

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES FOR TRANSLATION AND MISSIONS MAJOR (M)

The theology department identifies its purpose in terms of Concordia's statement of purpose, especially the following statements with spiritual focus:

"The total program is centered in the Christian philosophy with a confessional Lutheran emphasis.... Concordia University seeks to develop mature Christians in whom knowledge and understanding of the Holy Scriptures, the inspired, inerrant Word of God and the source and norm of Christian truth, are united with personal faith in Jesus as God and Savior. Concordia's spiritual resources are directed to the development of Christian faith and practice of Christian virtues so that the student can form value judgments and arrive at ethical principles required for purposeful living. Concordia's programs ... nurture religious commitment, provide insights for Christian action in the world, and ... provide an opportunity for intelligent selection of vocations for service to God, church and society.... Concordia ... is interested in exerting a Christian influence on the community, nation, and world." (Departmental Statement of Purpose, August 30, 2002)

We know that the Lord works miraculously through Scripture, and that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. So if you feel the Lord's calling to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel" to those who have never heard or read the Bible in their own language, start by arming yourself with the proper training: learn how to read and interpret the Bible in its original languages.

The Biblical Languages major will prepare you to translate Scripture into the languages of those you are ministering to through learning Hebrew and Greek. In addition to translating the Bible, your coursework will include an in-depth exploration of the Old Testament, the New Testament, and Christian Doctrine. To complete your well-rounded studies, you'll also delve into anthropology, communications, and missions to gain the basic skills necessary to work in a variety of mission settings.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Students will observe, assess, and interpret today's cultures and world views. Students will be familiar with various methods of delivering and defending biblical truth in a relevant and practical way to diverse groups.
- Students will develop an understanding of the origin of the Bible, recognize the unique qualities of God's Word, and appreciate the varied yet unified content of the Old and New Testaments, and use sound principles in interpreting Scripture.
- Students will recognize Greek vocabulary, distinguish between the various parts of speech, analyze Greek morphology, and apply rules of syntax in order to create translations of Greek texts that represent a synthesis of Greek vocabulary, morphology, and syntax.
- Students will recognize Hebrew vocabulary, distinguish between the various parts of speech, analyze Hebrew morphology, and apply rules of syntax in order to create translations of Hebrew texts that represent a synthesis of Hebrew vocabulary, morphology, and syntax.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Core Requirements (https://catalog.cuw.edu/undergraduate/university/acad-prog/trad/core/)		45
Major Requirements ¹		30
Electives		51
Minor: Required (minimum 18 credits)		
Total Hours		126

¹ This major/minor is not permitted to share (overlap) any credits with the core curriculum, with a major, with a minor, or with a certificate per departmental policy unless otherwise specified in the curriculum.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Core Courses		
COMM 460	Cross-Cultural Communication (Society and Culture)	
GRK 201	Greek I (Communication and Language)	
REL 201	Old Testament (Bible Content)	
REL 204	Biblical Theology (Christine Doctrine)	
REL 210	Great Commission Evangelism (Theology Elective)	
Required Courses		
GRK 202	Greek II	3
GRK 303	Greek III	3
GRK 304	Greek IV	3
HEB 301	Hebrew I	3
HEB 302	Hebrew II	3
HEB 401	Hebrew III	3
HEB 402	Hebrew IV	3
REL 203	New Testament	3
REL 316	World Missions I	3
REL 326	World Missions II	3
Total Hours		30