

BIBLICAL STUDIES, CERTIFICATE

Requirements for an undergraduate certificate may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the certificate.

Program Description

The Biblical Studies Certificate program is designed to provide students with a foundation in the academic study of the Bible, both the Jewish and Christian canons. Through a flexible and student-centered course of study, beginning with courses in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament and the New Testament, and including a variety of elective courses within or related to the field of Biblical Studies, students will be exposed to the academic methods and approaches to understanding the Bible.

Program Requirements

To earn an undergraduate certificate in Biblical Studies, a minimum of 12 credits is required.

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
JST 110	Hebrew Bible: Old Testament	3
JST 112	Jesus the Jew	3
or JST 120	New Testament	
or JST 124	Early and Medieval Christianity	
Additional courses, no more than one of which may be a language course:		6
JST 4	Jewish and Christian Foundations	
JST 10	Jewish Civilization	
JST 12		
JST 70		
JST 90	Jerusalem: Past, Present, and Future	
JST 102	Ancient Israel	
JST 104	The Bible as Literature	
JST 111	Early Judaism	
JST 122	Apocalypse and Beyond	
JST 123	History of God: Origins of Monotheism	
JST 153	Dead Sea Scrolls	
JST 420	Archaeology of the Near East	
JST 421	Aramaic	
JST 425W	Books of the Bible: Readings and Interpretation	
GREEK 2		
HEBR 151	Introductory Biblical Hebrew	
HEBR 152	Intermediate Biblical Hebrew	

Non-Course Requirements:

- As per University policy, all credit courses for a certificate require a grade of "C" or higher, and at least two-thirds (2/3) of the credits used to complete a certificate must be earned at Penn State.

Academic Advising

The objectives of the university's academic advising program are to help advisees identify and achieve their academic goals, to promote their intellectual discovery, and to encourage students to take advantage of

both in-and out-of class educational opportunities in order that they become self-directed learners and decision makers.

Both advisers and advisees share responsibility for making the advising relationship succeed. By encouraging their advisees to become engaged in their education, to meet their educational goals, and to develop the habit of learning, advisers assume a significant educational role. The advisee's unit of enrollment will provide each advisee with a primary academic adviser, the information needed to plan the chosen program of study, and referrals to other specialized resources.

READ SENATE POLICY 32-00: ADVISING POLICY (<https://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/32-00-advising-policy/>)

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Liberal Arts Academic Advising

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Use the Liberal Arts Meet the Academic Advisers web page (<https://la.psu.edu/student-services/academic-advising/meet-the-academic-advisers/>) to see the contact information for the specific adviser(s) of this program

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