Biblical and Theological Studies Major

Total Major hours: 32
Suggested hours per semester: 16

Major Academic Plan (MAP) for Catalog Year 2024–2025

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.

Fall Semester 1	Spring Semester 1	Summer 1

CORE 101: First Year Seminar (Recommended to take FYS with BITH faculty member)
CORE 131: Holistic Human Flourish (1)
First-Year CATC Options:
  ▪ *COMM 101: Oral Comm (2)*
  ▪ *ENGW 103: First-Year Writing*
  ▪ *Language Core Competency[2]*
  ▪ *Thematic Core Course*
	Take one or two of the following:
	
	BITH 211 Old Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* BITH 221 Old Testament in Three Traditions[1] *or* ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology[1] *or*
	BITH 213 New Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology[1]
	
	First-Year CATC Options
	Language Competency[2]
		Consider: Wheaton in the Holy Lands[4], Wheaton In summer program WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, Summer research

Fall Semester 2	**Spring Semester 2**	**Summer 2**
Take one or two of the following: BITH 211 Old Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* BITH 221 Old Testament in Three Traditions[1] *or* ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology[1] *or* BITH 213 New Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology[1] BITH 325 Bib. Interp. & Hermeneutics* BITH 372 Historical Theology BITH 374 Systematic Theology[1]* Consider: BITH Electives[3] ARCH Electives RELI Electives *Language Core Competency[2]* *Thematic Core Course* *Advanced Integrative Seminar?**	*Take one or two of the following:* BITH 211 Old Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* BITH 221 Old Testament in Three Traditions[1] *or* ARCH 211 Old Testament Archaeology[1] *or* BITH 213 New Testament Literature & Interpretation[1] *or* ARCH 213 New Testament Archaeology[1] BITH 325 Bib. Interp. & Hermeneutics* BITH 372 Historical Theology BITH 374 Systematic Theology [1]* Consider: BITH Electives[3] ARCH Electives RELI Electives *Language Core Competency[2]* *Thematic Core Course* *Advanced Integrative Seminar?**	*Consider*: Wheaton in the Holy Lands[4], Wheaton In summer program WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, Summer research

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Fall Semester 3	Spring Semester 3	Summer 3
Take one or more of the following: BITH 325 Bib. Interp. & Hermeneutics* BITH 372 Historical Theology BITH 374 Systematic Theology[1]* BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.* Consider: BITH Electives[3] Consider a Semester off campus at JUC *Advanced Integrative Seminar?* *Complete CATC Coursework*	*Take one or more of the following*: BITH 325 Bib. Interp. & Hermeneutics* BITH 372 Historical Theology BITH 374 Systematic Theology [1]* BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.* Consider: BITH Electives[3] *Complete CATC Coursework*	*Consider*: Wheaton in the Holy Lands[4], Wheaton In summer program WIN (HoneyRock), Wheaton in the Black Hills, Non-major internship, Summer research
Fall Semester 4	**Spring Semester 4**	**Summer 4**
Take one or more of the following: BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.* BITH 494 Capstone* BITH Electives[3] *Complete CATC Coursework*	*Take one or more of the following*: BITH 401 Advanced Biblical Interp.* BITH 494 Capstone* BITH Electives[3] *Complete CATC Coursework*	

Notes or Special Guidance for Majors:

*Course has prerequisite
[F] Fall only course
[S] Spring only course
[#]Offered every other year

[1] 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)[7], BITH 317 (New Testament in the Holy Lands)[7], BITH 318 (Christian Theology in the Holy Lands)[7], BITH 221 (Old Testament), and BITH 374 (in lieu of BITH 315: Christian Thought). Many electives meet Thematic Core requirements. A maximum of three may count for both the BITH major and the CATC requirements.

[2] 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.

[3] The 16 credit hours of electives must include coursework in Biblical Studies (4), Theology (4), and Religion (REL) (4).

[4] Wheaton in the Holy Lands is an 8 credit study abroad program. Depending on the year and the student need, 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.