



Bachelor of Christian Studies (BCS)

Anderson University offers a Bachelor of Christian Studies degree through its ACCEL program for adults. This program is designed for people currently serving in ministry, those who would like to pursue a career in full-time ministry, or those who simply want to deepen their understanding of the Bible, theology and Christian ministry. Classes meet online during our five eight-week terms per year. General education classes are also available on campus for local students, and they meet twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 and 7:50 pm. Students can earn 30 semester hours per calendar year, which allows them to finish their degree in four years or less.

The curriculum contains the following:

- 36 semester hours of general education courses (including 9 hours in Christian Studies)
- 21 semester hours from the Christian Studies core curriculum, including Hermeneutics, Systematic Theology, Church History, Introduction to Ministry, Spiritual Formation in Ministry, Evangelism & Missions, and Senior Seminar
- 30 semester hours of Christian Studies electives
- 33 semester hours of general electives

Courses can be transferred from an associate's degree program. General electives can include courses taken at the associate's degree level. Anderson University accepts a maximum of 64 semester hours transferred from an associate's degree program.

Benefits of this program:

- The program offers the flexibility for continued employment while taking courses.
- The online program will feature occasional online interactive sessions with professor and other students, supplemented by portions of course content (provided by a stellar team of pastor-scholars) delivered via video.
- This program can also be taken by individuals with associate's degrees and by those who may or may not be working in full-time ministry, but wish to either advance within their church or ministry organization or simply wish to deepen their own knowledge in this area.
- A critical element of the Christian Studies core is the serious academic study of theology throughout the curriculum.
- Degree completion provides an individual with more flexibility in terms of future career paths.
- The degree will provide a solid biblical and theological foundation for ministry while putting an emphasis on the real-life challenges faced by pastors and church leaders.

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CHRISTIAN STUDIES

CHR 107 - Old Testament Survey 3 semester hours
 CHR 305 - Christian Worldview 3 semester hours

COMMUNICATIONS

ENG 101 - English Composition 3 semester hours
 ENG 102 - English Composition 3 semester hours

HUMANITIES/FINE ARTS

3 semester hours

LITERATURE

3 semester hours

MATHEMATICS

MAT 101 or higher 3 semester hours

NATURAL SCIENCE

3 semester hours

SOCIAL SCIENCE

SOC 101 - Introductory Sociology 3 semester hours

BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

PSY 101 - Introduction to Psychology 3 semester hours

ADDITIONAL INQUIRY COURSES

CHR 109 - New Testament Survey 3 semester hours
 Additional course from:
 Humanities, Fine Arts, Natural Science,
 Sociology or Behavioral Science 3 semester hours

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION
36 Semester Hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES CORE

CHR 205 - Hermeneutics 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 240 - Systematic Theology 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 250 - Introduction to Ministry 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 335 - History of Christianity 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 365 - Evangelism and Missions 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 382 - Spiritual Formation in Ministry 3 Semester Hours
 CHR 491 - Senior Seminar 3 Semester Hours

TOTAL CHRISTIAN STUDIES CORE

21 Semester Hours

CHRISTIAN STUDIES ELECTIVES

30 Semester Hours

TOTAL CHRISTIAN STUDIES

51 Semester Hours

GENERAL ELECTIVES

33 Semester Hours

TOTAL HOURS REQUIRED
120 Semester Hours