

## BIBLE DEPARTMENT

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*The King's Academy stands firm in the truth that the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God. Therefore, it shall be the primary book used in each of the Bible courses. The main purpose of each course is to present an accurate, thoughtful study of His Word, and to continually explore the practical implications for each student in his or her daily life.*

- Bible 6: What It Means to Be a Christian**                      **Year**                      **6**  
In this course, students will be introduced to the fundamental truths of Christianity with an emphasis on what is practical and useful for our daily lives as Christians. The course is designed to answer the question: *What does it mean to be a Christian?* Students are required to keep a journal and memorize a weekly Bible verse. Topics addressed include: faith and doubt, salvation, life of Christ, world religions, importance of prayer and Bible reading, and sharing our faith.
- Bible 7: Old Testament Survey**                      **Year**                      **7**  
This course is an Old Testament survey covering Genesis through Malachi. It focuses on the Pentateuch and the thread of redemption, pointing to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Biblical characters and their lives will be examined with the goal of applying Biblical truth to the student's life.
- Bible 8: The Life of Christ**                      **Year**                      **8**  
This course focuses on the life of Christ. Lessons will be drawn from Christ's sermons, miracles, and parables. The content also includes historical, cultural, and geographical background information on Christ's life, and memory verses taken from the Gospels. In addition, every verse in Christ's Sermon on the Mount will be studied and applied to the students' lives.
- Bible 9: The Christian Life**                      **Semester**                      **9**  
This course examines God's original intention for humanity, the consequences of the fall, and ultimately, the salvation accomplished in Christ, and its ramifications. This course is also designed to give students the opportunity to cultivate a deep relationship with Christ. The students will develop a thorough understanding of the Christian faith, and learn how to make decisions from a Biblical perspective and to apply Biblical truth to moral choices they face in everyday life.
- Bible 10: New Testament Letters**                      **Semester**                      **10**  
This course will examine the book of Acts and Paul's letters to the Galatians, Thessalonians, Corinthians, and Romans. The historical and theological backgrounds of Christianity will be studied, along with the nature and mission of the Early Church. Emphasis will be made on the practical relevance of these Biblical teachings to the student's faith and life.
- Bible 11: Biblical Worldviews**                      **Year**                      **11**  
This course is designed to prepare students for life after high school. The students will receive an overview of the Biblical worldview, its significance to all of life, and the tools needed to apply that worldview to a variety of social institutions and disciplines. It will also introduce the student to apologetics in order that they might identify and engage false worldviews.

## BIBLE DEPARTMENT (CONT'D)

*Seniors are required to complete a minimum of two (2) of the Bible 12 courses below to fulfill their Bible course requirements for graduation.*

**Bible 12: Apologetics: Defending Your Faith Semester 12**  
“Isn’t the Bible mostly fiction?” “Doesn’t science explain everything?” “Why do innocent people suffer?” These are a few of the objections you will encounter when you share your faith today. These are real questions that deserve answers that make sense to the modern person. Students will be exposed to the cutting edge of what philosophy, science and Biblical scholarship show in the defense of the truth of the gospel of Christ. Using the text *I Don’t Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist*, this course will prepare students to “give a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15) in a way that is respectful, intelligent and faithful to scripture. Students will receive a text that they will keep as a valuable resource.

**Bible 12: The Christian Mind Semester 12**  
This course is designed to provide a basic introduction to philosophy and ethics. An overview of philosophical thought will be woven through the course. The thinking of great Christian minds will be contrasted with those of the secular point of view. The students will also interact with key topics that are “hot buttons” in our society. The class will include discussion on ethics in various segments of society including business, school, family dynamics, science, politics, law, and technology.

**Bible 12: Comparative Religions Semester 12**  
This course is a survey of the seven (7) major religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Daoism and Confucianism. Students will learn the major beliefs and practices of each religion and how each has developed over the course of time. By seeing how each faith answers the most important questions of existence (e.g. “Why are we here?”, “What is our purpose?”, and “Where are we going?”), students will be equipped to converse and share their own faith with others in a way that is informed and respectful. Guest speakers from most of the religions studied in this course will be visiting throughout the semester. Students will also reflect on their own spiritual journey and have the opportunity to research a modern religious movement of their choice. Each student will receive a copy of the book *God is Not One* by Stephen Prothero as a resource to keep.

**Bible 12: Ministry Preparation Semester 12**  
This course is offered to provide a deeper experience, both academically and spiritually, in the aspects of the true disciple; to encourage the spiritual growth of those seniors who want to dig deeper. This course will prepare students for a life of ministry, whether in a church, parachurch, education or business setting. Topics experienced will include spiritual disciplines, God’s design for the church, the definition of a true disciple, readings from Christian history, and comparative religions. This course will also include preparation and participation in school chapels, service projects and an overnight spiritual retreat.  
**Prerequisites:** Consideration for this class will include an application and an interview.  
**Note:** There may be additional fees for books and the spiritual retreat.

**Bible 12: World and Local Missions Semester 12**  
This course will explore God’s plan and activity in the world through His chosen people, the first followers of Jesus Christ, those who have evangelized over the last 2,000 years and those in the modern-day context. This course will include lecture, Biblical application, guest speakers and local service opportunities. The student will understand God’s presence in our lives as the Holy Spirit prompts us to reach our family, neighborhood and world. The curriculum used for this course will be “Perspectives on World Missions.”