

## Program Description

Columbia's **Biblical Studies program** embodies the core conviction that a deep understanding of the Bible and theology is foundational for life, ministry, and vocation. It seeks to equip students to read, interpret, apply, communicate, and live the Scriptures in the context of daily life and work. The program is ideal for students who love the Bible and sense a call to church, para-church, or marketplace ministry, as well as those interested in further graduate studies.

All students in the BA in Biblical Studies complete a minor with a specific focus, such as Biblical Languages, Church Ministry, Youth Ministry, Worship Arts, Psychology, or Leadership. Minors add practical and vocational value to students, preparing them to engage the Bible in a variety of ministry and vocational settings. This, along with internship and service-learning opportunities, helps students take what they have learned in the classroom to wherever God is calling them to serve.

## Program Objectives

Graduates of the Biblical Studies program will be able to demonstrate the following outcomes:

1. Students will gain an **understanding and knowledge** of the Bible and its key themes.
2. Students will develop sound **exegetical and hermeneutical skills** necessary to accurately interpret and apply the Bible.
3. Students will grow in the faithful and practical **integration** of the Bible in their spiritual, communal, and vocational lives.
4. Students will develop their ability to **communicate and teach** the Bible in conversation with contemporary issues in ways that are helpful and relevant to the church and gracious toward those who disagree.