

# Biblical and Theological Studies Major

Total Major hours: 32  
Suggested hours per semester: 16

## Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2026-2027

The catalog is the final authority on CATC and major requirements. This is intended as a tool for planning purposes. Student course sequencing may vary depending on course offerings and other variables.

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <p><b>Fall Semester 1</b></p> <p>CORE 101: First Year Seminar<br/>CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourish (1)</p> <p><i>First-Year CATC Options:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)</li> <li>▪ ENGW 103: First-Year Writing</li> <li>▪ Language Core Competency<sup>2</sup></li> <li>▪ Thematic Core Course</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Spring Semester 1</b></p> <p><i>Take one of the following:</i></p> <p>BITH 211 Old Testament Literature &amp; Interpretation<sup>1</sup> or BITH 221 Old Testament in Three Traditions<sup>1</sup> or ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology<sup>1</sup></p> <p><i>First-Year CATC Options</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Language Competency<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>                | <p><b>Summer 1</b></p> <p><i>Consider:</i> Wheaton in the Holy Lands<sup>4</sup>, Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, or summer research</p> |
| <p><b>Fall Semester 2</b></p> <p><i>Take the following:</i></p> <p>BITH 213 New Testament Literature &amp; Interpretation<sup>1</sup> or ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology<sup>1</sup><br/>BITH 372 Historical Theology<sup>F</sup></p> <p><i>Consider:</i><br/>BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/>ARCH Electives<br/>RELI Electives</p> <p><i>Language Core Competency<sup>2</sup></i><br/><i>Thematic Core Course</i><br/><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p> | <p><b>Spring Semester 2</b></p> <p><i>Take the following:</i></p> <p>BITH 325 Bib. Interp. &amp; Hermeneutics<sup>*5</sup><br/>BITH 374 Systematic Theology<sup>1*5</sup></p> <p><i>Consider:</i><br/>BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/>ARCH Electives<br/>RELI Electives</p> <p><i>Language Core Competency<sup>2</sup></i><br/><i>Thematic Core Course</i><br/><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i></p> | <p><b>Summer 2</b></p> <p><i>Consider:</i> Wheaton in the Holy Lands<sup>4</sup>, Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, or summer research</p> |
| <p><b>Fall Semester 3</b></p> <p><i>Take one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/>ARCH Electives<br/>RELI Electives</p> <p>Consider a Semester off campus at JUC</p> <p><i>Advanced Integrative Seminar?*</i><br/><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>   | <p><b>Spring Semester 3</b></p> <p><i>Take one or more of the following:</i></p> <p>BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.<sup>*5</sup><br/>BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/>ARCH Electives<br/>RELI Electives</p> <p><i>Complete CATC Coursework</i></p>   | <p><b>Summer 3</b></p> <p><i>Consider:</i> Wheaton in the Holy Lands<sup>4</sup>, Wheaton-In summer program, WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, or summer research</p> |

| Fall Semester 4   | Spring Semester 4  | Summer 4 |
|---|--|----------|
| <p>Take one or more of the following:</p> <p>BITH 494 Capstone*<sup>F</sup><br/> BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/> ARCH Electives<br/> RELI Electives</p> <p>Complete CATC Coursework</p> | <p>Take one or more of the following:</p> <p>BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.*<sup>S</sup><br/> BITH Electives<sup>3</sup><br/> ARCH Electives<br/> RELI Electives</p> <p>Complete CATC Coursework</p> |          |

**Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:**

\*Course has a prerequisite

<sup>F</sup> Fall only course

<sup>S</sup> Spring only course

<sup>#</sup>Offered every other year

<sup>1</sup> Courses that meet the CATC Core Shared Core requirement: ARCH 211 (Old Testament), ARCH 213 (New Testament), BITH 211( Old Testament), BITH 213 (New Testament), BITH 312 (Old Testament in the Holy Lands)<sup>4</sup>, BITH 317 (New Testament in the Holy Lands)<sup>4</sup>, BITH 318 (Christian Theology in the Holy Lands)<sup>4</sup>, BITH 221 (Old Testament), and BITH 374 (in lieu of BITH 315: Christian Thought). Many electives meet Thematic Core requirements. A maximum of three thematic core themes may count for both the BITH major and the CATC requirements. **One section of BITH 211 in the spring and one section of BITH 213 in the fall will have reserved seats for majors. It is recommended that you plan to take one of these sections.**

<sup>2</sup> Although not required for the BITH major, students are encouraged to take either Greek or Hebrew. These courses may be used to fulfill the Christ at the Core Language Competency requirement.

<sup>3</sup> The 16 credit hours of electives must include coursework in Biblical Studies (4), Theology (4), and Religion (RELI) (4).

<sup>4</sup> Wheaton in the Holy Lands is an 8-credit study abroad program. Depending on the year and the student needs, the credits can be used to meet CATC requirements (Old Testament or New Testament, and Christian Theology), or elective requirements for the Biblical and Theological Studies major.