The Bible Theology Major offers an in-depth exploration of biblical content and theology. There are two tracks within the major to choose from: pre-seminary, designed to equip students for graduate level in theological study; and pre-ministry, designed to prepare students for ministry immediately following college. These majors facilitate understanding of the Bible in its historical, cultural context and the ability to apply biblical principles to ministry in everyday life. In addition to studying individual books of the Old and New Testaments, students explore the rich historical and theological legacy of the Church and its implications for today.

**Associated Job Titles:**
- Bible Teacher
- Minister
- Armed Forces Chaplain
- Campus Chaplain
- Missionary
- College or Seminary Professor
- Theologian
- Director of Religious Education
- Evangelist
- Salvation Army Officer

**Associated Skills:**
- Knowledge and proficiency of the Bible
- Ability to interact with people of various ages and backgrounds
- General knowledge and understanding of the practices and doctrines of one’s faith
- Proficiency in reading, writing, and oral communication
- Ability to influence others
- Ability to integrate one’s occupational responsibilities with one’s personal faith
- Understanding of human spiritual and social needs
- Sensitivity and compassion for others

**Associated Personal Qualities:**
- A strong faith and personal relationship with Christ
- Desire to do God’s will
- A love and compassion for people
- Integrity
- Strong moral convictions
- Perseverance
- An inner spiritual conviction or calling to serve in a ministry capacity
- Determination
- Active and vital prayer life
- Love for God’s Word

**Career Library Resources:**
- Opportunities in Religious Service
- Liberal Arts Jobs
- What Color Is Your Parachute?
- Career Planning Today
- Majoring in the Rest of Your Life
- Do What You Are
- The Career Connection for College Education
- Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance
- The Kuder Book of People Who Like Their Work
- The Enhanced Guide for Occupational Exploration
- The Occupational Outlook Handbook
- The Dictionary of Occupational Titles
- FOCUS Computer Guidance System

**Places To Contact For More Information:**
- Interchristo, The Christian Career Specialists
  190303 Fremont Ave. North
  Seattle, WA 98133
- ACTS International
  280 N. Benson Ave. #5, Upland, CA 91786
  Christian History Institute
  P.O. Box 540, Worcester, PA 19490

**Websites To Visit:**
- www.salvationarmy.org
- www.umc.org
- http://gbgm-umc.org
- www.christianitytoday.com
- www.gospelcom.net

**Professors To Contact For More Information:**
- Dr. David Rightmire, Chair
- Dr. Kevin Anderson
- Dr. Neil Anderson
- Dr. Owen Dickens
- Dr. Melanie Kierstead
- Dr. Gerald Miller

**Nearby Employers:**
Check with local area churches to see if they are hiring part-time or full-time employees in children’s, youth, or music ministries.

**Alumni Contacts:**
Schedule an appointment with Career Services to conduct a tailored search for alumni working in the fields associated with this major.

*Note:* For specific information concerning course requirements of this major, please pick up a major sheet at the Registrar’s Office located in the Administration Building.

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