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## **Biblical Theology (BT)**

### **BT 3229 - Biblical Theology**

An introduction to the principles and practice of Biblical Theology, as well as its complementary relationship to Systematic Theology. Emphasis will be on the biblical theology of the scripture, as it is traced through the entire history of redemption from creation to new creation. The perspective taken will be that of the unity of revelation in the gradual unfolding of the redemptive purposes of God in Christ. A key objective of the course is to explore the correlations between the covenant of creation and the covenant of redemption as the gospel is progressively unveiled from Genesis 3:15 to Revelation 22:21.

## **Church History (CH)**

### **CH 2114 - Apostles to Pre-reformation**

A survey of church history from the Apostolic Age to the Reformation. Major figures, events, and select works will be considered.

### **CH 2219 - Reformation to Modern Times**

A survey of church history from the Reformation to present day. Major figures, events, and select works will be considered.

## **Computer Science (CS)**

### **CS 2112 - Computer Skills**

Explores introductory computer concepts, data versus information, information retrieval techniques and the impact of computers on business and society; emphasizes Windows, software applications, and Internet usage.

## **Economics (EC)**

### **EC 1104 - Introduction to Economics**

The history of economic thought and the various approaches in defining and doing economics will be surveyed along with their chief proponents. The course will demonstrate that secular economics is a failure and further support this idea with quotes from its chief proponents conceding its failure. The system of Christian economics will be developed by deducing its principles from the axiom of Scripture, and these principles will be explained and illustrated.

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## **English (EN)**

### **EN 1101 - English Composition 1**

This course enhances students' functional language skills, focusing on English grammar and writing style. This course will involve basic writing projects and with the goal of organizing and expressing one's ideas and persuasive arguments.

### **EN 1103 - College Skills**

This course provides new students with an introduction to the life of study in an academic community, focusing on basic skills for reading, writing, class participation, and computer use in research.

### **EN 1206 - English Composition 2**

This course further develops English language skills, focusing on writing in English and reading English towards advanced writing skills. This course will involve longer writing projects, while encouraging English conversation among students in dealing with various writing projects. Prerequisite EN 1101.

### **EN 1208 - Communication Skills**

This course introduces listening strategies for the purpose of following main ideas of conversations and lectures. Non-verbal communication skills will be introduced and conventions such as clarifying information will be practiced. Attitudes toward language learning and the cultural adaptation process will be explored. Strategies for learning vocabulary for various academic disciplines will be introduced. Identified grammatical features will be reviewed.

## **Mathematics (MT)**

### **MT 1102 - Mathematics 1**

A survey of college level arithmetic that includes whole numbers, fractions, decimals, square roots, and percents, and an introduction to geometric and algebraic functions.

### **MT 1207 - Mathematics 2**

A review of geometric and algebraic functions including integers, equations and inequalities, polynomials, algebraic functions, graphing and radicals, and quadratic expressions. Prerequisite: MT 212.

## **Music (MU)**

### **MU 4239 - Music in Worship**

A survey of the profound role of music in the history of worship in the Old Testament until presently in the New Testament church. There will be a consideration for discussion of worship forms, musical theory, hymnology, instrumentation, and contemporary debates, as well as opportunity to enjoy musical selections and in-class participation.

## **New Testament (NT)**

### **NT 3123 - The Gospels: The Life of Christ**

A careful study of the synoptic gospels, certain portions of John, and Acts. A study of the great doctrines of the Christian faith with a practical emphasis on the relationship of the believer and his Lord.

### **NT 3124 - Biblical Interpretation**

A study of the primary issues of the interpretation of the Bible, covering and evaluating the major principles and methods that have been used in biblical interpretation. The approach taken will be historical-grammatical and contextual with emphasis on the unity of scripture as the inspired history of redemption, considering the relationship of the testaments and their diverse genres.

### **NT 3228 - Acts and Pauline Epistles**

A survey of Paul's thirteen epistles, Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1,2, 3 John, and Jude, with consideration given to the historical background as well as to recent scholarship.

### **NT 4134 - General Epistles and Revelation**

This course is a survey and study of the non-Pauline epistles: Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, I, II & III John and Jude, as well as the book of the Revelation. The major themes of each epistle will be considered with a discussion of structural features and historical settings. It will include a theological emphasis on both the theological content and the biblical theology of each epistle in relation to the whole Bible.

## **Old Testament (OT)**

### **OT 3122 - Pentateuch**

A survey of the first five books as it relates to the human family. Attention is given to the following: Biblical Theology of creation, the covenant-promises, the Hebrew nation, the Tabernacle, feasts, and offerings.

### **OT 3227 - Historical Books**

A survey of the historical books (Joshua, Judges, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 & 2 Kings, Ruth, Esther, 1 & 2 Chronicles, and Ezra & Nehemiah) to understand their theological perspectives during the periods of the conquest, the judges, the monarchy, and postexilic Israel. Issues of historiography, literary analysis, and Ancient Near Eastern background will also be covered.

### **OT 4132 - Poetical Books**

A survey of Job through the Song of Solomon. An emphasis is placed on the artistry and theology of the books, as well as the unique character of wisdom literature and poetry. Poetics, the interpretation of wisdom poetry, and the role wisdom has in the life of believers and the church are also explored.

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## **OT 4237 - Prophetic Books**

A course designed to acquaint the student with the books of the Old Testament Prophets and to build a foundation for further in-depth study in the areas of eschatology, context, and socio-political issues of the times of the prophets.

## **Philosophy (PH)**

### **PH 1209 - Introduction to Philosophy**

A survey of the major philosophers, their ideas, history, and backgrounds, as well as their influence on the history of the world. Evaluation will be explored in light of biblical teaching.

### **PH 2113 - Logic and Rhetoric**

An exploration of the history, concepts, and function of informal logic and its role in rhetoric towards developing skill in sound reasoning, evaluation/analysis, interpretation, and argumentation. The histories of logic and rhetoric will be surveyed to prepare students for excellent, persuasive writing and speaking skills. Informal fallacies will also be evaluated and discussed.

### **PH 2216 - Introduction to Ethics**

Topics covered in the course include the biblical foundation for ethics (as found in the Old Testament and as developed in the New Testament) and the Ancient Near Eastern ethical context. Various ethical systems will be introduced for discussion and evaluation towards developing a coherent biblical ethic for application in contemporary church and society. This will include an emphasis on the principial and ethical material found in the Old and New Testaments, as well as upon the nature of what it means to both do good and to become good. A key objective will be to understand the mission of God as progressively revealed in both the Old and New Testaments in order to create a holy people to bear witness to him to the nations.

## **Psychology (PS)**

### **PS 2217 - General Psychology**

An introduction to, and survey of, the history, people, ideas, and practices of modern psychology. Evaluation of these ideas and practices will be considered and evaluated in light of biblical teaching.

## **Practical Theology (PT)**

### **PT 1105 - Biblical Discipleship: Spiritual Formation**

An exploration of the relevance of biblical teaching to all of the Christian life of vocation, family, work, mental health, spirituality, worship, and service in the church and world. Corresponding to discipleship, the focus will be on how to grow in apprenticeship to Christ as his ambassadors who are prayerfully growing in likeness to him.

## **PT 2115 - Biblical Missions**

A comprehensive survey of the Biblical basis of missions, the present day needs, the missionary imperative, unevangelized fields, and the Lord's return as related to missionary endeavor.

## **PT 3230 - Evangelism**

A study designed to prepare for, and involve students in, witnessing for the Lord through exposure to Biblical mandates, the gospel message, prayer and various evangelistic tools.

## **PT 4135 - Biblical Worldview**

An introduction to the main worldviews prevalent in our times discussed in the context of a biblical framework. The goal is to understand the coherent worldview as presented to us in the Bible and to adopt an approach that is God-honoring and Christ centered, and that explores the relationship of the teaching of scripture to all of life.

## **PT 4240 - Theology of Biblical Counseling**

An introduction to the principles and practice of counseling from a biblical and theological perspective. The course covers principles, theories and techniques of Christian counseling and prepares the student for various types of counseling.

## **PT 4244 - Fundamentals of Christian Leadership**

Building on a foundation of personal character development, this course provides an overview of biblical and theological components and character essential for effective leadership. This course is complementary to the course on discipleship, as leadership in biblical terms must be preceded by, and defined in all aspects, by discipleship. Students learn strategies for team-building, conflict management, and leading for positive change in terms of biblical theology, ethics, and principles. This course also brings biblical philosophy and theology as the evaluative tool for all contemporary theories about leadership and social dynamics. It includes an exploration of the principles and practices related to the dynamics of Christ-centered relationship models and ideals that are particularly applicable to the ministry setting. A key goal is to build small group leadership skills that reflect those biblical ideals that stress servanthood and service over against top-down autocratic models.

## **Science (SC)**

### **SC 2218 - Scientific Models**

A study of the scientific evidences of creation-origins drawn from astronomy, physics, geology, chemistry, mathematics, biology, social sciences. Intelligent design and naturalistic evolution are surveyed and analyzed.

### **SC 3143 - Biblical Archaeology**

The archaeology of the Bible is a study of those material remains of Palestine and its neighboring nations which relate to, and throw light on, the biblical period and its narrative. Biblical archaeology is uniquely concerned with understanding the

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backgrounds to the biblical text in its Ancient Near Eastern context in order to better understand the text. This course is based on the assumption that the biblical text is a reliable source of information for archaeology, and that archaeological discoveries, while never casting doubt on the biblical text, have often provided corroborating evidence for its veracity. This assumption is also guided by the understanding that archaeology is an interpretive discipline, and subject to human error, and therefore conclusions are carefully weighed by the evidence at hand. A major feature of the course is visualization through photographs, slides, drawings, and maps, illustrating the artifacts and material culture of biblical archaeology. Each scene is adequately explained so that students see the meaning of each slide in the process of enhancing biblical studies through archaeology. One important component of this course is to study archaeology as an application of various scientific enterprises through lab work in order to demonstrate key examples of this aspect of the subject.

## **Sociology (SO)**

### **SO 2111 - Introduction to Sociology**

This course is designed to equip students with sociological perspectives on human behavior and the basic tools used in sociological analysis. It develops a way of seeing the social realm sociologically and biblically. It surveys basic sociological concepts as well as identity, economic foundations, religion, and modernity.

## **Systematic Theology (ST)**

### **ST 1241 - Comparative Theology of Major Denominations**

In this course students will be introduced to the theological positions of various major Christian denominations (Roman Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Lutheranism, Anabaptism, Presbyterianism, Baptist Church, Methodism, Pentecostalism & Charismatic Movement, Fundamentalist Christianity, Dispensationalism, and Covenant Theology) and compare them with the Bible.

### **ST 3121 - Theology 1: Prolegomena and Bibliology**

Introduction to Systematic Theology, an overview of the discipline, and a consideration of the sources and method employed in doing theology. Topics covered will be the nature and task of theology; the sources for theology; theological method; revelation; the inspiration, the authority, and inerrancy of Scripture.

### **ST 3226 - Theology 2: God and Humanity**

Study of the being and character of God, his works of creation and providence, and the nature and fall of humanity. Topics considered will include the existence, nature, and character of God; the Trinity; God's plan; God's work of creation and providence; the creation of man; the fall; sin. Prerequisite: TH 111.

### **ST 4131 - Theology 3: Christ and Salvation**

Study of the person and work of Christ, the nature and application of salvation and the Holy Spirit. Topics considered will include Christ's deity and humanity; the incarnation;

the atonement; the resurrection, ascension, and intercession of Christ; election; the person and work of the Holy Spirit; faith and repentance; justification and sanctification.

## **ST 4133 - Introduction to Apologetics**

An introduction to the principles and methods of biblical apologetics and their applications to principal contemporary objections against the gospel of the Christian church. Emphasis will be given to the historical survey of apologetics, exploration of false philosophies, true biblical evidences, and non-Christian worldviews.

## **ST 4236 - Theology 4: Church and Last Things**

Study of the nature and mission of the Church, the sacraments, and eschatology. Topics considered will include the identity of the Church; the unity and mission of the Church; spiritual gifts; the leadership of the Church; baptism; the Lord's supper; the return of Christ; millennialism, the final judgment; the final state of humanity; the new earth.

## **ST 4238 - World Religions and Cults**

This course examines the more important cults and contemporary isms, noting their relationship to Christianity and Christian ministry. Members of the class will contribute papers on cults and isms not dealt with in the lectures.



