



City Bible College

Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Biblical Studies

Upon completion of the Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies, the graduate should be able to:

1. Demonstrate skills in critical thinking;
2. Identify and understand basic biblical doctrines and history;
3. Exhibit proficiency and competency in the AA courses and coursework;
4. Utilize personal and academic feedback;
5. Demonstrate basic communication skills and readiness for upper division courses;
6. Demonstrate involvement in local ministries, spiritual disciplines, and devotional practices; and
7. Demonstrate the importance of the Biblical worldview in general studies.

The Associate of Arts degree is awarded to students who have completed a minimum of sixty-four credit hours of study. This degree usually marks the halfway point to the baccalaureate degree from a university or college. To complete the degree program, the student must fulfill the core requirements listed below.

Breakdown of Core Curriculum

SEMESTER I - INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

12-Credit Hours

ITTW111 - Foundations of Faith: This course reviews the importance of proper spiritual foundations for life and ministry focusing on foundations of the Christian faith, such as repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection, and eternal judgment as it is outlined in Hebrews 6:1-2.

ITTW112 - How To Study The Bible: This course equips the believer for personal study of the Word of God. Students learn how to study the Bible book-by-book, verse-by-verse, and word-by-word. It includes biographical, devotional, typological and topical methods.

ITTW113 - Regeneration & New Birth: Jesus said you must be born again. This class teaches the essentiality of the new birth as recorded in John 3:5 and exactly what is required to be born again.



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ITTW114 - Law & Grace: What is the relationship of law to grace and how do we reconcile the commands in the Old Testament law with grace? Some say we must abide by the law while others say we are under grace. Still, there are some who say grace is there to keep the law, yet how do we reconcile what's stated in the New Testament that "if you fail to keep one of the laws you have broken them all." This course will answer these questions and provide an in-depth look at Christians association to the law and grace.

ITTW115 - Baptism & Lord's Supper: Because baptism and the Lord's Supper are symbolic, the use of the proper symbols is important. Baptism symbolizes the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus that has made possible our salvation. Baptism also symbolizes that a person through faith in Christ has passed from death to life and that this person has identified with Christ's death and resurrection (Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2:12).

The Lord's Supper requires us to have a biblical understanding as well. Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper at his last meal with his disciples as part of the Jewish Passover (Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:14-20). Unleavened bread and the fruit of the vine were part of the meal. Jesus indicated that the bread was symbolic of his body and the fruit of the vine symbolic of his blood. The unleavened bread symbolizes the purity of Christ, for he was without sin (Hebrews 4:15) and thus his body was an unblemished sacrifice for our sins. The juice from crushed grapes symbolizes the blood that Christ shed for us.

ITTW116 - Evangelism: Unfortunately, too many evangelism courses are all class work with no practical witnessing experience. This course is designed to teach you how to become skilled in evangelism via class work and on-the-job training as well. Well, get ready to hit the streets as we charter through hands-on learning. It's the same method Jesus used. He began with a handful of people and turned the world upside down! This course promotes a burden for souls and inspires the student to reach out to the people around them with the Gospel through simple, effective methods.

ITTW117 - Church History: As you trace the birth of the Church to the 21st century, you will gain a greater appreciation for Biblical truth, and for key individuals who sacrificed to preserve it for our generation.

ITTW118 - Worship: At the center of all we do is worship. Therefore, worship and service cannot be isolated, but rather they must be integrated if it is to be true worship. There is a number of Greek and Hebrew words which are rendered 'to worship' or 'worshiper' and this course will explore them in their various forms.



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SEMESTER II - OVERVIEW OF THE BIBLE

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OOTB211 - Introduction to the Word / Pentateuch: The study of the five books written by Moses will give you a historical, legislative, and spiritual look at just how much God loves and desires a relationship with His people.

OOTB212 - The Seven Dispensations and The Dispensations of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit: Dispensations refer to the method of interpreting history that divides God's work and purposes toward mankind into different periods of time. Under this heading, we will also explore the Trinity and their unique dispensational impact on this plan.

OOTB213 - Minor Prophets: From the lives of these Old Testament prophets, you will see how God can use anyone from any background. They demonstrate how the depth of obedience to God measures true success.

OOTB214 - Major Prophets: These great men of God wrote under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Learn how incredible the writers and their books are, both in volume and in content.

OOTB215 - Historical Books / Poetic Books: The history of Israel, God's chosen people, was written for our example so that we can learn from both their mistakes and successes. The poetical books are considered some of the greatest literature ever written; nothing the world has to offer matches the value of these books.

OOTB216 - The Four Gospels / Harmony of the Gospels: In a chronological study of the Gospels, you will compare and contrast the overlapping and consistent accounts of our wonderful Savior and Redeemer.

OOTB217 - The Epistles: Epistles are "letters", and letters have always been an effective way to communicate. God chose letters to effectively communicate HIS will and purpose to HIS church. This course is designed to give a summary of each letter.

OOTB218 - The Book of Revelation: Are we really living in the last days; though not an exhaustive study of prophecy, this class attempts to bring a correct understanding of the Book of Revelation.



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SEMESTER III - SPIRIT WORLD

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SW311 - Spirit World: This course study moves participants beyond the natural world into the realm of the spirit. Tactics of the enemy are analyzed and strategies of spiritual warfare assuring victory over the principalities and powers of the spirit world are explained.

SW312 - Heaven and Hell: Heaven and Hell are both real places described in the Bible. This unit of study will help students understand more about both and then use their influence with others to make the truth of Christ known related to heaven and hell.

SW313 - Triune Nature of Satan: The Bible uses many terms to speak of demons: fallen angels, principalities, powers, evil spirits, and deceiving spirits just to name a few. Like Satan, demons are actually angels who were created by God to do His good work and praise Him. This study will seek to extract and explain the current activities of demons on earth and how they seek to spread lies about God, His work, and God's people.

SW314 - Demonism & Spiritism: In the Last Days, we are warned by the Apostle Paul, via his letter to Timothy concerning a resurgence of interest in the Doctrine of Demons, also known as Spiritism. The increase in the desire to communicate with the deceased has its roots in Spiritism.

SW315 - Angelology: This course study explains the origin, attributes, sphere of activity, classification, and organization of angels. It also explains their ministry in spiritual warfare.

SW316 - Anthropology: The Origin of Man: Anthropology is a word that refers to the study of the doctrine of man. It comes from two Greek words "Anthropos" which means "man" and "logos" which means "word" or "systematic discourse".

SW317 - Fall, Sin, and Salvation Affect: In the Book of Genesis, we are provided a recorded event of the creation of man as a free will, morally responsible and intelligent creature. In our previous lecture, we saw where man created in the image and likeness of God, created to be holy and blameless.

SW318 - 1st & 2nd Coming of Christ: When one is speaking concerning the two "comings" of Christ, they are referring to the First and Second Comings, also known as The Two Advents. The word Advent means important arrival from the Latin adventures meaning a coming, an approach or arrival and are directly related to the incarnation of Christ. This lecture will detail in great detail the nature and character of Christ First and Second Comings.



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SEMESTER IV - CONCEPTS OF TEACHING AND COMMUNICATION

12-Credit Hours

How we speak, learn and listen is vital to effective communication. This series of lectures will explore these dynamics and how they were used in both the Old Testament, as well as the ministry of Jesus. We also will define everything about your natural and unnatural behaviors affecting your teaching abilities. Among other communication nuances, this course looks at how a person's body, objects, and picturesque language were used as teaching aids in the scriptures.

CTC411 - The Art of Language In The Biblical Context

CTC412 - The Art of Learning In The Biblical Context

CTC413 - The Art of Communication In The Biblical Context

The final series of lectures will take a detailed look at the differences between purpose, calling and destiny. While these terms are often used interchangeably, there are quite a few distinctive differences. In these lectures, we will explore the concept of core values and how they relate to the heart of God, how your design is woven in your destiny and concluding with our ultimate aim on earth, to Glorify God.

CTC414 - Calling

CTC415 - Destiny

CTC416 - Purpose

CTC417 - Non-Profit Administration