



CHRISTIAN STUDIES - ONLINE

CORE OBJECTIVES & PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Columbia's Certificate in Christian Studies – Online meets the 1st year requirements of Columbia's Core Objectives

Christian Studies - Online is a 30-credit certificate designed to offer students a flexible way to build a solid foundation in Biblical and Theological Studies. Since the Christian Studies - Online certificate consisted primarily of core Columbia courses, students can move seamlessly into any one of Columbia's Diploma or BA programs.

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 commitment to God's holistic (spiritual, social environmental) mission of reconciliation and restoration for all creation.
3. Demonstrate commitment to active participation in the church and its 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 increasing ability in critical thinking.