## Professional Studies • Doctoral Studies

**“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth.”**
— 2 Timothy 2:15

### Professional Studies (20000-59999)

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- 88500-88790

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- 98100-98299

### Doctor of Education
- 92000-92999

### Doctor of Missiology
- 98500-98599

### Professional Studies (20000-59990)

#### Scripture and Interpretation

**20060 The World of the Old Testament Prophets from Elijah to Malachi** 3 hours
A study of the social, economic, and religious life of Israel and Judah during the period of the prophets as revealed by archaeological evidence, especially as such evidence impacts the message of the prophets.

**20080 The Old Testament World and the Land of the Bible** 3 hours
A study of the history and geography of the Middle East with primary emphasis on the history and religion of Israel. Two weeks will be devoted to a tour of the major Old Testament sites of the Middle East and two weeks in class lectures. Permission of professor required.

**20100 The Historical Geography of Palestine** 3 hours
A study of the geography, geology, and climate of Palestine and the biblical world and their influence on Old Testament history.

**20190 Survey of the Old Testament** 3 hours
This course will feature a survey of the Old Testament in English Bible, an exposure to relevant introductory issues, and some exposure to critical issues. Note: This course cannot be used as an elective.

**20200 Introduction to the Old Testament, Part I: Pentateuchal and Historical Literature** 3 hours
An introduction to the Pentateuch and the historical books of the Old Testament in the English Bible, Genesis through Esther, including an examination of critical, historical, hermeneutical, and theological issues.

**20220 Introduction to the Old Testament, Part II: The Prophets and Writings** 3 hours
An introduction to the Prophets and Writings in the English Old Testament, Job through Malachi, including an examination of critical, historical, hermeneutical, and theological issues.

**20277 Studies in Old Testament** 3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

20400  **Elementary Hebrew**  3 hours
An introduction to the Hebrew of the Old Testament, including basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary.

20430  **Intermediate Hebrew Grammar & Syntax**  3 hours
The course will focus on Hebrew grammar at the intermediate level. The course will move beyond elementary Hebrew by covering issues of syntax at the word, phrase, and especially, the clause, sentence, and discourse levels. The course is intended to bridge the gap between elementary Hebrew and advanced exegesis courses. (Appendix A)

20440  **Hebrew Syntax and Exegesis**  3 hours
A review of Hebrew grammar and syntax. A study of syntax in Genesis 1-11, Amos, Jonah, Malachi, Ruth, Esther, and/ or other selected texts with a view to implementing exegesis. Prerequisite: 20400 or advanced placement.

20520  **Hebrew Composition and Exegesis**  3 hours
An intensive study of Hebrew syntax, morphology, and phonology by composing classical Hebrew prose and poetry. The course will include vocabulary acquisition, sentence diagramming, and exegetical/sermonic outlining. A biblical passage may be exegeted. Note: This course may be taken as free elective, or in place of one of the Old Testament exegesis courses required in the Biblical and Theological Studies concentration of the M.Div. program. It is especially recommended for students with exceptional interest and ability in Hebrew and for those contemplating doctoral studies in Old Testament.

20600  **Hebrew Exegesis: Genesis 1-11**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in Genesis 1-11 with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to the author’s use of Hebrew literary devices to communicate the message of the book. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20611  **Hebrew Exegesis: Joshua**  3 hours
This course will focus on the Hebrew text of Joshua. Special attention will be given to the proficient reading of Hebrew, grammatical and syntactical issues, and translation. The course will also explore the relevance of the message of Joshua for preaching and teaching in the Church of the 21st century.

20620  **Hebrew Exegesis: Isaiah 1-39**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in Isaiah 1-39 with a view to exposition. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20624  **Hebrew Exegesis: Ecclesiastes**  3 hours
The course will focus on the Hebrew text of Ecclesiastes. Special attention will be given to the proficient reading of Hebrew, grammatical and syntactical issues, and translation. The course will also explore the relevance of the message of Ecclesiastes for preaching and teaching in the Church of the 21st century.

20640  **Hebrew Exegesis: Psalms**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in the book of Psalms with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to the nature of Hebrew poetry and the forms of individual psalms. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20680  **Hebrew Exegesis: Deuteronomy**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in the book of Deuteronomy with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to the author’s use of Hebrew rhetorical devices to communicate the message of the book. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20685  **Hebrew Exegesis: Judges**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in the book of Judges with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to the author’s use of Hebrew literary devices to communicate the message of the book. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20700  **Hebrew Exegesis: Jeremiah**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in the book of Jeremiah with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to the literary and rhetorical features used to communicate the prophet’s urgent message. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20742  **Hebrew Exegesis: Minor Prophets, Joel, and Amos**  3 hours
This course is designed to engage the student in detailed exegesis of the Hebrew text of Amos and Joel in the Minor Prophets. The primary focus of the course will be translation and recitation, with some emphasis on pronunciation of the Hebrew text. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20800  **Hebrew Exegesis: Isaiah 40-66**  3 hours
Advanced exegesis in Isaiah 40-66 with a view to exposition, paying particular attention to literary and rhetorical features employed to communicate the composition’s lofty theology. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.

20880  **Biblical Aramaic**  3 hours
An introduction to the Aramaic of the Old Testament, including basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, and exegesis of Aramaic sections of the Old Testament with a view to exposition. Prerequisites: 20400 (or advanced placement) and 20440.
### Note:
Unlike the Exegesis courses, the following exposition courses have no Hebrew language prerequisite.

#### 21321 Judges and Ruth 3 hours
An exposition of Judges and Ruth, two books that represent widely divergent styles and theological perspectives on the same historical period. Attention will be paid to the distinctive literary artistry of the authors and on the permanent theological messages of the books.

#### 21600 The Psalms 3 hours
Expositional studies in the Psalms, with consideration of their message for today. Attention will be given to the special literary qualities of the Psalms and the enduring theology of the book.

#### 21620 The Book of Job and the Wisdom Literature 3 hours
Expositional studies in the books of Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes with special attention to the history and nature of the wisdom literature.

#### 21665 Daniel 3 hours
This course is designed to introduce students to the place of the book of Daniel in Biblical Theology. We will look at Daniel’s contribution to OT salvation history and then interpret the book in light of the Bible’s big story.

#### 21830 The Messiah in the Hebrew Bible 3 hours
This course will focus on the way the promises of the coming redeemer build on each other and prompt OT authors to notice key types and patterns which will find their fulfillment in Jesus the Messiah.

#### 22060 The Apocrypha and Pseudepigrapha 3 hours
A survey of the Jewish apocryphal and pseudepigraphical writings with emphasis on their relevance for understanding the New Testament and its cultural and religious background.

#### 22080 The Life of Jesus and the Land of the Bible 3 hours
A study of the history and geography of Palestine with primary emphasis upon their relationship to the life of Jesus. Part of the time will be devoted to a tour of the major New Testament sites of Palestine and part to class on campus. Permission of professor required.

#### 22100 Biblical Hermeneutics 3 hours
A study of the history of the English Bible, the goal of biblical interpretation, the presuppositions involved in the interpretation, the means of arriving at the meaning of ancient texts along with its present-day implications, and the formation of the New Testament canon.

#### 22190 Survey of the New Testament 3 hours
This course will feature a survey of the New Testament in English Bible, an exposure to relevant introductory issues, and some exposure to critical issues. Note: This course cannot be used as an elective.

#### 22200 Introduction to the New Testament, Part I 3 hours
A study of the materials available for studying the life and teachings of Jesus, the transmission of the gospel traditions in the early church, the teachings of Jesus, the main events in Jesus’ life, and the quests for the historical Jesus.

#### 22220 Introduction to the New Testament, Part II 3 hours
A study of the Acts to Revelation in the framework of the history of the early church.

#### 22277 Studies in New Testament 3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

#### 22400 Elementary Greek 3 hours
An introduction to the Greek of the New Testament with readings in 1 John and other selected passages.

#### 22410 Greek Review 0 hours
A review of the fundamentals of New Testament Greek, with emphasis on vocabulary building and morphology. This course is designed for students with prior course work in elementary Greek, who need further language work before entrance into 22440 Greek Syntax and Exegesis.

#### 22430 Advanced Greek Grammar 3 hours
A comprehensive and systematic study of phonology, morphology, and syntax of New Testament Greek in light of modern linguistic principles illustrated by readings in the Greek of both the New Testament and contemporary documents. This course is especially recommended for students with exceptional interest and ability in Greek and for those contemplating doctoral studies. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440. Note: Either this course or 22480 may be taken in place of one of the three exegesis courses required in the Biblical and Theological emphasis of the M.Div. program, or it may be taken as an elective.

#### 22440 Greek Syntax and Exegesis 3 hours
A study of intermediate Greek grammar with emphasis on vocabulary building and syntax. Philippians or selected readings elsewhere in the New Testament. Prerequisite: 22400 or advanced placement.

#### 22480 The Textual Criticism of the New Testament 3 hours
An introduction to the history, material, and methods of textual criticism. Study of numerous problems in the Greek text where significant variants appear in extant manuscripts and patristic quotations. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440. Note: This course may be taken
as a free elective, or in place of one of the three exegesis courses required in the Biblical Theological Studies concentration of the M.Div. program. It is especially recommended for students with exceptional interest and ability in Greek and for those contemplating doctoral studies in New Testament.

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<td>Greek Exegesis: The Gospel of Matthew</td>
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<td>Exegesis of the Greek text of Mark with emphasis on the style, literary structure, and theological significance of Mark’s account of Jesus’ ministry. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>An inductive study of the Greek of Romans and exegesis of the entire Greek text. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>22720</td>
<td>Greek Exegesis: Ephesians and Colossians</td>
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<td>An exegesis of the Greek text of Ephesians with particular attention to vocabulary, style, and literary relationship to Colossians. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>Greek Exegesis: 1 Peter</td>
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<td>An intensive exegesis of the Greek text with emphasis on the perspective, literary structure, and relevance of the epistle. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>An exegesis of the Greek text of James with particular attention to the vocabulary, style, and analysis of leading concepts and their relevance. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>22790</td>
<td>Greek Exegesis: The Revelation of John</td>
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<td>Introduction, translation, and exegesis of the Greek text against the background of apocalyptic literature and the life situation in which it was written. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>22800</td>
<td>Greek Exegesis: Selected Texts</td>
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<td>Translation and exegesis of passages of the Greek New Testament which are especially significant for the understanding of the message of the Apostolic Church. Prerequisites: 22400 (or advanced placement) and 22440.</td>
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<td>An exposition of the Second Gospel with particular attention to its presentation of the historical ministry of Jesus and to the distinctive Markan theology.</td>
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<td>22940</td>
<td>The Gospel of Luke</td>
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<td>An exposition of the Third Gospel with particular attention to Lukan theology, to the evangelist as historian, and to relevance for the contemporary church.</td>
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<td>22960</td>
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<td>An exposition of the Fourth Gospel with particular attention to its literary structure, its distinctive theological emphases, and its relevance for the contemporary church.</td>
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<td>23000</td>
<td>The Parables of Jesus</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The critical and expository study of the parables of Jesus with particular attention to the history of parable research, backgrounds, the Sitz im Buch of the parables, the Sitz im Leben Jesu, and contemporary import.</td>
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<td>23500</td>
<td>The Pastoral Epistles</td>
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<td>A critical introduction and exposition of the letters to Timothy and Titus with consideration of contemporary ecclesiology.</td>
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<td>Hebrews</td>
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<td>An exposition of Hebrews with particular attention to the persecution setting, theological themes, backgrounds, and the problem of communication of its message to the contemporary world.</td>
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<td>23720</td>
<td>The Petrine Epistles and Jude</td>
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<td>A critical introduction and exposition of the Letters of 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude in light of their probable backgrounds with attention to literary structure, literary relationships, and relevance.</td>
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<td>An exposition of the text with special consideration of historical situation, structural analysis, and relevance.</td>
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| 23790 | The Revelation of John | 3 | Introduction and exposition of the text against
the background of apocalyptic literature and the life situation in which it was written.

Note: Courses 27700, 27800, and 27820 are all courses under the Division of Scripture and Interpretation.

Theology and Tradition

25100 Introduction to Church History, Part I: The Early Church to the Reformation  3 hours
The course will cover the history of Christianity from its inception to the Protestant Reformation (1600).

25120 Introduction to Church History, Part II: The Reformation and the Church in the Modern Period  3 hours
This course will focus on four major areas of study in the modern period: the history of Protestantism, the origin and history of Baptists, the history of Roman Catholicism, and American church history.

25140 Advanced Church History  3 hours
An advanced survey and interpretation of the history of Christianity from its inception to the modern period. May not be taken for credit if 25100 and 25120 have been or will be taken.

25170 The Bible in the Modern World  3 hours
A study of the history of biblical interpretation from the Enlightenment to the present with special attention to the intellectual and cultural background of major developments and to the relation between issues of biblical interpretation and issues of biblical authority.

25177 Studies in Church History  3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

25205 The Ancient Church in Its Graeco-Roman Context  3 hours
This course leads the student through a detailed study of the nexus of political and philosophical perspectives and religious and social attitudes of the Graeco-Roman world in which the Ancient Church developed up until the Constantinian revolution in the early fourth century. At the heart of the course is the hands-on examination of primary sources, both Christian and pagan.

25215 The Cappadocian Achievement  3 hours
A detailed study of certain aspects of the theology of the Cappadocian Fathers-namely Basil of Caesarea (c.330-379), Gregory of Nazianzus (c. 329-389/390), Gregory of Nyssa (c. 335-c. 395), and Amphilioclis of Iconium (c. 340-395)— arguably among the most influential theologians of the Greek-speaking Ancient Church. The Cappadocian Fathers’ Interaction with Scripture and their perspective on living coram Deo in each of these areas of thought is also highlighted.

25230 Early Christian Spirituality  3 hours
A detailed study of two major traditions of Christian spirituality in the period between the Apostolic Fathers (2nd century A.D.) and the end of the Patristic era (8th century A.D.). Particular focus is placed upon Christian spirituality in the Greek and Latin patristic traditions.

25235 Theology of Augustine  3 hours
A study of the theology of Augustine in the context of his personal development and in light of the controversies of his day. Special attention will be given to reading the Confession and the City of God along with selected treatises.

25270 Studies in Patristic Christianity  3 hours
A study of some of the writings (In translation) of the Greek, Latin, and Syriac Church Fathers, and their overall theological contribution to Christiain doctrine, especially as it relates to Trinitarian doctrine, ecclesiology, the Bible, mission, and the theology of history.

25800 The Reformation  3 hours
A study of the Lutheran, Reformed, Anglican, Radical, and Roman Catholic phases of the sixteenth-century Reformation.

25820 Puritanism  3 hours
A consideration of the formative theological literature of Puritanism, its antecedents in the Continental and English Reformations, and some of its consequences in the “New England Way.”

25830 Christianity and the Enlightenment  3 hours
A study of the emergence of rationalism and criticism in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries with special attention to their impact on Christian thought and biblical criticism.

25920 Calvin and the Reformed Tradition  3 hours
A study of the life and theology of John Calvin. Attention will focus on Calvin’s role in the development of Reformed Protestantism as well as his distinctive contribution to Reformation theology. Readings will include selections from Calvin’s commentaries, letters, polemical and theological treatises, and Institutes.

26050 History of British Christianity  3 hours
A study of the history of Christianity in Britain from the Roman Empire to the present with special attention to theological developments.

26100 History of the Baptists  3 hours
A study of Baptist origins, development, principles, leaders, and current trends.

26200 The Southern Baptist Heritage and Mission  3 hours
A study of the character and mission of Southern Baptists, including the history
and contemporary character of theological commitments, church practices, gospel witness and cooperative endeavors.

26410 Jonathan Edwards 3 hours
This course centers on the life and thought of Jonathan Edwards. The main areas of study include a biographical survey of Edwards, the theological and philosophical background of Edwards, his contribution to the Great Awakening, an analysis of his sermonic material, and his theological, philosophical, and ethical writing.

26420 Jonathan Edwards and Andrew Fuller 3 hours
This course is a detailed study of certain aspects of the theologies of Jonathan Edwards and Andrew Fuller such as the atonement, the Trinity, conversion and revival. Their piety as well as their response to various erroneous perspectives, such as Deism, Arminianism, Hyper-Calvinism, and Sandemanianism will be discussed.

26430 American Church History 3 hours
This course covers the history of Christianity in America from the time of colonization to the present. The focus of attention will be on the milieu of Evangelical Protestantism and issues in American Catholicism that affect evangelical witness.

26480 History of American Revivalism 3 hours
A study of revivals in America from the Great Awakening through the “Electronic Church.” Historical conditions for awakening, outstanding personalities, and the development of institutional revivalism will be examined.

26490 Fundamentalism and Evangelicalism 3 hours
A study of the origins and development of fundamentalist and evangelical movements in American Christianity, including consideration of how Southern Baptists related to the two and assessment of their successes and failures.

26700 The African-American Church in Historical Perspective 3 hours
The purpose of this course is to trace the developments of African-American church histories in America with a major focus upon African-American Baptist histories. Other denominational histories are presented in the degree of their relative importance. Some attention will also be given to non-Christian black religious experiences as they have developed in the twentieth century. This course is also numbered 37200.

26720 Classics of Christian Devotion 3 hours
A historical and interpretative study of selected devotional literature of the Christian church with some reflections on its contemporary relevance.

27000 Survey of Systematic Theology 3 hours
A survey of the whole corpus of systematic theology, covering the doctrines of revelation and Scripture, God, humanity, sin, Christ, Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things. This course cannot be used as an elective.

27050 Introduction to Christian Theology 3 hours
A study of the doctrines of Christian theology and their systematic interrelationship with emphasis on precision in theological thought and expression. May not be taken for credit if 27060, 27070, and/or 27080 have been or will be taken.

27060 Systematic Theology I 3 hours
A careful and systematic study of Christian doctrines, covering introduction to theology, revelation and Scripture, and the existence, attributes, and triune nature of God.

27070 Systematic Theology II 3 hours
A careful and systematic study of Christian doctrines, covering creation and providence, angels, humanity, sin, and the person and work of Christ.

27077 Issues in Biblical and Systematic Theology 3 hours
A study of the nature of biblical theology and its relationship to systematic theology with a special focus on a theological reading of Scripture, as practiced by evangelicals today.

27080 Systematic Theology III 3 hours
A careful and systematic study of Christian doctrines, covering the person and work of the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things.

27120 The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit 3 hours
A biblical, historical, and systematic study is undertaken of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Special attention will be given to contemporary issues related to the rise of the Pentecostal and Charismatic movements. Scripture’s own teaching will be brought to bear in examining historical and contemporary issues, e.g., the filioque controversy, the relation of the Spirit and the Son both in eternity and in the incarnation, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, gifts of the Spirit, and walking in the Spirit.

27177 Studies in Theology 3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

27320 The Doctrine of Humanity and Sin 3 hours
Biblical and historical studies on the origin, nature, and destiny of humanity with special reference to current views on anthropology.

27340 Models of Divine Providence 3 hours
A study is undertaken of the Christian doctrine of divine providence, God’s providential preservation of and governmental rulership over the world he has created. The examination of several models of divine providence will assist the exploration of several critical issues, e.g., the eternal will and
purposes of God, human volition and moral responsibility, the role of prayer, God's call to labor within his kingdom's rule, the reality of miracles, and the problems and purposes involved in suffering and affliction.

27350  **The Doctrine of Revelation and Scripture**  3 hours  
Study is here undertaken of the epistemological foundation of the Christian faith through the doctrines of divine revelation broadly, and then of the Scriptures as special revelation, the only final and ultimate authority for Christian faith, life, and practice. Historical, philosophical, and contemporary issues will be examined with ultimate care given to understand Scripture's own witness to these doctrines.

27360  **The Doctrine of God**  3 hours  
Aspects of God's existence, attributes, triune nature, and work are examined, with focused attention being given to certain issues of historical, philosophical, biblical, and/or contemporary importance. God's self-revelation in Scripture will be given primacy in seeking to grapple with our finite understandings of this infinite God.

27370  **The Doctrine of the Trinity**  3 hours  
Focused study is here given to the crucial doctrine of God's triune being. Attention will be given to the history and outcome of the early church's struggles to formulate Trinitarian doctrine, along with issues related to various ways this doctrine is being reexamined and reformulated today. Scripture's own teachings will be given primacy in considering how contemporary Christians should understand and articulate this foundational doctrine.

27380  **The Doctrine of Salvation**  3 hours  
The central conviction that God has graciously planned and carried out the salvation of sinners will be given focused study. Aspect of the doctrine will be emphasized, e.g., issues involved in divine election, the nature of saving faith, justification by faith, positional and progressive sanctification, the necessity of preserving faith, and the eternal security of those who savingly believe.

27400  **The Doctrine of the Person of Christ**  3 hours  
A study of the definitive issues (biblically, theologically, and historically) for interpreting the person of Jesus Christ, analyzing the various Christological traditions of the Church and the major contemporary options for conceptualizing the Incarnation.

27425  **The Doctrine of the Work of Christ**  3 hours  
A study of the Old Testament sacrificial system and Christian perspectives on atonement. Special attention will be given to New Testament texts relevant to a biblical and theological understanding of the death of Christ.

27430  **Models of Sanctification**  3 hours  
This course involves an investigation of several models of sanctification held within Christian movements and denominations today. Students will examine and evaluate these models biblically, historically, and theologically, with the goal of developing their own proposals for understanding the doctrine of sanctification.

27620  **The Doctrine of Last Things**  3 hours  
A study of those doctrines pertaining to last things as defined by classical theology: the kingdom of God, judgment, death, millennial perspectives, heaven and hell. An overview of contemporary perspectives on eschatology will be presented.

27640  **The Doctrine of the Church**  3 hours  
A critical study of the doctrine of the church and its ministry in Christian theology, giving careful attention to the biblical traditions, the historical development of ecclesiology, and the areas which are pertinent for contemporary Baptist ecclesiology.

27700  **A Biblical Theology of Worship**  3 hours  
An examination of worship in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, with a view to developing a theology of worship that is consistent with the teachings of Scripture. Special attention will be paid to the appropriate application of this theology for the church today.

27710  **Worship Leadership**  3 hours  
This course is a study of the theology and practice of worship. It is designed to help the student develop a biblical and practical framework for planning and leading worship.

27800  **Theology of the Old Testament**  3 hours  
A study of primary theological themes of the Old Testament (e.g., the kingdom of God, covenant, Messiah, atonement and reconciliation, promise and fulfillment, faith, the coming of the Lord), exploring both the distinctive perspectives represented by specific compositions, and the manner in which the Old Testament lays foundation for the biblical witness as a whole. The course will include an introduction to the history of and current trends in the theological interpretation of the Old Testament.

27820  **Theology of the New Testament**  3 hours  
A study of primary theological themes of the New Testament (e.g., the kingdom of God, covenant, Messiah, atonement and reconciliation, promise and fulfillment, faith, the coming of the Lord), exploring both the distinctive perspectives represented by specific compositions and the manner in which the New Testament presents Christ as the fulfillment, and culmination of the biblical witness as a whole. The course will include an introduction to the history of and current trends in the theological interpretation of the New Testament.
27885 Introduction to Historical Theology 3 hours
This course is a topical-chronological study of the development of Christian doctrine. Each of the key theological loci covered in systematic theology (the doctrines of Scripture, God, humanity and sin, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, redemption, the church, and the last things) will be considered chronologically in terms of their historical and theological development.

27930 Theology of Marriage 3 hours
This course is a survey of the biblical, theological, historical, and cultural development of marriage within Christianity, including a consideration of gender, human sexuality, and family structure.

27935 Adoption in Christian Thought and Mission 3 hours
This course is an interdisciplinary study of the theological, ethical, missiological, ecclesiological, psychological, and pastoral issues related to adoption and orphan care.

28110 Christianity in a Pluralistic and Postmodern Society 3 hours
The challenge of philosophical pluralism and postmodernism to traditional Christianity is studied. The roots of postmodern thinking are examined and the influence of these ideas upon various theological traditions reviewed.

28180 Contemporary Theology 3 hours
A study of the dominant theological movements of the twentieth century, with special attention given to the Enlightenment, Neorthodoxy, Liberalism, Theology of Hope, Liberation Theologies, Process Theology, and Evangelical Theology.

28230 Pentecostal and Charismatic Theologies 3 hours
This course will be a historical, hermeneutical, and theological exposition of Pentecostal and charismatic theologies through history, with primary focus on the twentieth century. It will also be evaluative of the theological and hermeneutical soundness of various aspects of the movements, and will address the worldwide impact of these theologies and how that affects missiology.

28250 The Theology of Karl Barth 3 hours
An examination of Barth’s theology with a view to understanding his interpretation of the Christian faith and his significance in twentieth-century theology.

28415 Theology of the Body 3 hours
An exploration of the teaching of Scripture concerning life in the human body with the goal of developing a systematic and practical theology of physical existence from conception through eternity. Topics to be covered include the creation of the body (both in a global and personal sense), a survey of attitudes toward the body throughout history, the “gendered” body, the sexual body, the disciplined body, the body and the worship of God, clothing the body, the sanctification of the body, the suffering and healing of the body, the death of the body, the eschatological body (the body in the intermediate state, the resurrection of the body, the body in the millennium, and the body in the new heavens and earth), and current issues regarding the body (cloning, abortion, euthanasia, etc.). This course will also consider insights into the body’s functioning and development from the disciplines of nutrition and exercise physiology.

28420 Baptist Theologians in Historical Perspective 3 hours
A study of selected Baptist theologians in their historical context, examining the currents which shaped their thought and the contributions of each theologian to church and ministry.

28450 The Theology of Cults and New Religious Movements 3 hours
The theological perspectives of certain new religious movements will be explored and evaluated including apocalyptic groups, psychological groups, groups merging from world religions other than Christianity, and groups aimed primarily at young people.

Worldview and Culture

28500 Worldview and Apologetics 3 hours
A study of the rational defense of Christianity, including evaluation of the evidence for faith, the significant objections to it, the major worldviews and the relationship of faith and reason.

28510 History of Philosophy I: Classical and Medieval 3 hours
A survey and critique of the major Western philosophers and their ideas in the classical and medieval periods, from the Pre-Socrates through the late medieval era to the Renaissance and Reformation.

28520 History of Philosophy II: Modern and Postmodern 3 hours
A survey and critique of the major Western philosophers and their ideas in the modern and contemporary (or postmodern) periods from the Renaissance to the present.
28550  Christian Philosophical-Worldview Analysis  3 hours
This course offers students a worldview analysis of the disciplines of economics, politics, education, law, and the sciences from a biblical perspective.

28577  Studies in Philosophy  3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

28600  Faith, Reason, and Authority  3 hours
A historical study of Christian epistemology and a contemporary reconstruction directed toward establishing a foundation for faith and an apologetic posture in the modern world, with special attention to the theory of knowledge, the historic approaches to faith and reason, natural theology and revealed theology, and the problem of religious authority.

28677  Studies in Apologetics  3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

28700  Christian Apologetics in Contemporary Ministry  3 hours
Various approaches to the apologetic task will be investigated. Attention will be given to the systematic and rational defense of the Christian faith against many serious contemporary challenges. Topics include such areas as tests for truth, a critique of relativism and pluralism, the problem of miracles, and the historicity of the Christian faith. A primary aim of the course will be the practical application of apologetics in the church’s ministry.

28720  The Problem of Evil  3 hours
A study of the problem of evil and its philosophical challenge to religious thought, with a focus on classical theodicies and on contemporary debates concerning the implications of evil for the question of the existence of God and of the logical coherence of theism.

28860  God and the Philosophers  3 hours
A study of the major concepts of God in philosophical thought, the perennial debate on the coherence of theism, and the classical and contemporary arguments for the existence of God, with special reference to pivotal thinkers from Thomas Aquinas to contemporary analytical philosophers.

28910  Christianity and the Arts  3 hours
An exploration of ways in which Christianity has interfaced with the fabric of Western culture. An examination of contemporary interaction between Christianity and the fine arts.

28911  Christianity and the Visual Arts  3 hours
A study of the relationship between Christianity and the visual arts. The course includes a biblical perspective of the visual arts, the use of the visual arts in the history of the church, important artists in the Christian tradition, issues and concerns in contemporary art, and visual art in the life and ministry of the local church.

28912  Jesus and Modern Culture  3 hours
A study and critique of modern portrayals of Jesus in popular culture. The course includes Jesus and world religions (Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism), Jesus and modern theology, Jesus and Friedrich Nietzsche, Jesus and modern art, Jesus and film, and Jesus and popular music.

28914  Christianity and Literature  3 hours
An exploration of the relationship between Christianity, literature, and the imagination with an emphasis on pilgrimage as a Christian literary theme. The course includes a biblical perspective of literature and the imagination; the history of Christian pilgrimage; and an in-depth study of the literary works Brendan the Navigator, John Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress, C. S. Lewis’ The Pilgrim’s Regress, and select poetry of T. S. Eliot.

28915  Aesthetics  3 hours
An exploration of Christianity and Aesthetics from the early church to the present.

28916  Christianity and Film  3 hours
A study of the relationship between Christianity and film. The course includes the history of film, the nature of film and filmmaking, theological dimensions of film, film analysis and critique, and the Jesus film genre.

28917  Visual Art and the Protestant Tradition  3 hours
An exploration of the visual arts and the Protestant tradition. The course includes the iconoclastic controversy of the Protestant Reformation, important Protestant visual artists and their work, visual art and Protestant worship, and the history of Protestantism and the rise of modern visual culture.

28918  Christianity and Science Fiction  3 hours
A study of the relationship between Christianity and the science fiction genre. The course will explore the history, nature, and theological dimensions of science fiction as well as the Christian science fiction tradition.

28950  Christianity, Truth and Culture  3 hours
An investigation of and Christian worldview analysis of “high” as well as popular culture and cultural movements as exemplified in areas such as literature, the press, the educational system, film, TV, art and music.

28960  Christian Doctrine and the Natural Sciences  3 hours
An exploration of how Christian doctrine has been influenced and shaped by modern science, including how such theological concepts as miracles, theodicy, judgment, creation, absolutes, sovereignty, and mind, have been influenced by such scientific ideas as natural law, deep time, uniformity, evolution, relativity, chance, and brain.

28981 Origins 3 hours
This course examines theological and scientific perspectives on the origin of the physical and biological world, ranging from theistic evolution to young-age creationism, engaging relevant issues of epistemology, theology, and philosophy of science.

28962 The Natural Sciences and the Local Church 3 hours
Designed to aid those who minister in the local church in bringing science into the service of the kingdom. An examination of the true nature of science, the proper interaction between science and Christianity, and the utilization of science in worship, evangelism, obedience, and sanctification.

28963 History of interaction Between Science and Theology 3 hours
This course is an introduction to the history of the interaction between the study of the physical world (science) and the study of God (theology). It touches on the religion/science interaction in other cultures, then surveys the history of that interaction in western culture from Greek antiquity through the origin of modern science to modern times.

28970 Critical Thinking and the Art of Argumentation 3 hours
An introduction to formal and informal logic with special reference to reasoning and the art of argument construction in the theological disciplines.

28980 History of Christian Legal and Political Thought 3 hours
An historical survey of two millennia of Christian thought on the rule of law, the political order, church and state, rights and duties of individuals and institutions.

28981 The Protestant Reformation and Political Thought 3 hours
An historical survey of Christian thought on the church’s role in the public sphere and on the proper uses of the law.

28982 Church-State Relations and Religious Liberty in American Life 3 hours
A study of the history of church-state relations in American theory and practice; and the critical contemporary issues in church-state relations in the United States today.

28983 Contemporary Legal Issues and the Church 3 hours
A study of the legal issues facing churches, pastors, lay church members, and para-church organizations.

28984 Augustine and the Political Order 3 hours
A study of the teachings of Augustine's political thought, examining texts in historical, philosophical, and social context, for the modern church and world.

29250 Survey of Christian Ethics 3 hours
An introduction to Christian ethics, with attention given to methodology, biblical foundations, types of Christian ethical thought, and Christian responsibility in relation to current social problems.

29300 Biblical Ethics 3 hours
An examination of the biblical foundations of Christian ethics focusing on the major ethical teachings of the Old and New Testaments and biblical motifs in contemporary ethical thought.

29477 Studies in Ethics 3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

29550 Christian Discipleship in Secular Society 3 hours
A study of urgent ethical issues in the church’s ministry to persons caught in the crosspressures of secular society, with concentration on the economic debate, racism, sexism, violence, Christian community, and shaping of the church’s mission in the world.

29560 The Black Church and Social Justice 3 hours
This course is concerned with the role of the African-American church and contemporary issues: domestic, economic, political, and social. Particular attention will be given to the responsibility of the Church vis-a-vis these issues.

29580 Christian Ethics and the Environment 3 hours
A study of biblical and theological perspectives on the environment and human responsibility for it. Special attention will be given to the ecological crisis and its causes (e.g., greed, overconsumption, technology), as well as solutions offered from within a Christian worldview.

29600 Christian Ethics and Biomedical Issues 3 hours
A study of ethical issues raised by the biomedical revolution in light of biblical and theological perspectives. Topics to be examined include the use of technology, abortion, infertility treatments, experimentation with research subjects, and euthanasia in the context of appropriate medical practice and patient treatment.

29700 The Church, the World, and Politics 3 hours
A study of the mission of the church, political theology, and the contemporary American
political scene. Attention is given to Christian social strategy, Catholic and Protestant, with reference to political issues.

29720  Christian Ethical Perspectives on War and Peace  3 hours
A study of Christian perspectives on war and peace. Particular attention is given to the traditions of pacifism and just war in the light of biblical, theological, and philosophical reflection.

29740  Church-State Relations  3 hours
A study of the theories of church-state relations, past and present, and the critical issues in church-state relations in the United States today.

29850  Christian Ethics and the Family  3 hours
A study of the family from biblical and theological perspectives. Attention will be given to issues such as the role of the family in society, contemporary challenges to the traditional family, marriage, divorce and remarriage, contraception and reproductive technologies.

29860  Christian Ethics and Human Sexuality  3 hours
A study of human sexuality from a Christian worldview perspective. Attention will be given to issues such as a theology of sexuality, the sexual revolution and contemporary perspectives about sex, as well as singleness and celibacy, marriage, divorce and remarriage, procreation and contraception, abortion, and reproductive technology.

Ministry and Proclamation

30000  Christian Preaching  3 hours
A basic course in principles of preaching as they relate to exegesis of the Hebrew and Greek texts, context, content, application, structure, style, and delivery of sermons. This course is offered to men only and is designed to prepare for a preaching ministry in local congregations. Women will substitute course 45400.

30020  Preaching Practicum  3 hours
Sermons by students who are preparing for a preaching ministry will be analyzed and evaluated by the instructor using live and video techniques with attention given to biblical content, organization, application, style, and delivery. Prerequisite: 30000. Women will substitute from courses 45450, 46515, or 48100.

30060  Preaching in a Pastoral Context  3 hours
A course designed to aid in the discipline of preaching in a pastoral setting. Attention will be given to the philosophy and planning of worship, planning pulpit work, gathering and use of preaching materials, and varying types of preaching.

30177  Studies in Preaching  3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

30200  Worship in the African-American Church  3 hours
This course, through practical observation, reading, recordings, and dialogues, analyzes worship in the African-American Church tradition. Special attention is given to both music and homiletics as media in the African-American Church. This course is also numbered 37500.

30360  Expository Preaching  3 hours
A course designed to give the student experience in applying knowledge of exegetical and homiletical principles and techniques through the preparation of expository sermons.

30370  Preaching from the Old Testament  3 hours
Students will be guided in preparing sermons from a selected Old Testament book.

30560  Biblical Preaching  3 hours
A study of homiletical methods required for preaching on different types of biblical texts. This approach is made with special attention to the hermeneutical task.

30600  Preaching to Life Situations  3 hours
An exploration of the resources, models, and methods of preaching to the life needs of people. Special attention will be given to preaching to the crisis of grief and death as well as other life problems. Preaching in the context of worship services for communion, baptism, and weddings will also be examined.

30620  Doctrinal Preaching  3 hours
An examination of the methods and skills of preaching Christian doctrine. Attention will be focused on the preparation and communication of some of the cardinal theological themes of the Christian faith for preaching.

31980  Written Communication  2 hours
This course is designed to help students improve their writing style and develop a sense of confidence, a degree of competence, and criteria for evaluating their writing and the writing of others. The semester will include a review of the basic mechanics of writing (grammar, punctuation), a review of composition skills, and an introduction to specific needs for writing in seminary. Non-Credit.

34030  Medical Issues in Ministry  3 hours
This course will incorporate a theological and practical study of pertinent medical issues in pastoral ministry. Broad overviews of topics including anatomy and physiology will enable more effective ministry in key hospital settings (Emergency Department, Labor
and Delivery, Surgery, Intensive Care and General Medical Wards). The goal will be the application of these insights into the practice of one’s pastoral and/or counseling ministry.

34090 Counseling and Human Development  3 hours
This class will explore the major modern and Christian developmental theories, the application of developmental theory and research to counseling, all within a Christian worldview.

34300 Introduction to Biblical Counseling  3 hours
This course is a basic introduction to biblical counseling theory and techniques. Attention is focused on how the Scriptures and theology form the foundation and substance for Biblical counseling.

34305 Biblical and Theological Foundations for Counseling  3 hours
This course will explore the main theological and biblical themes of the Christian faith that bear on the biblical counseling task. This course will relate a biblical worldview to the claims of modern psychological theory and will provide a theoretical basis for church-based biblical counseling. Prerequisite: 34300.

34310 Essential Qualities of the Biblical Counselor  3 hours
This course will equip biblical counselors to cultivate the Christ-like character and qualities of the discipler/counselor. The course will focus on a thorough knowledge of biblical content about the life and practice of a discipler, how this content applies and relates to one's personal life as a counselor, and how to develop skills in implementing these truths into one's life.

34315 Contemporary Models of Counseling  3 hours
This course surveys major secular and Christian counseling theories and examines the essential components of a biblical understanding of psychology and counseling. The course will apply insights into the implications of these models for the life of the church and the task of the Great Commission.

34320 Christian Theories of the Person  3 hours
This course will explore the biblical and theological foundations of the nature of personhood and the meaning of human existence as it relates to the task of biblical counseling. The course will examine how alternative viewpoints of the meaning of life and the centrality of the “self” express themselves in terms of human spiritual and emotional health.

34325 The Care of Souls in the Congregation  3 hours
This course will equip pastors and church leaders to implement biblical counseling ministry into the life of a local congregation. The biblical and theological reasons for church-based counseling will be emphasized, along with practical training on how to integrate a counseling ministry with the other activities of the local church. Prerequisite: 34300.

34330 Typical Problems in Biblical Counseling  3 hours
This course is designed to apply the biblical principles taught in the Methods and Skills class to a range of specific counseling problems. Topics discussed include fear, sexual sins, depression, anxiety, eating problems, decision-making, suffering, views of self, life-dominating sins, handling one's past, and crisis counseling. Prerequisite: 34300.

34335 Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality  3 hours
This course examines issues of human gender, sexuality, and male-female relatedness from the perspective of biblical counseling. The course will address foundational issues of biblical masculinity and femininity, dating, courtship, marriage, headship and submission, sexuality, and procreation. Prerequisite: 34300.

34820 Biblical Counseling and Human Crisis  3 hours
A psychological and theological study of major life crises such as accidents, disasters, dying, grief, divorce and remarriage, addictions, physical and mental illness.

35077 Studies in Biblical Counseling  3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

35100 Marriage and Family Counseling  3 hours
This course will be an examination of family problems including marriage, parenting, and financial issues. Attention will also be directed to pre-marital counseling. Pre-requisite 34300.

35160 Marriage and Family Enrichment  3 hours
An experiential involvement in marriage and family enrichment. The principles and methods for developing models of marriage and family enrichment applicable to the local church will emerge from this experience and from theoretical materials. Spouses or fiancés must participate in this course. Students are expected to participate in the life of a local congregation for a minimum of 3 hours per week. Permission of professor required.

35530 Reformational Counseling Training I  3 hours
This course provides practical training in the methods of reformational counseling, soul-care based on the theology of the magisterial Reformation in its Baptist form. The course will also assist the student in addressing personal/relational issues that can get in the way of people-helping. The teaching of this course (RCT I) will focus on specific counseling modalities. Taking this course satisfies the AME requirements in various programs in the seminary. Prerequisite: 34300 or 35000

35540 Reformational Counseling Training II  3 hours
This course provides practical training in the
methods of reformational counseling, soul-care based on the theology of the magisterial Reformation in its Baptist form. The course will also assist the student in addressing personal/relational issues that can get in the way of people-helping. The teaching of this course (RCT II) will focus on how to address specific psychospiritual disorders in counseling. Taking this course satisfies the AME requirements in various programs in the seminary. Prerequisite: 34300 or 35000

35585 Counseling Observations and Practicum  3 hours

This course is designed to help the student to apply principles of Biblical Counseling learned in other counseling courses. Effective Biblical Counseling is not just a matter of knowing what the Bible teaches about counseling related issues; it is also a matter of knowing how to effectively use that information in order to help people. In other words, counseling involves skill in practice as well as knowledge of biblical content. Prerequisites: 34300, 34330, 35100. This course is only taught in the Fall Semester.

35590 Counseling Internships  3 hours

This course is designed to provide a supervised and evaluated internship. It consists of at least two counseling sessions of observed and practiced counseling per week. Consequently, all assignments and teaching in counseling courses will be aimed not merely at giving Biblical content, but also at developing in students the skill to understand and apply Scripture in very practical and specific ways to the issues of life. A majority of the work done for this class will be done outside of the class meeting time. The practice of counseling involves applied theology, so this class is to encourage careful, critical thought in the proper application of biblical truth to the serious problems of people’s lives. Prerequisites: 34300, 34330, 34335, 35585. This course is only taught in the Spring semester.

35591 Counseling Internships II  3 hours

This course is designed to provide an extended supervised and evaluated internship experience. It consists of 25-30 counseling sessions throughout the semester. Consequently, all assignments and teaching in counseling courses will be aimed not merely at giving biblical content, but also at developing in students the skill to understand and apply Scripture in very practical and specific ways to the issues of life. The practice of counseling involves applied theology, so this class is to encourage careful, critical thought in the proper application of biblical truth to the serious problems of people’s lives. Some assistance will be provided for the student in obtaining counseling appointments.

35595 Biblical Counseling Portfolio  0 hours

The Biblical Counseling Portfolio course is restricted to final-year students in the M.A. in Biblical Counseling program. This required course is used to gather selected student assignments created in the students’ counseling courses into a portfolio. The counseling faculty use these portfolios for program assessment and improvement. Grading is pass/fail.

40150 Personal Spiritual Disciplines  3 hours

An integrative approach to Christian spirituality emphasizing biblical, classical, and contemporary materials. This course will assist the student in personal discipleship through spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Scripture memory, Bible study, journaling, and personal evangelism.

40151 Personal Spiritual Disciplines II: Prayer and Disciple-making  3 hours

A scriptural approach to Christian spirituality utilizing biblical, classical, and contemporary materials. This course will assist the student in pursuing intimacy with and conformity to Jesus Christ through the personal spiritual disciplines found in Scripture, with special emphasis on prayer and making disciples of Jesus Christ. The course Personal Spiritual Disciplines (40150) is a prerequisite to this course, as this course further develops biblical principals and practices taught in 40150.

40155 Congregational Spiritual Disciplines  3 hours

This course is designed to promote the student’s understanding, practice, and teaching of spirituality in the life of the church. Through readings, discussion, research projects, and lectures the student will learn to nurture interdependent spirituality within the context of our contemporary culture.

40160 Great Christian Lives  3 hours

Through reading and discussion of the biographies of great saints, as well as through lectures and related assignments, the student will learn Christ likeness from the heroes of church history.

40165 Evangelical and Baptist Spirituality  3 hours

This course is a detailed study of the piety of the British Calvinistic Baptist community between its origins in the tumultuous years of the midseventeenth century and the close of the Victorian era. Key themes that are treated include: the centrality of the Scriptures and the resulting spirituality of the Word; conversionism; the community’s Trinitarian and Christocentric piety; the spirituality of baptism and the Lord’s Supper; the theology of prayer, praying for revival, and the emergence of the modern missionary movement; and the community’s eschatological piety.
40170  The Psalms and Christian Spirituality  4 hours  
Expositional studies in the Psalms, with consideration of their message for Christian Spirituality. Attention will be given to the special literary qualities of the Psalms and the enduring theology of the book.

40175  Medieval and Reformation Spirituality 3 hours  
Medieval and Reformation Spirituality is a survey of major forms of Christian spirituality from roughly 650-1630 including developments within the Catholic Church and early Protestant responses.

40301  Pastoral Ministry 3 hours  
The course is a guide to the integration of theological and practical aspects of ministry, designed to aid the student’s transition to full-time ministry in a church-related vocation. Congregational leadership issues are emphasized, including relational skills, administration, financial stewardship, staff management, worship planning, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the Lord’s Supper.

40370  Advanced M.Div. Thesis Research 2 hours  
Supervised research on a thesis topic.

40375  Advanced M.Div. Thesis Writing 2 hours  
Final research and writing of a thesis under the supervision of a professor in the field of the thesis topic. Prerequisite: 44560.

44560  Supervised Research Experience 2 hours  
The SRE is designed for those who undergo faculty-supervised library research, generally for the purpose of writing a thesis or major paper. This SRE requires that the student’s plan of research and project be approved by the Advanced M.Div. Director and carried out by an approved faculty advisor. Intended primarily for Advanced Master of Divinity students.

44905  Applied Ministry: Extension Centers 1 hour  
Applied Ministry is a field education class in which the student obtains practical ministry experience under the supervision of a qualified minister at an eligible site. Full details are provided in the Applied Ministry Handbook on the seminary’s website.

44910  Applied Ministry: Theology 1 hour  
Applied Ministry is a field education class in which the student obtains practical ministry experience under the supervision of a qualified minister at an eligible site. Full details are provided in the Applied Ministry Handbook on the seminary’s website.

44915  Integrative Seminar II: Proclamation 6 hours  
An intensive supervised ministry experience focused on the development of preaching competencies and consisting of the following: ministry service in a pre-approved setting, involvement in a formal church-based internship/pastoral training program, and appropriate academic requirements which will enhance the students understanding and practice of proclamation. Pre-approval required.

**Evangelism and Missions**

30960  Intercultural Communication 3 hours  
Study of elements operative upon individuals, groups, organizations, and larger societal units as they attempt to communicate in an intercultural context. Emphasis is upon increase of fidelity and effectiveness of intercultural communication.

32040  Advanced Studies in Evangelism and Church Growth 3 hours  
An advanced study of evangelistic church growth, with a particular focus on diagnosing church health and strategizing to build a Great Commission church. Emphasis is given to the biblical and theological foundation necessary for growing an evangelistic church.

32060  Building an Evangelistic Church 3 hours  
A study of significant components needed to develop an evangelistic church. Emphasis is given to biblical, theological, and methodological principles as a frame of reference to consider the church’s understanding of its context, mission statement, potential leadership, evangelistic methods and programs.

32080  Evangelism and Disciple-making 3 hours  
A study of the relationships between evangelism and spiritual growth in the Christian experience and discipleship. Emphasis will be placed on the means of effecting and maintaining spiritual formation in recent converts.

32100  Personal Evangelism 3 hours  
An in-depth study of personal evangelism designed to equip students to understand the cultural context in which they minister, to share the gospel effectively in that context, to respond appropriately to the issues raised as they share the gospel, and to train others in a variety of skills related to the Great Commission mandate.

32160  Evangelistic Preaching 3 hours  
An intensive study of how to prepare and preach an evangelistic sermon. The course includes the history of evangelistic preaching, basic homiletics, the theology of evangelism and sermon content, follow-up to evangelistic preaching, and the actual delivery of an evangelistic sermon. Women will substitute from courses 45450, 46515, or 48100.

32177  Topics in Evangelism and Church Growth 3 hours  
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

32200  Contemporary Evangelism 3 hours  

A detailed study of current trends and opportunities in evangelism, with special attention to effective, innovative evangelism ministries in specific churches and movements.

32210 The Ministry of the Itinerant Evangelist 3 hours A study of the ministry of the itinerant evangelist considering biblical, historical and theological principles, reflecting on significant contemporary issues, and examining the relevance of the role of the itinerant evangelist in the life of the church.

32260 The Theology of Evangelism 3 hours This course examines the practical implications of theology for the task of evangelism and critiques contemporary theological perspectives and evangelistic methodologies in relation to one another.

32300 The Principles of Spiritual Awakenings 3 hours The history and the theological/biblical principles involved in awakenings and the sociological milieu from which they emerged.

32310 Spiritual Warfare in Evangelism and Missions 3 hours An examination of spiritual warfare, with a particular focus on the relationship between warfare and evangelism and missions. Attention is given to the biblical, historical, and contemporary perspectives of spiritual conflict.

32330 Urban Missions 3 hours An introduction to the theology and practice of missions in global urban contexts, with particular emphasis on the missiological implications of urbanization and urban cultures.

32340 Cross Cultural Evangelism 3 hours This course presents a study of the process and practice of cross cultural evangelism based on biblical and theological principles and the needs of a multicultural world setting. Special emphasis will be placed on using Chronological Bible Story Telling (Bible Storying) in missions settings.

32400 Field Involvement: Local Church Evangelism 3 hours A research and laboratory training course in church-centered evangelism. Professor’s permission required.

32750 History of Christian Missions 3 hours An intensive study of the worldwide expansion of Christianity from apostolic times to the present.

32860 The Biblical Basis of Christian Missions 3 hours A missiological study of the Old and New Testament, with special attention being focused on socio-human issues of justice and liberation, and salvific themes of redemption and spiritual renewal, as these relate to the mission of God, the mission of human societies, and the mission of the church.

32900 Cults and Minority Religions in America 3 hours A historical and critical study of American religious minorities such as Mormonism, Christian Science, Jehovah’s Witnesses, Baha’i and others.

32960 Introduction to Missiology 3 hours An evaluation of missiological thought with a view to developing a contemporary theology of mission: the what, why, and how of missions.

32977 Studies in World Religions 3 hours Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

32980 World Religions and Christian Missions 3 hours An objective study of the world’s most prominent religions with the specific intent of identifying effective missiological methods and relevant missiological concerns in evangelizing those who adhere to these religions.

32985 History and Religion of Islam 3 hours This course has a double focus. The course is a historical study of Islamic civilization from its origins up to the modern era and a study of the foundational religious doctrines and practices of the Islamic tradition, for the purpose of reaching Muslims more effectively with the gospel. The course will consist of lectures, readings, and student presentations.

32986 Issues in Contemporary Islam 3 hours This course deals with various substantive issues facing the Islamic tradition in the modern world in order to develop effective missiological methods in evangelizing Muslims. The specific issues will vary but will include: Islamic fundamentalism, Islam and terrorism, Islamic modernism the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, Islamic missions to non-Muslims, and Islam in the West. 32985 is highly recommended before taking this course.

32990 Islam and the Christian Mission 3 hours This course is a study of Christian missionary outreach to Muslim peoples. The course will examine the history of Christian missions to Islam, models of missionary methodology, evangelistic approaches that have been used with Muslims, and contextualization issues. The course will consist of lectures, readings, guest speakers with practical missionary experience in the Muslim world, videos, and student presentations. 32985 is highly recommended before taking this class.

32995 Introduction to Modern Arabic I 3 hours An introduction to Modern Standard Arabic (MSA) and the Levantine dialect with a focus on the four language skills (listening, reading, writing, and speaking) and a study of Arab culture and civilization.
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<td>A continuation of Arabic 1, focusing on the four language skills, listening, reading, writing and speaking, with a study of Arab culture and civilization. (Prerequisite: 32995).</td>
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<td>33000</td>
<td>Cultural Anthropology</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A sociological study of the institution of culture. The purpose is to enable students to understand their own culture and prepare them to relate to persons of another culture and to share the Gospel therein.</td>
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<td>33005</td>
<td>Ethnographic Research</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Ethnographic qualitative research focuses on understanding and describing human cultures and intercultural interaction rather than traditional experimental, empirical, and statistical (quantitative) research. The central purpose of the course will be to explore various methods, resources, and tools for ethnographic research and worldview identification in order to make the most effective use of them in fulfilling the Great Commission.</td>
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<td>33010</td>
<td>Communication in Oral Cultures</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>This course concentrates upon effective interaction with cultures of “primary oral learners”; i.e., preliterate people groups that are further characterized by a relational approach to life and non-linear, non-abstract thought patterns. The course seeks to prepare students to communicate with, teach, and interact with preliterate oral culture people groups in culturally appropriate ways utilizing narrative and oral tradition communication patterns.</td>
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<td>33020</td>
<td>Leadership in Intercultural Contexts</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A study of the nature of Christian leadership, primarily in the context of international missions. Substantial attention is given to various character qualities and leadership competencies necessary for effectiveness in cross-cultural ministry. This course is also designed to deal with issues related to discipling and equipping new Christians for church leadership. It also deals with the processes and procedures related to advanced strategic planning and team ministry.</td>
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<td>33060, 33080</td>
<td>Field Seminar in Church Planting</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>An off-campus learning experience in which students will participate in new church starts under the direction of a professor and a mentor in the field. The experience may be either in North America or abroad. Permission of the professor is required.</td>
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<td>33100</td>
<td>Principles and Practice of Missions</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A topical study of critical principles in Christian missions and missionary life. Topics include calling, preparation, family life, theological education/pastoral training, strategy development, etc.</td>
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<td>33150</td>
<td>Area Study in Christian Missions</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>An analysis of the cultural environment, religious heritage, and the structure of Southern Baptist missions in a specific geographic region of the world. Emphasis will be given to needs and opportunities for missions service on this field.</td>
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<td>33190</td>
<td>Community Development and Disaster Response Missions and Ministry</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A review and study of human needs missions and the biblical support of such missions in order to develop a contemporary approach to human needs mission work.</td>
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<td>33200</td>
<td>Missions in North America</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A study of the contemporary scene in Southern Baptist North American missions, including considerations regarding a strategy for an effective mission to America.</td>
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<td>33410</td>
<td>Language Learning for Missionaries</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>This course is a specialized course for students involved in the Master of Divinity in Missions with emphasis in International Church Planting. The course will be field-based; that is, the course will be taught on an international mission field. The course of study will be supervised by a member of the missions department, but the actual teaching will be provided by missionaries and nationals designated by the International Mission Board. The purpose of the course is to teach the church planter interns to speak at a basic level in their target culture.</td>
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<td>33420</td>
<td>Cultural Acquisition for Missionaries</td>
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<td>This course is a specialized course for students in the Master of Divinity in Missions with emphasis in International Church Planting. The course will be field-based; that is, the course will be taught on an international mission field. The course of study will be supervised by a member of the missions department, but the actual teaching will be provided by missionaries and nationals designated by the International Mission Board. The purpose of the course is to teach the church planter interns to function appropriately in their target culture.</td>
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<td>33430</td>
<td>Migrations and the Modern Diaspora</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A study of people groups in America in urban settings, with attention given to foreign born populations and the role of the church in the city.</td>
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<td>33450</td>
<td>Field Research in Missions</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>This is a field-based course that offers students the opportunity to engage in missions research. Students will be required to travel to an off-campus site to study an ethnolinguistic group and gauge their responsiveness to the gospel.</td>
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<tr>
<td>33477</td>
<td>Topics in Missions</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.</td>
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| 33550  | Ministry to Hispanics                                   | 3     | This course is designed to prepare the
student for ministry to the burgeoning Hispanic population in the United States and the twenty-one countries of Latin America. It includes an orientation to the Spanish language for ministry and evangelism as well as the challenges common to Latin America cultures such as Roman Catholicism and immigration.

33700 **Business as Mission** 3 hours
The purpose of this course is to explore the theological, ethical and missiological issues involved in Business as Mission. The student will read key texts on the topic that explore Business as Mission from a variety of viewpoints, interact with practitioners of Business as Mission, and conduct research on a specific aspect of Business as Mission.

33820 **Introduction to Church Planting** 3 hours
This course is a study of the biblical and missiological principles of church planting. Though this course is focused on church planting principles, particular emphasis will be placed on the practical implementation of such principles. Students will also be introduced to the respective church planting degree programs of the North American Mission Board and the International Mission Board.

33830 **Intercultural Church Planting** 3 hours
This advanced course in church planting addresses the biblical basis, missiological principles, and methods necessary for planting indigenous churches, with an emphasis on the cultural context.

33840 **Models of Church Planting** 3 hours
This is an advanced course in church planting. Students will study and evaluate several different models of church planting in light of biblical and missiological principles. Prerequisite: 33820 or 33830.

33850 **Principles and Methods of Local Church Growth** 3 hours
An integrated study of socio-economic factors, organizational structures, and biblical principles that influence assimilation or loss of church members.

33855 **Apologetics in the Local Church** 3 hours
A study of the role of apologetics in the local church. Emphasis is given to understanding ways of integrating apologetics training into the teaching ministry of the church. Attention will also be given to understanding how the intrinsic life of the local church can be an apologetic for the faith.

33860 **Church Multiplication Strategies** 3 hours
An advanced course in church planting focusing on the missiological (biblical, theological, and strategic) foundations of church multiplication. Particular attention will be given to reproducing churches among people groups and people group segments.

33877 **Studies in Church Planting** 3 hours
Selected studies in specialized areas within this discipline, as designed by a professor and offered with administrative approval.

44920 **Applied Ministry: BGS** 1 hour
Applied Ministry is a field education class in which the student obtains practical ministry experience under the supervision of a qualified minister at an eligible site. Full details are provided in the Applied Ministry Handbook on the seminary’s website.

44930 **Applied Ministry: Mission Trips/Partnerships** 1 hour
Applied Ministry is a field education class in which the student obtains practical ministry experience under the supervision of a qualified minister at an eligible site. Full details are provided in the Applied Ministry Handbook on the seminary’s website.

44936 **Integrative Seminar III: Outreach** 6 hours
An intensive supervised ministry experience focused on the development of competencies related to effective outreach/missions and consisting of the following: ministry service in a pre-approved setting, involvement in a formal church-based internship/pastoral training program, and appropriate academic requirements which will enhance the student’s understanding and practice of outreach and missions. Pre-approval required.

**Church and Society**

36300 **City Context for Christian Ministry** 3 hours
A sociological, anthropological, and theological analysis of the urban church and the variety of communities it serves throughout the city. Emphasis will be given to the understandings of the city from its central business district to suburbia and exurbia and how the church and missionaries can minister and evangelize in all of these settings.

36450 **Ministry/Evangelism:**

36500 **Church Action in the Community** 3 hours
An exploration of the multiple forms of Christian ministry and social action whereby a church can have impact on its community through creative strategies of evangelism and intentional, aggressive social interaction. Special attention will be given to the (1)
theological foundations for social concern, (2) an analysis of the social organizations related to church concerns, and (3) how the church can involve itself within the community context.

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<td>36550</td>
<td>Introduction to Church Revitalization</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>An examination of the ministry of revitalizing plateaued and declining churches that moves from biblical and theological foundations to practical application including the utilization of case studies. Particular attention will be given to the issues of leading change in the church, conflict management, ministry contextualization, and increasing church evangelistic effectiveness.</td>
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<td>37600</td>
<td>The Ministry of the Black Church</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>The origin, development, distinctive, and contributions of the Black Church. Particular attention is given to contemporary trends, with an emphasis upon Black Baptists. Opportunities for contact with Black churches and church persons are provided during the course. This course is also numbered 40400.</td>
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<td>37650</td>
<td>Pastoral Care in the Urban Context</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>An examination of contemporary pastoral care issues, models, and techniques utilized in the context of the church serving primarily the urban and African-American community.</td>
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**Church Music and Worship**

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<td>40200</td>
<td>The Worshipping Church</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A study of Christian worship, its biblical roots, its historical development, the impact of the Reformation and the liturgical revival; a comparative study of contemporary denominational worship patterns, the selection of worship materials, planning orders of worship, inter-staff participation in worship in relation to preaching, evangelism, music, and the spiritual growth of participants.</td>
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<td>40220</td>
<td>Christian Worship in Contemporary Culture</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A study of Christian worship and its arts in relation to contemporary culture.</td>
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<td>40605</td>
<td>Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>A survey of congregational psalmody, hymnody, and contemporary worship songs.</td>
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<td>40610</td>
<td>Discipling Music Ministry I</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Developing a philosophy of music and worship ministry. This course will also explore a team approach to music ministry, organizational principles, and effective music ministry methods.</td>
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<td>40615</td>
<td>Discipling Music Ministry II</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>A continuation of Discipling Music Ministry I with an emphasis on working with preschoolers, children and students.</td>
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<td>40620</td>
<td>Worship Leadership and Design</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>A class focused on platform worship leadership. Practical application of worship leading skills and evaluation in a lab setting. This course will also explore issues such as working with pastors, instrumentalists, and tech teams in worship.</td>
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<td>40625</td>
<td>Vocal Ensemble Leadership</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>A brief study of vocal pedagogy and its application in choral and vocal ensemble settings. This course will also include traditional choral technique practices as well as helpful methods for working with vocalists on praise teams. Students in this course will need college level skills in conducting technique.</td>
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<td>40630</td>
<td>Worship Band Techniques</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>This course will facilitate a foundational understanding of worship band instruments so that the student will be equipped to work with instrumentalists in church music settings. Also included: assessing instrumental needs of the church, finding literature, securing players, scheduling and rehearsing. Students in this course will need college level skills in conducting technique.</td>
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<tr>
<td>40635</td>
<td>Technology for Music and Worship Ministry</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Basic understanding of church sound systems, lighting systems, projection systems, projection software, and using video in the worship service. Includes field trips to area churches to observe technology in use.</td>
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<td>40636</td>
<td>Recording Techniques for Worship Leaders I</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>This course is a study of recording techniques and methods that will help worship leaders record hymns and other worship songs for their local church’s congregation. Students in this course will learn how to record digitally with industry standard recording software, how to edit, process, and mix layered recordings as well as microphone techniques. Through study in each of these areas, students will have the tools needed to easily record and disseminate new worship songs for the local church and beyond.</td>
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<tr>
<td>40640</td>
<td>Worship Resources</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>An overview of resources for music ministers: discovering new choral music, worship songs, instrumental music, helpful ministry software, and internet resources.</td>
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<td>40645</td>
<td>Vocal Skills for Worship Minors</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>This course is intended to present and make application of basic principles of singing technique. This course is designed for voice proficiency students whose primary interest for improving their singing is to lead in worship. There are no prerequisites.</td>
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<td>40651</td>
<td>Music Theory I</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>An introduction to the fundamentals of music, incorporating music notation, pitch and simply chord construction.</td>
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Music Theory II  2 hours
A review of fundamentals by an intensive study of common practice harmony; proceeds to secondary dominant chords and elementary modulation.

Music Theory III  2 hours
A continuation of Music Theory II, proceeding through all diatonic seventh chords, some altered and borrowed chords, and elementary modulations.

Aural Skills I  1 hour
Aural Skills I focuses on the development of basic skills in sight-singing and ear training.

Aural Skills II  1 hour
Aural Skills II further develops skills established in sight-singing and ear training.

Aural Skills III  1 hour
Advanced studies in ear training and sight-singing.

Songwriting for Worship Leaders  2 hours
This course is a study of songwriting techniques and song style as it relates to writing songs for the worshipping church.

Worship Band Lab: Guitar  ½ hour
Provides hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (guitar) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in local church.

Worship Band Lab: Keyboard  ½ hour
Provides hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (keyboard) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in local church.

Worship Band Lab: Bass Guitar  ½ hour
Provides hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (bass guitar) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in local church.

Worship Band Lab: Drum Set  ½ hour
Provides hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (drum set) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in local church.

Worship Band Lab: Guitar II  ½ hour
To provide hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (guitar) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in the local church. Guitar Band Lab Level II is for students who have completed the first semester of Guitar Band Lab. Entering students may take a proficiency to determine if they can bypass the Level I course and proceed to Level II.

Worship Band Lab: Keyboard II  ½ hour
To provide hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (keyboard) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in the local church. Keyboard Level II is for students who have completed the first semester of Keyboard Band Lab. Entering students may take a proficiency to determine if they can bypass the Level I course and proceed to Level II.

Worship Band Lab: Bass Guitar II  ½ hour
To provide hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (bass guitar) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in the local church. Bass Guitar Level II is for students who have completed the first semester of Bass Guitar Band Lab, Level I. Entering students may take a proficiency to determine if they can bypass the Level I course and proceed to Level II.

Worship Band Lab: Drum Set II  ½ hour
To provide hands on, laboratory-based instruction on the instruments of the modern rhythm band (drum set) with the purpose of equipping the student with the skills necessary to effectively teach and rehearse the modern rhythm section for worship in the local church. The level II course is for students who have completed the first semester of Drum Set Band Lab, Level I. Entering students may take a proficiency to determine if they can bypass the Level I course and proceed to Level II.

Worship Leadership Field Education: Leadership  1 hour
Worship leadership field education at an approved site church under the supervision of a field supervisor. This course includes on-campus classes as well as required service in a church setting in the area of music ministry and worship. This semester of field education is focused on worship leadership.

Worship Leadership Field Education: Current Trends in Worship  1 hour
This course includes on-campus classes as well as required service in a church setting in the area of music ministry and worship. Worship leadership/ministry service will take place at an approved site church under the supervision of a field supervisor.

Integrative Seminar in Church Music and Worship  1 hour
A capstone course for church music and worship
students to be taken in the last semester of study. Theology, ministry, music, and worship courses are synthesized, with concentration on writing a philosophy of church music, résumé writing, interviewing, and preparing a worship video project. Prerequisite: 44992

41095 Ethnodoxology in Christian Ministry 3 hours
A foundational course introducing theoretical and practical tools for church planters and worship facilitators to serve more effectively in cross-cultural worship ministry, whether overseas or in multi-ethnic North American churches. Covers missiological framework for music and arts in multicultural and cross-cultural church contexts, field research and interviewing, analysis of song lyrics, models for research and practice, and a body of worship music from diverse world music traditions. Congregational Song in World Cultures (41090) recommended but not required. Music reading skills not required.

50004 Musicianship IV 3 hours
This course is a continuation of Musicianship III, incorporating all skills developed in preceding musiciaship courses, and proceeding through advanced chromatic harmony and foreign modulations, more elaborate musical forms, with continued development of contrapuntal skills. Some exposure to 20th century melody, rhythm, and harmony, including serial techniques. Prerequisite: 50003 Musicianship III.

50220 Orchestration 2 hours
Function and use of the major instruments. Basic transposition and instrumentation. Offered in fall semesters only.

50310 Music History and Literature through the Baroque 3 hours
Music development and literature from pre-Christian times through Baroque period. Fall semester.

50320 Music History and Literature after the Baroque 3 hours
Music development and literature after the Baroque to the present. Spring semester.

50355 Introduction to Conducting 2 hours
An introduction to basic conducting patterns and skills with an emphasis on directing congregational singing. Appropriate for students with no formal musical training. School of Church Ministries students who are required to take 52600 Graduate Conducting will not receive graduate credit for this course.

50740 Southern Seminary Chorale 1 hour
A chorale group providing worship leadership for seminary chapel and other occasions. No course fee.

50770 Doxology Voice Ensemble 1 hour
A vocal ensemble of 9 students performing a wide range of traditional choral and contemporary music. Students will receive a partial tuition waiver for participation in this group. This group will travel several times during the year as a recruiting team for the school. No course fee.

50985 Southern Seminary Worship Band 1 hour
An ensemble consisting of worship instrumentalists and vocalists providing worship leadership for seminary chapel and other occasions. No course fee.

50985 Chapel Orchestra 1 hour
The instrumental ensemble that provides service music for Tuesday chapel. One-hour rehearsal and weekly chapel. No course fee.

51490 Graduate Review of Music Theory 3 hours
A review and synthesis of aural and written skills taught in the undergraduate music theory curriculum, with the aim of strengthening music theory competencies through unifying intellectual and aural knowledge. Includes studies in harmony/part-writing, micro- and macro-listening, sight singing, keyboard harmony, and music analysis. Permission of the professor is required.

51600 Instrumental Transcription and Arranging 2 hours
Writing for homogeneous instrumental ensembles—brass, string, and woodwind—according to the “4+” format. Pieces are recorded and reviewed.

51700 Private Instruction in Composition 2 hours
For composition majors. One-half hour private lesson.

52490 Graduate Music History Review 3 hours
An intensive review course of the development of Western art music from antiquity through the present. Prerequisite: one or more semesters of undergraduate music history.

52600 Graduate Conducting 2 hours
Assuming a basic command of manual technique, emphasis here is given to elements of internalization, musical judgment, and group dynamics.

52700 Private Instruction in Conducting 2 hours
For conducting majors. One-half hour private lesson.

52950 Seminar in Conducting 2 hours

54605 Research and Writing in Church Music 2 hours
Methodologies and resources for research preparatory to thesis, project, and dissertation writing. Offered in spring semesters only.

55000 Pre-Graduate Minor: Voice 1 hour
Private study for voice minors. One-half hour private lesson.

55010 Pre-Graduate Major: Voice 2 hours
Private study. Forty-five minute private lessons.

55040 Pre-Graduate Class for Minors: Voice I 1 hour
55050 Pre-Graduate Class for Minors: Voice II 1 hour
Fundamentals of vocal production continued.

55100 Private Study: Voice 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

55120 M.C.M. Concentration: Voice 2 hours
Vocal technique and literature. Forty-five minutes of instruction weekly.

55130 Voice Applied Concentration for Worship Leadership 2 hours
Private voice lessons for students who declare Voice as their principal applied area for Worship degree programs. The course provides 10.5 hours of private lesson time per semester, plus a 50-minute required voice studio class during each week of the term.

55600 Graduate Diction 1 hour
Phonetics as applied to the singing of foreign languages.

55900 Graduate Recital: Voice 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

56000 Pre-Graduate Minor: Organ 1 hour
Private lessons for students who have met minimum keyboard proficiency. One-half hour private lesson.

56010 Pre-Graduate Major: Organ 2 hours
Private study. Forty-five minute private lesson per week. One hour repertoire class.

56100 Private Study: Organ 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

56120 M.C.M. Concentration: Organ 2 hours
Advanced techniques. Forty-five minutes of instruction weekly.

56900 Graduate Recital: Organ 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

57000 Pre-Graduate Minor: Piano 1 hour
Private piano for beginning and advanced piano minors. One-half hour private lesson.

57010 Pre-Graduate Major: Piano 2 hours

57050 Pre-Graduate Class: Piano I 1 hour

57060 Pre-Graduate Class: Piano II 1 hour

57070 Pre-Graduate Class: Piano III 1 hour

57080 Pre-Graduate Class: Piano IV 1 hour

57100 Private Study: Piano 1 hour
Study for the student who has completed pre-graduate piano. One-half hour private lesson.

57120 M.C.M. Concentration: Piano 2 hours
Advanced techniques. Forty-five minutes of instruction weekly.

57130 Piano Applied Concentration for Worship Leadership 2 hours
Private piano instruction for students who declare Piano as their principal applied area for Worship degree programs. The course provides 10.5 hours of private lesson time per semester, plus a 50-minute required studio class during each week of the term.

57900 Graduate Recital: Piano 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

58050 Pre-Graduate Major: Woodwind 2 hours
Forty-five minute private lesson per week or one-half hour lesson and a pedagogy session.

58060 Pre-Graduate Major: Brass 2 hours
Forty-five minute private lesson per week or one-half hour lesson and a pedagogy session.

58070 Pre-Graduate Major: String 2 hours
Forty-five minute private lesson per week or one-half hour lesson and a pedagogy session.

58080 Pre-Graduate Major: Percussion 2 hours
Forty-five minute private lesson per week or one-half hour lesson and a pedagogy session.

58100 Private Study: Woodwind 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

58110 Private Study: Brass 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

58120 Private Study: String 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

58130 Private Study: Percussion 1 hour
One-half hour private lesson.

58150 M.C.M. Concentration: Woodwind 2 hours
May include recital requirements. One-half hour private lesson. One hour pedagogy session.

58160 M.C.M. Concentration: Brass 2 hours
May include recital requirements. One-half hour private lesson. One hour pedagogy session.

58170 M.C.M. Concentration: String 2 hours
May include recital requirements. One-half to three-quarter hour private lesson; may include pedagogy instruction.

58180 M.C.M. Concentration: Percussion 2 hours
May include recital requirements. One-half to three-quarter hour private lesson; may include pedagogy instruction.

58450 Instrumental Applied Concentration for Worship Leadership 2 hours
Private instrument instruction for students who declare guitar or an orchestral instrument as their principal applied area for Worship degree programs. The course provides 10.5 hours of private lesson time per semester, plus a 50-minute required studio class during each week of the term.

58900 Graduate Recital: Woodwind 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

58910 Graduate Recital: Brass 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

58920 Graduate Recital: String 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

58930 Graduate Recital: Percussion 1 hour
Seven hours of private instruction.

Leadership and Discipleship

34340 Parenting and Family Issues 3 hours
This course examines issues of childrearing and family discipleship from the perspective of biblical counseling. The course addresses foundational issues of the distinctive roles of the father and mother in the rearing of children, discipline, adoption, conflict resolution, education, and character development.

40080 Christian Leadership 3 hours
A study of the nature of Christian leadership in the context of the local church ministry. The church as an organism and an organization is examined. The nature and purpose of the church is analyzed. Essential character qualities and leadership competencies are developed. Special attention is given to the skills necessary to guiding the local church through various elements of change and obstacles toward biblical effectiveness.

41500 Role of the Associate Minister 3 hours
A practical study of the person and work of the Minister of Education on a local church staff. Focus is upon personal and professional characteristics which enhance effective functioning, as well as upon required skills, expectations, and ministry problems and possibilities.

41700 The Role of the Minister to Children and Families 3 hours
A study of the role of ministers to children and directors in children's programs, including day care and church kindergartens. The objectives, methods, materials, and trends of church programs for children will be reviewed.

41800 Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry 3 hours
An examination of various designs for developing a biblically based, purpose driven, church ministry for contemporary youth. The personal integrity, professional qualities, skills, ministry problems and expectations of the Minister of Youth are examined.

42210 Team Ministry Relations 3 hours
An analysis of servant leader roles and ministry team dynamics in a multiple-staff ministry in the local church.

42410 Dynamics of Organizational Leadership 3 hours
A study of the principles and practices for effectively managing the business affairs of a church. Financial management, budgeting, office supervision, personnel administration, building construction and maintenance, food service, and related areas are explored.

42450 Change and Conflict Management 3 hours
An analysis of the leadership role of the minister in managing change and conflict. Principles for leading organizational change and diffusing conflict are examined.

42490 Cooperative Program 2 hours
A study of the history, character, and purpose of the Cooperative Program. We will reflect on such matters as the basis and structure of cooperation, the most effective means to accomplish the Great Commission, and the central role of the Cooperative Program in Southern Baptist missionary efforts.

42710 The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting 3 hours
A study of the Southern Baptist Convention and its decision-making processes through participation in the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Students will attend the pre-convention sessions as well as sessions of the convention, and discussion and evaluation sessions both during the convention and in regularly scheduled class discussions.

43000 Ministries to College Students 3 hours
A study of ministries with college students in church and campus settings. Attention is given to both traditional and non-traditional college students. History and philosophy of and current approaches to student ministry are addressed. A four-day mission/observation trip may be required.

43200, 43220 Campus Ministry Internship 3 hours each
An internship program designed to afford ministry experience under close supervision for the student who contemplates serving in campus ministry or in some other ministry in a college-oriented community upon graduation. A student who is accepted as an enrollee in the program is required to serve in a paid college-oriented position under the direction of an approved field supervisor for a period of nine months. Permission of professor required.

43400 The Christian Faith and the University 3 hours
A study of the contemporary university and the relation of religion to its function as well as significant aspects implicit in formulating a Christian philosophy of higher education. Areas of creative tension between church and university are considered.

43450 Discipleship in College Ministry 3 hours
This course explores the principles and methods of spiritual maturing in the lives of late adolescents. Investigation of the psychological, developmental, social, and environmental factors which influence spiritual development in college students. Special attention is given to exploring the biblical and theological foundations for discipleship in college ministry and making application to the discipleship process. Models and other paradigms for small group ministry to college students are also discussed.

43500 College Ministry Field Education: Survey ½ hour
An experiential learning introduction of
field education at a SCM approved site. This course gives the student the opportunity to serve a minimum of five hours per week observing and participating in an effective college ministry under the guidance of a tenured college ministry professional. Prerequisite: First-year Status, interview with SCM College Ministry Coordinator.

44720 Internship in CE and Leadership 6 hours
An intensive supervised ministry experience consisting of full-time service in a pre-approved setting different from the fieldwork settings of the supervised ministry experiences. Pre-approval required.

44790 Integrative Seminar I: Leadership 6 hours
An intensive supervised ministry experience focused on the development of leadership competencies and consisting of the following: ministry service in a pre-approved setting, involvement in a formal church-based internship/ministerial training program, and appropriate academic requirements which will enhance the student’s understanding of ministerial leadership. Pre-approval required.

45100 Issues and Trends in Leadership and Discipleship 3 hours
An analysis of contemporary issues in Christian education and ministry leadership, and an evaluation of proposed ministry responses.

45150 Worldview, Culture, and Discipleship 3 hours
A study of the Biblical and theological foundations of education, developing a philosophy of education based upon those foundations. From the perspective of a Biblical worldview, various philosophies of education and the historical practices of education will be considered and critiqued.

45200 Research and Statistics 3 hours
A study intended to acquaint the student with evaluation and measurement in education with the application of research method to educational research. Includes examination of statistical methods, data analysis, and student assessment.

45201-45204 Advanced Research in Leadership and Discipleship 1-4 hours
An intensive self-directed analysis of a topic in Christian education or ministry leadership. Pre-approval required.

45250 Family Ministry Through the Lifespan 3 hours
This course provides an overview of human development and change throughout the lifespan, focusing on how local churches can adopt a family-equipping paradigm for discipleship in their ministries to persons at every stage of development.

45260 Discipleship and Family Ministry 3 hours
An exploration of ways the church can minister to the modern family in all its forms:

the single person, the couple with no children, and parents of children in various stages of development. Attention is given to the needs of each form of family and how the church can help meet those needs through education, program design, and other ministries.

45400 Christian Teaching 3 hours
An exploration of instructional designs and teaching resources for creative and effective bible teaching in the local church and other ministry contexts.

45700 Education of the Preschool Child 3 hours
A study of the relation of patterns of social, emotional, physical, cognitive, and spiritual growth of young children to educational principles. Emphasis is first placed on development of growth, then on learning activities, materials, and equipment appropriate to teaching young children. Observation and participation competencies are developed within the context of church program organizations in the church.

45760 Education of the School Age Child: Grades One to Six 3 hours
A study of the growth characteristics and needs of children of ages 6-12, as related to educational principles. Emphasis is first placed on development of growth, then on learning activities, materials, and equipment appropriate to teaching school age children. Observation and participation competencies are developed under supervision of faculties of programs for younger, middle, and older children.

45800 Discipling Children 3 hours
A study of the spiritual development of children from birth through eleven years of age. The relationship of moral and spiritual development to curricular materials of church organizations is examined.

45810 Effective Communication with Children 3 hours
This course is designed to give students a laboratory experience, with coaching, in the art and skill of communicating biblical truths to children.

45860 Current Trends in Childhood Education 3 hours
Exploration of trends and issues in childhood education with an emphasis on the ministry to children. Study based on student interests with the objective of synthesizing their experiences. Extensive readings. Designed for second-year students whose career goal is ministry to children.

45870 Advanced Education Psychology 3 hours
An overview of the contributions of psychology to the teaching-learning process. Topics include learning theory, individual differences, motivation, human development, exceptionality, teaching methodology,
measurement and evaluation. This course is restricted to Boyce College Teacher Education Program students.

46000 Youth Ministry and Discipleship 3 hours
An examination of development during the adolescent years as a basis for planning a relevant local church youth program. A critical examination is made of curriculum provisions for youth with a special emphasis on SBC curriculum.

46010 Advanced Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course is designed to address issues of long-term calling to vocational youth ministry. In this course, the students will explore critical persona and professional issues related to successive stages or seasons of youth ministry. Prerequisite: 41800 The Youth and Family Minister or professor permission.

46020 Current Trends in Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course is an active exploration into the cultural trends impacting the adolescents population and both the current and proposed church ministry response to those trends. Theoretical, sociological, and methodological research related to the future of youth work will be engaged with emphasis given to a biblical/theological critique of proposed ministry methods.

46100 Ministry with Adolescents in Crisis 3 hours
An examination of selected current problems confronting today's youth with emphasis on Biblical applications to these problems. The problem-solving technique of case studies is emphasized in developing leadership skills.

46105 Effective Communication to Adolescents 3 hours
A study of the biblical foundations for presenting the Gospel with specific application to adolescents. Sermon construction, lesson preparation, platform techniques and general speaking qualifications within the context of cultural relevance will be considered with special emphasis given to adolescents and age appropriate communication. Prerequisite: 41800 The Youth and Family Minister and 22100 Biblical Hermeneutics

46110 Professional Development and Resources in Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course will focus on the call to ministry, examining personal growth and commitment. Job descriptions, staff development and relationships, goal setting, time and financial management, will be emphasized. Writing a professional resume and development a personal development plan will be covered as well as the strategy for developing necessary referral networks in youth ministry. Prerequisite: 46010 Advanced Youth Ministry

46115 Program Development and Planning

in Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course is a study of the essential administrative and management skills for effective planning and programming in local church youth ministry. Emphasis will be given to the development of a comprehensive youth ministry program. This will include volunteer recruitment and training as well as ministry recreation that enhances an effective youth ministry. Budget planning and implementation will be integrated into this process.

46120 Strategies for Campus Outreach in Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course will be a study of the outreach strategy in bringing youth to salvation and a growing relationship with Christ in the context of a campus ministry. Attention is given to the basic workings of the campus social system and the methods used in reaching it with the gospel as well as equipping adolescents to reach their friends with the gospel. Starting a campus ministry from “scratch” will be a primary focus of this course. Special attention will be given to evangelizing students, working with school officials and legal issues. Prerequisite: 41800 The Youth and Family Minister

46125 Strategies for Cross-Cultural Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course is an examination of the development and implementation of philosophical paradigms and strategies for cross-cultural youth ministry such as local church youth group involvement in international youth ministry and training for the implementation of short-term youth cross-cultural experiences. Orientation to various student ministry positions, principles necessary for successful student missions programming, and a survey of methodology involved will be presented. Special attention will be given to connecting with and accessing resources through the International Mission Board and North American Mission Board. Prerequisite: 46010 Advanced Youth Ministry, Also taught under 33340.

46130 Teaching Principles and Strategies for Ministry to Adolescents 3 hours
This course is an examination of the development of biblical curricula for establishing a comprehensive teaching strategy in local church youth ministry. Students will develop a comprehensive curriculum. Prerequisite: 41800 The Youth and Family Minister

46135 Team Building in Youth Ministry 3 hours
This course is designed to increase the youth ministry student’s effectiveness in developing a balanced team ministry strategy that encompasses volunteers, parents, as well as student leaders. Special attention will be
given to the youth leader’s role as a part of the pastoral ministry team. Prerequisite: 46010 Advanced Youth Ministry

46200 Youth Ministry and Recreation 3 hours
An examination of the integration of church recreation into the church’s larger task of providing an effective ministry with youth. A workshop component of the course requires the student to attend at his/her expense an event approved by the course professor.

46260 Youth Ministry and the Family 3 hours
An examination of adolescents in the context of a family dynamic, this course explores the relationships that impact the life of the adolescent as well as methods for influencing the adolescent’s family through impacting the adolescent. Methods for developing biblical strategies for ministry to disciple adolescents for life as an adult will be emphasized. Priority will be placed on equipping the whole church family in nurturing our youth.

46325 Discipling Adults 3 hours
An overview of adult strategies currently in use within church-based ministries. Students will learn how to apply both traditional and purpose-driven ministry designs to attract, disciple, and train adults for leadership in the church. Emphasis will be given to selecting and utilizing innovative resources with adults.

46505 Adult Educational Ministry in the Local Church 3 hours
A study in identifying foundational issues of effective educational ministry for adults in the local church. Adult developmental theories, ministries, programs and strategies and teaching approaches particularly unique to adults will be included in the course.

**Doctoral Studies (80000-97060)**

**Professional Doctoral Studies**

80230 Old Testament Theology 4 hours
An examination of the interpretive perspective of the biblical authors in the Old Testament. A particular focus will be placed upon the big story they presuppose and the imagery, symbolism, and patterns they use to summarize and further interpret that story.

80300 Christian Scripture and the Practice of Ministry 4 hours
An examination of contemporary approaches to biblical interpretation with a focus upon their use in the practice of ministry.

80311 Theological, Historical and Practical Issues in Expository Preaching 4 hours
An examination of the theology, history and practice of expository preaching. Attention will be given to the biblical/theological basis for expository preaching, the historical developments of expository preaching, and hermeneutical issues related to the art of expository preaching. The essential and relevant nature of expository preaching for the contemporary church will be emphasized.

80312 Expository Preaching and the Old Testament 4 hours
An introduction to the interpretation of the Old Testament with the view to discovering, translating, and communicating in sermonic form the author’s intended messages. Following a general introduction to the interpretation of the Old Testament, attention will be devoted to appropriate hermeneutical strategies to be applied to different genres of biblical literature and demonstrating the relevance of the Old Testament message for the church and the world today.

80313 Expository Preaching and the New Testament 4 hours
A study of the New Testament background for preaching with the view to discovering, translating, and communicating in sermonic form the author’s intended messages. Emphasis will be placed on selection of a text and steps involved in sound exegesis.

80314 Methods and Models of Expository Preaching 4 hours
This seminar will feature the story of the art of expository preaching through the examination of major homiletical methods: The deductive or propositional method and the inductive or narrative and sermonic plot method. Each method will be investigated based on the movement and structure of the biblical text. Preachers modeling these homiletical methods in their sermons will be evaluated through videotapes and telephone dialogue conferences. Professors who are teaching in the four seminars will preach expository sermons during daily required chapel services.

80400 Christian Heritage and the Practice of Ministry 4 hours
An interdisciplinary approach to the practice of Christian ministry with emphasis on the correlation of the historical, philosophical, theological, and ethical disciplines in the context of their contributions to the functioning of the minister.

80411 Black Church Historical/Theological Emphasis 4 hours
A study of historical, philosophical and theological aspects relative to the Black Church in the areas of Black theology, worship, biblical preaching, social justice, and ethical dimensions of ministry.

80412 Black Church Leadership and Administration 4 hours
A study of principles of effective leadership,
church administration, church staff relations, and pastoral leadership models with emphasis and focus on the Black Church.

80413 Black Church Ministry with the Community 4 hours A study of various aspects of a congregation-program, process, context and identity with specific focus on Black Church ministry with the community. Understanding the community, networking with denominational and community entities, economic development and empowerment, and grant writing will be examined.

80414 Ministry Transitions for the Black Church of the 21st Century 4 hours A study of transitions in preaching, worship and ministry impacting the transformational roles of black church leadership in the 21st century.

80450 Biblical and Theological Issues in Urban Ministry 4 hours A study of ministry and evangelism strategies in urban settings, with attention given to urbanization and the role of the church in the city. Theological, sociological, and methodological research applicable to the church in the city is emphasized, with a particular focus on biblical and theological issues.

80451 Community Development and Urban Ministry 4 hours An examination of contemporary approaches to community development and urban ministry with specific focus upon their use in the practice of evangelism and church growth. Attention will be given to biblical and theological critique of community development practices, and methodologies and practice of biblical community development will be discussed.

80452 Intercultural Issues in Urban Ministry 4 hours An examination of intercultural issues as they relate to the urban ministry context. Attention will be given to both North American and International settings, and how intercultural issues affect the ministry of the church.

80453 Current Issues in Urban Ministry 4 hours An examination of contemporary issues in urban ministry. Particular attention will be given to a biblical and theological evaluation of these issues.

80471 Biblical and Systematic Theology in the Local Church 4 hours A survey of issues concerning biblical and systematic theology as they relate to the preaching, teaching, and discipleship ministries of a local congregation.

80473 Historical Theology in the Local Church 4 hours A survey of issues concerning historical theology and the practice of utilizing historical theology in the teaching and discipleship ministries of the local church.

80474 Practical Theology in the Local Church 4 hours A survey of issues concerning practical theology as they relate to the preaching, teaching, and discipleship ministries of a local church.

80481-80484 Applied Ministry Experience in Applied Theology I, II, III, IV 2 hours The utilization of field experience in a student’s ministry setting to test theory and methodology in the practice of ministry, with specific attention given to applying theology in the local church.

80500 Practical Theology and the Practice of Ministry 4 hours An analysis of the involvement of the church on mission through ministry, with emphasis upon proclamation and worship, pastoral care, leadership development, evangelism, and church extension.

80541 Biblical-Theological Foundations of Care 4 hours This seminar is a one-week intensive exploration of the biblical foundations for a theology of caring. Thematic issues from pastoral situations of contemporary caring will be examined in light of biblical theology and biblical principles for pastoral care and counseling.

80542 Historical-Theological Foundations of the Care of Souls 4 hours This one-week intensive foundational seminar explores the historical epochs of pastoral care and counseling as the ministry of the “care of souls” from the middle ages to the contemporary church.

80551 Introduction to Biblical Counseling 4 hours A general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling, its theological basis, and an evaluation of secular and integration counseling models.

80552 Methodology of Biblical Counseling 4 hours This course seeks to outline the basic components of the nouthetic counseling process so that the counselor will know the foundational framework for biblical confrontation.

80553 Problems and Procedures of Biblical Counseling 4 hours This course is designed to apply the biblical principles taught in the Methodology of Biblical Counseling course to a range of specific counseling problems. This course will
include student participation in counseling as counselors, counselees, and observers.

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An investigation of the theological and philosophical issues attendant to the field of Christian Education. Seminar participants will be required to demonstrate practical knowledge and application of seminar content within their immediate ministry context.

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relative strengths and weaknesses of primary models of student and family ministry. Seminar participants will be expected to evaluate their ministry context and personal leadership competencies in light of the concepts, principles, and guidelines discussed during the seminar.

80841 **Theology and History of Christian Worship** 4 hours
A study of biblical and theological themes related to the worship of the one true and living God as seen in both Old and New Testaments. Emphasis will be given to developments of these aspects of worship across the testaments, with a goal of understanding better the nature of worship for Christian believers. A portion of the course will focus on developing a historical perspective on practices of Christian worship.

80842 **Planning and Leading Christian Worship** 4 hours
A study of the structure and elements of corporate worship with an emphasis on planning Christ-centered, biblically rich worship services. Special consideration will be given to current issues in worship planning.

80843 **Arts, Culture, and Trends in Christian Worship** 4 hours
A study of current trends related to worship practices and the impact of culture, media, and the arts. Specific focus is given to transitional trends in worship and the contextualization of various worship practices in a wide variety of evangelical settings.

80844 **Leadership Dynamics in Worship Ministry** 4 hours
A study of key leadership principles for the worship pastor, this course focuses on essential personal and corporate leadership qualities and competencies necessary for effective ministry leadership. Particular attention will be given to personal integrity and holiness, conflict resolution, communicating vision, developing team-based ministry, leading volunteers, navigating change, and relational connections with the pastoral team.

80853 **Ministry Research Project** 6 hours
A written presentation of a project combining professional knowledge, documented research, and ministry application. The project must have direct relevance to Christian leadership in a particular ministry setting. An oral defense of the project before appropriate faculty and appropriate group members is required.

80870 **Life and Doctrine of the Leader** 4 hours
An in-depth analysis of biblical, theological, and contemporary understandings and practices of Christian leadership. Particular emphasis will be given to the personal life, philosophy and doctrine of the leader.

80911 **Intro to Biblical Spirituality** 4 hours
This seminar introduces the student to the nature, theology, purpose, and practice of biblical spirituality. The emphasis in this seminar is on the individual aspects of biblical spirituality and to personal spiritual disciplines. Some attention is given to understanding contemporary issues in spirituality and to helping the student develop a basis for evaluating popular trends and practices in spirituality.

80912 **Christian Classics** 4 hours
Every pastor has heard of the great classics from our Christian heritage—such books as Augustine’s *Confessions*, Calvin’s *Golden Booklet of the Christian Life*, Rutherford’s *Letters*, Bonar’s *Life of McCheyne*—but how many of us have read even a few of them? This D.Min. course explores some of the Christian classics from a number of eras of the Church’s history (Patristic, Reformation & Puritan, 18th and 19th century Evangelicalism). It seeks to help the student know how to interpret these texts and develop life-long strategies for reading them and profiting from their spirituality.

80913 **Biblical Spirituality in the Local Church** 4 hours
This seminar develops the student's understanding of biblical spirituality as experienced and expressed in and through the context of the local church. The emphasis of the seminar will be upon the practical implementation of the interpersonal and congregational aspects of biblical spirituality.

80914 **Spiritual Awakenings and Revivals** 4 hours
A survey of the history and theology of spiritual awakenings and revival in the western world since the Reformation. Particular attention is paid to the Puritan understanding and experience of revival, and the First and Second Great Awakenings. More recent reflections upon the nature of genuine revival by authors like Richard Lovelace and Iain H. Murray will also be considered.

80921-80924 **Applied Ministry Experience in Biblical Spirituality I, II, III, IV** 2 hours each
The utilization of field experience in the student’s ministry setting to test theory and methodology in the practice of ministry, with specific attention given to biblical spirituality.

80980 **D.Min. Student: Registration Only**
“Holding” course for Doctor of Ministry students who are officially on “interrupted” or “continuing enrollment” status.

**Research Doctoral Studies**

**General Studies**

81020 **Graduate Research Seminar** 2 hours
A survey of library resources and techniques
for the preparation of dissertations and examination of research writing.

81050  **Master of Theology Thesis Research**  4 hours
Supervised research on a thesis topic, preparation of a thesis prospectus, and submission to a student’s Committee of Instruction.

81060  **Master of Theology Thesis Writing**  4 hours
Final research and writing of a thesis in accordance with an approved prospectus, under the supervision of a student’s major professor. Satisfactory acceptance of the thesis by a student’s Committee of Instruction is required for a passing grade. Approval of the prospectus is prerequisite for this course.

81100  **Theological French**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to give the student a reading knowledge of theological French. Fee required.

81120  **Theological German**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to give the student a reading knowledge of theological German. Fee required.

81140  **Theological Latin**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to give the student a reading knowledge of theological Latin. Fee required.

81150  **Theological Spanish**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to give the student a reading knowledge of theological Spanish. Fee required.

81170  **Empirical Research and Computer Applications I—Quantitative Research Methods**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to give the student a working knowledge of the empirical research process and methods in doing quantitative research. Students will create research designs, gather and analyze data using statistical computer software, and relate results to an appropriate theoretical base.

81180  **Empirical Research and Computer Applications II—Qualitative Research Methods**  0 hours
A non-credit course designed to continue the study of available computer resources to aid the counseling clinician in the development of empirical research design. Students will become competent in the use of the latest computer programs for the development of qualitative research.

81200  **Teaching Principles and Methods**  4 hours
A seminar designed to introduce the skills and resources necessary for effective teaching. Consideration will be given to the teaching environment, the learning process, instructional methodology, the values of various media, and teaching in the local church as well as in educational institutions.

81250  **Teaching Principles in Higher Education Contexts**  4 hours
A seminar designed to introduce the student to the following: the philosophy, organization, expectations, and skills and resources necessary for effective teaching in institutions of higher education. Consideration will be given to the teaching environment, the learning process and instructional methodology.

81260  **Foundations for Theological Studies**  2 hours
This course provides an orientation to doctoral level study as conducted in a theological and confessional environment. The purpose is to address in a dialogical way key issues such as the relationship of faith and scholarship, the life of the mind and spirituality (including intellectual virtue), worldview and its effects on our scholarship, and what it means to know in light of our confession of faith.

81300  **Higher Education**  2 hours
This seminar has the purpose of acquainting students with the philosophy, organization, and structure of institutions of higher education at the level of colleges, universities, and seminaries, both in the United States and in the other countries.

81500  **Guided Mentorship**  1 hour
A directed analysis of precedent literature in the specific field of the student and an opportunity to teach and be evaluated.

**Old Testament Studies**

82000  **Old Testament Studies Colloquium**  2 hours

82100  **Historiography and the Patriarchal Period**  4 hours
The Middle Bronze Age and its cultural remains. Attention will be given to the socio-cultural reconstruction and its relevance to an understanding of the Patriarchal Narratives. Prerequisites: 20200, 20220 and 20400 or the equivalent.

82120  **Historiography and the Conquest/Settlement Period**  4 hours
The transition from Late Bronze to Early Iron Age in Palestine. Using a systematic study of cultural remains and socio-cultural reconstruction, this seminar will focus on issues concerning the Hebrew’s entry into Palestine, their institutions, and their relations with Canaanites, Philistines, and other peoples. Prerequisites: 20200, 20220 and 20400 or the equivalent.

82140  **Historiography and the Monarchy**  4 hours
The period of the monarchy from an archaeological perspective. Included will be a study of such cultural features as architecture, defense systems and weapons, water systems, tools and utensils, and inscriptive materials. This seminar will also provide a socio-cultural reconstruction of the
time period. Prerequisites: 20200, 20220 and 20400 or the equivalent.

82220  **The History of Israel’s Religion**  4 hours
The study of Israelite religion with particular attention to the fluctuations and developments of Israelite faith occasioned by major historical events. The study includes the history of selected Israelite shrines, the theological emphases of those shrines, and the influence of the cult upon the formation of the Old Testament traditions. Prerequisites: 20200, 20220 and 20400 or the equivalent.

82335  **Septuagint Seminar**  4 hours
An introduction to the critical study of the Septuagint, with an assessment of its variant manuscript readings in relation to known Hebrew manuscripts. Special attention will be given to the characteristics of Hellenistic Greek represented by the Septuagint (phonology, morphology, and syntax).

82340  **Biblical Aramaic**  4 hours
An introduction to Biblical Aramaic with selections from the Aramaic portions of Ezra and Daniel and from the Aramaic documents of Qumran.

82345  **Seminar in Targumic Aramaic**  4 hours
Readings in the Aramaic Targums with an emphasis on the phonology, morphology, and syntax of selected texts. The historical, text-critical, and interpretational value of the Targums will be discussed.

82350  **Exegetical Studies in Prophetic Books**  4 hours
The purpose of the seminar is to develop linguistic skills for the purpose of exegesis. The seminar will consist of readings from selected passages from the prophets with attention to grammar, syntax, lexicography, textual criticism, the masoretic tradition, and exegesis.

82390  **Seminar in Historical Hebrew Grammar**  4 hours
An introduction to the prehistory of Hebrew as well as to diachronic development within biblical Hebrew using the tools of comparative and historical linguistics. The focus is not only on phonology and morphology, but also on the system of verbal stems and so-called “tenses.” The linguistic context in which the biblical language developed is surveyed, as are the extra-biblical materials from which information on the development can be derived. Special attention will be given to the differences between Classical Biblical Hebrew (prose of Genesis-Kings), Late Biblical Hebrew (Chronicles), and Post-Biblical Hebrew (Ben Sira/ Dead Sea Scrolls) in phonology, morphology, and syntax.

82400  **Hebrew Inscriptions**  4 hours
A study of the history of the early development of the Hebrew language, with special attention to grammar and orthography. There will be a study of inscriptions from various stages within the development of Hebrew writing.

82410  **Hebrew Prose**  4 hours
Reading in Hebrew Prose from biblical (and some non-biblical) poetry. Hebrew phonology, morphology, and syntax will be emphasized along with exegetical and text-critical issues.

82420  **Hebrew Poetry**  4 hours
Reading in Hebrew Poetry from biblical (and some non-biblical) prose. Hebrew phonology, morphology, and syntax will be emphasized along with exegetical and text-critical issues.

82470  **Syriac Language and Literature**  4 hours
This seminar seeks to equip students to read and study biblical and Christian source texts in Syriac.

82500  **The Literature of the Pentateuch**  4 hours
A study of the critical methodologies used in the literary analysis of the Pentateuch. Attention is given to the history of Pentateuchal criticism and to current developments in this area. The critical methods will be applied to the interpretation of selected passages.

82510  **The Historiographic Literature of the Old Testament**  4 hours
A study of the nature and aims of the historiographic writings of the Old Testament, interpreted within the ancient Near Eastern cultural contexts from which they were produced. Special attention will be paid to the Hebrew authors’ philosophy (theology) of history and the literary strategies employed to achieve their rhetorical goals.

82520  **The Prophetic Literature**  4 hours
A study of the nature of prophetic literature and of the methods appropriate for its interpretation. Attention is given to the origin and history of propheticism as it relates to the development and transmission of the prophetic literature. A careful exegesis of a section or sections of the prophetic literature will be made.

82540  **The Literature of the Poets and Wisdom Writings**  4 hours
A study of the Psalms and Hebrew poetry and/ or the Wisdom Literature. Special attention will be paid to the nature of Hebrew poetry and the forms of poetic literature.

**New Testament Studies**

83000  **New Testament Studies Colloquium**  2 hours

83210  **Seminar in Intertestamental Language and Literature: Jewish Historians**  4 hours
An introduction to the Greek historiographic literature of Second Temple Judaism reading such texts as 1 and 2 Maccabees or Josephus. Constant attention will be paid to the characteristics of Hellenistic Greek represented by these texts (phonology, morphology, and syntax).
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<td>A study of the third Quest for the historical Jesus, examining the positions of leading scholars and issues associated with the Third Quest.</td>
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<td>The Fourth Gospel</td>
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<td>Exegesis of the Gospel of John with attention to its composition history, its relationship to the Johannine community and the Johannine epistles and apocalypse, and its theological concerns in the light of classical and contemporary contributions to Johannine research.</td>
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<td>History of Interpretation of the Gospels</td>
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<td>A survey of the history of how interpreters over the centuries have understood, analyzed, and applied the Gospels. The scope of the survey runs from the Apostolic Fathers up to the modern period, with a focus on primary texts and hermeneutical questions.</td>
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<td>Introduction to the Pauline Corpus, exegesis of the earlier Epistles, Prison Epistles, and Pastoral Epistles, with attention to critical and theological problems. The historical ministry of Paul.</td>
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<td>The Non-Pauline Literature</td>
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<td>Introduction and exegesis of Acts, Hebrews, the General Epistles, the Johannine Epistles, and the Apocalypse. The development of pre-Pauline Christianity.</td>
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<td>Resurrection of Jesus Christ</td>
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<td>A study of The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, examining the concept of life after death in ancient paganism, the Old Testament, second temple Judaism, along with a thorough examination of the resurrection passages in the canonical gospels and contemporary challenges to the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.</td>
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**Historical Studies**

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<td>Patristic and Celtic Spirituality</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>A study of three major traditions of Christian spirituality in the period between the Apostolic Fathers (2nd century A.D.) and the end of the Celtic Church (8th century A.D.).</td>
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<td>An advanced course in Greek grammar and reading designed to enable the student to read Patristic Greek with confidence and competence.</td>
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<td>Patristic Latin</td>
<td>4 hours</td>
<td>An intermediate course in Patristic Latin grammar and reading designed to enable the student to read Patristic Latin with confidence and competence. A wide variety of examples of Patristic Latin from the second century to the sixth century will be employed to this end.</td>
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<td>83625</td>
<td>A Study of Christian Theology, Apologetics, and Spirituality in the Second and Third Centuries</td>
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<td>This course will offer a study of Christian theology, apologetics, and spirituality in the second and third centuries, with particular reference to Ignatius of Antioch, The Odes of Solomon, The Letter to Diognetus, Irenaeus of Lyons, Perpetua, Tertullian, Origen, and Cyprian.</td>
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<td>A study of the use of the Old and New Testament in the early Church to about A.D. 451.</td>
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A detailed study of certain aspects of the theology of the Cappadocian Fathers—namely Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, and Amphilochius of Iconium—arguably among the most influential theologians of the Greek-speaking Ancient Church.

84130 **The Bible in the Reformation** 4 hours
This seminar is a study of the interpretation of Old and New Testaments in the Reformation period with special reverence to the approaches of Luther and Calvin. Significant attention will be given to the patristic, medieval, and Renaissance background of the Reformers’ work.

84160 **Life, Writings, and Theology of Augustine** 4 hours
An intensive study of Augustine of Hippo with special reference to the controversies out of which Augustine’s thought developed.

84195 **History of Doctrinal Anthropology: Pre-Reformation** 4 hours
This course focuses on the Christian doctrine of human nature from the thinkers prior to Augustine through the late nominalists. Broadly, the study involves the nature of the soul and the image of God in humanity. More precisely it concentrates on developing views of the will.

84200 **Martin Luther** 4 hours
A study of the life and thought of Martin Luther with attention to the continuing influence of his thought.

84210 **The Reformation in England** 4 hours
A study of the Reformation in England from Henry VIII to the Glorious Revolution.

84225 **Christianity in Post-Reformation England** 4 hours
A study of English Christianity in the post-Reformation period with special attention to the emergence of the Puritan movement.

84240 **John Calvin** 4 hours
A study of the life and thought of John Calvin with attention to the continuing influence of his thought.

84251 **Christianity in Modern Britain** 4 hours
A study of the history of Christianity in Great Britain from the eighteenth century to the present with special attention to the rise and influence of evangelicalism and Anglo-Catholicism.

84255 **English Baptists in the 17th and 18th Centuries** 4 hours
This course focuses on the theology, conflicts and prominent persons of English Baptists from ca. 1600-1815 in the context of English Dissent.

84261 **American Religious History to 1860** 4 hours
A study of significant movements, ideas, persons, and institutions in American religion to 1860, with attention to cultural context and historiographical methods.

84265 **Puritanism** 4 hours
A study of character and development of the Puritan movement in England and the American colonies, with careful attention to the cultural, social, and political context of Puritan theology and ecclesiology.

84380 **Baptist Identity: A Comparative Study of Baptist Doctrines** 4 hours
A study examining various notions of Baptist identity by comparing how Baptists in different historical and cultural contexts have understood and lived out “Baptist distinctive.”

84390, 84395 **Reading Seminar:**
**History of the Baptists I and II** 2 hours
each Guided reading of primary and secondary sources in Baptist history designed to provide a comprehensive background for other seminars in Baptist History.

84420 **Controversies and Schisms in American Church History** 4 hours
A study of selected controversies and schisms in American Christianity from the Colonial period to the present.

**Theological Studies**

84500 **Theological Studies Colloquium** 2 hours

84600 **Approaches to Old Testament Theology** 4 hours
The seminar will be concerned with methodological and hermeneutical issues related to Old Testament theology. The history and development of Old Testament theology will also receive attention.

84610 **The Theology of Deuteronomy** 4 hours
An investigation into the theology of Deuteronomy within the broader context of the Pentateuch, examining both the distinctive theological emphases of the book and the significance of Deuteronomistic theology for the rest of the Old Testament and the Scriptures as a whole.

84630 **The Theology of the Prophets** 4 hours
A critical application of the methods of biblical theology to individual prophetic books and to the prophetic corpus as a whole. Attention will be given to methods of interpretation and the development of a theological synthesis for the preaching and teaching of Scripture.

84700 **Approaches to New Testament Theology** 4 hours
A study of the rise and development of the discipline of New Testament theology.

84710 **Major Issues in New Testament Theology** 4 hours
A study of the major issues affecting the field of New Testament Theology, with special
attention to Gospel research, the impact of redactional and canonical emphases, structuralism, and Luke-Acts monographs.

84760 Theology of Paul 4 hours
A study of Paul’s doctrine of God, humanity, Christology, Holy Spirit, church ethics, and eschatology from his epistles. There will be provision for concentration on a particular area, e.g., Pauline anthropology, Paul’s doctrine of the church.

84790 Hermeneutics and the New Testament 4 hours
A study of the role of hermeneutics, the nature of meaning, the divine-human authorship of the New Testament, the work of the Holy Spirit in interpretation, the bearing of context and philosophical presuppositions or interpretation, and the interrelations between exegesis and theology.

84840 Contemporary Theological Methodologies 4 hours
An analysis of the theological methodologies of such influential modern theologians as Schleiermacher, Ritschl, Barth, Tillich, Bultmann, Pannenberg, and others with a view to understanding the development of modern Protestant theology.

84845 Contemporary Issues in Evangelical Theological Formulation 4 hours
An investigation of contemporary issues confronting the formulation of evangelical systematic theology with an analysis and evaluation of current evangelical responses to these issues.

84860 Protestant Theology in the Nineteenth Century 4 hours
A study of the theological systems primarily of Frederich Schleiermacher and Albert Ritschl and their significance for modern Protestant Theology.

84865 Theology of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements 4 hours
This seminar will examine the history, hermeneutics, and theology of the Pentecostal and charismatic movements with a primary focus on the twentieth and twenty-first centuries. It will evaluate these movements for theological soundness and will address the impact of these movements on the world and missiology.

84900 Theology Proper 4 hours
An examination of select issues concerning the nature of God, his existence, his attributes, his Trinitarian being, and his work in decree, creation, and providence. Historical and contemporary understandings will be explored, with primacy given to God’s own self-revelation through Scripture.

84910 God and the World 4 hours
An examination of different theological perspectives on God’s relationship to activity in the world in terms of the Christian doctrine of the providence of God.

84920 Theological Anthropology 4 hours
A study of classical and contemporary understandings of humankind is undertaken. Various issues will be explored, such as the creation, nature, constitution, development, inner life, physical body, sexuality, male and female identities and roles, and personhood of human beings.

84930 Pneumatology 4 hours
An advanced exploration of the doctrine of God, the Holy Spirit, with a consideration of the phenomenon of spirit in world religions, in the biblical materials, the Christian heritage, and contemporary applications.

84940 Christology and Incarnation 4 hours
An intensive study of critical issues and major movements in understanding the person of Christ is undertaken. Special attention will be given to historical positions and contemporary proposals in light of Scripture’s teaching of Christ and the incarnation.

84945 Christology and Atonement 4 hours
Scripture’s teaching of Christ’s atoning sacrifice will be examined in light of various theories of the atonement, both ancient and contemporary. Special concern will be shown to understand current models of the atonement, along with historical, philosophical, theological, and biblical interaction regarding their viability.

84950 The Trinity 4 hours
An exploration of Christian expressions of the threefoldness of God. Biblical implications, classical formulations, and contemporary interpretations will be examined.

84955 Revelation, Scripture, and Authority 4 hours
Historical, philosophical, theological and biblical issues are examined in regard to the Christian belief in divine revelation and the divine inspiration and authority of the Scripture. Various contemporary issues and proposals will be considered, and focus will be given to articulating and upholding biblical authority in today’s world.

84965 Soteriology 4 hours
Select biblical and theological issues in the doctrine of salvation are examined. Classical and contemporary understandings are examined, critical questions of our day are considered, and Scripture’s teaching is studied in an endeavor to formulate our soteriology in a manner faithful to Scripture while speaking to contemporary issues and concerns.

84970 Aesthetic Theology 4 hours
Aesthetics as a basis for theological formulations will be investigated. Classical aesthetic and theological systems from
Aristotle to Beardsley, from Aquinas to von Balthasar will be explored.

84980  **Ecclesiology**  4 hours
Issues concerning the nature of the church and the practice of ministry in and through the church will be examined. Various areas are treated in this seminar, e.g., historic understandings of the marks of the church, Baptist ecclesiology in comparison and contrast to other traditions, the relation of church and para-church organizations, and the role of the church within the larger culture.

84990  **Eschatology**  4 hours
An examination of selected issues in Christian eschatology, particularly ideas of the Kingdom of God, millennialism, resurrection, divine judgment, and eternal life.

**Christian Philosophy**

85150  **Christianity and the Arts Colloquium**  2 hours

85160  **Toward a Christian Aesthetic of Music**  4 hours
A study of the history and principal theories of musical aesthetics in Western art music in light of Biblical theology and worldview.

85200  **Christian Philosophy Colloquium**  2 hours

85230  **Epistemology**  4 hours
A critical study of such topics as the nature of truth, the respective roles of reason and experience in acquiring knowledge, rationalism versus empiricism, revelation and warrant.

85250  **Philosophy of Religion**  4 hours
A systematic elaboration and analysis of some of the classical issues in philosophy of religion, such as the existence and attributes of God, the problem of evil, the nature of scientific knowledge, the nature of value, miracles, religious experience, immortality, and the resurrection.

85270  **Seminar in Worldview Analysis**  4 hours
A study of the history and theory of Weltanschauung (worldview) and its role in shaping ideas and beliefs. The belief-shaping power of Weltanschauung will be examined as applied to various representative worldviews, such as theism, naturalism, pantheism, and post-modernism.

85290  **Seminar in Christian Apologetics**  4 hours
An exploration of the foundational issues in apologetics with special reference to the history of apologetics, various epistemological approaches and particular issues in the discipline.

85340  **Philosophy of History**  4 hours
A consideration of the Christian understanding of history in its various expressions during the course of Christian thought and of its relation to various philosophies of history.

85350  **The History of Western Philosophy**  4 hours
The study is designed so the seminar participant may develop an advanced understanding of western philosophy and it impact on Christian theology and mission.

85365  **Advanced Symbolic Logic**  4 hours
An advanced study of the formal language employed in propositional and predicate logic. Topics include modal and deontic logic, as well as the logic of necessity.

85370  **Metaphysics**  4 hours
A critical survey of key philosophical positions and disputes concerning the nature of reality.

85420  **God in Modern Philosophy**  4 hours
A study of the concept of God in the thought of major representative philosophers from Descartes to contemporary thinkers, with a focus on arguments for and against the existence of God, classic concepts of the nature of God and His relationship to the world, and the debate over the logical coherence of theism.

85430  **Postmodernity and Christian Thought**  4 hours
An examination of various formulations of postmodern philosophy with a view to understanding the implications of the contemporary paradigm change for a possible reconceptualization of Christian faith.

85450  **Christianity and the Visual Arts**  4 hours
An exploration of foundational issues in the study of Christianity and the visual arts with special reference to the history of the visual arts in the church and to philosophical and theological issues in the discipline.

85455  **Christianity and the Performing Arts**  4 hours
An exploration of the foundational issues in the study of Christianity and the performing arts with a special reference to the history of the Jesus film genre and various particular philosophical and theological issues involved in the discipline.

**Christian Ethics**

85500  **Christian Ethics Colloquium**  2 hours

85600  **Biblical Ethics**  4 hours
A study of the ethical teachings of the Old and New Testaments and their relation to Christian ethics. Issues in method and authority will be posed for examining moral problems in Scripture and contemporary society.

85620  **Contemporary Theological Ethics**  4 hours
A study of current developments in theological ethics focusing on selected contemporary Protestant and Roman Catholic ethicists and their methodologies.

85670  **Apologetical Ethics**  4 hours
This course will explore how ethical issues figure into the apologetic enterprise — through considering the virtues of Christian ethics and Christian ethicists, as well as the fruit of Christian morality and the work of
Christian apologists at their best. Attention to contrasting un-Christian systems, lives, fruit, and discourse will put biblical ethics in sharp relief and strengthen the apologist’s hand.

85740  Methods and Cases in Social Ethics  4 hours
A systematic and comparative analysis of the essential ingredients in an ethical method adequate for particular cases. Each participant will choose a particular ethical issue, compare ethical arguments concerning the issue, and seek to develop his or her own argument.

85780  Marriage and Human Sexuality  4 hours
This seminar is an examination of selected issues in marital and sexual ethics. Special attention will be paid to issues of the kingdom of God, covenant, divorce, infidelity, and contemporary issues within sexual and marital ethics.

Christian Missions
86000  Christian Missions Colloquium  2 hours
86100  The History of Christian Missions  4 hours
A detailed study of the patterns of development in missions history.

86110  Ethnographic Research and Worldview Identification  4 hours
The central purpose of the course will be to come to understand various methods, resources, and tools for ethnographic research and worldview identification in order to make the most effective use of them in fulfilling the Great Commission.

86120  Philosophy and Methodology of Missions  4 hours
A historical and critical analysis of representative philosophies of missions and the methodologies employed.

86130  Cultural Anthropology and Christian Witness  4 hours
A study of the discipline of anthropology from its widest descriptions to its narrowest applications in “Practical Missiology.” Special attention will be given to the debate between preservationist and interventionist orientations. The central purpose of the course will be to come to understand anthropology in its fullest dimensions in order to make the most effective use of its lessons in fulfilling the Great Commission.

86140  Theology of the Christian Mission  4 hours
A study of the encounter between the missionary enterprise and the church and its theology. An effort will be made to develop a contemporary theology of mission.

Christian Preaching
86500  Christian Preaching Colloquium  2 hours
86640  Reformation Preaching  4 hours
A historical survey of Reformation preaching: a detailed study of the lives of the leading preachers, giving attention to their homiletical methods, their sermonic work, and their contributions to the theory of preaching.

86660  American Preaching  4 hours
An analysis of the influence of preaching on American churches and society from the Puritan era to the present.

86720  Canons of Criticism  4 hours
The analysis and discussion of rhetorical and homiletical works and of sermons with a view to the formulation of principles of criticism.

86800  Doctrinal Preaching  4 hours
The study and articulation of biblical doctrines of the Christian faith for the task of preaching.

86810  Expository Preaching  4 hours
An exploration of the science and art of biblical exegesis for the purpose of expository proclamation of scripture. Historical and contemporary theories and models of expository preaching will be examined.

86820  The Theology of Preaching  4 hours
The study of the preaching task in the context of its theological foundations. Contributions of major theologians to preaching will be explored. Exegetical developments and contemporary theological trends and movements and their effect on preaching also will be examined.

86840  Pastoral Preaching  4 hours
An examination of preaching within the pastoral context as it relates to human needs. Selected preaching models from the past and present will be studied to determine sermon preparation, content, methods, work habits, and delivery.

86870  Paul: Model and Source of Preaching  4 hours
The intent of this course is to help each of us to understand better the content and dynamic of Paul’s preaching. Answers will be sought to two fundamental questions: What did Paul preach? Why did Paul preach?

86940  Hermeneutics for Preaching  4 hours
An examination of the history and theory of hermeneutics for the art of Christian preaching. Modern hermeneutical theories and their impact on the preaching assignment will be carefully critiqued.

Church and Society
87000  Church and Society Colloquium  2 hours

Biblical Counseling
87500  Christian Counseling Colloquium  2 hours
87560  Theological Issues in Pastoral Care and Counseling  4 hours
A study of contemporary pastoral theologians and of the major theological issues which
inform both the theory and practice of pastoral care and counseling.

87570 Guilt, Shame, and Forgiveness 4 hours
This seminar will explore the pastoral theology of guilt, shame, and forgiveness in the context of Christian counseling and family ministry. It will explore both theoretical and therapeutic dimensions of the subject, from a biblical, psychological, theological, and systemic perspective.

87580 Research Methodology in Pastoral Theology 4 hours
Pastoral research as a method of utilizing theology at each stage of the researching process is examined alongside the scientific model of research.

87690 Research on Special Issues in Family Ministry 4 hours
This course is designed to introduce graduate students to the multiple research methodologies used in family ministry research. Since this is a survey course, the emphasis is on breadth of coverage rather than depth.

87715 Biblical Counseling & Contemporary Psychotherapy 4 hours
This course surveys and critiques the rise and development of modern psychiatry and modern psychology, the main versions of secular psychotherapy, the main Christian counseling approaches that have arisen in response, and related issues, including the relation of science and Scripture; and the antithesis, common grace, and redemptive grace; from the standpoint of a biblically-based worldview and soul-care philosophy.

87725 Applied Theology and Typical Problems 4 hours
This seminar will explore how Scripture (utilizing exegesis of specific passages as well as biblical and systematic theology) relates to typical problems often found in counseling situations. The seminar will consider how the major theological loci relate to the care of people as well as how specific issues can be addressed with biblical theological themes. This ability to move in both directions — from Scripture to life to Scripture — is a vital skill for the wise practitioner.

87740 Biblical Counseling 4 hours
This seminar is an exploration of the foundations for biblical counseling. The seminar participants will be encouraged to develop a hermeneutic for biblical counseling that is consistent with a biblical anthropology of personhood. Thematic issues from ministry situations of a contemporary nature will be examined in light of biblical theology and biblical principles for care and counseling. Prerequisite: 2 units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

87750 Biblical and Theological Foundations of Counseling 4 hours
Christian counseling is based upon God’s plan, accomplishment, and application of redemption to God’s people. In this class we will explore biblical and dogmatic descriptions of redemption and develop a model for helping others in the application and internalization of redemption.

87760 Theological Hermeneutics in the Care of People 4 hours
This seminar is an exploration of the role of hermeneutics in applied theology and counseling. Seminar participants will apply a thematically developed hermeneutic to the exegesis of specific passages of Scripture and to the interpretation of specific counseling situations, demonstrating how the gospel of Jesus Christ is the central interpretive concern of both.

87770 Ecclesiology and Methods in Biblical Counseling 4 hours
This seminar will outline the basic components of the biblical counseling process, exploring various methods in addressing issues strategically in the context of the local church. The course will consider how counseling is one of the various means of grace Christ has appointed for his church. It will specifically address the community’s role in the sanctification and support of its members and the role of counseling in outreach to the broader community of the church.

87810 Christian Counseling Clinical Training I 4 hours
This functional seminar provides both theoretical and clinical training in the methods of reformational counseling, soul-care based on the theology of the magisterial Reformation in its Baptist form. The seminar will also assist the student in addressing personal/relational issues that can get in the way of people-helping. This seminar requires on-going active pastoral care ministry and will thereby integrate clinical experience with theoretical understandings of the characterological nature of human sin’s impact on both the caregiver and care receiver.

87970 Supervision of Marital and Family Therapy Supervision 4 hours
The development of a philosophy of education, a learning theory, and a theory of pastoral supervision congruent with one’s practice in the supervision of marital and family therapy.

87974 Supervision of Marital and Family Therapy 4 hours
A practicum focused on developing and practice of pastoral counseling in the context of marital and family therapy. Individual supervision and case conferences may continue for two consecutive semesters.
### World Religions

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<td>An evaluatory review of contemporary literature which addresses the religion pluralism of our time.</td>
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<td>Hinduism Within Indian Life and Thought</td>
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<td>A phenomenological and historical study of the Hindu tradition with specific attention to religious thought, the way and value of life, sacred literature, rituals, social and cultural practices, and the various expressions of the tradition in the modern West.</td>
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<td>A phenomenological and historical survey of the spread and development of various forms of the Buddhist tradition in Southeast Asia, East Asia, and the West.</td>
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<td>The Phenomenon of Islam Within the Contemporary World</td>
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<td>A phenomenological and historical study of the religious and cultural tradition of Islam, with special attention to the rise and development of the Islamic Resurgence in the modern world.</td>
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<td>A study of the major biblical and theological themes influencing the evangelistic mission of the church. Special emphasis is given to contemporary interpretations of evangelism, proclamation, discipleship, social ministry, and church growth as they inform the development of a holistic evangelistic strategy for the contemporary church.</td>
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<td>An examination of spiritual warfare, with a particular focus on the relationship between warfare and evangelism and missions.</td>
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<td>A critical and evaluative study of the contribution of selected leaders in evangelism such as Charles Finney, Dwight Moody, Billy Sunday, and Billy Graham to the evangelistic task and its development in modern understandings of mission.</td>
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<td>An examination of contemporary factors influencing the growth of the church in North America, with specific reference to principles and methodologies of the Church Growth Movement.</td>
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### Biblical Spiritualities Studies

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<td>Puritan and Evangelical Spirituality</td>
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<td>A study of and reflection on various aspects of Puritan and Evangelical piety at the doctoral level, including both foundational elements, such as knowing God, justification by faith, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, sanctification, and the cross, and those secondary elements sometimes described as means of grace, such as friendship, prayer and meditation, and the Lord’s Supper. The means employed in this study and reflection are texts from two classical eras of biblical spirituality, namely, seventeenth-century Puritanism and Evangelicalism in the “long” eighteenth century.</td>
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<td>This course entails an in-depth study of seven medieval theologians/authors and the shape of their spirituality. The figures to be studied are Anselm of Canterbury (1033–1109), Bernard of Clairvaux (1090–1153), Aelred of Rievaulx (1110–67), Thomas Aquinas (1225–74), Ramon Lull (1232–1315), Catherine of Siena (1347–80), and John Wycliffe (c.1330–84). Other figures will be touched on by means of student seminars.</td>
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<td>This seminar engages in exploration of foundational theological understandings that rightly undergird a genuine and faithful expression of biblical spirituality, done within the context of some major historic models of Christian spirituality.</td>
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### Biblical Theology

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A forum for doctoral students, faculty and guest lecturers to explore theological, philosophical and social science assumptions and issues in ministry leadership. A minimum of six semesters is required.

- **Models of Student and Family Ministry**: Examines and critiques the history, philosophy, methodology, and relative strengths and weaknesses of major youth and family ministry leadership models through a theological and psychosocial grid.
- **Communication and Team Dynamics**: A study of team/group dynamics theories and their application to organizational leadership. Issues of team leadership and team effectiveness are explored. Examines theory and practice of professional communication in organizations and its impact on team process.
- **Current Theory and Practice in Adult Education**: A critical examination of current issues in adult education, including the assumptions and philosophies underlying andragogy, and program planning models and principles.
- **Directed Doctoral Study**: Self-directed research for students who have completed all course work and are studying for the comprehensive examinations and/or preparing the prospectus.
- **Doctoral Dissertation Research and Writing**: For students who have completed the prospectus and are writing the dissertation.
- **Personality and Developmental Theory**: An evaluation of personality theories, educational psychology and developmental psychology and an analysis of their contributions to the practices of leadership, instruction and spiritual formation.
- **Social Systems in Ministry Context**: An exploration of the findings of sociology and anthropology as they relate to Christian education ministry and the development of Christian leadership across social groups and cultures.
- **Theological Analysis of Educational Assumptions**: An investigation of the theological presuppositions that inform the education and leadership assumptions of ministry praxis. Students will articulate and evaluate their working philosophy of ministry in light of biblical theology and systematic theology.
- **Critical Inquiry and Research Design**: Critical thinking and reflection processes are explored and are applied to research evaluation and interpretation. Students develop the knowledge, skills and disposition for critical inquiry and research development, preparation, analysis, interpretation and evaluation.
- **Teaching and Learning: Theory and Practice**:
An analysis of learning theory and contemporary models of teaching with an emphasis on instructional techniques used in higher education.

95700 Biblical and Theological Foundations for Leadership 4 hours
Students examine leadership theory from a biblical worldview perspective by critically examining the theological assumptions that underlie various models of leadership. Examines theological themes that directly impact leadership practice. Builds a theological foundation for the practice of leadership.

96100 Leadership and Management Theory 4 hours
A critical examination of contemporary leadership principles and practices in the light of biblically-based models and criteria for Christian leadership and administration.

96200 Leadership for Church Development 4 hours
An evaluation of a variety of contemporary ministry models and church growth strategies and an analysis of their contributions to the development of Christian leadership.

96300 Organizational Theory and Development 4 hours
Explores psychological and developmental underpinnings of organizations. Presents classical and contemporary theories and principles of organizational development. Students gain skills in the analysis of organizational culture, communication processes, and staff training.

96400 Change, Power and Conflict 4 hours
An analysis of the change process, the role of power and authority in the development of change and conflict, and approaches to conflict management.

96800 Empirical Research Methods 4 hours
A study of research methodology, including methods and techniques of literary, quantitative, and qualitative analysis, data collection and tabulation, statistical analysis, and the documentation of findings.

96850 Analysis of Empirical Research 4 hours
A study of the methods of empirical data gathering and analysis including the design and validation of instrumentation, the selection of statistical measures and options for data computation, and the documentation and display of research findings.

96920 Comprehensive Examinations 0 hours
A series of individualized research questions incorporating and expanding upon the findings of doctoral course work. Enrollment continues under Directed Doctoral Study until the comprehensive examinations are passed. Prerequisite: Successful completion of all requisite research seminars.

97000 Theological Anthropology and Human Development 4 hours
A study of classical and contemporary perspectives on human nature, constitution, and development, with a focus on critiquing social-scientific perspectives in light of divine revelation and orthodox Christian theology.

97005 Christian Formation of Children and Adolescents 4 hours
Explores the Christian formation and discipleship of children and adolescents, focusing on the role of the family on the relationship of Christian formation to theories of cognitive, moral, and spiritual development.

97010 Theology of Marriage and Family 4 hours
This course examines marital and parental relationships in their biblical, theological, historical, and cultural contexts, with special attention being given to developing a biblical and theological perspective on issues of sexuality and complementary relationships between husbands and wives.

97015 Marriage and Family Counseling 4 hours
An in-depth analysis of the fundamental principles of biblical counseling and of the application of these principles in the context of marital and parental relationships. Students will apply principles from biblical counseling through the development of case studies.

97020 Readings in Family Ministry 4 hours
A self-directed analysis of precedent literature on a significant issue in family ministry.

Biblical Worship

98100 Christian Worship Colloquium 1 hour
A forum for doctoral students, faculty, and guest lectures to explore theological, historical, philosophical and cultural issues related to Christian Worship.

98110 Theology of Christian Worship 4 hours
A study of biblical and theological themes related to the worship of the one true and living God as seen in both Old and New Testaments.

98120 Historical Survey of Christian Worship 4 hours
A study of Christian worship practices from the ante-Nicene period to the present, with an emphasis on evaluating these practices biblically and theologically. Pivotal historical developments serve as the basis for discussion and research.

98130 Studies in Christian Hymnody 4 hours
A study of hymns, psalmody, and worship song as these have developed in church history and worship traditions from the Patristic era through the present. Primary emphases are on theological analysis, hymn tune performance practices and styles, and poetic traditions.
98140  Planning and Leading Christian Worship  4 hours
A study of the structure and elements of corporate worship with an emphasis on planning Christ-centered, biblically rich worship services. Special consideration will be given to current issues in worship planning.

98150  Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Worship Practices  4 hours
A study of Christian congregational song and worship practices in major world music traditions, with emphasis on textual analysis (theological and cultural), examination of musical performance practices, and uses in worship.

98160  Readings in Christian Worship  4 hours
A self-directed analysis of precedent literature on a significant issue in Christian Worship.

98500  Theology of Christian Missions  4 hours
A study of the encounter between the missionary enterprise and the church and its theology. An effort will be made to develop a contemporary theology of mission. For D.Miss. students only.

98510  History of Christian Missions  4 hours
A detailed study of the patterns of development in missions history. For D.Miss. students only.