



American Baptist College

Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology

Degree Curriculum

Student Name: _____

Student Learning Outcomes

American Baptist College is committed to ensuring its graduates obtain the knowledge and skills necessary to function as educated individuals, responsible citizens, and life-long learners who can communicate Christian values and lead their communities in the biblical tradition of justice seeking prophets.

The student, after completing the course work should be able to:

- Demonstrate biblical and theological knowledge, reasoning and reflection in analyzing historical, social and ecclesiastical issues;
- Practice functional ministry skills;
- Exhibit leadership skills for use in life and ministry;
- An ability to recognize and appreciate one's own cultural and social traditions as well as the ability to understand and appreciate cultural, religious, and political diversity within the human experience, both locally and globally;
- Demonstrate an ability to analyze carefully and critically information and ideas from multiple sources and perspectives;
- Demonstrate an ability to make judgments with respect to values and based on moral reasoning and be able to evaluate the effects of these choices.

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 four major sections that describe the following:

Section One - Enhancement Courses. Enhancement courses are not required and do not count toward a degree and are offered to assist students with developing and improving the fundamental reading, writing, math and study skills necessary to be successful in college. Students may take up to 30 hours of Enhancement Courses.

Section Two - 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 Three - 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 Four – 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 Vice President of Academic Affairs for approval.

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ENHANCEMENT COURSES (Non-Credit)

These courses are optional, non-credit and do not count toward a degree. Students can take up to 30 hours. Enhancement course numbers begin with the number "0" and end in "E".

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

Enhancement Courses

- BU 095E Computers A or B
- EN 070E Strategies for College Reading I
- EN 071E Strategies for College Reading II
- EN 098E College Writing I
- EN 099E College Writing II
- GS 010E Basic Math
- GS 020E Learning and Support Math

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
EN 101	English Composition I (Required)			
EN 102	English Composition II (Required)			

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
OT 101	Old Testament Survey (Required)			
NT 102	New Testament Survey (Required)			
TH 102	Survey of Christian Doctrine (Required)			

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
HI 101	Development of Western Culture (Required)			
PY 101	Introduction to Psychology (Required)			
SO 112	Introduction to Sociology (Required)			
CE 410	Sexuality and the Black Church (Required)			

- 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 202 Integrated Mathematics
- 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)):

- GS 312 Environmental Theology
- BU 200 Church Finance and Business Math
- BU 307A or B Basic Computer

- 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
- ART 102 Photography and Art Appreciation
- CM 103 Intro to Church Music
- CM 105 Black Sacred Music
- CM 205 Hymnology
- CM 250 Music Theory

- 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
PS 103	Foundations of Vocation and Life Call (Required)			
CS 322	Christian Service Internship (Required)			

- **CS322 Christian Service Internship.** The Christian Service 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 (42 Semester Credit Hours)

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
OT 490	Old Testament Prophets (Required)			
NT 330	Biblical Interpretation and Exegesis (Required)			
NT 301	Life and Teachings of Jesus (Required)			

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
- OT 410 Apocalyptic Literature
- 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
PH 205	Foundation of Moral Reasoning (Required)			

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 305 Sports and Religion
- TH 401 Comparative Religions
- TH 405 Black, Womanist and Liberation Theologies
- TH 408 Thinking Theologically
- PH 102 Intro to Philosophy
- PH 305 Liberation Ethics
- PH 402 Christian Ethics and the Bible
- PH 404 Film As Genre of Theo/Ethical Reflection

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 404 Gender Roles in Church & Society
- CS 407 Voices from the Movement
- CS 308 Shalom/Biblical Leadership
- EN 400 Research Writing
- EN 420 Grant Writing
- FS 101 Orientation
- PS 103 Foundation of Vocation and Life Call
- PS 101 Intro Christian Ministry & Missions
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy
- SO 302 Foundations of Peacemaking

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
- TH 401 Comparative Religion
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy
- MI 202 Missions and Evangelism
- HI 302 History of Fundamentalism
- HI 205 History of Women Christianity

CONCENTRATION COURSES

(18 Semester Credit Hours)

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 Sunday School in the Black Church
- CS 313 Marriage & Black Family
- HI 302 Hist. of Fundamentalism
- PS 415 African American Spirituality
- PY 305 Psychology of Black Male
- SO 301 Hip Hop Theology and God Talk
- TH 215 Social Problems/Hip Hop Theology
- TH 404 Black and Liberation Theology

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

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

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- PS 101 Intro Christian Ministry & Missions
- PS 201 Foundations in Pastoral Care/Counseling
- PS 301 Homiletics I
- PS 302 Homiletics II
- PS 303 Christian Worship
- PS 307 Pastoral Administration
- PS 402 Pastoral Care

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 Movement
- CS 490 Studies in Race, Religion and Ethnicity
- CS 493 Religion, Poverty, and Justice
- EN 400 Research Writing
- EN 420 Grant Writing
- EN 212 Fundamentals of Speech
- MI 303 Faith and Public Policy
- SO 301 Social Problems
- SO 308 Cultural Anthropology
- SO 309 Criminal Justice