



# Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology Degree Program

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **American Baptist College Mission Statement**

The Mission of American Baptist College, a Historically Black College, is to educate, graduate, and prepare diverse students with a liberal arts emphasis for Christian Leadership, service and social justice in the world.

## **Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology Program Description**

The Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology is an academic degree that prepares students for seminary or other graduate school possibilities. This program prepares studies for Christian in leadership in the 21st century, preparing students for a variety of ministries. In addition to spiritual formation and exegetical skills essential to Christian Studies, graduates will be able to employ communication, leadership and organizational skills necessary for effective ministry.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

- Apply biblical and theological concepts, reasoning, and reflection to analyze historical, social and ecclesiastical issues
- Differentiate between historical and contemporary contexts when interpreting the Bible.
- Demonstrate leadership in the form of efficient oral & written communication skills, cultural competence, fiscal responsibility and attention to audience
- Compare and contrast one's own cultural and social traditions to that of others
- Make judgements with respect to values based on moral and ethical reasoning to evaluate the effects of these choices

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## Organization and Use of this Document

This document provides students with the necessary requirements to fulfill the curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology. It is organized into three major sections that describe the following:

**Section One - Core Courses.** Core courses are required and count towards the Bachelor of Arts degree. These courses are organized into six (6) Core Clusters: Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Math and Natural Science, Fine Arts and Modern Language, Foundation Studies and Electives. Students must complete 60 hours of Core Courses.

**Section Two - Bible and Theology Major Courses.** There is only one Bachelor of Arts major at American Baptist College, therefore all Bachelor of Arts students are required to fulfill these major course requirements. Students must complete 42 hours of Major Courses.

**Section Three – Concentration Courses.** Concentration courses allow the student further opportunities to individualize his/her course of study through more focused learning in an area of interest. Students must complete 18 hours of Concentration Courses.

***Total hours to complete for Bachelor of Arts degree is 120 semester credit hours.***

### **Please note:**

1. Although the same course may fall under different areas -- Core Curriculum, the Major, and Concentration-- a student *will not* be able use one course to satisfy all three requirements. A course can only be used to satisfy one area of requirement.
2. The classes listed here as substitutions/equivalent classes *are not exhaustive*; and probably do not represent all the classes that have been offered here at American Baptist College. Any class on a student's transcript not listed here should be brought to the attention of the Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Student Life for approval.

**CORE COURSES**  
**(60 Semester Credit Hours)**

**Core courses are required and count towards the Bachelor of Arts degree.** These courses are organized into six (6) Core Clusters: 1) Humanities, 2) Social and Behavioral Sciences, 3) Math and Natural Science, 4) Fine Arts and Modern Language, 5) Foundation Studies and 6) Electives.

### 1). Humanities Core Courses Cluster

A total of seven (7) Humanities Core Courses are required in English (4 courses) and Introduction to Christian Faith (3 courses).

#### A. Four (4) English Courses = 12 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>EN 101</b>	<b>English Composition I (Required)</b>			
<b>EN 102</b>	<b>English Composition II (Required)</b>			

#### English Core Courses (select two (2)):

- EN 201 Intro Literature
- EN 304 African, African American & Caribbean Literature
- EN 212 Fundamentals of Speech
- EN 310 Spiritual Autobiography

#### B. Three (3) Intro to Christian Faith Courses = 9 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>OT 101</b>	<b>Old Testament Survey (Required)</b>			
<b>NT 102</b>	<b>New Testament Survey (Required)</b>			
<b>TH 102</b>	<b>Survey of Christian Doctrine (Required)</b>			

## 2). Social and Behavior Core Courses Cluster

A total of four (4) Social and Behavior Core Courses are required.

### A. Four (4) Courses = 12 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>HI 101</b>	<b>Development of Western Culture (Required)</b>			
<b>PY 101</b>	<b>Introduction to Psychology (Required)</b>			
<b>SO 112</b>	<b>Introduction to Sociology (Required)</b>			
<b>CE 410</b>	<b>Sexuality and the Black Church (Required)</b>			

- Can transfer History, Psychology, and Sociology courses only

## 3). Math and Natural Science Core Courses Cluster

A total of four (4) Core Courses are required in Math, Health, Science, Business, or Environment.

### A. Two (2) Math Courses = 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

#### Math Core Courses (select two (2)):

- GS 205A Financial Literacy
- GS 210 Math and Personal Finances

### B. One (1) Science Course = 3 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

#### Science Core Course (select one (1)):

- GS 112 Issues in Science and Religion

**C. One (1) Additional Math and Science Course = 3 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Science or Business Core Courses (select one (1)):**

- BU 200 Church Finance and Business Math
- Can transfer Math & Science and Business & Computers courses only

**4). Fine Arts and Modern Language Core Courses Cluster**

A total of two (2) Core Courses are required in Photography, Music, & Foreign Language

**A. Two (2) Art and Language Courses = 6 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Any Art or Language Core Courses (select two (2)):**

- ML 101 Elementary Spanish
- BL 202 Intro to Biblical Languages and Principles of Exegesis
- BL 311 Elementary New Testament Greek
- BL 321 Elementary Biblical Hebrew
- CM 103 Intro to Church Music
- CM 205 Black Church Sacred Music
- CM 250 Music Theory
- CM 302 Hymnology
- Can transfer Language and Music courses only

## 5). Foundational Studies Core Courses Cluster

A total of two (2) Core Courses are required in Foundational Studies

### A. Two (2) Foundational Studies Courses = 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>PS 105A</b>	<b>Foundations of Vocation and College Readiness (Required)</b>			
<b>CS 322</b>	<b>Field Education (Required)</b>			

- **CS322 Field Education.** The Field Education Placement offers students the opportunity to reflect and discuss vocational and theological questions necessary for effective leadership. It involves supervised hands-on experience (e.g., interning in a church, homeless or battered women's shelter, prison, social agency, school). Required for all students.

## 6). Elective Courses Cluster

A total of one (1) Core Courses can be chosen from any Elective course

### A. One (1) Elective Courses = 3 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

## BIBLE AND THEOLOGY MAJOR COURSES

(15 Credit Hours of Bible Major Courses, 12 Credit Hours of Theology & Philosophy Courses, 9 Credit Hours of Leadership Studies Courses, 6 Credit Hours of Religious Studies)

There is only one Bachelor of Arts major at American Baptist College, therefore all Bachelor of Arts students are required to fulfill these major course requirements. These courses are organized into four

(4) Major Clusters: 1) Bible, 2) Theology/Philosophy, 3) Leadership Studies, 4) Religious Studies.

### 1). Bible Major Courses Cluster

A total of five (5) Major Courses are required in Bible.

#### A. Three (3) Bible Major Courses = 9 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>OT 490</b>	<b>Old Testament Prophets (Required)</b>			
<b>NT 330</b>	<b>Biblical Interpretation and Exegesis (Required)</b>			
<b>NT 301</b>	<b>Life and Teachings of Jesus (Required)</b>			

#### B. Two (2) Bible Major Courses = 6 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

#### Any Bible Courses designated by OT, NT, and BL (select two (2)):

- OT 201 Theologies of the Old Testament
- OT 301 Pentateuch
- NT 202 New Testament Theology
- NT 302 Life and Writings of Paul
- NT 303 The Gospel of Matthew
- BL 321 Elementary Biblical Hebrew

## 2). Theology & Philosophy Major Courses Cluster

A total of four (4) Major Courses are required in Theology & Philosophy

### A. One (1) Theology & Philosophy Major Courses = 3 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute
<b>TH 205</b>	<b>Foundation of Ethical Reasoning (Required)</b>			

### B. Three (3) Theology & Philosophy Major Courses = 9 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

### Theology & Philosophy Courses designated by TH and/or PH (select three (3)):

- TH 204 Intro to Theology
- TH 301 Systematic Theology
- TH 302 Sports and Religion
- TH 401 Comparative Religions
- TH 405 Black and Liberation Theology
- TH 406 Black, Womanist and Liberation Theologies
- TH 408 Thinking Theologically
- PH 102 Intro to Philosophy
- PH 402 Christian Ethics and the Bible

## 3). Leadership Studies Major Cluster

A total of three (3) Major Courses are required in Leadership Studies.

### A. Three (3) Leadership Studies Major Courses = 9 credit hours

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Leadership Studies Courses (select three (3)):**

- CS 202 Leadership Principles
- CS 308 Shalom/Biblical Leadership
- CS 404 Gender Roles in Church & Society
- CS 407 Voices from the Civil Rights Movement
- EN 400 Research Writing
- FS 101 Orientation
- PS 105A Foundation of Vocation and College Readiness
- PS 101 Intro Christian Ministry & Missions
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy

**4). Religious Studies Major Cluster**

A total of two (2) Major Courses are required in Religious Studies.

**A. Two (2) Religious Studies Major Courses = 6 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**Religious Studies Courses (select two (2)):**

- CS 308 Shalom/Biblical Leadership
- CS 312 Religion & American Politics
- EN 301 Public Speaking
- HI 302 History of Fundamentalism
- MI 202 Missions and Evangelism
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy
- TH 401 Comparative Religion

**CONCENTRATION COURSES**  
(18 Semester CreditHours)

Concentration courses allow the student further opportunities to individualize his/her course of study through more focused learning in an area of interest. These courses are organized into three (3) areas of Concentration: 1) Black Church Studies, 2) Pastoral Studies, 3) Community & Non-Profit Organization Leadership. Students may choose one area of Concentration.

**A. Six (6) Concentration Courses = 18 credit hours**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester and Year	Final Grade	Transfer Credit or Substitute

**1) Black Church Studies Concentration Courses (select six (6)):**

- CE 410 Sexuality and the Black Church
- CE 420 Christian Education in the Black Church
- CS 313 Marriage & Black Family
- HI 302 Hist. of Fundamentalism
- PS 415 African American Spirituality
- PY 305 Psychology of The Black Male
- TH 215 Hip Hop Theology
- TH 405 Black and Liberation Theology

**2) Pastoral Studies Concentration Courses (select six (6)):**

- BU 200 Church Finance & Business Math
- CE 201 Educational Ministries of the Church
- CE 205 Minister as an Educator
- CE 305 Christian Education of Youth and Children
- CE 309 Family Ministries of the Church
- CS 313 Marriage & the Black Family
- CS 404 Gender Roles in Church & Society

- PS 101 Intro Christian Ministry & Missions
- PS 204 Foundations in Pastoral Care/Counseling
- PS 301 Homiletics I
- PS 302 Homiletics II
- PS 303 Christian Worship
- PS 307 Pastoral Ministry and Administration
- PS 402 Pastoral Care and Counseling

**3) Community & Non-Profit Organization Leadership Concentration Courses (select six (6)):**

- CS 202 Leadership Principles
- CS 308 Shalom/Biblical Leadership
- CS 311 Church & Social Welfare
- CS 407 Voices from the Civil Rights Movement
- CS 490 Studies in Race, Religion and Ethnicity
- CS 493 Religion, Poverty, and Justice
- EN 212 Fundamentals of Speech
- EN 400 Research Writing
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy
- SO 202 Social Problems
- MI/SO 308 Cultural Anthropology
- SO 309 Criminal Justice