

BIBLE CERTIFICATE – UNDERGRADUATE

for prior learning or credit by examination may not be used to fulfill the minimum institutional requirement.

Mission

The 18-credit Bible Certificate program is intended to make the curriculum of Biola's 30 credits of core undergraduate Bible course – a.k.a. Biola's Bible Minor – available to students who have not (yet) matriculated into any of Biola's bachelor degree programs. The mission for Biola's Biblical and Theological Studies Minor is to teach Christian undergraduate students to view all of God's world through the perspective of God's Word, the Bible. This biblical worldview involves understanding and applying the Bible as the foundation of the Christian faith, values, and virtues – both historically and presently. The goal is that students will lead lives of integrity and will engage the world of ideas, their vocations, their local church communities, and their society as responsible citizens, being faithful stewards of God's gifts to them and, empowered by His Spirit, carrying out Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the 18-credit Bible Certificate, students will be able to:

1. Bible: Identify the basic contents of all books of the Old and New Testaments, and apply the biblical teaching for Christian faith and practice through reliable and faithful methods of interpretation (ULO 1).
2. Theology: Explain the major doctrines of Christianity from an evangelical perspective, including their biblical basis and contemporary relevance (ULO 1).
3. Integration: Examine their academic disciplines through critical evaluation of the knowledge, skills, and values of the discipline according to Christian faith and practice (i.e., a biblical worldview) (ULO 2 and 3).
4. Spiritual Formation: Describe a personal relationship with God in a maturing Christian faith and practice, and demonstrate the ability to serve the church and the world for Jesus Christ's purposes of redemption. (ULO 2 and 3).

Curriculum Requirements

Program Courses

BBST 103	Biblical Interpretation and Spiritual Formation	3
BBST 165	Foundations of Christian Thought	3
BBST 209	Old Testament History and Literature	3
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BBST 251	Theology I	3
BBST 354	Theology II	3
Total Credits		18

Minimum Institutional Requirement

Of the 18 credits of Bible required for the 18-credit Bible and Theology Certificate, 9 credits must be taken from Biola. Students may petition the Office of the Registrar for an exception to this rule. Transfer credit, credit