Program Requirements & Objectives

CCCB's undergraduate program has chosen to divide its curriculum into three areas. Each area contributes to the success of others. Students who complete a degree demonstrate achievement of key objectives in the areas of:

- Biblical Studies
- General Studies
- Professional Studies

Programs follow a progression from introductory/beginning to focused/ advanced courses. The introductory/beginning courses are a necessary foundation for the focused/advanced courses.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

In order to serve our mission and vision, we help students grow in their knowledge and skills for understanding and applying the teachings of the Bible in a variety contexts. Graduates have a strong foundational knowledge of the content of Scripture, utilize sound principles of biblical interpretation, gain contemporary skills for ministry, and apply the knowledge, principles, and skills learned in their personal and professional lives.

Requirements

Our mission leads us to emphasize biblical studies in our curriculum. <u>ABHE accreditation</u> requires at least 30 Bible and theology credits in a bachelor's degree. Biblical studies courses are offered in the areas of:

- <u>New Testament</u>
- Old Testament
- <u>Theology</u>
- <u>Bible</u>

The BA and BS degrees include a Bible major of 51 credits and the BRS degrees include a Bible major of 33 credits. ABHE accreditation also requires at least 18 Bible and theology credits in an associate degree. All three of CCCB's associate degrees include 21–24 credits in biblical studies.

Student Objectives

- 1. Display knowledge of key Bible passages, characters, and events.
- 2. Affirm and defend the truthfulness of the Bible and Christian faith.
- 3. Discover the meaning and spiritual application of biblical texts through the historical-grammatical method of interpretation.
- 4. Identify the geographical, historical, linguistic, and cultural contexts of biblical events and books.
- 5. Explain the biblical teaching of major Christian doctrines.
- 6. Identify the biblical values that guide ethical conduct in life.
- 7. Articulate biblical principles of Christian life and leadership.

GENERAL STUDIES

Students equipped to interact with the global society need to have knowledge and understanding of common areas of study. General studies courses inform the student intellectually; providing knowledge, the ability to gain knowledge, and the ability to think critically. They inform the student practically; providing knowledge regarding communication, literature, and social science. They inform the student globally; providing knowledge concerning cultures and worldviews. General studies courses equip students to understand the liberal arts from a Christian worldview.

Requirements

Accreditation standards require a curriculum in humanities, arts, and sciences to provide a core of knowledge to students and accomplish our mission. General studies courses are offered in the following areas:

- Communication
- Literature & Arts
- Foreign Language
- History
- Mathematics
- Philosophy
- Science
- Social Sciences

You can view all general studies courses here.

The BA and BS degrees include 39 credits in general studies. The curriculum places emphasis on communication and social sciences because our graduates will be utilizing knowledge and skills in those areas in their employment. The BRS degrees include 42–45 credits in general studies, some of which are taken at CCCB, and most of which are transferred from other accredited college work. The associate degrees each include 18 credits in general studies to maximize communication and critical thinking skills in two years of study.

Student Objectives

- 1. Demonstrate basic knowledge in communication, the humanities, and social sciences.
- 2. Exhibit independent, critical, and creative thinking skills.
- 3. Locate and evaluate learning resources.
- 4. Recognize the contributions of various cultures to the human experience.
- 5. Communicate effectively through written and spoken methods.
- 6. Identify the values necessary to guide ethical conduct and social responsibility.
- 7. List characteristics and examples of servant-leadership.

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

A servant-leader is informed, inquisitive, creative, and skilled. Professional studies courses take students on a journey from introducing various ministries as a profession to the concepts, attitudes, and skills that will help them be effective in their chosen field. Professional studies courses equip students for discipleship and entry-level vocational ministry. Professional studies courses are offered in:

- Christian Ministry
- <u>Counseling</u>
- Christian Education
- <u>Missions & Cross-Cultural Ministry</u>
- <u>Preaching</u>
- Youth & Family Ministry

Requirements

The BA and BS degrees require 30 credits of study toward professional studies. The BRS degrees require 42–45 credits, and the associate degrees include 18 credits.

Student Objectives

1. Display a breadth of general knowledge of ministry and leadership.

- 2. Determine biblical and effective approaches to ministry and leadership for the contemporary church.
- 3. Lead people to salvation in Jesus Christ and equip them for active service in the body of Christ.
- 4. Conduct a biblical ministry sensitive to historical, social, and cultural contexts.
- 5. Communicate the Bible clearly and contextually.
- 6. Identify the biblical values that guide ethical conduct in professional responsibilities.
- 7. Exhibit the character and gifts of a Christ-like servant-leader.

OBJECTIVES ASSESSMENT

CCCB is involved in an ongoing process of objectives assessment in accordance with the requirements of accreditation in higher education. The purpose of assessment is to evaluate learning objectives and the quality of the various programs, including the general education core. Students are expected to participate in assessment by giving their best efforts. Assessment results serve to improve the academic experience at CCCB.