

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LETTERS

Classical Christian education is devoted to the development and promotion of a comprehensive Christian worldview for the individual. The Letters program seeks to provide a broad general education through the interdisciplinary study of literature, philosophy, and history. The goal is the integration of knowledge and practice to produce effective representatives for Christ and persons of influence in society. This is accomplished by teaching sound Christian thinking, engendering a reasonable faith, cultivating virtuous character, and practicing service in both the local church and the community. A study in Letters prepares students for ministry in the church, entry into the job market, and/or attendance at graduate school. Letters students upon completion of the program will be able to:

- Demonstrate a broad knowledge of the Western tradition by identifying and explaining significant concepts and theories related to the interdisciplinary study of literature, philosophy, and history.
- Read and interpret with comprehension, write with clarity and correctness, think logically and critically, and assess and evaluate evidence.
- Diagnose, analyze, formulate, and solve complex theoretical and practical problems.
- Explain and defend important moral judgments and ethical decisions for living in and contributing to society.
- Communicate and argue effectively through written, oral, and visual means.
- Illustrate proficiency with the English language, including the ability to use appropriate style, grammar, and mechanics in writing and conducting academic research, especially through the planning, organizing, and composing of a senior thesis.
- Apply the requisite knowledge and skills for service in a local church, contributions to the community, and advanced education in graduate school and/or life-long learning.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Behavioral & Social Sciences (9 hours)

HIST 1323 or 1423	American History	3 hrs*
POLS 1523	American Fed Government	3 hrs
PSYC 1123	General Psychology	3 hrs

Christian Studies Core (15 hours)

ENGL 1513	Lit Study English Bible I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1613	Lit Study English Bible II	3 hrs*
PHIL 1123	Christian Apologetics	3 hrs*
THEO 1213	FWB History and Doctrine	3 hrs*
Christian Studies Elective (Choose one)		3 hrs*
Bible Elective (BIBL courses)		
Theology Elective (THEO Courses)		

Communication (9 hours)

COMM 1113	Fundamentals of Speech	3 hrs
ENGL 1113	English Composition I	3 hrs*
ENGL 1213	English Composition II	3 hrs*

Humanities (3 hours)

Choose one course from the following:		3 hrs
DRAM 1113	Introduction to Theatre	
ENGL 2113 or 2213	American Literature	
HUMN 1113	Humanities	
MUSI 3233	Music Literature and History	

Liberal Arts (3 hours)

HPES ----	Physical Education Activity Classes (2)	2 hrs
IDIS 1001	Student Success Skills	1 hr*

Mathematics & Natural Sciences (11 hours)

MATH ----	Math (MATH 1500 level or above)	3 hrs
Natural Sciences (Must be from different disciplines)		
	Life Science w/lab (NATS 1000 level or above)	4 hrs
	Physical Sci. w/lab (NATS 1000 level or above)	4 hrs

General Education Requirement is 50 hours.

General Education Competency (Required):

Computer Science Competency (See further details p. 39.)

LETTERS CORE REQUIREMENTS:

BIBL 3013	Biblical Interpretation	3 hrs*
ENGL 3113	Writing and Research	3 hrs*
Language Studies, from the following		6-10 hrs*
Students may take either Biblical Greek Appreciation and Biblical Greek for Ministry I or two semesters of the same modern language		
PHIL 1113	Christian Ethics	3 hrs*
RELG 3213	Comparative Religions II	3 hrs*
THEO 3303	Christian Theology	3 hrs*

Letters Core Requirements is 21-25 hours.

LETTERS EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS:

A 36 semester credit hour major completed with a grade of 'C' or above. The student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credit hours (2000 level or above) each in history, literature, and philosophy. At least 27 semester credit hours must be in the upper-division (3000 level or above). Graduates must complete a thesis for IDIS 4403.

LITERATURE (minimum of 12 semester credit hours with at least 9 semester hours 3000 level or above)*:

ENGL 3513	World Literature I	3 hrs*
ENGL 3523	World Literature II	3 hrs*
Additional 6 hours within the discipline.		

PHILOSOPHY (minimum of 12 semester credit hours with at least 9 semester hours 3000 level or above)*:

PHIL 2203	Introduction to Philosophy	3 hrs*
Additional 9 hours within the discipline.		

HISTORY (minimum of 12 semester credit hours with at least 9 semester hours 3000 level or above)*:

HIST 2133	Western Civilization	3 hrs*
Additional 9 hours within the discipline.		

ELECTIVES (8-12 semester credit hours; GEOG 2243, ECON 2123, SOCI 2123 or POLS 3000 level or above are recommended):

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT:

LTRS 4403	Interdisciplinary Capstone	3 hrs*
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Minimum of 122 hours (45 of which must be upper level) is required for Bachelor of Arts in Letters.

A minimum grade of 'C' is required for all courses pertaining to the major, which includes all ENGL, PHIL, HIST, BIBL, RELG, and THEO classes, all major prerequisites, and all classes denoted by an asterisk (*).