

# BIBLE AND THEOLOGY CERTIFICATE – UNDERGRADUATE

## Mission

The 30-credit Bible and Theology Certificate program is intended to make the curriculum of Biola's 30 credits of core undergraduate Bible courses – 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 30-credit Bible and Theology 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).

Each Program Learning Outcome (PLO) listed above references at least one of the University Learning Outcomes (ULO 1, 2, 3), which may be found in the General Information (<http://catalog.biola.edu/general-information/>) section of this catalog.

## Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Program Courses</b>		
BBST 103	Biblical Interpretation and Spiritual Formation	3
BBST 165	Foundations of Christian Thought	3
BBST 209	Old Testament History and Literature	3
BBST 210	New Testament History and Literature	3
BBST 251	Theology I	3

BBST 354	Theology II	3
Select only one of the following Evangelism and Missions Exposition courses:		3
BBST 306	Early Christian History - Acts	
or BBST 316	Gospel of John	
or BBST 326	Lukan Writings	
or BBST 336	Synoptic Gospels	
BBST 300/400	Bible/Theology Elective	3
BBST 365	Bible Theology and Integration	3
BBST 465	Integration Seminar <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Credits		30

<sup>1</sup> May be taken with different content as a BBST elective for a maximum of 6 credits counted toward the certificate.

## Minimum Institutional Requirement

Of the 30 credits of Bible required for the 30-credit Bible and Theology Certificate, 15 credits must be taken from Biola. Students may petition the Office of the Registrar for an exception to this rule. Transfer credit, credit for prior learning or credit by examination may not be used to fulfill the minimum institutional requirement.