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## ***UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW***

Most degree programs are offered in English and Spanish. Undergraduate programs are available which recognize the following levels of achievement:

**Associate's Degree - 60 semester hours**

**Bachelor Degree (w/major) 120 semester hours**

*\* Each course equals 3 semester hours*

### ***BACHELOR'S DEGREES AVAILABLE***

Concentrations include:

Applied Theology  
Biblical Studies  
Christian Counseling  
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## **UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS**

### **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

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#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

**NTS101** New Testament Survey  
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### **CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

**CNS130** Intro to Christian Counseling  
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**CNS444** Counseling Sexual Abuse

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CED101** Intro to Christian Ed  
**CED111** Dynamic Teaching Methods  
**CED210** Principles of Teaching  
**CED211** Theology of Christian Education  
**CED212** Classroom Management  
**CED213** Curriculum Development  
**CED220** Ministry to Children  
**CED301** Admin of Christian Ed  
**CED302** Educational Models

**CED303** Principles of Education  
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**CED320** Ministry to Youth  
**CED408** Learning Styles  
**CED420** Ministry to Adults  
**CED421** Student Teaching Project  
**CED495** Bachelor Project

## **EVANGELISM / MISSIONS**

**ECM101** Evangelism  
**ECM131** Introduction to Missions  
**ECM132** Principles and Methods  
**ECM201** Campus Evangelism  
**ECM231** World Missions

**ECM301** Urban Evangelism  
**ECM331** Missions Anthropology  
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## **LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION/CHURCH ADMIN.**

**BUS100** Church/Ministry Admin.  
**BUS101** Biblical Bus. Principles  
**BUS110** Accounting Principles  
**BUS200** Church/Bus. Staffing  
**BUS201** Principles of Economics  
**BUS202** Organizational Principles  
**BUS210** Accounting for Non-Profits  
**BUS241** Business Ethics  
**BUS245** Negotiation: Princ./Pract.

**BUS310** Managing Non-Profit Org.  
**BUS326** Ministry Development  
**BUS370** Dev. a Volunteer Base  
**BUS403** Launching/Developing Business/  
Marketplace Ministry  
**BUS404** Marketing & Management  
**BUS410** Legal Environment of Bus.  
**BUS450** Financial Planning  
**BUS451** Investment & Dividends

## **ENGLISH**

**ENG101** English Grammar  
**ENG102** English Composition

**ENG103** Creative Writing  
**ENG201** English Literature

## **HISTORY**

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

**HCH201** Church History I  
**HCH202** History of the NT Church  
**HCH211** Church History II

**HCH221** The Age of Reformation  
**HCH301** History of Revivals  
**HCH302** Dev. of Urban Church

### **GENERAL HISTORY**

**HIS210** Old Testament History  
**HIS221** History of Israel

**HIS321** Minorities in America

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **GREEK**

**GRK201** Greek 1

**GRK301** Greek 2

### **HEBREW**

**HEB201** Hebrew I

**HEB301** Hebrew II

### **SPANISH**

**SPN201** Spanish 1

**SPN301** Spanish II

## **SPECIAL TOPICS**

**SPT201** Intro to Biblical Languages – Hebrew **SPT211** Sign Language  
**SPT202** Intro to Biblical Languages - Greek

## **PHILOSOPHY**

**PHL101** Introduction to Philosophy **PHL201** Phil. in Christian Perspective

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSY101** Introduction to Psychology **PSY212** Cognitive Therapy  
**PSY201** Psychology of Religion **PSY301** Intro to Psychopathology  
**PSY203** Child and Adolescent Dev. **PSY304** Psychology and Theology  
**PSY204** Developmental Psychology **PSY401** Human Sexuality  
**PSY211** Educational Psychology

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## **PREACHING**

**PRE201** Homiletics I **PRE301** Homiletics II

## **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

### **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

**PTH101** Principles of Bible Study **PTH307** Pastoral Counseling  
**PTH104** Church Government **PTH308** Church Growth Principles  
**PTH201** Ministry of Helps **PTH401** Pastor and Staff Relations  
**PTH202** Discipleship **PTH402** Role of Women in Ministry  
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**PTH205** Personal Growth **PTH404** Pastor in the Urban Community  
**PTH301** Leadership Principles **PTH405** Adv. Leadership Principles  
**PTH302** Principles of Admin. & Org **PTH406** African American Church  
**PTH304** Home Cell Ministry **PTH407** Marketing the Ministry  
**PTH305** Urban Ministries **PTH408** Conflict Management  
**PTH306** Christian Ethics **PTH420** Introduction to Chaplaincy

## **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

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## **GENERAL THEOLOGY**

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## **Course Descriptions**

### **BUS – CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION/CHURCH ADMIN..**

**BUS100 Church/Ministry Administration (Methods & Tools)** - This course explores principles and practices of management and administration as they are adapted to non-profit organizations. Organizational issues as well as methods and tools for effective administration are discussed.

**BUS101 Basic Biblical Business Principles** - A study of the philosophy, procedures, goals, mechanics and potentialities of business from a Christian perspective.

**BUS110 Accounting Principles** – This course familiarizes the student with newly updated Christian financial advice from a classic leader who understands today's changing business world. Students will discover how to apply biblical principles to a variety of business decisions within the ministry.

**BUS200 Church/Business Staffing** – This course will discuss how to select, train, evaluate, support, and mentor those involved in the administration of a church or business. Included is discussion on leadership development, servant leadership, and effective executive practices.

**BUS201 Principles of Economics** -- An introduction to both macroeconomics and microeconomics and the principles that form the foundation for both. An analysis of the determination of national income, employment, output and prices will also be discussed.

**BUS202 Organizational Principles** - A practical study regarding the gathering and management of resources, the procedures for starting and sustaining a business and the networking with modern business systems to make a business more successful.

**BUS210 *Accounting for Non-Profits*** – A survey of the basic concepts and principles of accounting and finance. The course includes fundamental financial principles, the production and management of non-profit accounting models, financial performance evaluation, and budgeting.

**BUS241 *Business Ethics*** – A thorough study of sound biblical ethics and their application to our personal lives, business endeavors, and community.

**BUS245 *Negotiation: Principles and Practices*** – This course is designed to develop the knowledge, attitude and skill required for successful negotiation, including the ability to plan a negotiation and to implement the plan with the proper strategy, tactics, and techniques.

**BUS302 *Accounting and Finance*** An introduction to the concepts, procedures and ethical aspects of accounting and financial reporting as a basis for decision making. Financial accounting fundamentals are covered, including the accounting cycle, the elements of financial statements, and financial statement preparation. Several core elements are emphasized for service and merchandising organizations.

**BUS310 *Managing a Non-Profit Organization*** – A look at the special needs and skills required to effectively manage a non-profit organization. Special emphasis will be given to foundational understanding of the cardinal differences between NPO's and for-profit entities.

**BUS326 *Ministry Development: Vision, Mission, Strategy*** – This course is designed primarily for individuals in the faith-based community to identify and develop the ministry God has called them to do. It is intended to serve as a guide for students to develop their ministry through vision, their mission and the strategy they will use to accomplish it.

**BUS335 *Essential Team Building/Interaction*** – This course examines the dynamics of teams, how these dynamics change as team size changes, and the effect of leadership on the operation and organization of the team. It presents several tools for enhancing team interaction, building internal communication, and maximizing the potential of a team to achieve its purpose and goal.

**BUS370 *Developing a Volunteer Base*** – Learning how to develop, inspire and motivate volunteers is essential for churches and nonprofit ministries to reach their full potential. This class will explore the issues of raising up volunteers, finding the best fit for them, and using people's skills to uncover their passion for serving.

**BUS403 *Launching and Developing A Kingdom Business*** How to start a business and use that business as an instrument for the promotion of Kingdom priorities.

**BUS404 *Marketing and Management*** A general survey of the functions, processes, institutions and costs in the flow of goods and services from producers to consumers.

**BUS410 *Legal Environment of Business*** A broad study of public and private law areas as they govern our present-day business climate. This involves the system of jurisprudence, sources of law, constitutional law, international transactions, consumer and employee protection, and a wide range of governmental regulation of business.

**BUS450 *Financial Planning*** – A discussion of the planning and management of one's personal finances from the Christian perspective. A study of personal and household budgeting, insurance, investing, estate and retirement planning, culminating in the preparation of a detailed individual financial plan.



## ***CED - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

**CED101 *Introduction to Christian Education*** - This course presents an overview and examines the materials and methods for Christian teaching, the function and place of Christian education in the local church, and summarizes the Biblical, theological, historical, philosophical foundations, and the basic objectives of Christian education.

**CED111 *Dynamic Methods of Teaching*** - The basic study of various audio and visual methods and models of instruction to equip future teachers to communicate their ideas and subject matter clearly and concisely.

**CED210 *Principles of Teaching*** - A study of the basic principles of effective teaching based on the Christian philosophy of education of growth in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men. The course includes characteristics and needs of various age level students, ways in which Christian teachers can meet these needs, the fundamental responsibilities of the teacher, modern educational methods, and steps in preparing, presenting, and evaluating a lesson.

**CED211 *Theology of Christian Education*** - A comprehensive survey of the biblical principles justifying the need and practice of Christian education. Historical roots are traced from the earliest commands of God to the sin, the earth, seasons, races of man, world religions, promises of the Messiah, and much more.

**CED212 *Classroom Management*** - This course emphasizes ecological theory, while incorporating behavior, support and problem solving. Also addressed is classroom management theory and strategies that are necessary in preparing a functional behavioral assessment.

**CED213 *Curriculum Development*** - This course is a study of curriculum theory and principles involving the student in the preparation, evaluation and selection of instructional materials for the educational ministries of the church and school. Included is the solid coverage of the philosophical, historical, psychological and social functions of curriculum. Student is given examples of curriculum theory, development and design in approaching educational objectives and curriculum implementation models.

**CED220 *Ministry to Children*** - How to effectively minister to children in view of their particular spiritual, cultural, and psychological development.

**CED301 *Administration of Christian Education*** - An emphasis is placed on the principles and practices of organizing, administering, and supervising various programs in the local church.

**CED302 *Educational Models*** - A survey of the methods used in education are addressed in this course. How and why certain methods work in different situations will be covered for a balanced perspective on educational delivery systems. Topics include: distance learning, home schooling, internet courses, traditional and non-traditional methods.

**CED303 *Principles of Education*** - The dynamics of how students learn and how teachers can address the various educational needs of students form the basis for this course. A survey of methodology available to teachers is included in this class.

**CED304 *Managing Educational Resources*** - A study of basic bookkeeping and accounting principles, business practices, and records which are necessary for the proper function of an educational facility.

**CED305 *Theory of Education*** - Educational theories are compared and contrasted equipping the student to develop their own unique approach to Christian education. The student will be exposed to paradigms of educational philosophy, theology and theory.

**CED306 *Ministry to the Physically-Challenged*** - This course is specifically designed to assist the student in identifying the special needs and applying them for ministry to the physically challenged.

**CED320 *Ministry to Youth*** - How to effectively minister to youth from adolescence to young adulthood in view of their particular spiritual, cultural, and psychological development.

**CED408 *Learning Styles*** - To acquaint the student with the three primary leaning styles and how they affect student assimilation of presented materials. To develop proficiency in creating lesson plans that present information in a multiple of styles to facilitate learning. To equip the student with some resources that may facilitate the preparation and presentation of classroom materials.

**CED420 *Ministry to Adults*** - This course covers the issues, developmental tasks and biblical principles associated with ministering to adults. Emphasis is placed on the adult learner, including characteristics, patterns and principles of adult learning.

**CED421 *Student Teaching Project*** - The student is placed in a primary teaching role in a church or school being responsible for writing and executing lesson plans, evaluating and testing students, while being supervised by a certified experienced teacher.

**CED495 *Bachelor Project*** - The student may choose to do a Bachelor project worth six credit hours to fulfill the requirements for a Christian Education major. A topic, syllabus and schedule will be developed with the assistance of an instructor.

## **CNS – COUNSELING**

**CNS130 *Introduction to Christian Counseling*** - A survey of Christian approaches to the field of counseling focusing on paradigms and models, how they compare, and how these strategies can be implemented in ministry.

**CNS131 *Biblical Counseling*** - Addresses relevant issues applying Biblical principles as solutions. The student will understand the interrelationship between Biblical truth and godliness, as well as be able to defend their counseling position with sound Biblical interpretations.

**CNS132 *Introduction to Behavioral Analysis*** - The basic introduction to using the Temperament Analysis profile. This class teaches about the individuals “nature” (what God gives you at birth) compared and contrasted to “personality” (your learned behavior) why we act differently, and how to integrate the information in counseling situations.

**CNS231 *Effective Counseling Skills*** - A beginning examination of Biblical counseling to assist the student in helping others find God's purpose for their lives and a study of the difference between secular counseling and Biblical counseling.

**CNS233 *Spiritual Growth: 12-Steps*** - The 12-step method of recovery is introduced from the perspective of how it can be used to achieve spiritual growth.

**CNS234 *Codependency*** - Codependency is trying to control interior feelings by controlling people, things and events on the outside. The course provides the student with an analysis of the skills necessary to recognize and treat codependency.

**CNS331 *Marriage and Family Counseling*** - An examination of the foundation of a successful marriage, the basic building block of the family and the church. Also examined are counseling methods used with married couples undergoing conflicts, child nurturing and disciplining, and cross cultural ramifications.

**CNS332 *Group Counseling*** - A course designed to teach the student how to initiate a small group program in a local church. The student will also learn principles of group counseling and their practical application in small groups.

**CNS334 *Grief Counseling*** - This course is designed to give students an understanding of the dynamics of counseling situations guiding families and clients through the stages of grief and death and other types of losses.

**CNS335 *Stress Counseling*** - Students are guided through the aspects of stress detection and resolution in a variety of settings. The course offers a combination of spiritual and psychological components designed to help counselees manage and control stress levels.

**CNS337 *Crisis Counseling*** - This course is designed to examine major stress and crisis from birth to death. Attention is given to programmatic and therapeutic responses to crisis.

**CNS338 *Counseling Children*** - This course is to provide insight into the world of children through the process of understanding children and their world so their needs can be met. A child is just as deserving of respect, recognition, affirmation, understanding, genuineness, and the right to be listened to as any adult person. We will also explore therapeutic approaches to treating traumatized children and children with behavior problems.

**CNS341 *Divorce and Remarriage Counseling*** - A study of the cause and effects of marital strife. Biblical methodology is studied to be used in counseling for the unique problems exposed in marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

**CNS431 *Addictions Counseling*** - This course is designed to prepare students for the challenges of working with clients who substance abuse and other addiction problems. Students will acquire knowledge in individual and group treatment approaches, therapeutic interventions and issues. This course emphasizes the acquisition of counseling skills and provides opportunities for students to practice skill building. Special focus will also be placed on working with special populations, including minorities, elderly, adolescents and the mentally ill. This will be approached from a biblical perspective.

**CNS432 *Healing the Inner Man*** An introduction to the key elements in inner healing. There are many experiences that people have which cause hurts, resentments, and bitterness in the heart. If not ministered to, they can become destructive in our life - spirit, soul, and body.

**CNS433 Counseling Domestic Violence** - Victims and abusers both need help in domestic violence situations. The student is trained in the skills necessary to detect, intervene and counsel people involved in domestic violence.

**CNS434 Women's Issues in Counseling** – A study of women's issues relating to the contemporary woman in both the church and in the world.

**CNS444 Counseling Sexual Abuse** - A balanced perspective on the area of sexual abuse that defines the subject matter, assists in understanding survivors and their healing process and the impact it has on the counselor of sexual abuse survivors.

## **ECM - EVANGELISM / CHURCH MISSIONS**

**ECM101 Evangelism** - A study of the Biblical injunctions to evangelize, with an emphasis on developing the skills of personal evangelism and equipping others to share their faith.

**ECM131 Introduction to Missions** - This course covers the history of missions from the perspective of an overview, as well as biographical studies. The student will study the different methodologies in their historical context to help form relevant strategies for today.

**ECM132 Principles and Methods for Missions** - A course to teach practical evangelism and discussion of the alternative and challenges of cross-cultural evangelism. This will be discussed in both urban and rural settings with the problems associated with cross-cultural evangelism.

**ECM201 Campus Evangelism** - Designed to assist the student to properly develop and implement an evangelism program geared to college students in a secular environment. Past and present college ministry movement will be analyzed to determine strategies that will be successful in the present age.

**ECM231 World Missions** - A study of the spheres of missions with attention to various evangelism methods. This is a study of the development of missions. Cultural anthropology, along with its missionary and theological implications, will also be examined.

**ECM301 Urban Evangelism** This study is designed to assist the student in learning how to properly develop and implement an evangelism program geared to urban people. Past and present urban ministries will be analyzed to determine strategies that will be successful in the present age.

**ECM331 Missions Anthropology** A study of the basic principles of cultural anthropology with its missionary and theological implications. It will provide a basis for the understanding of other cultures so the missionary can adjust more readily and work effectively among them.

**ECM333 Cross Cultural Leadership** Cultures of various people of the world are studied for the purpose of orienting the student with the issues in cross-cultural leadership and leadership development. The importance of cultural sensitivity and communication are emphasized.

**ECM342 *Islamic Fundamentalism*** - An examination of the impact of Islam on the world, and especially the church, and in its role in global Muslim expansionism. Evaluation of the claims of orthodox Islam and Christian counterclaims, preparing students with strong apologetic answers. A Christian analysis of Koranic doctrines such as the "umma", the "Sharia", the "Jihad", and the "Dhimma" are also studied. Resolution of tension in church/state issues will be discussed.

## **ENG – ENGLISH**

**ENG101 *English Grammar*** - A review of the fundamentals of grammar, including a thorough treatment of the parts of speech and word functions, structure of the sentence, problems of syntax, and other basic skills.

**ENG102 *English Composition*** - Instruction in the principles of composition, including the practical aspects of research methods, reference tools and resources, and study skills as they apply to studying.

**ENG103 *Creative Writing*** - The course consists of reading selections representing literary creativity followed by actual and experimental practice in attempting creative sketches or natural impressions or poems or stories. It is an integration of learning acquired through ENG101 and ENG102.

**ENG201 *English Literature*** - Fictional and poetical literature, written by widely known Christian authors throughout the ages, is read and studied for their spiritual insight and instruction. Authors include Milton, Bunyan, and C.S. Lewis. The course is available upon request.

## **GRK – GREEK**

**GRK201 *Greek 1*** - This is an introductory study of the grammar, forms, syntax, and vocabulary of written New Testament Greek.

**GRK301 *Greek 2*** - A continuation of the study of the essentials of Greek grammar. Emphasis is placed on reading and interpreting select portions of the Greek New Testament text.

## **HCH - CHURCH HISTORY**

**HCH201 *Church History I*** - A survey of the history of the Christian church from A.D. 30 up to the Reformation. Individuals, events, issues and movements that shaped and impacted the church are studied.

**HCH202 *History of the Early Church*** - The history of the church is traced focusing on the dynamics at work prior to first coming of Christ, how His ministry laid the foundation for the church and the early stages of its development up to the establishment of the Roman church under Constantine.

**HCH211 *Church History II*** - A survey of the history of the Christian church from the Reformation to the modern day. Individuals, events, issues and movements that have shaped and impacted the church are studied.

**HCH221 *The Age of Reformation*** - A thorough treatment of the individuals and issues that prepared the church for the Reformation.

**HCH301 *History of Revivals*** - This course covers the rise and growth of denominations, eighteenth century revivals, and more recent denominational and ecumenical trends.

## ***HEB – HEBREW***

**HEB201 *Hebrew I*** - An introduction to the alphabet, vowels, and pronunciation of the Hebrew language, followed by studies of important Old Testament words.

**HEB301 *Hebrew 2*** - A continuation of the study of the essentials of Hebrew grammar. Emphasis is placed on reading and interpreting select portions of the Old Testament text.

## ***HIS - HISTORICAL STUDIES***

**HIS210 *Old Testament History*** - A study of the work of God in relation to man, as portrayed in the Old Testament. The course includes all the events from man's creation to the New Testament account of man's redemption. Special emphasis is placed on the historical and prophetic contexts of the events, significant individuals, and the development of the nation of Israel.

**HIS221 *History of Israel*** - A study of the origin and development of the people of Israel from the call of Abraham to the period after their exile. Focus is on key events, individuals and eras studied with special emphasis on the Exodus, conquest of Canaan, monarchy, divided kingdom and exile.

**HIS321 *Minorities in America*** - A course of study of the minorities of America and the contribution, as well as conflicts, in their attempt to merge into American life.

## ***NTS - NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES***

**NTS101 *New Testament Survey*** - A panoramic view of New Testament messages, doctrines, personalities, and problems of interpretation. This course encourages the student to mature spiritually as the scriptural principles discussed are put into practice in relationships with God, others, and oneself.

**NTS110 *Gospels: Life of Christ*** - This chronological study which will be informative, inspirational, and practical. The course will relate the parallel accounts in the four Gospels, and divide the life and ministry of Christ into generally accepted periods. Through proper study and research, the student will have a thorough understanding of Jesus' example of ministry in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

**NTS202 *Acts: Mandate for Missions*** - A thorough study of the content of the book of Acts with emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the origin and growth of the early church. The journeys of Paul are studied in relationship with his epistles.

**NTS210 *Pauline Epistles*** - A study of the Pauline epistles is foundational for the understanding of God's plan for the church and individual Christian living. This course will show how the epistles of Paul were written to both the individual and the church. Consideration of each epistle will include background information, occasion, place and date of writing, as well as an exposition of the content of the letters.

**NTS331 *First & Second Peter*** - The epistles authored by the Apostle Peter are examined with special emphasis given to the warnings given to believers in the face of false teachers and teaching.

**NTS340 *Johannine Epistles*** - The epistles of John are studied giving careful attention to the unique theological nuances of the Apostle John. Instructions aimed at the individual believer and the general church is given specific attention to enhance spiritual growth.

**NTS350 *Hebrews: The Better Covenant*** - An exposition of the book of Hebrews which contrasts the Old and New Covenants. Each student will experience an enrichment of their life as they gain fuller understanding of the Book of Hebrews and its message.

**NTS410 *Revelation*** - An expository presentation of the Book of Revelation, chapter by chapter and verse by verse. Revelation is an important book of Scripture. Each student will conduct a thorough and careful study, with the goal being that even the most difficult passages can be understandable.

**NTS490 *Specialized Bible Study*** - A custom made course of study available for students who would like to study a book of the New Testament that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor along with a timetable and project to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirements.

## **OTS – OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**

**OTS101 *Old Testament Survey*** - An overview and general study of all the books of the Old Testament. Questions of authorship, audience, themes and outlines are developed with emphasis on how each book is integrated as a whole.

**OTS110 *Pentateuch: Five Books of Moses*** - An integrated survey of the geographical, cultural, and historical backgrounds, of each book of the Pentateuch. Significant issues of the Pentateuch are covered including evolution, higher criticism and the laws of Israel's theocracy with regard to their content, meaning and applicability for today.

**OTS220 *Historical Books*** - The study of the Old Testament books from Joshua to Esther which deals with the nation of Israel in its rise, disruption, fall, captivity and restoration. Special emphasis is given to the background for the further study of the prophets.

**OTS221 *Joshua*** - An in-depth study of the book of Joshua covering such topics as the conquest of Canaan, the establishment of Israel in Canaan, the morals of war and other theological issues associated with this fast paced book.

**OTS222 *Nehemiah*** - An analysis of the narrative giving attention to the principles of leadership as effected through the life of Nehemiah. The combination of spirituality and practicality, prayer and perseverance are critical elements of this study.

**OTS330 *Wisdom Books*** - Selected portions of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon are studied with respect to divine inspiration and practical teaching.

**OTS410 *Major Prophets*** - An intensive historical, doctrinal, and critical study of the international relations in the days of the prophets as well as the religious, spiritual, and civic decline of Judah during that time. Special emphasis is placed on the Messianic and Millennial prophecies.

**OTS413 *Ezekiel*** The cryptic and unusual message and method of Ezekiel are explored with the goal of showing how the Lord uses unusual ways and people to communicate His message to His people. The historical, political, spiritual and cultural climate of Ezekiel's audience is studied to help the student understand the message thoroughly. It is relevant today in light of the end times.

**OTS420 *Minor Prophets*** - A study of the twelve Minor Prophets, concentrating on the social, political, and religious conditions of their time comparing and contrasting their message and thought with the contemporary thinking of the time. These prophets were the spiritual, progressives, analysts, and exponents of their day.

**OTS490 *Specialized Bible Study*** - A custom made course of study available for students who would like to study a book of the Old Testament that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor along with a timetable and projects to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirements.

## ***PHL – PHILOSOPHY***

**PHL101 *Introduction to Philosophy*** - The focus of this class is to present an overview of the various worldviews and the principles of reality, knowledge and ethics. The student will be lead into learning how to think accurately, comprehensively, effectively and biblically.

**PHL201 *Philosophy in Christian Perspective*** - The Christian worldview is contrasted to existing and prevalent philosophies. Students are equipped with the tools necessary to enter the debate emphasizing the supremacy of Christianity over other philosophies.

## ***PRE – PREACHING***

**PRE201 *Homiletics I*** - A basic study in sermon preparation dealing with the parts of the sermon, structure, and delivery. Emphasis is given to the analysis of student-prepared outlines, along with the actual delivery of sermons.

**PRE301 *Homiletics II*** This course will provide further methods of gathering and organizing materials, effective illustrations, audience adaptations, and speech theory, with proper emphasis on Scriptural exegesis.

## ***PSY – PSYCHOLOGY***

**PSY101 *Introduction to Psychology*** - A study of the various theories in psychology, verifiable principles, and the implications of the discipline of psychology are offered as viewed from a Christian perspective.



**PSY201 *Psychology of Religion*** - A study of the rise and principles of the application of psychology to religion. The basic ideas of personality formation, character building, and other significant religious activities as they relate to ministry are carefully studied.

**PSY203 *Child and Adolescent Development*** - Examines the effects of development on behavior, the nature of learning, teaching relationships, and individual differences, with particular emphasis placed on physical growth and development, cognitive growth, language development, moral education, personal development, and learning theory from birth to adolescence.

**PSY204 *Developmental Psychology*** - A study of the processes of human growth and developing patterns of behavior throughout the lifespan. Particular emphasis will be placed on the physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of the individual.

**PSY211 *Educational Psychology*** - An application of psychological principles to the design and guidance of educational experiences. The course provides the tools needed to make the teaching / learning process a more effective and rewarding part of Christian ministry. Topics include factors which affect the learning process, educational design principles, and the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian educational theory.

**PSY212 *Cognitive Therapy/Psychology*** - This course will highlight the theory and practice of cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, experiential, and solution-focused treatment models. Assessment, intervention and self-management strategies through this approach will be emphasized. Application of cognitive and behavioral techniques to human problems will be discussed from a Christian perspective, with a focus on the belief system of individuals.

**PSY301 *Introduction to Psychopathology*** - This course is designed to help the student understand and deal with mental disorders, the behavior of the mentally ill, understanding the manifestations of mental disorders, their problems, causes and processes.

**PSY304 *Psychology and Theology*** - This course will help the student compare and contrast the fields of psychology and theology to better understand how these disciplines interrelate.

**PSY401 *Human Sexuality*** An intensive study of human sexuality and its effect on human behavior. Male and female views of sexuality are compared and contrasted for a better understanding of the complexities of how sexuality affects relationships, society and the church.

## ***PTH – PRACTICAL THEOLOGY***

**PTH101 *Principles of Bible Study*** - Various methods of bible study are introduced in this course to prepare the student for an exciting lifetime of Bible investigation for personal growth and teaching opportunities. Methods include: word studies, biographical studies, historical studies and more.

**PTH104 *Church Government*** - An overview of historical church government with particular emphasis on the early church and government by consensus.

**PTH201 *Ministry of Helps*** - This course of study examines the many facets of Christian service available to the layperson. The goal is to demonstrate that every believer has a productive and satisfying role to play in the local church.

**PTH202 *Discipleship*** - A course designed to examine the interpersonal relationships and character development of the student and apply the principles to the process of discipleship.

**PTH204 *Pastoral Theology*** - A comprehensive treatment of the practical aspects of pastoral ministry. Subjects covered include the pastor as a divinely called servant, leader, preacher, teacher, counselor, administrator, spouse, and parent.

**PTH205 *Spiritual Formation/Personal Growth*** - The student is led into an evaluation of his/her present spiritual condition with practical instruction given on how to strengthen his/her walk with the Lord. A survey of the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, bible study, meditation, journaling, etc. will be covered in this course. The student will keep a spiritual growth journal for the 90 days the course is being done and will submit it for review.

**PTH301 *Leadership Principles*** This course is designed to increase the student's knowledge of the theoretical aspects of leadership and of administrative roles within the church. Secular and Christian ideas of leadership are examined and applied to Christian education in the local church.

**PTH302 *Principles of Administration and Organization*** The foundation for purposeful administration are explored with emphasis on a model which begins with accurately recognizing needs and the subsequent steps necessary to implement plans addressing the needs and the effective methods for evaluating plans, personnel and results.

**PTH304 *Home Cell Ministry*** - This study will focus on how to establish and manage home cell fellowship within the local church for the purposes of outreach and discipleship. Principles on how to evaluate your church to determine readiness, how to recruit and train quality leaders to lead home fellowships is covered.

**PTH305 *Urban Ministries*** - This course is a study to discuss the alternatives and challenges of city ministry on both the foreign and domestic fields. The student will survey the more prevalent problems associated with this type of ministry.

**PTH306 *Christian Ethics*** - A study of Christian ethics for the everyday life with sound Biblical principles and practical applications for the professional and problem aspects encountered in the ministry.

**PTH307 *Pastoral Counseling*** - This course is designed to orient the minister in Biblical models of counseling within a church setting, and examination of the philosophy behind the pastor's role as counselor in the church in light of the Scriptures.

**PTH308 *Principles of Church Growth*** - A survey of the theological, sociological, and statistical dimensions of the church growth movement as they relate to evangelism, church development, Christian education, along with the basics for beginning a new church.

**PTH401 *Pastor and Staff Relations*** - An in-depth treatment on how to assess readiness for a multiple staff situation as well as how to train and function as a multiple staff are covered in this course.

**PTH402 *Role of Women in Ministry*** - A study of ministry to and by women, including biblical foundations for roles of women in the home, church, and society. The course is designed to aid men and women who will be responsible for various areas of ministry.

**PTH403 *Prison Ministry*** - This course seeks to equip the student with an understanding of the methodology and dynamics of prison ministry. The steps of formulating a new ministry to coordinating an existing ministry are addressed.

**PTH404 *Pastor in the Urban Community*** - The unique setting of urban ministry is detailed for an understanding of the issues that are confronted in an urban setting. Integrating biblical principles from an urban perspective form the basis of this course.

**PTH405 *Advanced Leadership Principles*** This course is a continuation of PTH301. This course will build upon the students understanding of the theoretical aspects of leadership and of administrative roles within the church. Secular and Christian ideas of leadership are examined further and applied to the local church environment

**PTH 406 *The African American Church*** - This course seeks to assist the student in understanding the context and dynamics of African American church. A historical survey forms the foundation for an understanding of its modern expression and practice.

**PTH407 *Marketing the Ministry*** - An extensive survey into the various means available to properly and successfully develop awareness in a community of a church's ministry programs and services. This course covers topics such as: the well designed church bulletin to mass media opportunities as promotional avenues.

**PTH408 *Conflict Management*** - This course is designed to equip the student in understanding the dynamics of stress, assessing the level of stress, integrating principles designed to alleviate stressful personal or ministry situations.

**PTH420 *Introduction to Chaplaincy*** This course is designed to introduce the student to the work of Christian Chaplaincy and to give the student a practical and academic foundation for the role of Chaplain.

## **RES – RESEARCH**

**RES494 *Field Education*** - This course provides the student with an opportunity for learning experienced through travel, short term mission trips, educational exchange programs, and learning through observation.

**RES496 *Practicum*** - A ministry/vocational type project or assignment that requires hands-on opportunities with specific goals and outcomes.

**RES497 *Internship*** - This is a three, six, or nine month internship program under the direction of a mentor in the area of the degree major.

**RES499 *Research Project*** - A course designed to acquaint the student with the underlying principles of research and provide them with an adequate understanding of academic writing, logical thinking, basic research methods, and the use of various descriptive and inferential statistics.

## **SOC – SOCIOLOGY**

**SOC161 *Sociology*** - An analysis of the origin, development, function and interaction of social groups and institutions.

**SOC261 *Sociology and Christianity*** - This course is designed to ask: How do social conditions affect the church? How does the church affect the society in which it operates? A focus on the role of religion in social change will be presented.

**SOC262 *Parenting*** - A course designed to specifically focus on rearing adolescents with the approach flowing from the family system point of view and dealing with the various life cycle events of individuals, married couples, and families.

**SOC263 *Family Systems*** - An introduction to the basic elements of the Family System Theory as applied to the family. It is an alternative approach to individual focused counseling strategies, which views the individual as a part and product of the larger system called family.

## **SPN – Spanish**

**SPN201 *Spanish 1*** - An introduction to Spanish grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Development of the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are initiated in this course.

**SPN301 *Spanish 2*** - A continuation of SPN201 with further preparation of the student to communicate through the use of secondary Spanish acquired through practical workshops and study.

## **SPT - Special Topics**

**SPT201 *Introduction to Biblical Languages – Hebrew***: An introduction to the basic features of Hebrew, and the utilization of available study aids, such as computer software, lexicons, concordances, commentaries, etc. It is designed to enable students with little or no prior knowledge of Hebrews to engage in basic word studies and grammatical exercises.

**SPT202 *Introduction to Biblical Languages - Greek***: An introduction to the basic features of Greek, and the utilization of available study aids, such as computer software, lexicons, concordances, commentaries, etc. It is designed to enable students with little or no prior knowledge of Greek to engage in basic word studies and grammatical exercises.

**SPT211 *Sign Language*** - An introduction to the alphabet and vocabulary of sign language to introduce the student to the potential of a ministry to the deaf.

## **SYS - Systematic Theology**

**SYS201 *Old Testament Theology*** - A systematic study of the Old Testament writings with awareness to their historical, cultural and contextual environments and its implications for theological studies.

**SYS210 Bible Doctrines** - A major study of the Bible in a systematic way. The principle doctrines of the Scripture will be outlined and each discussed in a step by step process. This course is the base upon which the student will build theological foundation.

**SYS220 Doctrine of God** - This course provides the student with an in-depth study of the doctrine of God including a biblical understanding of the Trinity.

**SYS221 Bibliology: Doctrine of Scriptures** - A study of fundamental teachings of the Christian faith: God, the Bible, Christ, man, sin, salvation, Holy Spirit, angels, Satan, and the end times.

**SYS222 Christology** - A comprehensive study of what the Scriptures say about Jesus Christ. The course introduces the student to Old Testament typology and to the prophecies concerning Christ's present and future work. Controversial historical and contemporary views of Jesus are examined in relation to the Bible portrayal.

**SYS223 Soteriology** - A Study of the doctrine of salvation, the work of Christ in bringing lost man into fellowship with God. The course includes the doctrines of repentance, faith, conversion, regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, and prayer in the life of a Christian. Included in the study are an analysis of Biblical passages relating to salvation and an evaluation of historical and contemporary views of salvation.

**SYS301 New Testament Theology** - A systematic study of the New Testament writings with an awareness to their historical, cultural, and contextual environments and its implications for theological studies.

**SYS321 Pneumatology** - The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit: A scriptural and practical presentation of the nature, personality, gifts, and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Students will learn how to practically assess, value, and function in the gifts. This class will involve academic, as well as practical training.

**SYS322 Theology of Prayer** – An introduction to the Christian theology and methodology of prayer, communion with God, its purpose, and power are discussed and demonstrated through this dynamic course.

**SYS323 Ecclesiology** - A comprehensive study of the biblical principles of the nature, mission and function of the church. Descriptions and roles of the church offices of pastor, elders, deacons, etc. are treated in this course.

**SYS324 Healing** - This course examines the Scriptures for an understanding of the theology of healing. Historical experiences and movements as well as practical dimensions of this topic are examined for clarity on the subject.

**SYS410 Systematic Theology** - A survey course introducing the different components of theology and theological language. Designed to prepare the student for in-depth study of individual theologies within the discipline.

**SYS412 Pauline Theology** - A study of the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul throughout the New Testament. Students will examine his conversion experience and subsequent ministry with an emphasis on his mission and message to the Gentile world. Key biblical themes are addressed in this course.

## ***THE - Theological Studies***

**THE161 *Christian Foundations*** - This course is designed to provide the student with the elementary principles of the Christian faith. Basic principles of Bible study, prayer, ordinances of the church, etc. are surveyed.

**THE162 *Theology of Worship*** - A practical application in the development of a music and worship program. Special emphasis is given to the Biblical basis for worship in the church today. Modes and concepts of worship are examined.

**THE163 *Convergence Worship*** - An overview of the distinctive nature of Convergence worship incorporating historical evangelical, charismatic, liturgical, and sacramental elements.

**THE201 *The Tabernacle of Moses*** - This course provides a systematic and thorough study of the Tabernacle of Moses and the significance of it to Christian doctrine and worship.

**THE230 *Hermeneutics*** - A study of the science and laws of Biblical exegesis and interpretation. The principles, methods, and rules by which the meaning of Scripture may be ascertained are examined.

**THE241 *Authority of the Believer*** - The student is led through a study of what makes victorious living possible. The course will demonstrate how God has given us all that we need to live victoriously and challenges us to grab hold of what we already possess. Gaining or regaining the necessary momentum to sustain a lifelong drive toward consistent triumph is made a reality.

**THE242 *New Testament Ministries*** - An examination of the call and ministry of the five-fold ministry in the local church. The church in its functioning as the Body of Christ is also considered.

**THE250 *Faith Principles in Action*** - This course introduces examples and testimonies of people of faith and how the spiritual disciplines were applied during times of victory and struggle as an effective witness for Christ.

**THE262 *Comparative Religions*** - A comparative study of the main world religious systems as related to the Biblical principles of Christianity. Modern cults are also addressed and major points in witnessing to adherents of non-Christian religions are discussed.

**THE263 *Warfare Prayer*** - This course is designed to help the student identify and utilize the weapons of warfare necessary for successful Christian living. The role and power of prayer in intercession and petition are covered in this dynamic course.

**THE302 *The Covenants of God*** - Explores the various covenants of God in the Old Testament emphasizing their importance for the Church of Jesus Christ.

**THE303 *The Tabernacle of David*** - This study examines Davidic worship, its expressions, and importance for the Church today with practical applications for the individual student.

**THE332 *Identifying Your Spiritual Gift*** - This course is designed to assist the student in discovering their calling in the ministry through the discovery of their God-given gifts. Also included is how to impart personal involvement in the local church by discovering, developing, and deploying the spiritual gift, and how to understand our part in the Great Commission.

**THE362 *Apologetics*** - A study of the defense of the faith, particularly from the standpoint of the authority of the Bible and historical evidences of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**THE363 *Stewardship in the Local Church*** - A biblical framework for the spiritual discipline of stewardship and how to practice and teach it in the local church environment.

**THE364 *Bible Prophecy*** - The nature of biblical prophecy is explained while specific examples of prophets and their messages are studied. Old and New Testament examples are explored highlighting the principles that govern interpretation of prophecy.

**THE490 *Specialized Theological Study*** - A custom-made course of study available for students who would like to study a theological topic that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor along with a timetable and projects to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirements.

# GRADUATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## ***MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS***

**RANGE FROM 36 TO 90 SEMESTER HOURS EACH COURSE EQUALS THREE (3) SEMESTER HOURS**

**“THE DEGREE PROGRAMS OF THIS COLLEGE ARE DESIGNED SOLELY FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS PURSUANT TO FL STATUTE 246.084 (1) (I).”**

### ***Master of Arts in Christian Counseling***

Christian Counseling	30 semester hours	Master's Practicum	6 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>			<b>36 semester hours</b>

Admission to the University School of Christian Counseling requires that students have earned an undergraduate degree with a major or minor in a related field, such as counseling or psychology. Students who enroll in this degree program with a non-counseling degree will need to complete an additional twelve (12) semester hours of Christian Counseling courses as part of the degree program.

The degree in Christian Counseling does not qualify the student to sit for the State licensure exam. However, it does qualify one with this degree who has clergy status (Commissioned, Licensed or Ordained) to operate a Christian Counseling ministry under Florida Statutes Title XXXII, Chapter 491-014 Exemption, and to use the title "Christian Counselor". See the following website: [www.flsenate.gov/statutes](http://www.flsenate.gov/statutes). For other than Florida, check with your state statutes.

### ***Master of Arts in Christian Education***

Christian Education Courses	30 semester hours
Master's Thesis/Project	6 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>36 semester hrs.</b>



### **Leadership and Organization Track:**

<b>BUS500</b>	Church/Ministry Administration
<b>BUS511</b>	Organizational Principles: Development
<b>BUS550</b>	Marketing Strategy: Design, Planning, Strategy
<b>BUS600</b>	Church/Business Management & Staffing
<b>BUS611</b>	Marketplace Ministry
<b>BUS710</b>	Managing a Non-Profit Organization
<b>BUS726</b>	Ministry Development: Vision, Mission, Strategy
<b>BUS735</b>	Essential Team Interaction

### **Pastoral Care/Counseling Track:**

<b>CNS731</b>	Marriage & Family Counseling
<b>CNS734</b>	Grief Counseling
<b>CNS737</b>	Crisis Counseling
<b>CNS831</b>	Addictions Counseling
<b>CNS832</b>	Healing the Inner Man
<b>PSY501</b>	Introduction to Psychology
<b>PSY612</b>	Cognitive Therapy
<b>PTH614</b>	Pastoral Care

### **Sacramental Theology Track:**

<b>SAC501</b>	Introduction to Sacramental Theology
<b>SAC502</b>	Introduction to Convergence
<b>SAC510</b>	The Liturgy
<b>SAC521</b>	Anglican Sacramental Theology
<b>SAC527</b>	Pastoral Offices
<b>SAC600</b>	Episcopal Services
<b>SAC602</b>	Baptism and Eucharist
<b>THE612</b>	Book of Common Prayer

**Electives – To be chosen if student previously had one or more of the above courses in Core or Track.**

### ***MASTER OF DIVINITY (M. Div.) Chaplaincy***

The Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy will have two areas of concentration: Sacramental and Non-Sacramental (Evangelical Protestant). These areas are designed to meet the broad theological and educational needs of students entering the chaplaincy. If a student enters into the Sacramental Concentration and has no background in this area, additional prerequisites will be required. If a student has already taken a prescribed course(s), then other courses can be selected.

Credit for pastoral care practicum or internship may be gained through completion of a residency or weekend program of one or more units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), certified by the Association of Pastoral Care and Education (ACPE). This is not required to receive the M. Div. degree, but may be needed for acceptance as a chaplain in some areas.

The program provides broad Biblical, historical and practical preparation for those who desire to serve the Lord as a Chaplain. In order to understand their role in the pluralistic setting of the Chaplaincy, there is a substantial church history, philosophy, and theological core, in addition to courses in leadership, and ministry.

This program also meets the need of those needing more stringent federal Chaplaincy requirements of the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and prisons.

### **Biblical Core - 9 hours**

**THE630** – Hermeneutics  
**NTS** Elective  
**OTS** Elective

### **Theology and Philosophy - 15 Hours**

**PHL501** – Introduction to Philosophy or  
**PHL801** – Philosophy in Christian Perspective  
**SAC612** – Book of Common Prayer (Sac. Concentration) or  
**SYS 623** Elective for Evang. Concentration.  
**SYS501** – Historical Theology  
**SYS801** – Systematic Theology  
**THE662** - Comparative Religions

### **Church History - 12 hours**

**HCH601** – Church History I  
**HCH611** – Church History II  
**HCH612** – Age of Reformation  
**HCH 501** - Church History Elective

### **Preaching and Proclamation - 12 hours**

**ECM501** - Evangelism  
**PRE601** – Homiletics I  
**PRE701** – Homiletics II  
**THE562** – Theology of Worship (Evang. Concentration) or  
**SAC502** Introduction to Convergence (Sac. Concentration)

**Administration and Leadership - 6 hours**

**PTH701** – Leadership Principles

**PTH808** – Conflict Management

**Chaplaincy Core - 30 hours**

**CNS731** – Marriage and Family Counseling

**CNS737** – Crisis/Grief Counseling

**CNS831** – Addictions Counseling

**PTH511** – Foundations for Ministry

**PTH614** – Pastoral Care History & Theology

**PTH620** – Introduction to Chaplaincy

**PTH631** – Advanced Chaplaincy

**PTH707** – Pastoral Counseling

**RES697** – Chaplaincy Internship

**Master's Thesis - 6 hours**

**TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 90**

## ***DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS***

All doctorate degree programs have a prerequisite of a Master's degree and require either 36 or 60 credit hours beyond the Master's degree. Students having earned a Master of Theology (M Th) or a Master of Divinity (M. Div.) may enroll in a 36-hour degree program. All other Master's degree programs require 60 semester hours beyond the Master's degree to qualify for a doctorate degree.

### ***DOCTOR OF MINISTRY***

36 Hour Program for Students with M.Div. or M.Th. Degree

Core Courses	15 semester hours
Electives	12 semester hours
Dissertation	9 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>36 semester hours</b>

### ***DOCTOR OF MINISTRY***

60 Hour Program for Students with a Master's degree in other than M. Div. or MTh

Core Courses	51 semester hours
Dissertation	9 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>60 semester hours</b>

### ***DOCTOR OF MINISTRY (Chaplaincy)***

The Doctor of Ministry (DMin) in Chaplaincy will have two areas of concentration: Sacramental and Non-Sacramental (Evangelical Protestant). This program is for students who have either a Master of Divinity or Master of Theology. It is not designed as an entry degree for Chaplaincy, but rather for persons already serving in some form of Chaplaincy. If a student desires to enter the Sacramental Concentration and has no background in this area, additional prerequisites will be required. If a student has already taken a prescribed course(s), then other courses can be selected. If there are deficiencies for entrance into this program, there will be additional courses required.

Credit for pastoral care practicum or internship may be gained through completion of a residency or weekend program of one or more units of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), certified by the Association of Pastoral Care and Education (ACPE). This is not required to receive the DMin degree, but may be needed for acceptance as a Chaplain in some areas.

This program also meets the need of those needing more stringent federal Chaplaincy requirements of the Armed Forces, Veterans Administration and prisons.

**Chaplaincy Core - 30 hours**

- CNS737** – Crisis/Grief Counseling
- CNS831** – Addictions Counseling
- PTH511** – Foundations of Ministry
- PTH512** – Mentoring Dynamics
- PTH614** – Pastoral Care History & Theology
- PTH620** – Introduction to Chaplaincy
- PTH631** – Advanced Chaplaincy
- PTH707** – Pastoral Counseling

**Dissertation - 6 hours**

**TOTAL REQUIRED HOURS: 36**

***DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY***

36 Hour Program for Students with M. Div. or MTh

Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, Theological Studies	21 semester hours
Electives	6 semester hours
Dissertation	9 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>36 semester hours</b>

**60 Hour Program for Students with Other Than M. Div. or MTh**

Core Studies	30 semester hours
Electives	15 semester hours
Dissertation	15 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required</b>	<b>60 semester hours</b>

## ***DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY***

36 Hour Program for Students with M. Div. Degree

This degree must center on the same Track the student concentrated on for M. Div.

PHL501 & PHL601 *	6 semester hours
2 Doctoral Seminars	6 semester hours
1 Directed Research	12 semester hours
Dissertation or Project	12 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>36 semester hours</b>

\* If student has already taken both PHL501 & PHL601, two additional Doctoral Seminars will be taken instead.

60 Hour Program for Students with 36 Hour Master's degree or another major

Courses must center on the same concentration/major as Master's degree

Core Courses (Concentration)	30 semester hours
PHL501 & PHL601 *	6 semester hours
1 Directed Research	6 semester hours
Directed Seminar/Project	9 semester hours
Dissertation	9 semester hours
<b>Total Semester Hours Required:</b>	<b>60 semester hours</b>

\* If student has already taken both PHL501 & PHL601, two additional Doctoral Seminars will be taken instead.

### **BIBLICAL STUDIES**

#### ***OLD TESTAMENT***

<b>OTS510</b>	Pentateuch	<b>OTS730</b>	Poetic Books
<b>OTS620</b>	Historical Books	<b>OTS810</b>	Major Prophets
<b>OTS621</b>	Joshua	<b>OTS820</b>	Minor Prophets
<b>OTS622</b>	Nehemiah	<b>OTS890</b>	Specialized Bible Study
<b>OTS715</b>	Rise of Davidic Monarchy		

#### ***NEW TESTAMENT***

<b>NTS509</b>	The Synoptic Gospels	<b>NTS731</b>	First & Second Peter
<b>NTS510</b>	Gospels: Life of Christ	<b>NTS740</b>	Johnine Literature
<b>NTS602</b>	Acts: Mandate for Missions	<b>NTS750</b>	Hebrews: Better Covenant
<b>NTS610</b>	Pauline Epistles	<b>NTS890</b>	Specialized Bible Study

## **CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

<b>CNS531</b>	Biblical Counseling	<b>CNS735</b>	Stress Counseling
<b>CNS532</b>	Intro to Behavioral Analysis	<b>CNS737</b>	Crisis Counseling
<b>CNS621</b>	Multi-Cultural Counseling	<b>CNS738</b>	Counseling Children
<b>CNS631</b>	Effective Counseling Skills	<b>CNS739</b>	Geriatric Counseling
<b>CNS632</b>	Counseling Paradigms	<b>CNS741</b>	Divorce and Remarriage Coun.
<b>CNS633</b>	Spiritual Growth: 12-Steps	<b>CNS743</b>	Blended Family Coun.
<b>CNS634</b>	Codependency	<b>CNS801</b>	Sexual Dynamics & Therapy
<b>CNS641</b>	Advanced Counseling Skills	<b>CNS831</b>	Addictions Counseling
<b>CNS642</b>	Ethics & Legal Issues	<b>CNS832</b>	Healing the Inner Man
<b>CNS731</b>	Marriage & Family Counseling	<b>CNS833</b>	Counseling Domestic Violence
<b>CNS732</b>	Group Counseling	<b>CNS834</b>	Counseling Sexual Abuse
<b>CNS734</b>	Grief Counseling	<b>CNS892</b>	Counseling: Independent Study

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

<b>CED501</b>	Intro to Christian Ed	<b>CED704</b>	Managing Educ. Res.
<b>CED511</b>	Dynamic Teaching Methods	<b>CED705</b>	Theory of Education
<b>CED610</b>	Principles of Teaching	<b>CED706</b>	Ministry to Phy. Challenged
<b>CED611</b>	Theology of Christian Ed.	<b>CED708</b>	Learning Styles
<b>CED612</b>	Classroom Management	<b>CED710</b>	The Youth Pastor
<b>CED613</b>	Curriculum Development	<b>CED720</b>	Ministry to Youth
<b>CED620</b>	Ministry to Children	<b>CED820</b>	Ministry to Adults
<b>CED701</b>	Admin of Christian Ed	<b>CED821</b>	Student Teaching Project
<b>CED702</b>	Educational Models	<b>CED895</b>	Master's Project
<b>CED703</b>	Principles of Education		

## **EVANGELISM / MISSIONS**

<b>ECM522</b>	Contemporary Tent-making	<b>ECM633</b>	Unreached People Consultation
<b>ECM523</b>	Cross-Cultural Ministry	<b>ECM641</b>	World Christian Perspectives
<b>ECM531</b>	Introduction to Missions	<b>ECM642</b>	Islamic Fundamentalism
<b>ECM532</b>	Principles & Methods	<b>ECM701</b>	Urban Evangelism
<b>ECM541</b>	Missions & Local Church	<b>ECM711</b>	Planting New Churches
<b>ECM601</b>	Campus Evangelism	<b>ECM731</b>	Missions Anthropology
<b>ECM631</b>	World Missions	<b>ECM733</b>	Cross-Cultural Leadership

## **HISTORY**

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

<b>HCH501</b>	The Apostolic Fathers	<b>HCH614</b>	Charismatic Movement
<b>HCH601</b>	Church History I	<b>HCH701</b>	History of Revivals
<b>HCH602</b>	History of the NT Church	<b>HCH702</b>	Dev. of the Urban Church

## **HISTORY**

**HCH711** Holiness-Pentecost Move

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

**HCH611** Church History 2

**HCH612** The Age of Reformation

**HCH712** Anglo-Catholic History & Discipline

### **GENERAL HISTORY**

**HIS501** Intertestamental History

**HIS610** Old Testament History

**HIS620** Historical Roots of Israel

**HIS721** Minorities in America

### **JUDAIC STUDIES**

**SPT531** Jewish Roots of Faith

**SPT532** Jewish/Christian Thought

**SPT631** Jewish Faith & Holy Days

**SPT632** Jewish Festivals

**SPT731** Renewal of Judaism

**SPT732** Wisdom/Jewish Thought

## **LEADERSHIP & ORGANIZATION/CHURCH ADMINISTRATION**

**BUS500** Church/Ministry Admin.

**BUS505** Princ. of Entrepreneurship

**BUS511** Org. Princ.: Development

**BUS515** Supv. & Perf. Implementation

**BUS550** Marketing Strategy: Design,  
Planning & Strategy

**BUS600** Church Bus. Mgmt. & Staffing

**BUS611** Marketplace Ministry

**BUS615** Org. Theory & Design

**BUS635** Business Project

**BUS710** Managing an NPO

**BUS726** Ministry Dev.: Vision  
,  
Mission, Strategy

**BUS730** Your Church and the IRS

**BUS735** Essential Team Interaction

## **LANGUAGE ARTS**

### **GREEK**

**GRK601** Greek 1

**GRK701** Greek 2

### **HEBREW**

**HEB601** Hebrew 1

**HEB611** Readings in Hebrew OT

**HEB701** Hebrew 2

**HEB711** Hebrew Exegesis

### **SPANISH**

**SPN601** Spanish 1

**SPN701** Spanish 2

### **SPECIAL LANGUAGE TOPICS**

**SPT601** Intro to Biblical Languages - Hebrew

**SPT602** Intro to Biblical Languages – Greek



## **PHILOSOPHY**

**PHL501** Intro to Philosophy

**PHL601** Phil. in Christian Perspective.

## **PREACHING**

**PRE601** Homiletics 1

**PRE701** Homiletics II

## **PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSY521** Child Psychology

**PSY601** Psychology of Religion

**PSY603** Adolescent Psychology

**PSY604** Developmental Psychology

**PSY611** Educational Psychology

**PSY612** Cognitive Therapy

**PSY701** Psychopathology

**PSY704** Psychology and Theology

**PSY705** Psy. Tests & Measurements

**PSY711** Psychopharmacology

**PSY801** Human Sexuality

## **RESEARCH – MASTER’S**

**RES694** Master’s Field Education

**RES696** Master’s Practicum

**RES697** Master’s Internship

**RES699** Master’s Thesis

## **RESEARCH – DOCTORAL**

**RES894** Doctoral Field Education

**RES896** Doctoral Practicum

**RES897** Doctoral Internship

**RES899** Doctoral Dissertation

## **SOCIOLOGY**

**SOC561** Sociology

**SOC562** Sociology of Religion

**SOC563** Urban Sociology

**SOC661** Sociology and Christianity

**SOC662** Parenting

**SOC663** Family Systems

## **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

### **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

**PTH502** Discipleship

**PTH504** Church Government

**PTH511** Foundations for Ministry

**PTH512** Mentoring & Coaching Dynamics

**PTH604** Pastoral Theology

**PTH605** Spiritual Formation/Per. Growth

**PTH614** Pastoral Care Ministry

**PTH705** Urban Ministries

**PTH706** Christian Ethics

**PTH707** Pastoral Counseling

**PTH708** Church Growth Principles

**PTH801** Pastor & Staff Relations

**PTH802** Role of Women in Ministry

**PTH803** Prison Ministry

**PTH804** Pastor in the Urban Community

## **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

### **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

<b>PTH620</b>	Introduction to Chaplaincy	<b>PTH805</b>	Adv. Leadership Principles
<b>PTH621</b>	Chaplaincy	<b>PTH806</b>	African-American Church
<b>PTH631</b>	Advanced Chaplaincy	<b>PTH807</b>	Marketing the Ministry
<b>PTH701</b>	Leadership Principles	<b>PTH808</b>	Conflict Management
<b>PTH702</b>	Principles of Admin & Org.		
<b>PTH704</b>	Home Cell Groups		

### **SACRAMENTAL THEOLOGY**

<b>SAC501</b>	Intro to Sacramental Theology	<b>SAC527</b>	Other Sacraments
<b>SAC502</b>	Intro to Convergence	<b>SAC600</b>	Episcopal Services
<b>SAC510</b>	History of the Liturgy	<b>SAC602</b>	Baptism and Eucharist
<b>SAC521</b>	Anglican Sacramental Theology	<b>SAC612</b>	Book of Common Prayer

### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

<b>SYS601</b>	Old Testament Theology	<b>SYS721</b>	Pneumatology
<b>SYS610</b>	Bible Doctrines	<b>SYS722</b>	Theology of Prayer
<b>SYS611</b>	Biblical Anthropology	<b>SYS723</b>	Ecclesiology
<b>SYS620</b>	Doctrine of God	<b>SYS724</b>	Healing
<b>SYS621</b>	Bibliology	<b>SYS801</b>	Eschatology
<b>SYS622</b>	Christology	<b>SYS810</b>	Systematic Theology
<b>SYS623</b>	Soteriology (Salvation)	<b>SYS812</b>	Pauline Theology
<b>SYS624</b>	Angelology & Demonology	<b>SYS814</b>	Johannine Theology
<b>SYS701</b>	New Testament Theology		

### **GENERAL THEOLOGY COURSES**

<b>THE562</b>	Theology of Worship	<b>THE703</b>	Tabernacle of David
<b>THE601</b>	Tabernacle of Moses	<b>THE731</b>	Life & Journey of Paul
<b>THE630</b>	Hermeneutics	<b>THE732</b>	Identifying Spiritual Gifts
<b>THE641</b>	Authority of the Believer	<b>THE762</b>	Apologetics
<b>THE642</b>	New Testament Ministries	<b>THE763</b>	Stewardship/Local Church
<b>THE662</b>	Comparative Religions	<b>THE764</b>	Bible Prophecy
<b>THE663</b>	Warfare Prayer	<b>THE890</b>	Specialized Theological Study
<b>THE702</b>	Covenants of God		

### **BUS – CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP/CHURCH ADMIN.**

**BUS500 Church/Ministry Administration** This course explores principles and practices of management and administration as they are adapted to non-profit organizations. Organizational issues as well as methods and tools for effective administration are discussed.

**BUS505 Principles of Entrepreneurship** This course is designed to bring an awareness of the ups and downs of running a business or ministry and to lay a foundation for starting a business or ministry. The dynamics of operating a business or ministry will also be addressed.

**BUS511 *Organizational Principles: Development*** This course will emphasize the practical approach of organizational development as a way of managing change and as a way of focusing human energy for specific desired outcomes. Various aspects of organizational development will be explored that will relate to providing individuals with the ability to respond creatively to both problems and opportunities within the organization.

**BUS515 *Supervision and Performance Improvement*** This course is designed to provide the student with the skills and knowledge to effectively supervise, manage and train others in the ministry or workplace. Problem solving, delegating, decision making, establishing goals and evaluating performance will be explored. The effectiveness of methods and processes of supervision and improving performance will be investigated.

**BUS550 *Marketing Strategy: Design, Planning and Implementation*** This course provides a comprehensive analysis of a business or ministry's clientele, products, competitors, markets, resources and technology in order to develop a marketing strategy. Students will examine the various components involved in times of rapid economic and technological change. Design, planning and implementation of these strategies will be addressed.

**BUS600 *Church/Business Management and Staffing*** This course will discuss how to select, train, evaluate, support and mentor those involved in the administration of the church. Included is discussion on leadership development, servant leadership and effective executive practices within the church.

**BUS611 *Marketplace Ministry*** Students will explore the meaning and avenues for Christian praxis in the midst of organizational settings that are not specifically ecclesiastical in identity.

**BUS615 *Organizational Theory and Design*** This course provides key ingredients from best companies and helps create and enhance an organization and human resource development initiative. Through a case study approach, this course provides practical, easy-to-apply tools, instruments, training concepts and contemporary models that can be used as benchmarks for the successful organization.

**BUS635 *Business Project*** This course focuses on managing projects from their inception through to actual delivery of the business objective. This course addresses the concepts and issues, as well as assist students in having a broader, more business-oriented focus on project management.

**BUS710 *Managing a Non-Profit Organization*** A look at the special needs and skills required to effectively manage non-profit organizations.

**BUS726 *Ministry Development: Vision, Mission, Strategy*** This course is designed primarily to assist individuals in the faith-based community to identify and develop the ministry God has called them to do. It is intended to serve as a guide for students to develop their ministries through vision, their mission and the strategy they will use to accomplish it.

**BUS730 *Your Church and the IRS*** This course will take a look at the church's responsibility to the IRS. Recent laws and procedures are discussed as well as tax exemption reporting. This is a must for any church accountant or business manager.

**BUS735 *Essential Team Interaction*** This course examines the dynamics of teams, how these dynamics change as team size changes, and the effect of leadership on the operational organization of the team. It presents several tools for enhancing team interaction, building internal communication, and maximizing the potential of a team to achieve its purpose and goals.

## ***CED - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION***

**CED501 *Introduction to Christian Education*** This course presents an overview and examines the materials and methods for Christian teaching, the function and place of Christian education in the local church, and summarizes the Biblical, theological, historical, philosophical foundations, and the basic objectives of Christian education.

**CED511 *Dynamic Methods of Teaching*** This course covers the basic study of various audio and visual methods and models of instruction to equip students to communicate their ideas and subject matter clearly and concisely.

**CED610 *Principles of Teaching*** A study of the basic principles of effective teaching based on the Christian philosophy of education of growth in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and men. The course includes characteristics and needs of various age level students, ways in which Christian teachers can meet these needs, the fundamental responsibilities of the teacher, modern educational methods, and steps in preparing, presenting, and evaluating a lesson.

**CED611 *Theology of Christian Education*** A comprehensive survey of the biblical principles justifying the need and practice of Christian education. Historical roots are traced from the earliest commands of God to the people of Israel to present day methods employed in religious education.

**CED612 *Classroom Management*** This course is designed to teach students the various models to help them as potential teachers to learn to deal with students in their classrooms. This class presents a wide variety of problems that often result in school failure, dropping out, and major difficulties of many kinds in the classroom.

**CED613 *Curriculum Development*** A study of curriculum theory and principles involving the student in the preparation, evaluation and selection of instructional materials for the educational ministries of the church and school.

**CED620 *Ministry to Children*** How to effectively minister to children ages birth to adolescence in view of their particular spiritual, cultural, and psychological development.

**CED701 *Administration of Christian Education*** An emphasis is placed on the principles and practices of organizing, administering, and supervising various programs in the local church.

**CED702 *Educational Models*** A survey of the methods used in education are addressed in this course. How and why certain methods work in different situations will be covered for a balanced perspective on educational delivery systems. Topics included are: distance learning, home schooling, internet courses, traditional and non-traditional methods.

**CED703 *Principles of Education*** The dynamics of how students learn and how teachers can address the various educational needs of students form the basis for this course. A survey of methodology available to teachers is included in this class.

**CED704 *Managing Educational Resources*** A study of basic bookkeeping and accounting principles, business practices, and records which are necessary for the proper function of an educational facility.

**CED705 *Theory of Education*** Educational theories are compared and contrasted equipping the student to develop their own unique approach to Christian education. The student will be exposed to paradigms of educational philosophy, theology and theory.

**CED706 *Ministry to the Physically-Challenged*** This course is specifically designed to assist the student in identifying the special needs and applying them for ministry to the physically impaired.

**CED708 *Learning Styles*** To acquaint the student with the three primary learning styles and how they affect student assimilation of presented materials. To develop proficiency in creating lesson plans that present information in a multiple of styles to facilitate learning. It is also to equip the student with some resources that may facilitate the preparation and presentation of classroom materials.

**CED720 *Ministry to Youth*** How to effectively minister to youth from adolescence to young adulthood in view of their particular spiritual, cultural, and psychological development.

**CED820 *Ministry to Adults*** This course covers the issues, developmental tasks and biblical principles associated with ministering to adults. Emphasis is placed on the adult learner, including characteristics, patterns and principles of adult learning.

**CED840 *Student Teaching Project*** The student is placed in a primary teaching role in a church or school and will be responsible for writing and executing lesson plans, evaluating and testing students, while being supervised by a certified experienced teacher.

**CED895 *Master's Project*** The student may choose to do a Master project worth up to six credit hours to fulfill the requirements for a Christian Education major. A topic, syllabus and schedule will be developed with the assistance of an instructor.

## ***CNS - CHRISTIAN COUNSELING***

**CNS531 *Biblical Counseling*** This study will address relevant issues applying Biblical principles as solutions. The student will understand the interrelationship between Biblical truth and godliness, as well as be able to defend their counseling position with sound Biblical interpretations.

**CNS532 *Introduction to Behavioral Analysis*** The basic introduction to using a DISC behavioral profile. This class teaches about the individual's "nature" (what God gives you at birth) compared to "personality" (your learned behavior), why we act differently, and how to integrate this information in counseling situations.

**CNS621 *Multi-cultural Counseling*** This is a didactic and experiential course to expand personal and professional relationship competencies in working with people in our contemporary, pluralistic society. Religion is explored as on aspect of this diversity.

**CNS631 *Effective Counseling Skills*** A beginning examination of Biblical counseling to assist the student in helping others find God's purpose for their lives and a study of the difference between secular counseling and Biblical counseling.

**CNS632 *Counseling Paradigms*** A study of traditional and contemporary paradigms of psychotherapy for individuals, marriages and families. Bible-centered therapy, grief therapy, systems therapy, cognitive therapy and communication therapy are included. A Christocentric evaluation of all therapies is emphasized.

**CNS633 *Spiritual Growth: 12-Steps*** The 12-step method of recovery is introduced from the perspective of how it can be used to achieve spiritual growth, as well as recovery and freedom from addictions.

**CNS634 *Counseling Codependency*** Codependency is the fallacy of trying to control interior feelings by controlling people, things and events on the outside. This class provides the student with an analysis of the skills necessary to recognize and treat codependency.

**CNS641 *Advanced Counseling Skills*** This course provides the student with the fundamental philosophical position of Biblical counseling. It furnishes an understanding of divine principles for the effective, God honoring counseling ministry.

**CNS642 *Ethics and Legal Issues in Counseling*** A culminating course in which in-depth concepts of ethical, legal, moral and spiritual issues in counseling are presented.

**CNS731 *Marriage and Family Counseling*** This course examines the foundation of a successful marriage, the basic building block of the family and the church. Also examined are counseling methods used with married couples undergoing conflicts, child nurturing and disciplining, and cross cultural ramifications.

**CNS732 *Group Counseling*** A course designed to teach the student how to initiate a small group program in a local church. The student will also learn principles of group counseling and their practical application in small groups.

**CNS734 *Grief Counseling*** This course is designed to give students an understanding of the dynamics of counseling situations guiding families and patients through the stages of grief and death and other types of losses.

**CNS735 *Stress Counseling*** Students are guided through the aspects of stress detection and resolution in a variety of settings. The course offers a combination of spiritual and psychological components designed to help counselees manage and control stress levels.

**CNS737 *Crisis Counseling*** This course is designed to examine major stress and crisis from birth to death. Attention is given to programmatic and therapeutic responses to crisis.

**CNS738 *Counseling Children*** An intensive examination of the counseling strategies used with school age children. Recognition of the rights of special student populations will be given attention. Problems, concerns, and dynamics underlying the behavior of children and adolescents and their treatment in counseling will be examined.

**CNS739 *Geriatric Counseling*** Knowledge, skills, techniques for counseling older persons with sensitivity to aging, and application of counseling skills to special problems of aging.

**CNS741 *Divorce and Remarriage Counseling*** A study of the cause and effects of marital strife. Biblical methodology is studied to be used in counseling for the unique problems exposed in marriage, divorce, and remarriage.

**CNS742 *Marriage and Family Counseling II*** A continuation of CNS731. In this course students will learn and implement treatment planning and therapeutic interventions in marriage and family counseling situations. Special topics relevant to marriage and family counseling practice will also be addressed. Prerequisite CNS731.

**CNS743 *Counseling Blended Families*** To develop skills necessary to help parents in blended families gain insights on developing realistic expectations, placing priority on marriage relationship, dealing with the past, understanding and handling conflict, building trust and new family traditions, and growing together.

**CNS801 *Sexual Dynamics and Therapy*** A course designed to introduce students to issues in dysfunctional human sexuality across the life span. Assessment and treatment of sexual dysfunction as well as sexuality and scripture will be considered.

**CNS831 *Addictions Counseling*** This course is designed to teach the dynamics involved in addictive behavior. It includes principles in implementing a twelve-step recovery approach and how to customize this approach for each addictive profile. An in-depth examination of substances that are abused in society and the characteristics and psychological components, spiritual aspects, treatment options, and prevention will be considered.

**CNS832 *Healing the Inner Man*** An introduction to the key elements in inner healing. There are many experiences that people have which cause hurts, resentments, and bitterness in the heart. If not ministered to, they can become destructive in our life - spirit, soul, and body.

**CNS833 *Counseling Domestic Violence*** Victims and abusers both need help in domestic violence situations. The student is trained in the skills necessary to detect, intervene and counsel people involved in domestic violence.

**CNS834 *Counseling Sexual Abuse*** A course designed to provide a comprehensive overview of various issues related to sexual abuse. The diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of child, adult victims and perpetrator will be discussed.

**CNS892 *Counseling: Independent Study*** Under this designation, students will be able to research and study subject matter not included in regular course offerings. Any proposed independent study will be significantly beyond regular course offerings and will be under the direction of a School of Counseling faculty member. Amount of course credit hours is variable.

## ECM - EVANGELISM / MISSIONS

**ECM501 *Evangelism*** A study of the Biblical injunctions to evangelize, with an emphasis on developing the skills of personal evangelism and equipping others to share their faith.

**ECM522 *Contemporary Tent making*** An examination of the biblical and missiological definition of tent making. This course presents the views of various missions' leaders regarding this "bivocational approach" to missions. Strategic planning concerning the role of tent making is considered in the overall plan of God for fulfilling the Great Commission.

**ECM523 *Cross-Cultural Ministry and Power Encounters in the Local Church*** A study of the working of the Holy Spirit in signs and wonders on the mission field today. The relationship of the person and work of the Holy Spirit to church growth, evangelism, and leadership training will be discussed in light of the diverse cultural and religious contexts.

**ECM531 *Introduction to Missions*** This course covers the history of missions from the perspective of an overview, as well as biographical studies. The student will study the different methodologies in their historical context to help form relevant strategies for today.

**ECM532 *Principles and Methods for Missions*** This course will teach practical evangelism and provide discussion of the alternative and challenges of cross-cultural evangelism. This will be discussed in both urban and rural settings with the problems associated with cross-cultural evangelism.

**ECM541 *Missions and the Local Church*** A survey of the local church and its relationship to the mission mandate. Topics of study will include mission education, the role of church leadership in missions, and the development of the local church into a missionary sending church.

**ECM601 *Campus Evangelism*** This study is designed to assist the student in learning how to properly develop and implement an evangelism program geared to college students in a secular environment. Past and present college ministry movement will be analyzed to determine strategies that will be successful in the present age.

**ECM631 *World Missions*** A study of the spheres of Missions with attention to various evangelism methods. This is a study of the development of Missions. Cultural anthropology, along with its missionary and theological implications, will also be examined.

**ECM633 *Unreached Peoples Consultation*** This is an event held for the purpose of developing viable strategies for closure among specific groups of people from each of the five megaspheres of the unreached world. Students will have an opportunity to experience to participate in foundational frontier missions planning with leading missiologists from around the world.

**ECM641 *World Christian Perspectives*** A multifaceted integrative course focusing on the Biblical, historical, and cultural dimensions of world evangelism. Emphasis is given to the state of the unevangelized world and how to strategically pursue the Great Commission.

**ECM642 *Islamic Fundamentalism*** A survey of the religio-political ideology of Islam and its role in global Muslim expansionism, with emphasis on the implications of this world view for human rights by presenting a Christian analysis of the Koran and such doctrines as the “umma” (global ecclesio-civil community), the “sharia” (canonical law), the “jihad” (holy war), and the “dhimma” (concessionary charter of alienable rights for Jews and Christians).

**ECM701 *Urban Evangelism*** This study is designed to assist the student in learning how to properly develop and implement an evangelism program geared to urban people. Past and present urban ministries will be analyzed to determine strategies that will be successful in the present age.

**ECM711 *Planting New Churches*** A study of the basic strategies and practical methodologies of church planning. Through selected readings, lectures, and practical models, students will have the opportunity to design a strategy for a successful church plant. Progression is then made to a survey of fifteen church growth criteria and their practical application in the American church.



**ECM731 Missions Anthropology** A study of the basic principles of cultural anthropology with its missionary and theological implications. It will provide a basis for the understanding of other cultures so the missionary can adjust more readily and work effectively among them.

**ECM733 Cross Cultural Leadership** Cultures of various people of the world are studied for the purpose of orienting the student with the issues in cross-cultural leadership and leadership development. The importance of cultural sensitivity and communication are emphasized.

## **GRK – GREEK**

**GRK601 Greek 1** An introductory study of the grammar, forms, syntax, and vocabulary of written New Testament Greek.

**GRK701 Greek 2** This is a continuation of the study of the essentials of Greek grammar. Emphasis is placed on reading and interpreting select portions of the Greek New Testament text.

## **HCH - CHURCH HISTORY**

**HCH501 The Apostolic Fathers** A survey of the history of the early church after the initial Apostolic period. Key figures, and events as well as the formation of the early theological developments of the Church are treated.

**HCH601 Church History I** A survey of the history of the Christian Church from AD 30 up to the Reformation. Individuals, events, issues and movements that shaped and impacted the church are studied.

**HCH602 History of the New Testament Church** The history of the Church is traced focusing on the dynamics at work prior to first coming of Christ, how His ministry laid the foundation for the church and the early stages of its' development up to the establishment of the Roman church under Constantine.

**HCH611 Church History 2** A survey of the history of the Christian Church from the Reformation to the modern day. Individuals, events, issues and movements that have shaped and impacted the Church are studied.

**HCH612 The Age of Reformation** This is a thorough treatment of the individuals and issues that prepared the church for the Reformation.

**HCH614 The Charismatic Movement** This course surveys the beginnings, growth, and current developments in the 20th century charismatic movement and covers the antecedents of the various charismatic movements. The scope of the class covers both the mainline and independent church groups, nationally and internationally.

**HCH701 History of Revivals** This course covers the rise and growth of denominations, eighteenth century revivals, and more recent denominational and ecumenical trends.

**HCH702 *Development of the Urban Church*** The Industrial Revolution changed the way the church functions perhaps in ways that are unprecedented in history. The growth of urban communities set the stage for a new expression of church life. This course is designed to understand these developments.

**HCH711 *The Holiness/Pentecostal Movement*** The course will serve as a survey of the beginnings of the holiness movement both in Britain and America with the origins of the Pentecostal movement from its inception to the present time. Major attention will be given to specific Wesleyan teachings and experience which carried over into Pentecostalism. The beginnings and development of Pentecostalism as a unique movement will be evaluated, both in America and throughout the world. A major focus will be on the formation and development of the major Pentecostal denominations. The contributing theological, ecclesiastical, social, and cultural influences on Pentecostalism will be studied in detail.

**HCH712 *Anglo-Catholic History & Discipline*** An overview of Anglo-Catholic history and its distinctive theology and traditions.

## ***HEB – HEBREW***

**HEB601 *Hebrew I*** An introduction to the alphabet, vowels, and pronunciation of the Hebrew language, followed by studies of important Old Testament words.

**HEB611 *Readings in the Hebrew Old Testament*** Exercises in translation, vocabulary building, and exegesis of select portions of the Hebrew Old Testament.

**HEB701 *Hebrew 2*** A continuation of the study of the essentials of Hebrew grammar. Emphasis is placed on reading and interpreting select portions of the Old Testament text.

**HEB711 *Hebrew Exegesis*** The course will introduce students to the basic methodology of Hebrew exegesis, cover a select book or select representative passages (narrative, law, psalms, and prophecy) of the Hebrew Old Testament. Attention will be given to careful analysis of the text with a view toward preparation for Biblical exposition, preaching, or further academic study.

## ***HIS - HISTORICAL STUDIES***

**HIS501 *Intertestamental History*** This course covers the time period between the Old and New Testaments. The historical events, issues, beliefs, and people that shaped the climate for the appearance of Christ are given careful attention.

**HIS610 *Old Testament History*** A study of the work of God in relation to man, as portrayed in the Old Testament. The course includes all the events from man's creation to the New Testament account of man's redemption. Special emphasis is placed on the historical and prophetic contexts of the events, significant individuals, and the development of the nation of Israel.

**HIS620 *Historical Roots of Israel*** A thorough study of Israel's development prior to the conquest campaign in Canaan. This course begins with the call of Abraham and concludes with the death of Moses.

**HIS721 *Minorities in America*** A course of study of the minorities of America and the contribution, as well as conflicts, in their attempt to merge into American life.

## **NTS - NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES**

**NTS509 *The Synoptic Gospels*** This course will examine and synthesize the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The three Gospel accounts will be examined individually and in relation to each other. Finally, the student will assume the commonalities and distinctions between the Synoptic Gospels and the fourth Gospel.

**NTS510 *Gospels: Life of Christ*** This chronological study of the life of Christ will be informative, inspirational, and practical. The course will relate the parallel accounts in the four Gospels, and divide the life and ministry of Christ into generally accepted periods. Through proper study and research, the student will have a thorough understanding of Jesus' example of ministry in the Power of the Holy Spirit.

**NTS602 *Acts: Mandate for Missions*** A thorough study of the content of the book of Acts with emphasis on the work of the Holy Spirit in the origin and growth of the early church. The journeys of Paul are studied in relation to his epistles.

**NTS610 *Pauline Epistles*** A study of the Pauline literature is foundational for the understanding of God's plan for the church and individual Christian living. This course will show how the epistles of Paul were written to both the individual and the church. Consideration of each Epistle will include background information, occasion, place and date of writing, as well as an exposition of the content of the letters.

**NTS731 *First & Second Peter*** The epistles authored by the Apostle Peter are examined with special emphasis given to the warnings given to believers in the face of false teachers and teaching.

**NTS740 *John's Epistles*** The epistles of John are studied giving careful attention to the unique theological nuances of the Apostle John. Instructions aimed at the individual believer and the general church are given specific attention to enhance spiritual growth.

**NTS750 *Hebrews: The Better Covenant*** An exposition of the book of Hebrews, contrasting the Old and New Covenants. Each student will experience an enrichment of their life as they gain fuller understanding of the Book of Hebrews and its message.

**NTS890 *Specialized Bible Study*** A custom made course of study available for students who would like to study a book of the New Testament that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor with a timetable and project to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirement.

## **OTS - OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES**

**OTS510 Pentateuch: Five Books of Moses** An integrated survey of the geographical, cultural, and historical backgrounds, of each book of the Pentateuch. Significant issues of the Pentateuch are covered including evolution, higher criticism and the laws of Israel's theocracy with regard to their content, meaning and applicability for today.

**OTS620 Historical Books** The study of the Old Testament books from Joshua to Esther which deals with the nation of Israel in its rise, disruption, fall, captivity and restoration. Special emphasis is given to the background for the further study of the prophets.

**OTS621 Joshua** An in-depth study of the book of Joshua covering such topics as the conquest of Canaan, the establishment of Israel in Canaan, the morals of war and other theological issues associated with this fast paced book.

**OTS622 Nehemiah** An analysis of the narrative giving attention to the principles of leadership as effected through the life of Nehemiah. The combination of spirituality and practicality, prayer and perseverance are critical elements of this study.

**OTS715 The Rise of the Davidic Monarchy** This study covers the books of Judges to First Kings 11, as well as Job to Song of Solomon. The course examines the content of each Old Testament book in the purview of the course as well as their specific theological/ spiritual conflicts in areas of politics, economics, religious practice, social behavior, philosophy and interpretation of history as introduced by these sophisticated Old Testament writings.

**OTS730 Wisdom Books** Selected portions of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are studied with respect to divine inspiration and practical teaching.

**OTS810 Major Prophets** An intensive historical, doctrinal, and critical study of the international relations in the days of the prophets as well as the religious, spiritual, and civic decline of Judah during that time. Special emphasis is placed on the Messianic and Millennial prophecies.

**OTS820 Minor Prophets** A study of the twelve minor prophets, concentrating on the social, political, and religious conditions of their time comparing and contrasting their message and thought with the contemporary thinking of the time. These prophets were the spiritual leaders, progressives, analysts, and exponents of their day.

**OTS890 Specialized Bible Study** A custom made course of study available for students who would like to study a book of the Old Testament that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor with a timetable and projects to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirement.

## **PHL – PHILOSOPHY**

**PHL501 Introduction to Philosophy** The focus of this class is to present an overview of the various worldviews and the principles of reality, knowledge and ethics. The student will be lead into learning how to think accurately, comprehensively, effectively and biblically.

**PHL601 Philosophy in Christian Perspective** The Christian worldview is contrasted to existing and prevalent philosophies. Students are equipped with the tools necessary to enter the debate emphasizing the supremacy of Christianity over other philosophies.

## **PRE – PREACHING**

**PRE601 *Homiletics I*** A basic study in sermon preparation dealing with the parts of the sermon, structure, and delivery. Emphasis is given to the analysis of student-prepared outlines, along with the actual delivery of sermons.

**PRE701 *Homiletics II*** This course will provide further methods of gathering and organizing materials, effective illustrations, audience adaptations, and speech theory, with proper emphasis on Scriptural exegesis.

## **PSY – PSYCHOLOGY**

**PSY521 *Child Psychology*** This course is designed to cover the period from birth to adolescence. The unique characteristics of child development and their effect on personality formation are given careful attention. The roles of nature and nurture in this age group are studied.

**PSY601 *Psychology of Religion*** A study of the rise and principles of the application of psychology to religion. The basic ideas of personality formation, character building, and other significant religious activities as they relate to ministry are carefully studied.

**PSY603 *Adolescent Psychology*** This course examines the effects of development on behavior, the nature of learning, teaching relationships, and individual differences, with particular emphasis placed on physical growth and development, cognitive growth, language development, moral education, personal development, and learning theory. Birth to adolescence is inclusive.

**PSY604 *Developmental Psychology*** A study of the processes of human growth and developing patterns of behavior throughout the lifespan. Emphasis will be placed on the physical, mental, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual growth of the individual.

**PSY611 *Educational Psychology*** This course is an application of psychological principles to the design and guidance of educational experiences. The course provides the tools needed to make the teaching / learning process a more effective and rewarding part of Christian ministry. Topics covered include student and environmental factors which affect the learning process, educational design principles, and the role of the Holy Spirit in Christian educational theory.

**PSY612 *Cognitive Therapy*** This course will highlight the theory and practice of cognitive, behavioral, interpersonal, experiential, and solution-focused treatment models. Assessment, intervention, and self-management strategies through this approach will be emphasized. Application of cognitive and behavioral techniques to human problems will be discussed from a Christian perspective, with a focus on the belief system of individuals.

**PSY701 *Psychopathology*** This course is designed to help the student understand and deal with mental disorders, the behavior of the mentally ill, understanding the manifestations of mental disorders, their problems, causes and processes.

**PSY704 *Psychology and Theology*** This course will help the student compare and contrast the fields of psychology and theology to better understand how these disciplines interrelate.

**PSY705 *Psychology Tests and Measurements*** This course will provide the principles of measurement and assessment with counseling use of various assessment instruments: achievement, aptitude, intelligence, interest, and personality. Supervision in administering, scoring, and interpreting of individual evaluation methods will also be explored.

**PSY711 *Psychopharmacology*** This course presents an introduction to psychotropic drugs; how they affect the mind, their side effects; what they are prescribed for, i.e. depression, anxiety, mood disorder, etc.; and the importance and the role psychopharmacology plays in the healing of the person.

**PSY801 *Human Sexuality*** This course will cover an intensive study of human sexuality and its effect on human behavior. Male and female views of sexuality are compared and contrasted for a better understanding of the complexities of how sexuality affects relationships, society and the church.

## **PTH - PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

**PTH502 *Discipleship*** A course designed to examine the interpersonal relationships and character development of the student and apply the principles to the process of discipleship.

**PTH504 *Church Government*** An overview of historical church government with particular emphasis on the early Church and government by consensus.

**PTH511 *Foundations for Ministry*** This course will present Biblical principles of church leadership and life with an emphasis on team ministry. Key ministry practices will be examined as foundations for church renewal and revitalization.

**PTH512 *Mentoring Dynamics*** This course explores the full range of the mentoring process from a biblical, historical and individual perspective. Emphasis is placed on studying examples of biblical partnership and mentoring relationships.

**PTH604 *Pastoral Theology*** A comprehensive treatment of the practical aspects of pastoral ministry. Subjects covered include the pastor as a divinely called servant, leader, preacher, teacher, counselor, administrator, spouse, and parent.

**PTH605 *Spiritual Formation/Personal Growth*** The student is led into an evaluation of his/her present spiritual condition with practical instruction given on how to strengthen his/her walk with the Lord. A survey of the spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, Bible study, meditation, journaling, silence, solitude, worship, etc. will be covered in this course.

**PTH614 *Pastoral Care Ministry*** This course develops strategies for effective emotional and spiritual healing in the unique context of the church. Models for Biblically-based, spiritually-gifted strategies for key issues are presented as an integrated part of the mentoring and discipling process.

**PTH620 *Introduction to Chaplaincy*** The student is introduced to chaplaincy as a ministry option. Institutions (armed services, correctional facilities and hospitals) depend on chaplains to minister to psycho-religious needs other than their constituency. Practical principles on how to establish or work within an existing chaplaincy program are addressed.

**PTH621 *Chaplaincy*** This course is designed to bring the student into an understanding of the mission of the modern day chaplain. It will define the role and everyday work of the chaplain.

**PTH631 *Advanced Chaplaincy*** A continuation of PTH620. The emphasis in this course is to instruct the student in correct organization and administrative functions of a chaplaincy program and staff. It will also provide some experiential learning via a project.

**PTH701 *Leadership Principles*** This course is designed to increase the student's knowledge of the theoretical aspects of leadership and of administrative roles within the church. Secular and Christian ideas of leadership are examined and applied to Christian education in the local church.

**PTH702 Principles of Administration and Organization** Foundations for purposeful administration are explored with emphasis on a model which begins with accurately recognizing needs and the subsequent steps necessary to implement plans addressing the needs and the effective methods for evaluating plans, personnel and results.

**PTH704 Home Cell Groups** This study will focus on how to establish and manage home fellowship within the local church for the purposes of outreach and discipleship. Principles on how to evaluate your church to determine readiness, how to recruit and train quality leaders to lead home fellowships is covered.

**PTH705 Urban Ministries** This course is a study to discuss the alternatives and challenges of urban ministry on both the foreign and domestic fields. The student will survey the more prevalent problems associated with this type of ministry and explore solutions and strategies to address these needs.

**PTH706 Christian Ethics** A study of Christian ethics for the everyday life with sound Biblical principles and practical applications for the professional and problem aspects encountered in the ministry.

**PTH707 Pastoral Counseling** This course is designed to orient the minister in Biblical models of counseling within a church setting, and examination of the philosophy behind the pastor's role as counselor in the church in light of the Scriptures.

**PTH708 Principles of Church Growth** A survey of the theological, sociological, and statistical dimensions of the church growth movement as they relate to evangelism, church development, Christian education, along with the basics for beginning a new church.

**PTH801 Pastor and Staff Relations** This course will cover an in-depth treatment on how to assess readiness for a multiple staff situation as well as how to train and function as a multiple staff are covered in this course.

**PTH802 Role of Women in Ministry** A study of ministry to and by women, including biblical foundations for roles of women in the home, church, and society. The course is designed to aid men and women who will be responsible for various areas of ministry.

**PTH803 Prison Ministry** This course seeks to equip the student with an understanding of the methodology and dynamics of prison ministry. The steps of formulating a new ministry to coordinating an existing ministry are addressed.

**PTH804 Pastor in the Urban Community** The unique setting of urban ministry is detailed for an understanding of the issues that are confronted in an urban setting. Integrating biblical principles from an urban perspective form the basis of this course.

**PTH805 Advanced Leadership Principles** This course is a continuation of PTH801. This course will build upon the students understanding of the theoretical aspects of leadership and of administrative roles within the church. Secular and Christian ideas of leadership are examined further and applied to the local church environment.

**PTH806 The African American Church** This course seeks to assist the student in understanding the context and dynamics of African American church. A historical survey forms the foundation for an understanding of its modern expression and practice.

**PTH807 Marketing the Ministry** Students will explore an extensive survey into the various means available to properly and successfully develop awareness in a community of a church's ministry programs and services. This course covers topics such as: the well designed church bulletin to mass media opportunities as promotional avenues.

**PTH808 Conflict Management** This course is designed to equip the student in understanding the dynamics of stress, assessing the level of stress, integrating principles designed to alleviate stress personal or ministry situations.

## **RES – RESEARCH**

**RES694 Master's Field Education** This course provides the student with an opportunity for learning experienced through travel, short term mission trips, educational exchange programs, and learning through observation.

**RES696 Master's Practicum** This is a ministry/vocational relevant project or assignment that requires hands-on opportunities with specific goals and outcomes.

**RES697 Master Internship** This is a three, six, or nine month internship program under the direction of a mentor in the area of the degree major.

**RES699 Master's Thesis** A Master's thesis following the specified requirements for the major area of study is to be completed by each student. Faculty advisors will be assigned to each student and are responsible for monitoring the schedule and quality of the project.

**RES894 Doctoral Field Education** This course provides the student with an opportunity for learning experienced through travel, short term mission trips, educational exchange programs, and learning through observation.

**RES896 Doctoral Practicum** A ministry / vocational relevant project or assignment that requires hands-on opportunities with specific goals and outcomes.

**RES897 Doctoral Internship** This is a three, six, or nine month internship program under the direction of a mentor in the area of the degree major.

**RES899 Doctoral Dissertation** A Doctoral dissertation following the specified requirements for the major area of study is to be completed by each student. Faculty advisors will be assigned to each student and are responsible for monitoring the schedule and quality of the project.

## **SAC – SACRAMENTAL STUDIES**

**SAC501 Introduction to Sacramental Theology** This course is designed to provide an introduction to the church's sacramental faith. This study will include the historical, biblical foundation for sacramental theology as well as the sacramental traditions found in the early church, and the divided church: Roman, Orthodox, Protestant, and Charismatic.

**SAC502 Introduction to Convergence** This course is designed to acquaint the student with the meaning of convergence. It encompasses three streams of worship: evangelical, sacramental/liturgical, and charismatic (gifts of the Spirit) that are part of each worship service.

**SAC510 History of Liturgics** This course will provide students with an in-depth history of the development of the Liturgy up to its current use today.

**SAC521 Anglican Sacramental Theology** Students who take this course will be exposed to the Sacramental Theology of the "High Church", "Broad Church", and "Low Church" branches of the Anglican Communion. Students will study some history of Catholic Revival in the Church of England and look at the elements of Sacramental Theology particular to the Anglican Communion.



**SAC527 Theology of Other Sacraments** This course will incorporate an understanding of the remaining five Sacraments such as Confirmation, Marriage, Reconciliation/Confession, Ministry to the Sick, Ministry at Death,

**SAC600 Episcopal Services** The student will gain an understanding of the Ordination of Bishop, Priest, and Deacon; Celebration of New Ministry; and the Consecration of a Church or Chapel.

**SAC602 Baptism and Eucharist** Students will delve into the New Testament origins of what was originally a single sacrament, Baptism, and how it quickly evolved in the sub-Apostolic period into Baptism and Confirmation. An investigation of the Holy Eucharist, Communion, or the Lord's Supper will be explored. Students will study the history of the sacrament and its current understanding.

**SAC612 Book of Common Prayer & Anglican Ceremonies** This course will be an overview of the development of distinctives of Anglican worship with emphasis on liturgies and the historical and theological relevance of prayer book usage today.

## **SOC – SOCIOLOGY**

**SOC561 Sociology** This course is an analysis of the origin, development, function and interaction of social groups and institutions.

**SOC562 Sociology of Religion** This study examines the basic theories and methods used by sociologists to understand religious phenomena with consideration of the special issues of religious groups in various cultural settings.

**SOC563 Urban Sociology** A course of study of the origin, development, and nature of urban communities. Emphasis is placed on understanding the types and functions, structure and ecology, urbanism as a way of life, urban population centers, and metropolitan regions.

**SOC661 Sociology and Christianity** This course is designed to ask, "How do social conditions affect the church?" "How does the church affect the society in which it operates?" A focus on the role of religion in social change will be presented.

**SOC662 Parenting** A course designed to specifically focus on rearing adolescents with the approach flowing from the family system point of view and dealing with the various life cycle events of individuals, married couples, and families.

**SOC663 Family Systems** An introduction to the basic elements of the family system theory as applied to the family. It is an alternative approach to individual focused counseling strategies, which views the individual as a part and product of the larger system called family.

## **SPN – SPANISH**

**SPN601 Spanish 1** An introduction to Spanish grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Development of the four language skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing are initiated in this course.

**SPN701 Spanish 2** A continuation of SPN201 with further preparation of the student to communicate through the use of secondary Spanish acquired through practical workshops and study.

## **SPT - SPECIAL TOPICS**

**SPT531 *Jewish Roots of Faith*** This course is designed to show how the Christian faith is rooted in Jewish foundations. The feasts and festivals of Israel are explained with a New Testament meaning.

**SPT532 *Jewish and Christian Thought*** A contrast and comparison of Jewish and Christian theology in relation to the Messiah. This course is designed to assist the student in understanding the common threads and basis of Judeo-Christian values.

**SPT601 *Introduction to Biblical Languages - Hebrew*** An introduction to the basic features of Hebrew, and the utilization of available study aids, such as computer software, lexicons, concordances, commentaries, etc. It is designed to enable students with little or no prior knowledge of Hebrews to engage in basic word studies and grammatical exercises.

**SPT602 *Introduction to Biblical Languages - Greek*** An introduction to the basic features of Greek, and the utilization of available study aids, such as computer software, lexicons, concordances, commentaries, etc. It is designed to enable students with little or no prior knowledge of Greek to engage in basic word studies and grammatical exercises.

**SPT631 *Jewish Faith and Holy Days*** A survey of how feasts, festivals, and Holy Days affect the understanding and practice of the Jewish faith. This course will define and explain Jewish customs and practices on these special days and festivals.

**SPT632 *Jewish Festivals: A Deeper Look*** The feasts and festivals of Israel are examined with the goal of understanding the significance of how and why God chose this method to reveal Himself to Israel. The feasts are understood as types of Messianic revelation with their ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ.

**SPT701 *Geography of Historical Palestine*** A survey of Biblical geography and history moving from the journeys of Abraham and Israel through the rise and fall of nations and empires, to the spread of the Gospel as recorded in the New Testament.

**SPT711 *Geographical and Historical Settings of the Bible*** This course is designed to be taken as an overseas trip to Israel (when possible) and other countries mentioned in the Bible.

**SPT731 *Renewal of Judaism*** This course will integrate Messianic truth into the practice of Judaism as a fulfillment of prophetic Old Testament teaching. This course will give the Christian a fuller understanding of how Messianic Jews integrate their faith in Jesus Christ into the age old expectations of Judaism.

**SPT732 *Wisdom in Jewish Thought*** "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The primacy of wisdom in relation to the knowledge of God is surveyed through the "Wisdom" literature of scripture.

## **SYS - SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

**SYS601 *Old Testament Theology*** A systematic study of the Old Testament writings with awareness to their historical, cultural and contextual environments and its implications for theological studies.

**SYS610 Bible Doctrines** A major study of the Bible in a systematic way. The principle doctrines of the Scripture will be outlined and each discussed in a step by step process. This course is the base upon which the student will build theological foundation.

**SYS611 Biblical Anthropology** A study of the teachings of Scripture concerning man and sin. The course corrects some of the false ideas about the origin of man and his nature. Personal application of truth to the lives of students and persons to whom they will minister is a specific focus of the study.

**SYS620 Doctrine of God** This course provides the student with an in-depth study of the doctrine of God including a biblical understanding of the Trinity.

**SYS621 Bibliology, Doctrine of Scriptures** A study of fundamental teachings of the Christian faith: God, the Bible, Christ, man, sin, salvation, Holy Spirit, angels, Satan, and the end times.

**SYS622 Christology** A comprehensive study of what the Scriptures say about Jesus Christ. The course introduces the student to Old Testament typology and to the prophecies concerning Christ's present and future work. Controversial historical and contemporary views of Jesus are examined in relation to the Bible portrayal.

**SYS623 Soteriology** A Study of the doctrine of salvation, the work of Christ in bringing lost man into fellowship with God. The course includes the doctrines of repentance, faith, conversion, regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, and prayer in the life of a Christian. Included in the study are an analysis of Biblical passages relating to salvation and an evaluation of historical and contemporary views of salvation.

**SYS624 Angelology and Demonology** A biblical, theological, and historical study of the nature, function and activity of angels and demons. Also there will be an exploration of the realm of the supernatural for our time.

**SYS701 New Testament Theology** A systematic study of the New Testament writings with awareness to their historical, cultural, and contextual environments and its implications for theological studies.

**SYS721 Pneumatology: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit** A scriptural and practical presentation of the nature, personality, gifts, and fruits of the Holy Spirit. Students will learn how to practically assess, value, and function in the gifts. This class will involve academic, as well as practical training.

**SYS722 Theology of Prayer** An introduction to the Christian theology and methodology of prayer, communion with God, its purpose, and power are discussed and demonstrated through this dynamic course.

**SYS723 Ecclesiology** A comprehensive study of the biblical principles of the nature, mission and function of the Church. Descriptions and roles of the church offices of pastor, elders, deacons, etc. are treated in this course.

**SYS724 Healing** This course examines the Scriptures for an understanding of the theology of healing. Historical experiences and movements as well as practical dimensions of this topic are examined for clarity on the subject.

**SYS801 Eschatology** This course is designed to introduce the student to the various components of end time theology. The different theories of the tribulation and the millennium are studied. The contributions of prophetic and apocalyptic literature are examined in both the Old and New Testaments.

**SYS810 *Systematic Theology*** A survey course introducing the different components of theology and theological language. It is designed to prepare the student for in-depth study of individual theologies within the discipline.

**SYS812 *Pauline Theology*** A study of the life and teachings of the Apostle Paul throughout the New Testament. Students will examine his conversion experience and subsequent ministry with an emphasis on his mission and message to the Gentile world. Key biblical themes are addressed in this course.

**SYS814 *Johannine Theology*** The contributions of the Apostle John to our understanding of the gospel and theology are treated in this study. Integration of his perspective to the whole of scripture is given special focus.

## **THE - THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

**THE562 *Theology of Worship*** A practical application in the development of a music and worship program. Special emphasis is given to the Biblical basis for worship in the Church today. Modes and concepts of worship are examined.

**THE601 *The Tabernacle of Moses*** This course provides a systematic and thorough study of the Tabernacle of Moses and the significance of it to Christian doctrine and worship.

**THE630 *Hermeneutics*** A study of the science and laws of Biblical exegesis and interpretation. The principles, methods, and rules by which the meaning of Scripture may be ascertained are examined.

**THE641 *Authority of the Believer*** A study of what makes victorious living possible. It will demonstrate how God has given us all that we need to live victorious and challenge the student to grab hold of what we already possess. Gaining or regaining the necessary momentum to sustain a lifelong drive toward consistent triumph is made a reality.

**THE642 *New Testament Ministries*** This is an examination of the call and ministry of the fivefold ministry in the local church. The Church in its functioning as the Body of Christ is also considered.

**THE662 *Comparative Religions*** A comparative study of the main world religious systems as related to the Biblical principles of Christianity. Modern cults are also addressed and major points in witnessing to adherents of non-Christian religions are discussed.

**THE663 *Warfare Prayer*** This course is designed to help the student identify and utilize the weapons of warfare necessary for successful Christian living. The role and power of prayer in intercession and petition are covered in this dynamic course.

**THE702 *The Covenants of God*** This course explores the various covenants of God in the Old Testament emphasizing their importance for the church of Jesus Christ.

**THE703 *The Tabernacle of David*** This study examines Davidic worship, its expressions, and importance for the church today with practical applications for the individual student.

**THE731 *Life and Journey of Paul*** A biographical study of the Apostle Paul focusing on how his life was shaped prior to his conversion, leading to his conversion and the effect his life had on those he ministered to after his conversion.

**THE732 *Identifying Your Spiritual Gifts*** This course is designed to assist the student in discovering their calling in the ministry through the discovery of their God-given gifts. Also included is how to impart personal involvement in the local church by discovering, developing, and deploying the spiritual gift, and how to understand our part in the Great Commission of utilizing our gift into the greater vision of the local church.

**THE762 *Apologetics*** A study of the defense of the faith, particularly from the standpoint of the authority of the Bible and historical evidences of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**THE763 *Stewardship in the Local Church*** A biblical framework for the spiritual discipline of stewardship and how to practice and teach it in the local church environment.

**THE764 *Bible Prophecy*** The nature of biblical prophecy is explained while specific examples of prophets and their messages are studied. Old and New Testament examples are explored highlighting the principles that govern interpretation of prophecy.

**THE890 *Specialized Theological Study*** A custom made course of study available for students who would like to study a theological topic that is not currently offered. A special syllabus will be created by a faculty advisor with a timetable and projects to fulfill the 3 credit hour requirement.