

New Testament (BA)

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Total Semester Hours

Candidates for a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies with a Specialization in New Testament must complete at least 120 semester hours of accredited college work. At least 50 hours must be completed at the 3000–4000 level, including major and elective courses.

General Education Requirements

Each student must complete the 36-hour general education core and two hours of physical education classes. Students pursuing the BA degree should take GRE 2140/2141, Beginning Greek, to fulfill the language requirement.

Language Requirement

Each student must complete two semesters of Beginning Greek (GRE 2140/2141) and is encouraged to do so as part of the general education core. A second year of New Testament Greek (GRW 3250/3251) is also required as part of the specialization.

Lower-Division (14 hours recommended; minimum 4 hours required)

- REL 1210 History and Geography of the Old Testament (2 hours; required)
- REL 1240 History and Geography of the New Testament (2 hours; required)
- REL 1272 Biblical Foundations (1 hour)
- REL 1780 Evidences I: General Apologetics (1 hour)
- REL 1781 Evidences II: The Biblical Text (1 hour)
- REL 2257 NT Epistles: 1 Corinthians (1 hour)
- REL 2261 Survey of the Pauline Epistles (2 hours)
- REL 2262 Survey of the General Epistles (1 hour)
- LIT 2371 Old Testament Poetry and Wisdom Literature (3 hours)

Required Core (15 hours)

- GRW 3250 NT Greek I (3 hours; may count as a daily Bible)
- GRW 3251 NT Greek II (3 hours; may count as a daily Bible)
- REL 3235 NT Backgrounds (2 hours)
- REL 3713 Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 hours)
- REL 4247 Critical Introduction to the NT (3 hours)
- REL 4901 Biblical Studies Portfolio (1 hour)

Upper-Division Courses in New Testament (minimum 17 hours from the following:)

- REL 3253 Gospel and Epistles of John (3 hours)
- REL 3256 NT Epistles: 2 Corinthians, Timothy, Titus (3 hours)
- REL 3258 NT Epistles: James, Peter, Jude (2 hours)
- REL 3265 Gospel of Matthew (3 hours)
- REL 3266 Gospel of Mark (2 hours)
- REL 3268 NT Epistles: Thessalonians and Philippians (2 hours)
- REL 4254 Romans and Galatians (3 hours)
- REL 4255 Hebrews (2 hours)
- REL 4259 Book of Revelation (3 hours)
- REL 4900 Independent Directed Study in Biblical Literature (1–3 hours)
- REL 4930 Selected Topics (1–3 hours)

Church History/Religious Thought Electives (9 hours with at least 3 hours in each area)

AREA ONE: CHURCH HISTORY

- REL 3503 Church History: Ancient and Medieval (3 hours)

- REL 3504 Church History: Reformation and Modern (3 hours)
- REL 3541 History of Christianity in America (3 hours)
- REL 3567 History of the Restoration Movement (3 hours)
- REL 3784 History and Methodology of Apologetics (3 hours)
- REL 4905 Independent Directed Study in Church History (1–3 hours)
- REL 4932 Selected Topics in Church History (1–3 hours)

AREA TWO: RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

- REL 3131 American Sects and Cults (3 hours)
- REL 3308 World Religions (3 hours)
- REL 3412 The Problem of Evil (3 hours)
- REL 3460 Philosophy of Religion (3 hours)
- REL 3719 Studies in Biblical Eschatology (3 hours)
- REL 3783 Historical Apologetics (3 hours)
- REL 3784 History and Methodology of Apologetics (3 hours)
- REL 3797 Studies in Catholic and Protestant Thought (3 hours)
- REL 4907 Independent Directed Study in Religious Thought (1–3 hours)
- REL 4931 Selected Topics in Religious Thought (1–3 hours)

Requirements for the Minor

To allow for greater flexibility in this program, no minor is required for the BA in New Testament.

Sequence of Courses

Students should complete the 4 hours of Bible prerequisites (REL 1210, REL 1240) during their first year of college coursework. It is recommended that Bible majors complete English Composition I and II during their freshman year of college work before enrolling in upper-level Biblical Studies courses, which have major writing assignments. The Greek requirement (GRE 2140/2141) and REL 3713 should be completed no later than the student's second year, but academically stronger students are encouraged to take these courses in the first year. A second year of Greek (GRW 3250/3251) should be taken the year immediately following GRE 2140/2141. REL 4247 should be taken in either the junior or senior year, whenever the Fall semester occurs during an odd-numbered year. Graduating students will take the program capstone course REL 4901 in the final semester of their program.

Exclusions

Special one-hour courses offered as daily Bible for non-Bible majors will not satisfy the component requirements for Biblical Literature, Church History, or Religious Thought.

Quality of Work

A minimum grade point average of 2.0 overall and on all upper-level work is required.

Residency

Students must complete a minimum of 32 hours of their upper-level work at Florida College, at least 16 of which must be completed after the semester in which the student has earned a cumulative total of at least 90 semester hours.

Graduation Ceremony

Candidates must participate in graduation exercises in the year in which they complete their other requirements. Any exception must be cleared through the Provost.

RECOMMENDED PLAN FOR BA DEGREE IN BIBLICAL STUDIES WITH A SPECIALIZATION IN NEW TESTAMENT (120 HOURS shown)

Fall – Year One	Hours	Spring – Year One	Hours
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I	3	ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II	3
GRE 2140 – Beginning Greek I	3	GRE 2141 – Beginning Greek II	3
Math	3	Math	3
REL 1210 – Hist. & Geog.: OT	2	Public Speaking	3
TR Lower Division Bible	1	REL 1240 – Hist. & Geog.: NT	2
REL 3713 – Intro. Biblical Studies	3	TR Lower Division Bible	1
Total	15	Total	15
Fall – Year Two	Hours	Spring – Year Two	Hours
Behavioral Science	3	Behavioral or Social Science	3
PE Course	1	LIT 2371 – OT Poetry & Wisdom	3
Social Science	3	PE Course	1
REL 2261 – Survey of Pauline Epistles	2	REL 3308 – World Religions	3
TR Lower Division Bible	1	TR Lower Division Bible	1
GRW 3250 – NT Greek I	3	GRW 3251 – NT Greek II	3
Upper Division NT	2	TR Upper Division NT	2
Total	15	Total	16
Fall – Year Three	Hours	Spring – Year Three	Hours
MWF Upper Division Bible*	3	MWF Upper Division Bible	3
TR Upper Division Bible	2	TR Upper Division Bible	2
Church History Component	3	Church Hist/Rel Thought Component	3
Upper Division Bible	3	Upper Division Bible	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Total	14	Total	14
Fall – Year Four	Hours	Spring – Year Four	Hours
MWF Upper Division Bible*	3	MWF Upper Division Bible	3
TR Upper Division Bible	2	TR Upper Division Bible	2
Religious Thought Component	3	REL 4901– Biblical Studies Portfolio	1
Upper Division Bible	3	Upper Division Bible	3
Elective	3	Upper Division Bible	3
		Elective	3
Total	14	Total	15

*REL 4247 is required and is offered in Fall of odd-numbered years.