

## **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.

## **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.

## **English (EN)**

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

This course enhances students' functional written language skills, focusing on English grammar and writing style. The course will emphasize the clean expression and clear organization of ideas and persuasive arguments through basic writing exercises and projects.

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## **EN 1102 - College and Computer 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, time-management, and class participation. Additionally, the course will teach practical computer use skills, focusing on basic computer use as well as efficient, effective use of tools such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

## **EN 1202 - Research and Writing**

This course introduces the standards of scholarly academic research. The course will give students the opportunity to practice scholarly research through research exercises and to implement that research through longer writing projects. Strategies for crafting a clean final product, such as implementing correct Turabian formatting and utilizing proofreading techniques will be heavily emphasized. It is advisable to complete EN 1101 English Composition before taking this course.

## **EN 1208 - Communication Skills**

This course teaches students effective communication skills in a variety of contexts focusing particularly on public speaking. Students will learn the basics of public speaking and rhetoric, and will practice implementing a variety of rhetorical strategies in different public speaking scenarios. The course will also introduce the necessary considerations for effective communication across cultural lines.

## **EN 3105 - World Literature**

In this course, students will examine a survey of important literary texts from a global selection. The course aims to analyze these texts to consider their literary genres and artistry, their moral and worldview claims, and their truth claims. Discussions of literary texts will focus not only on determining these aspects of a text, but also on weighing their value and validity from a Christian perspective.

## **Mathematics (MT)**

### **MT 1102 - Mathematics**

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 1202 - Applied Mathematics**

This course introduces additional depth to topics covered in MT 1102 Mathematics and teaches the use of these and other principles developed in 1102 Mathematics, as they apply to ministry and life situations. These include applications of statistics, algebraic functions, graphing, number theory, geometry, and numerical problem-solving. Practical methods for using spreadsheet computer programs will be covered as well, using Microsoft Excel in class. It is advisable to complete MT 1102 Mathematics prior to Applied Mathematics.

## **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.

## **OT 4237 - Prophetical 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 1201 - Introduction to Philosophy and Worldview**

A survey of the major philosophers, their ideas, history, and backgrounds, as well as their influence on the history of the world. The worldviews prevalent in our times will be discussed in the context of a biblical framework. The goal is to understand the coherent worldview as presented to us in the Bible, adopting an approach that is God-honoring and Christ-centered and that explores the relationship of the teaching of scripture to all of life.

### **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 2201 - Introduction to Psychology and Sociology**

Introduction to Psychological and Sociological Studies – this course will provide an introduction to and survey of the disciplines of Psychology and Sociology in terms of their methodology, tools, and range of study of the individual person and societies. Evaluation of the ideas and practices will be evaluated in light of biblical teaching on the nature of human beings and the nature of societal structures.

## **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 3203 – Biblical Missions and Evangelism**

A introductory survey of the biblical-theological basis of missions, the present day needs, the missionary imperative, unevangelized fields, and the Lord's return as related to missionary endeavor. This study is then designed to be applied practically by involving students in witnessing to the gospel message, prayer, and various evangelistic tools in the field.

### **PT 3209 - Marriage and Family Counseling**

This course will explore biblical foundations and approaches to counseling for marriage preparation as well as marriage and family concerns and problems. There will also be interaction with other counseling approaches so as to develop an ability to critically interact with the popular literature on the subject. The course will also touch upon the specific issues of divorce/remarriage, abuse, premarital relations, and the counseling of children.

### **PT 4104 - Christianity and Culture**

This course explores, evaluates, and surveys alternative proposals to the paradigm and five categories famously expressed by H. Richard Niebuhr (Christ against, above, of, in paradox with, and transformer of, culture). In order to lay a foundation for a theology of culture and contemporary cultural understanding and literacy, in the light of Scripture and Biblical Theology, the discussions will center on modern culture, technology, music, drama, visual rhetoric in media arts, film, literature, language, habits, ideas, beliefs, customs, and social organization. This is all considered with a view to grappling with the Christian relationship to, and interaction with, our modern cultural context in order to understand Christian responsibility in that context.

### **PT 4205 - History of Art**

Taking a cue from Francis Schaeffer, who brought a renewed interest and emphasis on Christian involvement and understanding of the culture of art globally, this course will

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examine the historical development of art and will particularly consider the impact Christianity and the church has had on the arts internationally and on the aesthetic ideal. A survey of important works in a variety of media will be analyzed for their aesthetic and communicative value.

## **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 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.

## **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 Non-Christian religions, Secular religions and cults. Summaries of the teachings of the various religions and cults presented to provide the students with background in the subjects to understand the basic tenets of each system. Biblical perspective on Non-Christian religions, Secular religions and cults will be given in order to enable the students to think in a rational and biblical manner as they respond to the challenges of those religions and cults.

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