be completed within the first 45 hours of the program) (Transfer students must complete within their first two semesters)

ACAD-1013 Success Orientation for Online Students

CHMN-1033 Personal Life and Evangelism

CISS-1003 Computer Fundamentals

ENGL-1013 English Composition I

ENGL-1023 English Composition II

COMM-1003 Speech Communication

\*MATH- Mathematics Requirements

\*To complete the General Core mathematics requirement, students may be required to enroll in preparatory mathematics courses each semester until MATH-1013 Mathematics for Application or a higher-level mathematics course is completed.

#### **GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM (38 hours)**

**Bible/Theology/Philosophy**

- BIBL-1113 Old Testament Survey
- BIBL-1413 New Testament Survey
- BIBL-2713 Bible Study Methods
- PHIL-2013 Biblical World View
- THEO-2113 Bible Doctrines I
- THEO-2123 Bible Doctrines II

**History**

- HIST-1043 Survey of Western Civilization I
- OR
- HIST-1045 Survey of Western Civilization II

**Humanities/Literature Selection**

- INTD-3013 Humanities
- AND
- Literature Selection (one of the following)

British Literature I (ENGL-2013) OR II (ENGL02113); American Literature I (ENGL-2203) OR II (ENGL-2213); World Literature I (ENGL-2303) OR II (ENGL-2313)

**Physical Education (1 hour)**

This course is a one hour activity requirement.

**Laboratory Science Selection (4 hours)**

**Social Studies Selection (6 hours)**

**DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS (39 hours)**

- BIBL-2513 Life of Christ
- CHMN- Church Education Internship
- HIST -4703 Survey of Church History
- ICST-1013 Global Focus in the Local Church
- PSYC-3713 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling
- THEO-3513 Apologetics
- BIBL/THEO- Bible/Theology Electives (12 hours)
- CHMN/PSYC-Church Education/ Psychology Electives (6 hours)

**ELECTIVES**

General Electives (24 hours)

**DEGREE TOTAL..... 120 HOURS**

**Course Descriptions:**

**ACAD 1013 Success Orientation for Online Students** 1 credit hour (Fall and Spring) This course is designed to help students in their academic adjustment from high school to college. The student will be introduced to essential academic skills such as goal-setting, study organization, time management, textbook mastery, listening, memory, note-taking, motivation for study, test-taking, study strategies in other classes and orientation to University services. All incoming first-time freshmen, any transfer student with less than thirty hours of transfer credits and any student admitted on provisional acceptance or academic probation must enroll in this program for one semester.

**CHMN 1033 Christian Life and Evangelism** 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)  
An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. This course is designed to introduce the student to principles of Christian living and evangelism. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism, including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Memorizing scripture and communicating the gospel will be emphasized.

**CISS 1003 Computer Fundamentals** 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) Introduction to basic computer terminology and basic computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, email and presentation software. A perspective of computer applications is also provided. \$25.00 fee required.

**ENGL 1013 English Composition I** 3 credit hours (Fall and spring)  
(Prerequisite: ENGL-0103 or a score of 19 or higher on the ACT English section) Introduction to the principles of effective composition and the application to writing paragraphs and essays on topics related to personal experiences. Grammar and mechanics are taught in relation to writing.

**ENGL 1023 English Composition II** 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)  
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL LITERATURE COURSES) (Prerequisite: ENGL-1013)  
English Composition II is a more complex study of rhetorical principles developing the critical essay and formal research paper. Students learn how to read and write critically in response to literary genres (film, poetry, prose, and drama). In addition, students study and apply methods of research to demonstrate skills in developing a thesis and supporting comprehension in reading, expression, and documentation.

**COMM 1003 Speech Communication** 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring)  
The principles and attitudes that are necessary for good communication in the Christian life. Through lectures, exercises and graded experiences, the student is exposed to several of the most common communication situations.

**BIBL 1113 Old Testament Survey** 3 credit hours (Fall only)  
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER OLD TESTAMENT COURSES)  
A brief introduction to the Bible as a whole, an overview of the entire Old Testament and a survey of the authorship, date and occasion of writing, theme, purpose and contents of each Old Testament book. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$30.00 fee required.

**BIBL 1413 New Testament Survey** 3 credit hours (Spring only)  
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER NEW TESTAMENT COURSES) (Prerequisite to all other New Testament courses) A survey of the political, social, moral and religious background of the New Testament including a study of the authorship, date and occasion of 116 writing, theme, purpose and contents of each New Testament book. Special emphasis is given to certain books such as the Gospel of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. \$25.00 fee required.

**THEO 3113 Bible Doctrines I** 3 credit hours (Fall only)  
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1413) A study of the Biblical doctrines of the Scriptures, God (including the Trinity and God the Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. \$25.00 fee required.

**THEO 3123 Bible Doctrines II** 3 credit hours (Spring only)  
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1114) A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels (including Satan and fallen angels), mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and last things (future things). \$20.00 fee required.

**HIST 1043 Survey of Western Civilization I** 3 credit hours (Fall Only)  
A survey of Western Civilization to 1789. The study will begin with the influence of the Ancient Near East and extend to the spreading Western intellectual tradition and the significance of its ideas within a political, historical chronology to 1789.

**HIST 1053 Survey of Western Civilization II** 3 credit hours (Spring Only)  
A survey of Western Civilization from 1600 to the present. The study surveys Western intellectual traditions and the significance of their ideas within a political, historical chronology into the modern era.

**INTD 3013 Humanities** 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (Prerequisite: HIST-1043 or HIST-1053)  
The study of the major characteristics of Western Culture and the evidence of those characteristics in architecture, music, sculpture, literature, painting, and philosophy. Students will experience the professional arts by attending the theater, museum, and concert hall as opportunities arise and as the instructor directs.

**ENGL 2103 British Literature I** (Medieval to Renaissance) 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: ENGL-1023)  
The reading of literature from Britain (England and its colonies) from its beginnings through the seventeenth century. The course treats major authors and works in the social and historical context of their times and seeks to relate pertinent values, ideas, and world views expressed therein to theistic and biblical truth.

**BIBL 2513 Life of Christ** 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: BIBL-1413)  
A study of the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, together with an examination of the major theological and practical implications of His teaching, as recorded in the four Gospels. Special emphasis is given to the significance of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection. \$15.00 fee required.

**HIST 4703 Survey of Church History** 3 credit hours (As Needed)  
A survey of the church from the beginning to the present. Emphasis is on the early development, the

Reformation period, and modern missionary and evangelistic movements.

**ICST 1013 Global Focus in the Local Church** 3 credit hours (Fall Semester)

A course introducing the world missions ministry of the local church grounded in the Old Testament and re-commissioned in the New Testament. In addition to presenting the Biblical basis for missions, the course identifies Biblical strategies for developing local church missions ministries that motivate and maximize individual and corporate participation.

**PSYC 3713 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling** 3 credit hours (Fall Only) (Prerequisite: PSYC-1003 or PSYC-2213) A study of the biblical perspective of change in the client and counselor along with developing interpersonal skills to enhance personal ministry with others.

**THEO 3513 Apologetics** 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, BIBL-1413) A consideration of both the factual evidences and the philosophical arguments in support of the Christian faith. The major objections to Christianity are considered and answered.