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Biblical Studies Minor

Classical and Near Eastern Religions and Cultures

College of Liberal Arts

- Program Type: Undergraduate minor related to major
- Requirements for this program are current for Spring 2018
- Required credits in this minor: 18 to 28

The academic study of the Bible is an extraordinarily broad interdisciplinary field. Research in the field can involve many disciplines, including a number of ancient and modern languages, archaeology, history, various social sciences (including comparative religion), and literary studies. Biblical studies focuses on the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament in terms of their formation, cultural settings, and the history of their interpretation. The minor lets students who might not have the linguistic foundation to read the biblical texts in their original languages pursue more advanced biblical studies.

Program Delivery

This program is available:

- via classroom (the majority of instruction is face-to-face)

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 3 courses before admission to the program.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions website.

Required prerequisites

Preparatory Courses

Students must complete an introductory course, plus the first year of Greek or Hebrew before declaring the minor. Note: students who chose to take CNES/RELS 1201 to fulfill the Introductory Course Req. will not be able to take the CNES/JWST/RELS 3201 to fulfill the Major Courses Req. The 3xxx courses may count as an Introductory Course or as a Major Course, but the 1xxx courses may only count as an Introductory Course.

Take 1 - 3 course(s) totaling 3 - 13 credit(s) from the following:

Introductory Course

Take 1 of the following courses for at least 3 credits.

CNRC 1082 - Jesus in History, Art & Culture [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 1082 - Jesus in History, Art & Culture [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or CNRC 1201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible. [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or CNRC 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or JWST 1201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or JWST 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 1201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or Other intro course may be taken with DUS approval.

- **First-Year Hebrew or Greek**

Take either the Greek or Hebrew 2-course language sequence for 10 credits. In select cases, students with advanced proficiency may be exempt from taking one or both of these courses. Placement is determined by the Greek and Hebrew Language Coordinators.

Take 0 - 2 course(s) totaling 0 - 10 credit(s) from the following:

- GRK 1001 - Beginning Classical Greek I (5.0 cr)
  GRK 1002 - Beginning Classical Greek II (5.0 cr)
- HEBR 1101 - Beginning Biblical Hebrew I (5.0 cr)
  HEBR 1102 - Beginning Biblical Hebrew II (5.0 cr)

Minor Requirements

Students are required to take 2 semester(s) of Greek or Hebrew.

Minor Courses

Take a minimum of 15 credits in at least two of the following three content areas: Hebrew Bible, New Testament and Early Christianity, and Early Judaism. Other courses in history, art history, medieval studies or other related departments may be used with pre-approval from the director of undergraduate studies. Note: GRK 5100 & 5200, and LAT 5100 & 5200 may only count if an appropriate author or text is studied. Pre-approval from the director of undergraduate studies is required.

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Take 15 or more credit(s) including 2 or more sub-requirements(s) from the following:

Hebrew Bible

Take 0 or more credit(s) from the following:

- AKKA 5011 - Elementary Akkadian I (3.0 cr)
- AKKA 5012 - Elementary Akkadian II (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3103 - Ancient Greece: Alexander and the East [HIS] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 5713 - Introduction to Ugaritic (3.0 cr)
- GRK 5100 - Advanced Reading (3.0 cr)
- GRK 5200 - Advanced Readings in Greek Prose (3.0 cr)
- HIST 3051 - Ancient Civilization: Near East and Egypt [HIS] (3.0 - 4.0 cr)
- LAT 5100 - Advanced Readings in Latin Poetry (3.0 cr)
- LAT 5200 - Advanced Readings in Latin Prose (3.0 cr)
- RELS 5504 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CNRC 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3202 - Bible: Prophecy in Ancient Israel (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 3202 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3202 - Bible: Prophecy in Ancient Israel (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3502W - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or CNRC 5502W - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or HIST 3502W - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 3502W - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3502W - Ancient Israel: From Conquest to Exile [WI] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3504 - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 3504 - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3504 - Apocalypticism, Cosmic Warfare, and the Maccabees: Jewish Strategies of Resistance in Antiquity (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
- JWST 3013W - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 5013W - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3013W - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 5013W - Biblical Law and Jewish Ethics [WI] (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 5115 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
  or CNES 5185 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

•New Testament and Early Christianity

Take 0 or more credit(s) from the following:

- CNRC 3106 - Ancient Rome: The Age of Nero (3.0 cr)
- CNES 3107 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3601W - Sexuality and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome [AH, WI] (3.0 cr)
- COPT 5001 - Elementary Coptic (3.0 cr)
- COPT 5002 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
- GRK 5100 - Advanced Reading (3.0 cr)
- GRK 5200 - Advanced Readings in Greek Prose (3.0 cr)
- LAT 5100 - Advanced Readings in Latin Poetry (3.0 cr)
- LAT 5200 - Advanced Readings in Latin Prose (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions [HIS] (3.0 cr)
  or CNRC 5071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions [HIS] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 5071 - Greek and Hellenistic Religions (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
  or CNRC 5072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 5072 - The Birth of Christianity [AH] (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
  or CNRC 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
  or JWST 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
- CNRC 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
  or RELS 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
- ARTH 5188 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

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or CNES 5188 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or RELS 5252 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•CNES 3108 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or RELS 3541 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•ARTH 5115 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or CNES 5185 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

•Early Judaism

Take 0 or more credit(s) from the following:
•CNRC 3106 - Ancient Rome: The Age of Nero (3.0 cr)
•CNRC 3601W - Sexuality and Gender in Ancient Greece and Rome [AH, WI] (3.0 cr)
•GRK 5100 - Advanced Reading (3.0 cr)
•GRK 5200 - Advanced Readings in Greek Prose (3.0 cr)
•HEBR 5300 - Post-Biblical Hebrew: Second Temple Period (3.0 cr)
•LAT 5100 - Advanced Readings in Latin Poetry (3.0 cr)
•LAT 5200 - Advanced Readings in Latin Prose (3.0 cr)
•ARTH 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
or CNRC 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3182 - Egypt and Western Asia: Art and Archaeology of Ancient Egypt and Western Asia [AH, GP] (3.0 cr)
•CNRC 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or JWST 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3201 - The Bible: Context and Interpretation, World of the Hebrew Bible [LITR] (3.0 cr)
•CNES 3204 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or CNRC 5204 - The Dead Sea Scrolls (3.0 cr)
or JWST 3204 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or RELS 3204 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or RELS 5204 - The Dead Sea Scrolls (3.0 cr)
•HIST 3534 - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or JWST 3034 - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3034 - Introduction to Jewish History and Cultures [HIS] (3.0 cr)
•CNRC 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
or RELS 3535 - Death and the Afterlife in the Ancient World [AH] (3.0 cr)
•CNES 5188 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or ARTH 5188 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
•ARTH 5115 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)
or CNES 5185 *{Inactive}*(3.0 cr)

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