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
OT Survey: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
NT Survey: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Doctrine 1: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Doctrine 2: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
OT Survey: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 83% (n = 12) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 93% (n = 58) AY 2023-24: 76% (n = 29) AY 2022-23: 69% (n = 26) Implications:
NT Survey: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 81% (n = 48) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 77% (n = 35) AY 2023-24: 94% (n = 31)

		AY 2022-23: 74% (n = 34) Implications:
Doctrine 1: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 91% (n = 22) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 93% (n = 46) AY 2023-24: 65% (n = 26) AY 2022-23: 79% (n = 29) Implications:
Doctrine 2: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 94% (n = 36) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 95% (n = 22) AY 2023-24: 64% (n = 22) AY 2022-23: 79% (n = 33) Implications:

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

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
English Comp 2: Persuasive/ Argumentative Essay (Final Draft)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final essay	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Intro to Research: Final Paper	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final essay	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
English Comp 2: Persuasive/Argumentative Essay (Final Draft)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: Course no longer offered; moved to Campus EDU platform. Need to replace with a different writing assessment. Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 83% (n = 18) AY 2023-24: 83% (n = 12) AY 2022-23: 80% (n = 15) Implications: Need to replace the writing artifact immediately. Consider a paper from Doctrine course because it

		includes some basic research and writing, and yet it is not a 100-level course. This assumes some basic writing experience for most students, gauging overall learning not entry-level writing. Another possibility is the final project in LE 110 Intro to Leadership (or Personal Philosophy of Leadership paper). Discuss and pick.
Introduction to Research: Final Research Paper	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 87% (n = 15) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 60% (n = 20) AY 2023-24: 88% (n = 24) AY 2022-23: 93% (n = 14) Implications: --

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

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Spiritual Formation	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on spiritual formation paper	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Introduction to Leadership	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Spiritual Formation: Spiritual formation paper	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on spiritual formation paper	Results: AY 2024-25: 86% (n = 28) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 87% (n = 31, combo of final paper in one section and final course grade in other section) AY 2023-24: 78% (n = 18) AY 2022-23: 54% (n = 24, final course grade) Implications: Online course does not yet have the spiritual formation paper. Need that added before Fall begins for consistency in grading.
Introduction to Leadership: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 79% (n = 14) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 74% (n = 19) AY 2023-24: 72% (n = 18)

		AY 2022-23: 84% (n = 19, final course grade) Implications: Neither the campus nor the online course instances used the new Leadership paper based on Justin Tilghman's revision. Need to incorporate that as the new artifact.