

## GRADUATE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Select courses are available in an on-line format. Please contact the Graduate Office for details.

### BIBLE

**BIBL 5233 JESUS AND THE GOSPEL TRADITION** 3 hours

This course will examine the early Christian traditions about Jesus as reflected in the four Gospels. Key events in the life and ministry of Jesus will be viewed in terms of primary exegesis. Consideration will be given to recent developments in Jesus studies related to apocryphal and Gnostic gospel writings.

**BIBL 5253 ROMANS AND GALATIANS** 3 hours

This course will examine the historical background, teachings, and interpretation of Paul's letters to the Romans and Galatians.

**BIBL 5313 PENTATEUCH** 3 hours

This course is a critical study of the text of the first five books of the Old Testament with an analysis of its historical setting and theological significance.

**BIBL 5503 OLD TESTAMENT POETICAL BOOKS** 3 hours

The emphasis of the course is an introduction to Hebrew poetry. Study will be made of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes, focusing upon the central message of each book, highlighting their contribution to Old Testament theology. Form and function will be examined, seeking to expose meaning and significance for the life and ministry.

**BIBL 5603 MAJOR THEMES FROM THE PROPHETS** 3 hours

This course is designed to study recurring thematic patterns found within the Old Testament prophets. Some emphasis will be given to the historical period in which each of the prophets ministered. Additional emphasis will be given to setting the themes of the prophets in relation to the Torah and the on-going revelation of God.

**BIBL 5801 WORKSHOP** 1 hour

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**CMIN 5123 CHURCH STRUCTURE AND MINISTRY**

3 hours

This is a study of the officers of the church—both staff and lay personnel. Specific duties of church officers and staff will be closely examined. The concept of team ministries will be studied along with a view of the role of individual responsibilities within the team. The role of the pastor will be examined in relationship to other members of the staff as well as to lay workers in the church. The place of church doctrine within church administration and ministry will also be emphasized.

**CMIN 5333 CHURCH PLANTING AND GROWTH**

3 hours

This course is an introduction to the basic principles and methods of church planting and growth. The student gains an understanding of different philosophies of church planting and growth as well as an acquaintance with contemporary methods and strategies.

**CMIN 5413 MENTORING IN MINISTRY**

3 hours

This course acquaints students with the theory and practice of mentoring. Emphasis is given to developing personal mentoring skills, as well as the creation and administration of ministry-based mentoring programs, including discipleship training.

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**COMMUNICATION****COMM 5413 EXPOSITORY PREACHING**

3 hours

This course involves the development and delivery of expository sermons. It is designed to prepare a minister to preach both individual sermons and sermon series, which utilize expository methods. Prerequisite: COMM 5013 or permission of the instructor

**COMM 5433 ADVANCED BIBLICAL PREACHING**

3 hours

This course is an advanced course designed to prepare the student for an effective preaching ministry in a local church. Attention is given to the preparation and delivery of various types of Biblical sermons and to the further development of proper speech technique. Attention is also given to planned programs of Biblical preaching. Prerequisite: COMM 5413

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This course is in expository preaching in which the student prepares a sermon calendar for a year's preaching and preaches through a book in the New Testament. The students share their work with others in the class so that each one gathers a sermon reservoir on the book selected. There are both pre- and post-class assignments.

**COUNSELING****COUN 5003 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

3 hours

This is an introductory course to develop basic counseling skills for those who plan to serve as pastors, missionaries, or other Christian workers. It includes a study of the various approaches, methods, and resources that may be used in counseling in a Christian context.

**COUN 5033 COUNSELING THEORIES AND METHODS**

3 hours

This course provides an overview of several key theorists and methodologies related to counseling psychology. Students will engage in practice counseling sessions with peer analysis. Emphasis will be given to matters of referral, including when and how referrals should be made. Legal issues related to the counselor/ counselee relationship will be addressed.

**COUN 5123 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING**

3 hours

This course is a consideration of the dynamics of marriage and family relationships. The emphasis is on understanding the structure and function of marriage, the various aspects of the marital relationship, family systems, and ways the counselor may approach marriage and family counseling as a creative, preventive, and healing ministry.

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## **EDUCATION**

### **EDUC 5123 RESEARCH METHODS**

3 hours

This course assists students in learning to conceptualize research problems and develop hypotheses. The student will examine concepts of defining and measuring important variables, data collecting and analysis of data, interpretation and making inferences, and writing and implementing a research proposal. The design of research strategies for experimental, quasi-experimental, and qualitative methods will be emphasized.

## **HISTORY**

### **HIST 5113 CHURCH HISTORY**

3 hours

This course is a study of the development of the Christian church from the end of the apostolic age through the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Consideration is given to outstanding persons and events, doctrinal controversies that have developed as well as missionary expansion of the Christian faith.

### **HIST 5213 PATRISTICS**

3 hours

This course is a study of church life in the first five centuries, with emphasis upon Christian leaders, literature, doctrinal formulations, worship and developing ecclesiastical structures.

### **HIST 5333 BAPTIST HERITAGE**

3 hours

This course is a survey of Baptist history in Europe, Great Britain, and North America. Attention will be focused on the development of the two distinct traditions of general and particular Baptists. Special emphasis will be directed toward the General, Free, and Free Will Baptist movements.

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## **LANGUAGE**

### **LANG 5103 NEW TESTAMENT GREEK APPRECIATION**

3 hours

This course is an introductory study of the basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the Greek language. Emphasis is given to the use of Greek study aids and tools. Facility in translation and use of Greek study aids is developed through the use of practical exercises.

## **LEADERSHIP**

### **LEAD 5213 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP**

3 hours

This course examines the Biblical and theological perspectives of leadership as well as functions or tasks of leadership planning, organizing, directing, staffing and controlling. A unit is included on time management and personal planning for the Christian worker. The emphasis is to improve leadership abilities of the students and to prepare them to develop leadership in others.

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## MANAGEMENT

- MGMT 5123 FINANCIAL PLANNING** 3 hours  
This is a study of church stewardship planning based on Biblical principles. It is a study of what God has to say about financial practices coupled with standard bookkeeping methodology. It defines the work of the church treasurer, financial secretary, finance committee, and other church financial officers and terms.
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- MISS 5123 THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS** 3 hours  
This course is a study of the Biblical and theological foundations of Christian missions. The unfolding missionary purpose of God will be traced through the Bible as it relates to the purposes, nature, scope and current challenges of cross-cultural missions.
- MISS 5343 CHURCH PLANTING AND GROWTH** 3 hours  
This course incorporates relevant sociological, anthropological, and historical insights as students examine Paul's model of planting churches cross-culturally as found in the book of Acts. It gives suggestions for the development of current effective strategies for multiplying growing indigenous congregations. It examines methods of evangelism and the training of pastors and laity.

- MISS 5613 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND METHODS OF MISSIONS** 3 hours  
 In this course emphasis will be given to current trends and issues of major concern in mission strategy. Missionaries on furlough may be utilized in their areas of expertise.
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 This course is a study of the defense of Christianity with emphasis on the Biblical and theological foundation, methodology, and contemporary challenges to the truth of Christianity.
- PHIL 5013 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION** 3 hours  
 This course is an introductory study of selected topics in philosophy of religion. Critical analysis will be directed toward such subjects as the nature of God in classical theism, theistic arguments for God's existence, faith and reason, religious experience, religious language, and the problem of evil as it relates to theological issues.
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**RELIGION****RELG 5113 AMERICAN RELIGION AND CULTURE**

3 hours

This course is designed to assist students to recognize and understand the place and roles that religion has had and continues to have in the United States. The study is an aid in understanding the nation, its culture, and its people. It will focus on traditional religious groups, movements, and issues. Limited attention will be paid to less traditional applications of religious practice.

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**THEOLOGY****THEO 5013 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY**

3 hours

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**THEO 5033 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF PAUL**

3 hours

This course provides an inductive study of key themes as developed through Acts and the Pauline Epistles. The study will be conducted from the standpoint of the central importance of the concept of newness for New Testament theology and history.

**THEO 5123 HISTORIC THEOLOGY**

3 hours

This course is an examination of the birth and development of the Christian Church beliefs. The eras of the Apostolic Fathers, the Reformation, and the present will receive emphasis. Attention will be given to key figures, events, political themes, and theological developments.

**THEO 5213 HERMENEUTICS**

3 hours

This course is a study of the principal laws and methods of interpreting the various forms of Biblical expression. Attention is given to various problems of Biblical interpretation.

**THEO 5333 THE WORKS OF ARMINIUS**

3 hours

The primary focus of this course is on the theological writings of James Arminius translated by James and William Nichols and compiled into three volumes known as the London Edition. The Arminius writings are compared and contrasted with selected writings from John Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion. The context for both perspectives is set in the Reformed Orthodoxy of reformation and post-reformation Protestantism.

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- THEO 5943 DIRECTED READINGS** 3 hours  
 This course is for advanced students to enhance understanding in areas where they wish to gain some measure of expertise in the literature of the field. Prerequisite: Approval of the Advisor
- THEO 5953 STUDY ABROAD** 3 hours  
 This course allows students to participate in short term experiences outside the continental United States. Students will propose learning objects for the study abroad experience that are deemed appropriate by the faculty supervisor. Credit is given upon satisfactory completion of all course requirements. Prerequisite: Approval of the Advisor
- THEO 5963 PRACTICUM** 3 hours  
 This course allows students to participate in off-campus experiences designed to relate ideas and concepts to problems encountered on the field. Credit is given upon satisfactory completion of all course requirements. Prerequisite: Approval of the Advisor
- THEO 5973 MASTERS PROJECT** 3 hours  
 This course is designed to provide students with the opportunity to pursue guided research in an area under faculty supervision. The course will be structured to utilize the appropriate methodology for the project, the communication of the findings, and the summary of the conclusions. Prerequisite: Approval of the Advisor
- THEO 5993 MASTERS THESIS** 3 hours  
 This course is designed for students studying for a masters degree to demonstrate competency through the completion of a thesis. The student must complete independent research and write a thesis under faculty supervision. Prerequisite: Approval of the Advisor