



BIBLICAL STUDIES MAJOR

CORE OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

I. SPIRITUAL & CHARACTER FORMATION

EDUCATIONAL GOAL: *To foster students' spiritual and character formation and their commitment to God's holistic mission for the world.*

Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate growth in Christian discipleship and transformation towards holistic Christian character (i.e., joy, compassion, honesty, integrity, work ethic, purity, trustworthiness).
2. Demonstrate healthy relational skills as an expression of one's commitment to Christian discipleship.
3. Demonstrate commitment to God's holistic (spiritual, social environmental) mission of reconciliation and restoration for all creation.
4. Demonstrate commitment to active participation in the church and its mission.

Biblical Studies Objectives

1. Columbia's Biblical Studies program seeks especially to encourage a commitment to God's holistic mission

II. CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW & INTELLECTUAL FORMATION

EDUCATIONAL GOAL: *To provide students a foundational knowledge base, and the abilities to think critically and to interact respectfully with the views of others.*

Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate foundational knowledge of the Bible and the ability to understand the scriptural message.
2. Demonstrate the ability to appropriately utilize hermeneutical principles to interpret and apply the Bible.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of biblical theology in relation to the formation of a Christian worldview.
4. Demonstrate familiarity with evangelical Anabaptism and its contributions to the larger Christian church, historically, theologically, and ethically
5. Demonstrate increasing ability in critical thinking
6. Demonstrate familiarity with a breadth of subject material in the Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Science

Biblical Studies Objectives

1. Columbia's Biblical Studies Program seeks especially to provide students with a thorough knowledge of the Bible, its background, and message.
2. H. Columbia's Biblical Studies Program seeks especially to prepare students to properly interpret and apply the biblical text to contemporary issues.
3. Columbia's Biblical Studies Program seeks to provide students with a basic foundation in complementary academic disciplines (e.g., history, psychology, anthropology, etc.).

III. PREPARATION FOR SERVICE AND MINISTRY IN CHURCH AND WORLD

EDUCATIONAL GOAL: *To prepare students for effective service and ministry in the church and in the world particularly in the areas of their chosen field of study.*

Core Objectives

1. Demonstrate effective and sacrificial service in both team member and team leader ministry roles.
2. Demonstrate an ability to facilitate Christian discipleship and growth in others.
3. Demonstrate healthy interpersonal skills essential for ministry/leadership.
4. Demonstrate increasingly effective communication.
5. Demonstrate application of biblical and self understanding to their personal and career direction.
6. Demonstrate basic levels of competence in an applied ministry setting

Biblical Studies Objectives

1. Columbia's Biblical Studies Program seeks especially to equip students to be effective communicators.
2. Columbia Biblical Studies Program seeks to provide students with skill preparation and practical onsite experience in a service or ministry area

As noted, the Biblical Studies major requires each student in the program to select a minor. Each of these 18 credit hour minors will provide additional objectives in the Christian Worldview/Intellectual Formation as well as Preparation for Service categories. Students will complete their four credit internship (total of 420 hours of onsite work) in the area of their minor.