## BACHELOR OF ARTS IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES

## Description

The Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies degree is a postsecondary professional degree designed to equip students for effective Christian ministry in local churches, missions, or denominational service. This program requires a high school diploma or equivalency certificate, an ACT or SAT score, and the completion of 120 semester hours of academic credit for graduation.

## Completion Requirements

To qualify for graduation from The College at Mid-America, each student seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies degree must satisfy the general requirements for graduation as set forth in this catalog.

## General Education Requirements

Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies are required to complete a minimum of 33 semester hours of general education courses that includes courses in each of the following three areas: the humanities or fine arts, the social or behavioral sciences, and the natural sciences or mathematics. General education courses may be transferred from another postsecondary institution or they may be completed within the required course structure of the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies degree.

## General Education Goals

The goals of the general education core are to help the student acquire broad-based knowledge in the areas of:


1. Humanities or Fine Arts: To evaluate and critique the influence of artistic techniques and expression on culture and society.
2. Social or Behavioral Sciences: To identify and analyze data, perspectives, trends, concepts, or issues pertaining to human social function and experience.
3. Natural Sciences or Mathematics: To examine issues related to the natural sciences from an evidence-based perspective and use in applied contexts.

## Required Courses for the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies (BACS) Degree <br> Course Requirements

Each student pursuing the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies degree must complete the 120 semester hours of courses specified in the following table.

## Minor Courses

Students in the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies degree must complete their major and minor courses within the Christian studies course offerings.

## Required Courses for the Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies (BACS) Degree

| Course | Title | Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| First Year |  |  |
| OT 2101 | Old Testament Survey 1 | 6 |
| \& OT 2102 | and Old Testament Survey 2 |  |
| PH 3901 | Introduction to Philosophy | 3 |
| MU 4701 | Music Appreciation | 3 |
| EN 4900 | Introduction to Research and Writing | 3 |
| EN 4914 | Introduction to Literature | 3 |
| CS 4950 | Introduction to Computing | 3 |
| WH 4961 | World History 1 | 6 |
| \& WH 4962 | and World History 2 |  |
| MA 4971 | Applied Mathematics | 3 |
|  | Hours | 30 |
| Second Year |  |  |
| NT 2601 | New Testament Survey 1 | 6 |
| \& NT 2602 | and New Testament Survey 2 |  |
| Language 1 * |  | 3 |
| Language 2 * |  | 3 |
| CH 3001 | The History of Christianity | 3 |
| EV 3200 | Personal Evangelism | 3 |
| TH 3701 | Basic Biblical Doctrines | 3 |
| PM 4270 | Leadership Development | 3 |
| CM 4484 | Introduction to Christian Ministries | 3 |
| SC 4981 | Introduction to Biology | 3 |
|  | Hours | 30 |
| Third Year |  |  |
| PH 3911 | Introduction to Ethics | 3 |
| MS 3370 | Introduction to Missions | 3 |
| MS 3405 | Traditional Religions, World Religions, and Cults | 3 |
| PM 4300 | Spiritual Formation | 3 |
| PM 4302 | Contemporary Worldview | 3 |
| PM 4304 | Religion in the Public Square | 3 |
| PM 4306 | Contemporary Issues in the Church | 3 |
| Old or New Testament Elective |  | 3 |
| Free Electives (2) |  | 6 |
|  | Hours | 30 |
| Fourth Year |  |  |
| BH 2100 | Basic Biblical Interpretation | 3 |
| HM 4001 <br> or CM 4450 | Biblical Preaching 1 or Principles of Teaching 1 | 3 |
| HM 4005 <br> or CM 4452 | Biblical Preaching 2 or Principles of Teaching 2 | 3 |
| CN 4101 | History of the Biblical Counseling Movement | 3 |
| CN 4114 | Marriage and the Family | 3 |
| PM 4200 <br> or CM 4552 | Pastoral Ministry or Church Ministry | 3 |
| Old Testament Elective |  | 3 |
| New Testament Elective |  | 3 |
| Free Electives (2) |  | 6 |
|  | Hours | 30 |
|  | Total Hours | 120 |

* Greek 1 \& 2 (GR 2801 Greek 1-GR 2802 Greek 2), Hebrew 1 \& 2 (HB 2401 Hebrew 1-HB 2402 Hebrew 2), Latin 1 \& 2 (LA 4923 Latin 1-LA 4924 Latin 2), or Spanish 1 \& 2 (SP 4921 Spanish 1-SP 4922 Spanish 2)

