Center for
Calling & Career

NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE

Design & Direction Exploration & Experience Preparation & Pursuit

What can I do with a major in... BIBLICAL STUDIES

The Biblical Studies major is designed to provide in-depth study and preparation in Bible and related areas and subjects. It is intended for students who wish to pursue graduate studies in preparation for teaching, for those who desire a solid pre-seminary program, or for persons who wish to gain a high proficiency in biblical studies. It contains additional methodology and content courses beyond the 30 credits of Bible required of all students, as well as the opportunity to add a minor in Ancient & Classical Languages.

What types of work are related to this degree?

Campus ministry
Christian education
Evangelism
Missions
Youth ministry
Para-church ministry
Christian education curriculum development
Humanitarian aid worker
Social/human services worker or case manager
Camp administration and ministry
Fund raising for faith based organizations
Disaster/aid relief worker

Who employs people with this degree?

Christian camps
Christian colleges
Denominational offices
Government
Local churches
Mission agencies
Para-church organizations
Prisons
Seminaries
National/International humanitarian aid organizations
Christian service organizations
Curriculum and publishing companies

Strategies for Success:

- Biblical studies equips students with an understanding of global issues and trends in both historical and contemporary contexts. This understanding of other cultures is valued by a wide variety of employers in many industries including education, government and business.
- Students who seek international careers may find that the biblical studies major provides a good background in global issues.
- Many transferable skills such as analyzing and synthesizing data, research, communication skills and critical thinking are associated with the biblical studies degree.
- Expertise in religious ideas can be a plus for secular work environments as well as more traditional ones.
- An undergraduate degree prepares students for professional and graduate study in seminary, business, law, medicine, counseling, higher education and other fields. Be sure to check for prerequisite classes needed to enter various graduate programs.
- Obtaining relevant experience through internships or volunteer experiences is critical to finding employment opportunities. Dual majors or minors can also help open the door in some fields.

Professional Associations
(visit our site for more links or Google these names):

Evangelical Theological Society
Society of Biblical Literature
American Protestant Correctional Chaplains Association (APCCA)
Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE)
Association of Professional Chaplains
International Conference of Police Chaplains (ICPC)
National Institute of Business and Industrial Chaplaincy (NIBIC)
Christian Camp and Conference Association
American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC)
National Association of Evangelicals

This information represents possible occupations and strategies for careers with this major. As with any job or career, there may be additional qualifications or experience needed. For more information and options, make an appointment with a career counselor or check out the resources available on our website or on theROCK under the Center for Calling & Career tab.