

Program Objectives: Associate Degrees

To achieve the associate degrees outcomes, Summit Christian College has established four program objectives for all degrees and certificates.

1. Enhanced Communication Skills: Develop effective research, writing, and communication skills based on critical thought.
2. Spiritual and Professional Growth: Cultivate spiritual formation and Christian leadership qualities.
3. Comprehensive Biblical Competence: Attain a well-rounded grasp of Biblical knowledge and interpretive skills.
4. Biblical Interdisciplinary Studies: Examine principles and theories from interdisciplinary studies from a Biblical worldview.

The College has further defined the above list by identifying key proficiencies for each objective. Graduates receiving Associate of Arts Degrees in Biblical or Christian Studies will be able to demonstrate proficiency in all of the following areas at an intermediate level.

Program Objective 1 - Enhanced Communication Skills: Develop effective research, writing, and communication skills based on critical thought.

- 1.1. Students will accurately represent reliable information, acknowledge sources, and avoid plagiarism in written and verbal communications.
- 1.2. Students will employ critical thinking skills, developing and analyzing arguments from a Biblical Worldview.
- 1.3. Students will consistently use appropriate writing styles, i.e. MLA, APA, etc.
- 1.4. Students will demonstrate command of the mechanics of writing.
- 1.5. Students will engage in the process of revising and editing to improve the clarity, coherence, and effectiveness of written work.
- 1.6. Students will use appropriate organizational structures and rhetorical devices to enhance clarity and coherence in all types of communication.
- 1.7. Students will develop clear and concise thesis statements to articulate the central argument of a presentation.
- 1.8. Students will critically evaluate the credibility, reliability, and relevance of sources.
- 1.9. Students will actively listen to others and demonstrate understanding through constructive criticism, discussion, and debate.
- 1.10. Students will articulate ideas, concepts, and arguments using appropriate language, presence, and vocabulary for the audience.
- 1.11. Students will integrate visual aids, technology, and multimedia resources to enhance oral communication effectiveness.

Program Objective 2 - Spiritual and Professional Growth: Cultivate spiritual formation and Christian leadership qualities.

- 2.1. Students will exhibit Biblical teachings in their lives, ministries, and spiritual formation.
- 2.2. Students will engage in spiritual disciplines as a part of their spiritual formation and ministry preparation.
- 2.3. Students will faithfully exegete Scripture.
- 2.4. Students will create sermons and lessons from Scripture.
- 2.5. Students will develop Biblical philosophies for diverse ministries of the Church.

- 2.6 Students will integrate a Christian worldview into the application of educational principles, curriculum design, classroom management, and the overall education process.
- 2.7 Students will apply (analyze) diverse strategies and techniques in evangelism and discipleship to facilitate holistic growth.
- 2.8 Students will demonstrate cultural competence, recognizing diverse perspectives and backgrounds to create learning environments that address the unique needs of a diverse ministry.
- 2.9 Students will adopt leadership, professional, and personal skills needed for effective day-to-day ministry.
- 2.10 Students will effectively use Logos Bible Software in study, ministry, and personal development.
- 2.11 Students will understand established methods and principles for sharing the gospel cross-culturally.

Program Objective 3 - Comprehensive Biblical Competence: Attain a well-rounded grasp of Biblical knowledge and interpretive skills.

- 3.1 Students will demonstrate the ability to identify and analyze various linguistic features in Scripture.
- 3.2 Students will integrate the analysis of the historical context and the literary context in interpreting Scripture.
- 3.3 Students will recognize various Biblical genres and explain how the genre influences interpretation.
- 3.4 Students will demonstrate the ability to define the meaning of Biblical words in context using appropriate Greek or Hebrew language tools.
- 3.6 Students will articulate the purposes and advantages of the different types of translations.
- 3.7 Students will explain the process of preserving the text from autographs to contemporary translations.
- 3.8 Students will demonstrate a working knowledge of key Biblical characters, events, and geographical locations.
- 3.9 Students will articulate and defend from Scripture key doctrinal and theological tenets.
- 3.10 Students will critically analyze contemporary social issues through a Biblical worldview informed by Biblical competence.

Program Objective 4 - Biblical Interdisciplinary Studies: Examine principles and theories from interdisciplinary studies from a Biblical worldview.

- 4.1 Students will have the background knowledge to find and discern the credibility of research associated with various social sciences and humanities through identifying and critiquing elements necessary for research.
- 4.2 Students will integrate various theories and concepts from social sciences and humanities into their personal and professional lives.
- 4.3 Students will be able to use various theories and concepts from social sciences and humanities to further understand the human experience and enhance their personal and professional interactions with others.
- 4.5 Students will identify pivotal events in Church history and the emergence of distinctive ideas, theological concepts, and practices stemming from these events and identify corresponding institutional expressions.

- 4.6 Students will integrate historical insights into contemporary leadership contexts, applying lessons gleaned from Church history to effectively navigate modern leadership challenges.
- 4.7 Students will identify predominant worldviews and contrast them with a Biblical worldview.