

BIBLICAL STUDIES MAJOR - A.A.

The Biblical Studies major is a two-year program designed to provide broad liberal arts training with all the reading, communication and critical thinking skills necessary for further studies in a four year degree program. More specifically, the program will introduce students interested in Christian ministerial careers to basic concepts and skills in biblical interpretation and the study of theology. Persons who are currently employed in churches and para-churches may find the two-year degree as a helpful credential. The degree may also be tailored to meet the 30 hours of Bible required for many missions preparation programs. This program is available at both the Rockland and New York City Campuses.

The co-curricular programs of Nyack College will seek to augment formal course work by encouraging the development of wholesome spiritual values, the spirit of prayer and evangelism, and the vision essential to Christian ministry.

Student Learning Goals

By graduation, the Christian Work major's knowledge, skills, and convictions will reflect Nyack's core values in the following way:

Academically Excellent: Students will know introductory, background and thematic information about the sixty-six books of the Bible and the scholarly research methods through which this knowledge is generated. They will also know the Christian church's historic doctrines, great thinkers and contemporary expressions, with which the students must interact.

Globally Engaged and Intentionally Diverse. Students will know the richness of the Christian heritage in all its global diversity. Students will also know how the Christian worldview compares and contrasts with competing worldviews in the global marketplace of ideas.

Socially Relevant: Students will be able to connect properly the concerns of the ancient text to the concerns of the modern world, to think biblically in addressing contemporary problems, and to communicate how the gospel of Jesus Christ offers hope for positive change in the global community. These skills will prepare the students for ministerial, educational and other service professions.

Personally Transforming. Students will be able to communicate, whether in oral or written form, the ways in which they integrate the Bible's teaching into their Christian worldview and into their personal daily living.

Program Assessment

Assessment	Context	Location in Program
Standardized Bible Test	With advisor	Second year
Research paper in Hermeneutics	BIB 331- Hermeneutics	Second year

60 credit hours, administered through the Biblical and Theological Studies department are distributed as follows:

Core Component (23 credits)	Credits
PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Formation.....	2
LIB 101-Information Literacy.....	1
ENG 101, 102 - College Writing I and II.....	6
PMN 201 - Nyack Heritage.....	1
HIS 113 or HIS 114- World Civilization I or II.....	3
Laboratory Science elective.....	4
Social Science elective (PSY101, SOC101, ECO201, POL215, or ANT201).....	3

Math elective3

Major Field Component (21 credits)

BIB 103 Introduction to Biblical Studies..... 3
BIB 102 - Old Testament Literature 3
BIB 201 - New Testament Literature 3
BIB 331 Hermeneutics 3
THE 320 Introduction to Historical Theology.....3
Old Testament elective 3
New Testament elective..... 3

Liberal Arts/Miscellaneous Elective Component (16 credits)

Miscellaneous electives 12
Liberal Arts electives 4

Total credits required 60

Biblical Studies Major Suggested Program Plan

FIRST YEAR: Fall

PMN 101-Intro to Spirit Form.....2
BIB 103 – Intro Biblical Studies .3
ENG 101-College Writing I3
Lab Science elective4
Miscellaneous elective3

SECOND YEAR: Fall

BIB 201-New Testament Lit.....3
BIB 331- Hermeneutics.....3
THE 320- Intro to Hist Theology 3
Liberal arts elective3
Miscellaneous Elective.....1
PMN 201- Nyack Heritage1

FIRST YEAR: Spring

BIB 102-Old Testament Lit.3
ENG 102-College Writing II3
HIS 113/4- World Civ I or II.....3
Math elective-3
Miscellaneous elective1
LIB 101-Info Literacy..... 1

SECOND YEAR: Spring

OT Elective.....3
New Testament elective3
Social Science elective3
Miscellaneous Electives6