

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies

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School of Biblical Studies

2021

With no prerequisites, students may begin and finish anytime in the three-year cycle.

Each class runs four Thursday evenings for one hour.

(Also available by Distance Learning or Cafeteria Style.)

Five Bible classes are required each of three years to graduate plus a class in Comparative Religion.

Classes are offered January through October. You are encouraged to take additional classes.

1. **Survey of the New Testament-** This course will give you a hands-on grasp of the entire New Testament. Each book is briefly prefaced giving authorship, date and purpose of writing. This is an excellent introduction to the study of the individual books of the New Testament.
January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Rhett Payne
2. **Job-** This book is a real part of Old Testament History showing more of God's wonderful plan of redemption. It faces the age-old question, "Why do bad things happen to good people?" Possibly the oldest book in the Bible.
February 4, 11, 18, 25, 2021
Instructor: Dr. J.R. Eaton
3. **Genesis-** The study of this book is necessary to an understanding of the entire bible. Especially is this true in the first three chapters dealing with the creation, the fall and God's promise of redemption. Then God selected a man, Abraham, to form a family, to form a nation out of which Christ would be born.
March 4,11,18,25 2021
Instructor: Dr. Richard Wallace
4. **Ezekiel-** A prophetic book of many pictures that at times can create a lot of discussion. Ezekiel was a contemporary of both Jeremiah & Daniel. The student will find this book to be interesting and inspiring.
April 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson
5. **The Origin and Development of the English Bible-** This course will reveal the origin of the bible and how the English bible came into being. It will show some of the people who gave their lives that we may have a copy. Today there are many translations, but which one is right for me? At the end you will love your bible even more.
May 6, 13, 20, 27, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Carless Evans, Jr.

6. **II Corinthians**- This book gives added information about the life of the Apostle Paul with chapter five giving more insight into the resurrection and the work of Christ on the cross. Don't miss it!
June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Leon Ballard
7. **Introduction to Biblical Hebrew**- This course will deepen your love for the Hebrew Old Testament, show you how to use lexicons and dictionaries and grammar. It will help you to understand words and sentences which will make clear the meaning of Old Testament books.
Tuesday Night 6:30-8:30 May 25 & June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson
8. **James**- The book of James is a book of practical Christianity and at the same time adds significant doctrine concerning our faith.
July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Scott Harrell
9. **1 & 2 Peter & 1 John**- The inspired writings of Peter reflect his personality giving vital Christian concerns straight forward and to the point. 1 John shows the kind heart of the beloved apostle inspired truths in a passionate manner.
August 5, 12, 19, 26, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Richard Wallace
10. **Ezra & Nehemiah**- These two books give a great deal of the story of the return to Jerusalem after the captivity along with a captivating story of Nehemiah rebuilding the wall around the city. A book of great preaching material.
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson
11. **Gospel of John**- This book reveals very clearly the person and identity of Jesus Christ as the son of God. The remainder of the book gives solid proof of this statement.
October 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021
Instructor: Dr. Carl White

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1. **A Look at the Four Gospels**- This course presents a clear look at the synoptic gospels; Matthew, Mark, and Luke showing their similarities and differences. The fourth gospel, John, puts forth a positive perception of Jesus, the Son of God with His divine nature. He is both God and man.
January 6, 13, 20, 27 2022
Instructor: Dr. Rhett Payne

2. **The Book of Revelation-** The book of Revelation is a book of victory, but there are so many dramatic interpretations on the market now that one wonders if the book should even be read. This course presents a clear picture of the images in the book showing how God is going to triumph over all evil now and in the second coming of Christ. Properly understood it is a beautiful book.
February 3, 10, 17, 24 2022
Instructor: Dr. Carless Evans
3. **Studies in Isaiah-** Isaiah is one of the outstanding prophets of the Old Testament and of all times. He prophesied about the Kings of Israel, his own relationship to God, about the coming of Christ, His crucifixion, His second coming and more. To fully grasp this amazing book requires the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit; this study will whet your appetite to want to know more.
March 3, 10, 17, 24 2022
Instructor: Hal Bates
4. **Daniel & Zechariah-** Two great books in this Old Testament written in the captivity period showing the return to Jerusalem with a peak at the coming of Christ. Fascinating study.
April 7, 14, 21, 28 2022
Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson
5. **Cross Cultural Witnessing-** How do you reach across cultural lines for a more effective witness? Learn how to investigate and write a World View document for ANY culture different than your own. We are not just talking about people who speak a different language! There are many sub-cultures within our own!
May 5, 12, 19, 26 2022
Instructor: Dr. Greg Massey
6. **Acts-** The story of the early church and the coming of the unhindered gospel. A must in understanding Paul and his life.
June 2, 9, 16, 23 2022
Instructor: Dr. J.R. Eaton
7. **Introduction to Biblical Greek-** This study will help you to see words pictured in the Greek New Testament which will add a great deal of life to your study. Without a doubt, it will deepen your love for this section of the Bible.
Tuesday night 6:30-8:30 May 24, 31, & June 7, 14, 21, 28 2022
Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson
8. **Survey of the Old Testament-** This course is designed to give you a hands-on grasp on all the Old Testament by presenting a broad summary and purpose of each book thus bringing all the books of the Old Testament into a unit.
July 7, 14, 21, 28 2022
Instructor: Dr. Richard (Doc) Wallace

9. **Colossians-** The book of Colossians gives a clear picture of Christ, his identity as over against the attack of Gnosticism on the person of Jesus Christ.
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Instructor: Dr. Scott Harrell
10. **Romans-** This is one of the most powerful books in the New Testament revealing the true nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The book presents a clear picture of the way of Salvation and the code of Christian conduct.
September 8,15,22,29 2022
Instructor: Hal Bates
11. **Minor Prophets-** These Old Testament books are called Minor Prophets, but they are not minor in their message. These men roared like lions, and like Hosea, were called to do things that for many of us would be very difficult. Their call to return to God, to a stronger faith and courage is as real now as it was then. You will find this to be a profitable study.
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1. **Exploring 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus-** These New Testament books are vital in understanding God's intent for church leadership and organization. Not only this, there are profound lessons on living a great Christian life.
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Instructor: Dr. Rhett Payne
2. **Galatians and Philippines-** In the Galatians Paul emphasis being justified by faith. The study of this book was a turning point on the life of Martin Luther-11517. Philippians is a thank you letter beautifully written to the church in Philippi. It is full of joy and encouragement.
February 2, 9, 16, 23 2023
Instructor: Dr. J. R. Eaton
3. **Deuteronomy-** This study of the book of Deuteronomy will give you a better understanding of the life and purpose of Moses as well as a better understanding of Old Testament Law which is often misunderstood.
March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023
Instructor: Jerry Bishop
4. **Joshua and Judges-** Joshua is a book of military conquest. God promised the children of Abraham the land and now they are getting it. The book of Judges is a series of cycles showing prosperity, falling into idolatry, repenting and turning back to God, followed by prosperity. The Judges are fascinating people. Don't miss it.

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Ralph Henson

5. **Psalms-** This hymn book of the Old Testament is a treasure of our personal experiences with God. It gives guidance and strength when we are happy and sad, strong and weak, when we are up and down, when we succeed and when we fail; it covers it all. What can compare to Psalms 23 when it states, "The Lord is my Shepherd." This study will bring comfort and strength to your life.

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 2023

Instructor: Hal Bates

6. **Hebrews-** A great picture of the identity of Jesus Christ. The faith chapter number 11 is a classic. The purpose of the book is captivating.

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Leon Ballard

7. **The History of Christianity-** The history of Christianity is a fascinating story of the work of God in the world. It is more than a list of events and dates. It is the story of God on the move to the climax of all history.

July 6,13,20,27 2023

Instructor: Dr. Brenda Pruitt

8. **Ruth and Esther-** The love story of Ruth is beautiful showing her being in the lineage of Jesus. Esther is a thrilling story of a lady willing to risk her life to save her people. Nothing on television like it.

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023

Instructor: Dr. J.R. Eaton

9. **1 Corinthians-** All churches have problems of some kind. In this New Testament book Paul deals with many of them, which can be helpful to us now.

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Instructor: Dr. Rhett Payne

10. **Comparative Religions-** What one believes about his God reflects in his conduct. With so many different religions now living at your doorstep, you need to know what they think because that determines what they do. Let us be prepared for they are here.

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2023

Instructor: Dr. Scott Harrell