**BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES MAJOR - B.A.**

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**Mission Statement**

The Nyack College Biblical and Theological Studies Department seeks to assist Nyack students in their intellectual and spiritual formation by moving them toward competency in reading, interpreting and applying the Bible and in integrating its teaching into their worldview and personal lives.

Inasmuch as it is called upon to help prepare all Nyack undergraduates for professions of service, the Department seeks to impart a familiarity with the biblical world and with biblical thought, enabling students to connect the concerns of the ancient text with the concerns of the contemporary world. It also seeks to impart the conviction that the Bible’s central message, the gospel of Jesus Christ, offers hope for positive change for the entire global community.

Inasmuch as it is called upon to train Bible and Theology majors, the Department seeks to impart skills of ministerial and scholarly expertise, equipping majors with methods of study that will sharpen their understanding of the Bible and enable them to communicate its teaching with confidence and authority. It also seeks to impart familiarity with and respect for the Christian heritage, reminding majors of the larger community of Bible interpreters to which they belong and inspiring them to honor and build upon the work of others.

**Student Learning Goals and Assessment Plan combined**

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<th>Student Learning Goals</th>
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<td><strong>Academically Excellent:</strong> 1. Students will identify introductory and thematic information about the sixty-six books of the Bible.</td>
<td>OT and NT portions of Standardized BIB major exam in BIB 470.</td>
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<td>Hermeneutic portion of Standardized BIB major exam taken in BIB 470.</td>
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<td>2. Students will gain in-depth knowledge of the Biblical world and of scholarly research methods and present this knowledge in written form on the different genres of the Bible.</td>
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<td>3. Students will identify the Christian church’s history, doctrines, great thinkers, and contemporary expressions, with which the students must interact.</td>
<td>Historical Theology portion of Standardized BIB major exam taken in BIB 470.</td>
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<td><strong>Globally Engaged and Intentionally Diverse:</strong> 4. Students will be able to connect key individuals and doctrines to major Christian traditions.</td>
<td>Systematic Theology portion of standardized Bible major exam in BIB 470.</td>
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<td><strong>Personally Transforming:</strong> 5. Students will be able to communicate, in oral and written form, the ways in which they integrate the Bible’s teaching into their Christian worldview and into their personal daily living.</td>
<td>Theological biography/Exit Interview in BIB 470. Research Paper/Oral Presentation in BIB 470.</td>
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Socially Relevant:
6. Students will be able to connect properly the concerns of the ancient text to the concerns of the modern world.


Program: 120 credit hours, distributed as follows, are required for the Bachelor of Arts degree:

Liberal Arts and Science Core Component ................................................................. 35

Foreign Language Component ..................................................................................... 12
   GRK 101-102 or HEB 101-102 - Elementary Greek or Hebrew (6 credits)
   GRK 231/312 or HEB 221/222 - Rags Greek/Exegesis or Hebrew Rags I/II (6 cry)
   OR
   English Bible 2 years or intermediate level (12 credits) of the same language

Bible and Ministry Core Curriculum ............................................................................ 12
   (Bible majors are exempt from BIB 303 - Christian Thought)

Major Field Component (39 credits)
   BIB 103 – Introduction to Biblical and Theological Studies ................................. 3
   BIB 331 - Hermeneutics ....................................................................................... 3
   THE 301,302 – Systematic Theology I and II ...................................................... 6
   THE 320 – Introduction to Historical Theology ................................................... 3
   BIB 470 - Seminar ............................................................................................... 3
   PMN 346 – Personal Spiritual Formation ............................................................ 3
   ICS 224 – Introduction to Global Engagement or Bible Lands Trip (BIB384-387) 3
   Concentration (either Bible or Theology) ............................................................ 15

Elective Courses
   For students choosing the “Bible” Concentration
   Old Testament electives ....................................................................................... 6
   New Testament electives ..................................................................................... 6
   Either BIB or THE elective .................................................................................. 3

   For students choosing the “Theology” Concentration
   Historical Theology elective (any course from THE 321-329) ....................... 6
   Systematic Theology elective (any from THE 312-319 or THE 330-450) ....... 6
   BIB elective ........................................................................................................ 3

Miscellaneous/Liberal Arts Elective Component (22)
   (Breakdown of Liberal arts depends on concentration)
   Theology Concentration: 14 liberal arts and 8 miscellaneous
   Bible Concentration: 11 Liberal arts and 11 miscellaneous

Total credits required .................................................................................................. 120
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Suggested Program Plan: Bible Concentration

FIRST YEAR: Fall
PMN 101-Intro to Spirit Form... 2
BIB 103- Intro Bib/Theo Studies 3
ENG 101-College Writing I ...3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I ...3
Language Requirement .........3

SECOND YEAR: Fall
BIB 201-New Testament Lit .....3
ENG 201 or 202-Glob Lit. I or II 3
Language Requirement ..........3
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage ....... 1
BIB- Elective (core) ..............3
BIB Elective (OT) ...............3

THIRD YEAR: Fall
THE 301-Systematic Theology I 3
BIB 331-Hermeneutics ..........3
THE 320- Intro Historical Theol. 3
SOC 347-Cont. American Soc.. 3
MAT-elective ..................3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall
Miscellaneous Electives ........3
Liberal Arts Electives ...........11

FIRST YEAR: Spring
BIB 102-Old Testament Lit ......3
ENG 102-College Writing II ....3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II..3
Language Requirement ..........3
Social Science elective ..........3
LIB 101-Info Literacy ..........1

SECOND YEAR: Spring
Language Requirement ..........3
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy ...3
Laboratory Science ..........4
ICS 224 – Intro Global Engage ....3
BIB Elective (NT) ...............3

THIRD YEAR: Spring
THE 302- Systematic Theology II3
BIB- Elective (OT) ...............3
BIB-Elective (NT) ..............3
PMN 346- Personal Spirit Form 3
Art History requirement ........3

FOURTH YEAR: Spring
BIB or THE- Elective ..........3
BIB 470-Seminar .................3
Electives .......................8

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Suggested Program Plan: Theology Concentration

FIRST YEAR: Fall
PMN 101-Intro to Spiritual Form. 2
BIB 103-Intro Bib/Theo Studies 3
ENG 101-College Writing I ....3
HIS 113-Hist. of World Civ. I ....3
Language Requirement ..........3

SECOND YEAR: Fall
BIB 201-New Testament Lit. ....3
ENG 201 or 202-Global Lit. I or II3
Language Requirement ..........3
PMN 201-Nyack Heritage ....... 1
Liberal Arts Electives ..........6

THIRD YEAR: Fall
THE 301-Systematic Theology I 3
BIB 331-Hermeneutics ..........3
THE 320- Intro Historical Theol. 3
SOC 347-Cont. American Soc.. 3
MAT-elective .................3

FOURTH YEAR: Fall
THE elective (Systematic) ....3
THE elective (Historical) ....3
Liberal Arts Electives ..........8

FIRST YEAR: Spring
BIB 102-Old Testament Lit ......3
ENG 102-College Writing II ....3
HIS 114-Hist. of World Civ. II..3
Language Requirement ..........3
Social Science elective ..........3
LIB 101-Info Literacy ..........1

SECOND YEAR: Spring
Language Requirement..........3
PHI 101-Intro. to Philosophy ...3
Laboratory Science ..........4
ICS 224 – Intro Global Engage ....3
BIB Elective (NT) ...............3

THIRD YEAR: Spring
THE 302- Systematic Theology II3
BIB- Elective (core) ..............3
BIB-Elective ..................3
PMN 346- Personal Spirit Form 3
Art History requirement ........3

FOURTH YEAR: Spring
THE Elective (Systematic) .....3
THE Elective (Historical) .....3
THE 470-Seminar ..........3
Miscellaneous Electives ..........3
Miscellaneous Electives .......5