# Associate Degrees

## Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies

The Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies provides graduates with a basic knowledge of the Bible built on the exegetical interpretation. Graduates demonstrate basic skills as independent researchers and effective communicators. The Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies serves as the first two years of the bachelor's degree.

**Student Learning Objectives**

Upon the completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Bible and central doctrines of the Christian faith.
2. Demonstrate a basic growth in Christian character, spiritual maturity, and leadership development.
3. Apply basic skills in communication, research, and critical thinking.

**Knowledge:**

Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the Bible and central doctrines of the Christian faith.

| Measure | Target | Cycle | Next Collection | Person Responsible |
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| OT Survey: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| NT Survey: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| Doctrine 1: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| Doctrine 2: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |

| Measurement Means | Benchmark for Success | Results and Implications |
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| OT Survey: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 76% (n = 29)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 69% (n = 26)<br>AY 2021-22: 81% (n = 47, BIB141 + BIB142)<br><br>Implications:<br>The exam still needs to be revised to be a common exam. |
| NT Survey: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 94% (n = 31) |

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| | of higher on final exam | Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 74% (n = 34)<br>AY 2021-22: 77.6% (n = 49, BIB111 + BIB112)<br><br>Implications:<br>The exam still needs to be revised to be a common exam. |
| Doctrine 1:<br>Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 65% (n = 26)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 79% (n = 29)<br>AY 2021-22: 93% (n = 14)<br><br>Implications:<br>This is the first year to not meet the benchmark. The exam still needs to be revised to be a common exam. |
| Doctrine 2:<br>Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 64% (n = 22)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 79% (n = 33)<br>AY 2021-22: 89% (n = 28)<br><br>Implications:<br>This is the first year to not meet the benchmark. The exam still needs to be revised to be a common exam. |

**Abilities:**

Apply basic skills in communication, research, and critical thinking.

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| English Comp 2: Persuasive/ Argumentative Essay (Final Draft) | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final essay | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| Intro to Research: Final Paper | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final essay | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |

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| English Comp 2: Persuasive/Argumentative Essay (Final Draft) | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 83% (n = 12)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 80% (n = 15)<br>AY 2021-22: 76% (n = 17)<br><br>Implications:<br>None |

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| Introduction to Research: Final Research Paper | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 88% (n = 24)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 93% (n = 14)<br>AY 2021-22: 67% (n = 15)<br><br>Implications:<br>None |

**Attitude:**
Demonstrate a basic growth in Christian character, spiritual maturity, and leadership development.

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| Spiritual Formation | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| Introduction to Discipleship | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |
| Introduction to Leadership | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam | Annually | Spring 2025 | Faculty |

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| Spiritual Formation: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 78% (n = 18)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 54% (n = 24, final course grade)<br>AY 2021-22: 100% (n = 21)<br><br>Implications:<br>Still needs some sort of common exam. |
| Introduction to Discipleship: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 82% (n = 17)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 80% (n = 5, final course grade)<br>AY 2021-22: 57% (n = 7)<br><br>Implications:<br>None |
| Introduction to Leadership: Final Exam | 75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam | Results:<br>AY 2023-24: 72% (n = 18)<br><br>Past Three Years:<br>AY 2022-23: 84% (n = 19, final course grade) |

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| | | AY 2021-22: 67% (n = 3)<br><br>Implications:<br>This is the first year to not meet the benchmark. The exam still needs to be revised to be a common exam. |