

Minor in Biblical and Theological Formation

18 units

The biblical and theological formation minor is embedded within the APU Core general education program for traditional undergraduate students (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/general-education/general-education-requirements/>). Students who enter the program as freshmen will complete all the requirements for the minor and will be able to choose whether to officially declare it. Students who would like to declare the minor must fill out the Minor Update form on the Office of the Registrar website (<https://www.apu.edu/student-services/registration/#ugforms>).

This minor helps students dive deep into Scripture, explore life's biggest questions, and integrate faith and learning as they prepare to live out their higher calling.

Requirements

Students may substitute courses from the prior GE program for the first four requirements in the course list below as follows:

- MIN 108 Christian Life, Faith, and Ministry may be substituted for CORE 100
- UBBL 100 Introduction to Biblical Literature: Exodus/Deuteronomy may be substituted for SOT 150
- UBBL 230/235/240 Luke/Acts may be substituted for SOT 200
- THEO 200, THEO 301, THEO 352, THEO 354, or HUM 325 may be substituted for SOT 250

Code	Title	Units
CORE 100	Cornerstones ¹	3
SOT 150	Understanding the Old Testament: Creation, Covenant, Exile, Restoration ²	3
SOT 200	Understanding the New Testament: Christ, Redemption, Community, New Creation ³	3
SOT 250	Theology and the Christian Life ⁴	3
CORE 450	Calling and Character Seminar ⁵	3
Upper-Division Bible Elective ⁶		3
Choose one of the following:		
SOT 340	The Rise of the King: I and II Samuel	
SOT 341	Old Testament Prophets	
SOT 342	Ruth and Esther	
SOT 343	Psalms and Wisdom	
SOT 344	Life and Teachings of Jesus	
SOT 345	The Gospel and Letters of John	
SOT 346	Romans and Galatians	
SOT 347	Thessalonian and Corinthian Epistles	
SOT 348	Biblical Lands and Cultures	
Total Units		18

¹ Meets the APU Core: Cornerstones general education requirement.

² Meets the APU Core: Understanding the Old Testament general education requirement.

³ Meets the APU Core: Understanding the New Testament general education requirement.

⁴ Meets the APU Core: Theology and the Christian Life general education requirement.

⁵ Meets the APU Core: Calling and Character Seminar general education requirement.

⁶ Meets the APU Core: Upper-Division Bible general education requirement.

Program Learning Outcomes

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Students who successfully complete this program shall be able to:

1. Summarize the themes and perspectives of the biblical canon and its overarching narratives.
2. Interpret biblical texts with attention to literary features, historical and cultural contexts, and theological themes.
3. Describe Christian theological traditions that have developed in multiple historical and cultural contexts.
4. Explain how Christian practices aim to form diverse followers of Jesus Christ into a family of belonging, care, and growth.
5. Apply insights gained from biblical and theological study to inform faith, academic inquiry, professional preparation, and societal engagement.
6. Explore ways in which a sense of calling and career trajectories could contribute to God's mission.