

B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies 2023-2024: Option 1 - CWILT

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
GES 130 Christianity Western Culture	4	Elective	3	GES 125 Introduction to the Creative Arts	4
GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing	2			GES 160 Inquiry Seminar	3
BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible	3			Mathematics (M) course	3
Elective	4			Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course	3
	13		3		13
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
THE 263 Christian Social Ethics	3	World Cultures (U) course	3	Text or Context course choice	3
Text or Context course choice	3			Jesus or Paul course choice	3
THE 201 Christian Theology	3			Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course	3
Laboratory Science (D) course	4			Elective	4
Artistic Experience (A) course	0-3				
	13-16		3		13
THIRD YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIB 321 Issues in Biblical Studies	3	Elective	3	THE 315 Contemporary Theological Issues	3
REL 202 Introduction to Religious Studies	3			Second Language (S) course *1	4
THE 311 Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective	3			Comparative Systems (G) course	3
Jesus or Paul course choice	3			200-Level Theology Elective course	3
200-Level Elective or Biblical or Theological Studies course	3			Elective	4
	15		3		17
FOURTH YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
300-400 Level Elective Biblical or Theological Studies course	3	Interim Off	0	BIB 499 (or Elective) Seminar: Biblical Studies	3
Science, Technology, and Society (K) course	3			300-400 Level Theology Elective course	3
Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3			Electives	9
THE 499 (or Elective) Seminar: Theology	3				
Cross-Cultural Experience (Z) course	0-3				
	*12-15		0		15
Total Credits 120-126					
*1. Students must complete through the second semester of a first year language course or equivalent (Check the catalog for details of this option.)					
If a student chooses to use major requirements to also count as General Education requirements, the number of elective hours will be increased accordingly.					
Most financial aid packages stipulate 12 credits/term; Minnesota state grants are reduced when credit load falls below 15 credits/semester. January Session credits are counted as part of Spring Term.					

B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies 2023-2024: Option 2 - Humanities

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
GES 145 Humanities I: Greco-Roman through Middle Ages	4	GES 147 Humanities II: Renaissance and Reformation	4	GES 244 Humanities III: European Enlightenment and	4
GES 140 Introduction to Wellbeing	2			Mathematics (M) course	3
BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible	3			Electives	6
Elective	3			Artistic Experience (A) course	0-3
	12		4		13-16
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
THE 263 Christian Social Ethics	3	World Cultures (U) course	3	Interpreting Biblical themes (J) course	3
Text or Context course choice	3			Jesus or Paul course choice	3
GES 246 Humanities IV: Modern and Contemporary	4			Second Language (S) course *1	4
Laboratory Science (D) course	4			Elective	4
	14		3		14
THIRD YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIB 321 Issues in Biblical Studies	3	Elective	3	THE 315 Contemporary Theological Issues	3
REL 202 Introduction to Religious Studies	3			Text or Context course choice	3
THE 311 Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global	3			Comparative Systems (G) course	3
Jesus or Paul course choice	3			200-level Theology elective course	3
200-level elective biblical or theological studies course	3			Elective	3
	15		3		15
FOURTH YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
300-400 level major elective	3	Interim Off		BIB 499 (or Elective) Seminar: Biblical Studies	3
Science, Technology and Society (K) course	3			300/400-level Theology elective course	3
Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3			Electives	9
THE 499 (or Elective) Seminar: Theology	3				
Cross-Cultural Experience (Z) course	0-3				
	*12-15		0		15
Total Credits 120-126					
*1. Students must complete through the second semester of a first year language course or equivalent (Check the catalog for details of this option.)					
If a student chooses to use major requirements to also count as General Education requirements, the number of elective hours will be increased accordingly.					
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B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies 2023-2024: Sample plan entering with AA Degree

FIRST YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
Elective	3	THE 201 Christian Theology *2 [1]	3	THE 315 Contemporary Theological Issues	3
Elective	3			REL 202 Introduction to Religious Studies	3
BIB 101 Introduction to the Bible *1	3			200-Level Theology Elective course	3
GES 130 Christianity Western Culture [2]	4			200-Level Elective or Biblical or Theological Studies course	3
				Jesus or Paul course choice	3
	13		3		15
SECOND YEAR					
Fall	Credits	January Session	Credits	Spring	Credits
THE 263 Christian Social Ethics [3]	3	Contemporary Christian Issues (P) course	3	300-400 Level Elective Biblical or Theological Studies course	3
BIB 321 Issues in Biblical Studies	3			Jesus or Paul course choice	3
THE 311 Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective	3			BIB 499 Seminar: Biblical Studies (or elective) *3	3
THE 499 (or Elective) Seminar: Theology *3 [4]	3			300-400 Level Theology Elective course	3
Text or Context course choice	3			Text or Context course choice	3
	15		3		15
Total Credits: 64 at Bethel + 60 in AA degree = 124					
*1. Must take one Biblical Foundations courses at Bethel					
*2. THE201 is not technically required due to entry standing of AA, but it will count for a required elective and will make getting into the upper level THE courses much easier					
*3. Students choose between the THE499 Theology seminar in the fall and the BIB499 Biblical Studies seminar in the spring. In the place of the option they don't take, they will need to take an elective in order to reach the 122 credits for graduation					
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[1] fall, interim, spring
PQ: BIB101, sophomore standing

[2] fall, interim, spring, occ. summer

[3] fall
PQ: BIB101, THE201

[4] fall
Prerequisites: BIB 321; THE 315; Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; or Consent of instructor.