

Department of RELIGION & PHILOSOPHY

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Majors:

Christian Ministries

- Biblical Studies
- Children's Ministries
- Christian Ministries
- Sports Ministries
- TESOL
- Youth Ministries

Intercultural Studies
Pastoral Ministries
Philosophy
Worship Arts

Graduate Programs:

Master of Arts in Ministry
Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministries
Master of Arts in Theological Studies

Department Mission:

The mission of our department is to help you grow in these ways:

1. Develop a style of service and ministry that cares for the full range of human needs.
2. Be equipped for immediate ministry vocations in churches, para-church organization, etc., by balancing biblical and theological education with the practical skills necessary for ministry.
3. Have the necessary foundation on which to pursue theological education at the graduate level.
4. Develop skills in interpersonal relationships that reflect biblical values.
5. Learn how to study the Bible and to relate its message to today's world.
6. Be acquainted with the major philosophies and religious systems of the world.
7. Be especially prepared for ministry within the Missionary Church or the student's own denomination, with an awareness of the Body of Christ.

Department Distinctives:

For students who have a double major that includes Philosophy, those students would not have to take PHIL250 Introduction to Philosophy because the upper level courses required for the Philosophy major satisfy the content of PHIL250.

Biblical Languages Minor

			HOURS
HEB	151	Elementary Hebrew I	3
HEB	152	Elementary Hebrew II	3
GRK	151	Elementary Greek I	3
GRK	152	Elementary Greek II	3
HEB	251	Hebrew Exegesis	3
GRK	251	Greek Exegesis	<u>3</u>
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Biblical Studies Major**A.A. Degree****Bethel Core**

THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
		Math/Science with Lab	3
		Music/Art/Literature/Drama	<u>3</u>
			24

Major

BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL	211	Pentateuch and Historical Books	3
BIBL	212	Poetic Books and Wisdom Literature	3
BIBL	221	Jesus and the Gospels	3
BIBL	222	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
MIN	210	The Christian World Mission	3
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	3
BIBL	213	Old Testament Prophetic Books, or	3
BIBL	223	General Epistles and Revelation, or	(3)
BIBL	320	Biblical Theology	<u>(3)</u>
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Electives needed to complete the degree

12**Total credits****60****Biblical Studies Minor**

BIBL		Electives in Bible (Other than the General Studies requirements)	14
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	<u>3</u>
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Christian Ministries Major**Bethel Core**

BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Art/Drama/Music (Recommend MULH341)	3
GRK	151	Elementary Greek I	3

			HOURS
GRK	152	Elementary Greek II	3
		History Elective (Recommend HIST246)	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
		Literature Elective	3
		College Level Math	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
		Science with Lab	4
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	<u>3</u>
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Major Core

BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL	214	Old Testament Book Study	2
BIBL	224	New Testament Book Study	2
BIBL	320	Biblical Theology	3
MIN	201	Spiritual Formation (4 semesters)	0
MIN	215	Foundations of Christian Ministry	3
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	3
MIN	455	Senior Seminar in Christian Ministries	3
THEO	310	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO	313	Systematic Theology II	<u>3</u>
			25

Pick one Track to complete the degree:

Biblical Studies

GRK	251	Greek Exegesis	3
GRK	351	Greek Readings	1
BIBL	211	Pentateuch and Historical Books	3
BIBL	212	Poetic Books and Wisdom Literature	3
BIBL	213	Old Testament Prophetic Books	3
BIBL	221	Jesus and the Gospels	3
BIBL	222	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
BIBL	223	General Epistles and Revelation	<u>3</u>
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Major Total

47

Children's Ministries

EDUC	102	Foundations of Education	2
ECED	111	Early Childhood Education	3
EDUC	308	Teaching Exceptional Learners	2
ECED	313	Child Care Administration	3
ECED	316	Early Childhood Learning Environment	4
MIN	327	Teaching and Learning in Ministry	3
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry	3
PSYC	287	School-Age Growth and Development	<u>3</u>
			23

Major Total

48

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Christian Ministries			HOURS
GRK	251	Greek Exegesis	3
BIBL	211	Pentateuch and Historical Books	3
BIBL	221	Jesus and the Gospels	3
		Bible Elective	3
MIN	210	Christian World Mission, or	3
MIN	327	Teaching and Learning in Ministry	(3)
MIN	427	Church Management and Administration	3
MIN	441	Homiletics	3
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry	<u>2</u>
Major Total			23
Sports Ministries			
KINE	168	Team Sports	3
KINE	349	Motor Behavior	3
KINE	350	Psychosocial Dimension of Kinesiology, or	3
KINE	355	Exercise Training Techniques and Programming(3)	
KINE	357-365	Coaching Course (select one)	2
KINE	460	Administration and Organization of Physical Education and Recreation	3
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry	3
Pick two of the following:			
MIN/YMN	327	Teaching and Learning in Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	335	Camping and Outdoor Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	351	Multicultural Ministry	<u>(3)</u>
Major Total			23
Major Total			48
TESOL			
IS	304	Language Acquisition and Cultural Adaptation	3
COMM	352	Intercultural Communication	3
ENGL	301	Standard English Grammar	3
LANG	101	Introductory Linguistics	3
LANG	335	Theories and Practices of 2nd Language Acquisition	3
LANG	336	TESOL Methods	3
LANG	431	TESOL Teaching Experience	<u>3</u>
Major Total			21
Major Total			46
Youth Ministries			
PSYC	285	Adolescent Growth and Development	2
YMN	222	Effective Teaching in Youth Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	327	Teaching and Learning in Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	335	Camping and Outdoor Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	351	Multicultural Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	404	Leadership and Administration in Youth Ministry	3
MIN/YMN	411	Counseling Teens in Crisis	3
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry	<u>3</u>
Major Total			23
Major Total			48
Electives needed to complete the degree			20-22
TOTAL credits			120

Students who desire to pursue ministry must be admitted to the program by the faculty of the Division of Religion & Philosophy. Application must be made during the sophomore year. Admission is based on satisfactory performance in introductory Bible courses, a satisfactory statement of Christian experience and suitability for Christian ministry. See the chairperson for information.

*Required of Missionary Church students

Intercultural Studies

The intercultural studies major challenges and equips for cross cultural engagement; communication; and understanding in life, work, and service. The world is “becoming smaller” as technology advances, people migrate, and opportunities continue to expand. This major is for the person who loves the challenge of diversity and encountering new experiences through people, worldviews, and cultures. A highlight of this major is spending at least one semester developing cross-cultural skills in a service-oriented internship.

An interdisciplinary major, intercultural studies empowers students to analyze and engage global issues from Christian theological, philosophical and social science perspectives. The intercultural studies major will double with nearly any major thus providing a competitive advantage in seeking employment both overseas and at home in business, communications, education, not-for-profit, and ministry or in seeking further graduate studies.

Bethel Core			HOURS
BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Foreign Language 2 semesters, or 1 semester at 200 (Intermediate) level	6 (3)
HIST	246	Introduction to World Civilization	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
		Literature	3
		College Level Math	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
		Science with Lab	4
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
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Major Courses			
BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL/IS	235	Church in the New Testament—Book Study In Acts	3
IS	304	Language Acquisition & Cultural Adaptation	3

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			HOURS
IS	350	International & Community Development	3
IS	450	International Studies Capstone	3
SOC	356	Cultural Anthropology	3
SS	277	World Regional Geography	3
MIN	201	Spiritual Formation Experience (4 semesters)	0
MIN/IS	210	The Christian World Mission	3
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	3
MIN/IS	333	World Religious Movements	3
MIN/IS	361	Issues in International Ministries	3
		*International/Cross Cultural Learning Experience	3
THEO	340	Christian Apologetics	<u>3</u>
			39
Electives needed to complete the degree			29-32
Total credits			120

*INTERNATIONAL/CROSS CULTURAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Students in the Intercultural Studies Major and Minor must complete a significant international/cross cultural learning experience. The following Internships can be used to meet the International/Cross Cultural Learning Experience requirement if they are given an international/cross cultural focus:

BADM	427	Internship in Business Administration	1-4
IS	460	Independent Study in International Studies	1-4
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry	1-4
MIN	447	Internship in International Ministries	1-4
MIN	448	Internship in Pastoral Ministries	1-4
SS	374	Internship in Social Science	1-6

Note: Additional International/Cross Cultural Learning Experience credit may be earned beyond the 3 hours required.

Intercultural Studies Minor

MIN	210	The Christian World Mission	3
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	3
MIN	333	World Religious Movements	3
MIN	446	Internship in Ministry, or	2
		*International/Cross Cultural Learning Experience (1)	3
SOC	356	Cultural Anthropology	3
SS		Elective Culture Study	<u>3-4</u>
Total credits			17-18

Pastoral Ministries Bachelor/Master Combined Major

Bethel Core

BIBL	211	Pentateuch and Historical Books	3
BIBL	221	Jesus and the Gospels	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Art/Drama/Music (Recommend MULH341)	3
GRK	151	Elementary Greek I or	3
HEB	151	Elementary Hebrew I	(3)
GRK	152	Elementary Greek II or	3

			HOURS
HEB	152	Elementary Hebrew II	(3)
		History Elective (Recommend HIST246)	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
		Literature	3
		College Level Math	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
		Science with Lab	4
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	3
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Major Courses

BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL	212	Poetic Books and Wisdom Literature	3
BIBL	213	Old Testament Prophetic Books, or	3
BIBL	223	General Epistles and Revelation	(3)
BIBL	222	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
BIBL	320	Biblical Theology	3
GRK	251	Greek Exegesis	3
MIN	201	Formation Experience (4 semesters)	0
MIN	210	Christian World Mission	3
MIN	215	Foundations of Christian Ministry	3
MIN	310	Evangelism & Discipleship	3
MIN	341	History & Polity of the Missionary Church *	(1)
MIN	427	Church Management & Administration	3
MIN	429	Pastoral Ministry & the Local Church	3
MIN	441	Homiletics	3
MIN	448	Internship in Pastoral Ministries	6
THEO	310	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO	313	Systematic Theology II	3
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		Electives needed to complete the degree	19-20

*Required of Missionary Church students

Graduate Courses

BBST	533R	Seminar in Biblical Literature: Judges, or	3
BBST	533H	Seminar in Biblical Literature: Romans	(3)
BBST	531	Interpreting the New Testament or	3
BBST	532	Interpreting the Old Testament	(3)
CHMN	511	Leadership in the Church & Ministry or	3
CHMN	521	Discipleship and the Local Church	(3)
CHMN	515	Pastoral Counseling or	3
CHMN	517I	Crisis Counseling	(3)
CHMN	516	Spiritual Formation	3
CHMN	517D	Preaching or	3
CHMN	527	Creative Preaching & Communication	(3)
THES	535	Christian Apologetics or	3

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			HOURS
THES	536	Philosophy of Religion	(3)
CHMN/THES	5xx	BBST/CHMN/THES Electives	<u>15</u>
			36
Total credits			156

Philosophy Major

Philosophy programs at many Christian colleges are primarily degrees in apologetics or Christian ethics. This is not the case at Bethel. Ours is a true philosophy degree. Philosophy faculty have earned PhD's in philosophy from major research universities. Our courses cover the traditional systematic areas of philosophy and aim for a broad understanding of the problems with which professional philosophers are engaged. But we make no apologies for the explicitly Christian perspective from which our courses are taught.

The vast majority of our philosophy students also have majors in other disciplines like history, literature, mathematics, and biblical literature. Our students go to graduate school in these disciplines, as well as law school and medical school, or directly into other jobs. The study of philosophy cultivates the abilities to read and write critically, to understand the subtleties of complex problems, to comprehend the strengths and weaknesses of various viewpoints, and to persuade and motivate—skills that are sought after in any vocation.

Bethel Core

BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		Foreign Language 2 semesters, or 1 semester at 200 (Intermediate) level	6 (3)
		History Elective	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
		Literature	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
		Science with Lab	4
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	<u>3</u>
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Major

MIN	201	Spiritual Formation Experience (four semesters)	0
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Historical Courses

PHIL	310	Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
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			HOURS
PHIL	311	Modern Philosophy	3
PHIL	312	19th and 20th Century Philosophy	<u>3</u>
			9
Systematic Courses			
PHIL	321	Ethics and Value Theory	3
PHIL	330	Theory of Knowledge	3
PHIL	341	Metaphysics	<u>3</u>
			9
Specialty Courses (choose one)			
PHIL	262	Special Topics in Philosophy	(3)
PHIL	340	Christian Apologetics	(3)
PHIL	461	Seminar in Philosophy	<u>(3)</u>
			3
Nine additional hours chosen in consultation with the student's Philosophy advisor from PHIL courses or theoretical cognates in other disciplines that best suit the student's needs or plans for the future.			
			<u>9</u>
			30
Electives needed to complete the degree			38-41
Total credits			120

Philosophy Minor

PHIL	Electives in Philosophy*	15
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*General Education requirements may not be used toward the minor

Worship Arts Major

The worship arts major prepares students for a career in church worship, with additional training in areas such as technology, church operations and pastoral leadership. This major is uniquely designed for students who prefer to customize classes to match their personal skills and interests. Three tracks – media arts, theatre arts and Biblical theology – allow students to focus on their strengths, while also getting the core curriculum they need for a well-rounded education.

Bethel Core

BIBL	215	Old Testament Literature	3
BIBL	216	New Testament Literature	3
COMM	171	Speech Communication	3
ENGL	101	Written Communication II	3
ENGL	102	Written Communication III	3
		Art/Drama/Music	3
		College Level Mathematics	3
		Foreign Language 2 semesters, or 1 semester at 200 (Intermediate) level	6 (3)
		History Elective	3
KINE	252	Fitness/Wellness	1
KINE	117	On the Ball Training, or	1
KINE	124	Aerobics, or	(1)
KINE	128	Physical Fitness, or	(1)
KINE	135	Weight Training	(1)
		Literature	3
PHIL	250	Introduction to Philosophy	3

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			HOURS
PHIL	452	Senior Experience	1
PSYC	182	General Psychology	3
		Science with Lab	4
SOC	151	Principles of Sociology	3
THEO	110	Exploring the Christian Faith	<u>3</u>
			49-52
Major Courses			
MIN	215	Foundations of Christian Ministry	3
MIN	310	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
MIN	201	Spiritual Formation (4 semesters)	0
MIN	313	Practical Skills in Worship Leading	3
MIN/MULH	345/341	The History and Practice of Worship: Theology and Music	3
MIN	427	Church Management and Administration	3
MUAP	145/146/147	Elective Music Lessons (2 semesters)	2
MUTH	121	Music Theory I	3
MUTH	122	Music Theory II	3
MUTH	123	Sight Singing/Ear Training I	1
MUWA	210	Basic Media Production for Worship	3
MUWA	215	Introduction to Worship Team	3
MUWA	220	Worship Arts Technology	3
MUWA	450	Internship in Contemporary Worship	<u>2</u>
			35
Choose ONE Track			
Biblical Theology Track			
BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
BIBL	212	Old Testament II	3
BIBL	320	Biblical Theology	<u>3</u>
			9
Media Arts Track			
ART	265	Graphic Design I	3
ART	264	Digital Photography I	3
ART	365	Graphic Design II	<u>3</u>
			9
Theatre Arts Track			
THTR	125	Introduction to Theatre Design	3
THTR	130	Acting	3
THTR	260	Directing	<u>3</u>
			9
Electives needed to complete degree			24-27
Total Hours			120
Worship Arts Minor			
MUWA	210	Basic Media Production for Worship	3
MUWA	215	Introduction to Worship Team	3
MUWA	220	Worship Arts Technology	3
MIN	313	Practical Skills in Worship Leading	3
MIN/MULH	345/341	The History & Practice of Worship: Theology & Music	3
MUWA	450	Internship in Contemporary Worship	<u>2</u>
Total Hours			17

Youth Ministry Minor

			HOURS
BIBL	201	Biblical Interpretation	3
MIN	215	Foundations of Christian Ministry	3
YMN	222	Effective Teaching in Youth Ministry	3
		YMN Non-internship Electives	<u>9</u>
Total Credits			18

Students in the youth ministry minor are encouraged to take PSYC 285 Adolescent Growth & Development (2 credits) as a general elective.

Jerusalem University College

Through the college's membership in the **Jerusalem University College**, students have the opportunity for extended study in the Holy Land as part of the program in Biblical Studies. Both short-term and complete semester programs are available. The division office can provide complete information.

