## Biblical Studies // MAJOR MAP



	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR	CAREER
Grow ACADEMICALLY	Familiarize yourself with your department by getting to know your professors and other students within your major.  Investigate introductory courses like BIB 1012 Old Testament History, BIB 1023 New Testament History, and SPF 2012 Spiritual Formation.	Explore career goals with your advisor and consider a double major or minor.  Discover more about your major by engaging in PHI 2013 Philosophical Foundations and choosing between Greek or Hebrew introductory courses.	Engage more in your department by continuing in your upper-level Bible and theology classes.	Complete chosen upper-level Biblical and theology courses to prepare you for your desired career path upon graduation.	POSSIBILITIES  Pastor  Assistant Pastor  Youth Minister  Military Chaplain  Hospice Chaplain  Campus Director  Leader of a para-church organization  Leader of a faith-based organization  Biblical Studies/ Theology Professor  Author  Discipleship Minister  Women's Minister  Bible Translator
Pursue SERVANT LEADERSHIP	Pursue servant-leadership opportunities by participating in a local church.  Engage in Chapel services and explore other Community Life + Worship opportunities.	Consider teaching Sunday School at a church or leading a Bible Study on campus.	Take more responsibility in your extra-curricular activities. Consider leading a Center for Global Connections mission team or pursuing a leadership role within your student organization or professional association.	Spread the word about what clubs/ organizations/events you have enjoyed at SBU and help others to get connected on-campus.	
Embrace OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY	Visit SBU's Center for Global Connections (CGC) to learn about global service opportunities.  Engage in ministry opportunities through a local church or benevolence ministry.	Are you interested in studying abroad? Ask your advisor or Career Services about study abroad opportunities.	Explore another culture or improve your language skills by taking a class or being involved with the CGC.	Assess what opportunities, locally and globally, are available upon graduation.	
Plan for YOUR FUTURE	Develop good reading habits, strong writing skills, and learn how to study well.  Cultivate genuine relationships with your professors.  Discuss your career interests with an advisor and research job options so that your goals can direct your class selection. Use the Occupational Outlook Handbook to discover information and job projections.	Begin building your résumé by keeping track of all clubs and organizations. Continue this throughout your college career.	Explore graduate schools, if you want to continue your education. The Division of Theology and Ministry has a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree. You can take dual-listed courses that will count at the undergraduate and graduate levels.	Identify and ask individuals if they will write you letters of reference/ recommendation.  Finalize your résumé and cover letter.  Apply early in the year to several graduate schools. Enroll in a second year of Greek or Hebrew, so you can pass the seminary's language placement test.	