

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BIBLE COURSES:

B101 OT Survey

This core course will give the student a topical understanding of the Old Testament; to provide a general understanding of the purpose and theme of each of those books.

B102 NT Survey

This core course is designed to provide an overview of the 27 books of the New Testament including the context of the writings, the main characters, and how each book connects with one another, as well as the Old Testament.

B103 The Life of Christ

This course explores the life of Christ described in the four gospels. Studying both chronological events and important themes, students will be able to recount the major aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. The course will stress the redemptive work of Christ.

B104 Book of Acts

The book of Acts is an undergraduate level course designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the Acts of the Apostles.

B105 Corinthian Correspondence

This course will give the student truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with issues facing today's church. The student will learn how Paul instructed the Corinthians to deal with division and difficulty. By applying these same principles, the student will be prepared to deal with the challenges of ministry in the twenty-first century.

B201 Book of Romans

To introduce the student to the theological themes of the book of Romans; to relate those teachings to the rest of Paul's writings and the overall context of Scripture; to examine the teachings of the book in light of the student's own doctrinal background.

B202 Hebrews & General Epistles

Hebrews & General Epistles is an undergraduate level course designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the book of Hebrews and the general epistles. These books are guidelines for a Christian's foundation.

B203 Books of Moses

This course will study the first five books of the Bible, also known as the Pentateuch. The student will study creation, the formation of God's people, and the way in which God worked out His purposes in the lives of His people.

B204 Prison Epistles

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the Prison Epistles. Students will learn the background to these letters in light of Paul's prison confinement by the Roman government. The doctrines and practical teachings of each letter will be analyzed with a view relating to the contemporary church.

B205 Poetic Books

This course is an undergraduate level course designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the Poetic Books of the Bible.

B301 Historical Books of the O.T.

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the Historical Books of the Old Testament.

B302 Major Prophets

This course exposes the student to the general content, meaning and purpose of the Old Testament Books classified as the Major Prophets.

B303 Minor Prophets

This course exposes the student to the general content, meaning and purpose of the Old Testament Books classified as the Minor Prophets.

B401 Book of Genesis

This course is intended to give the student a basic structure, general content, and the sweeping themes of the Book of Genesis.

B402 Book of Exodus

This course gives an overview of the content of the Book of Exodus.

B403 Book of Psalms

This course acquaints the student with the general content and themes of the Book of Psalms.

B404 Book of Daniel

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the Book of Daniel.

B405 Book of Galatians

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the contents of the Book of Galatians.

B406 Book of Isaiah

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the contents of the Book of Isaiah.

B407 Book of Deuteronomy

This course is designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the contents of the Book of Deuteronomy.

L201 Greek I

This course is designed to teach the student *Koine* Greek. The course concentrates, first on the alphabet and vocabulary acquisition, and will begin to study Greek forms. Parsing of verbs and other disciplines endemic to the study of Greek will be studied.

L202 Greek II

Greek II is a continuation of Greek I. The student will continue to hone their skills and understanding of the structure and syntax of Greek while increasing their working vocabulary and translating skills. *Prerequisite: L201*

L301 Hebrew I

This course is designed to teach the student General *Hebrew*. The course concentrates on the basic information about the Hebrew alphabet, vowels, and Biblical Hebrew grammar so that you can better understand the Scriptures from a Hebraic point of view.

L302 Hebrew II

Hebrew II is a continuation of Hebrew I. The student will continue to hone their skills and understanding of the structure of Hebrew while increasing their working vocabulary and translating skills. *Prerequisite: L201*

HISTORY COURSES:

H101 IFCA History, Constitution, & Doctrine

This core course will study the History, Constitution, and Doctrine of IFCA movements and how it relates to the Italian Pentecostal Movement in the United States whose roots are imbedded in a larger revival movement – the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit in America at the turn of the 20th Century.

H102 Hebraic Roots

This core course introduces the Hebraic roots of Christianity and searches the scriptures on God's covenant relationship with Israel.

H103 Church History

This course will study the six main eras of the church history, including key figures from each eras, the most important details, most important archaeological discoveries/ inventions, and key people who shaped the church.

H104 History of the Pentecostal/ Charismatic Movement

This course examines the precursors to the Pentecostal movement. It will also examine the Charismatic Renewal and its relationship to the Pentecostal movement. Both the Pentecostal movement and Charismatic Renewal will be studied for their impact on the history of the Church.

H201 Introduction to the Patristic Era

This course is a survey of history of the early Church. It will cover the events and key individuals that shaped the first seven centuries of the Church.

H202 Introduction to the Protestant Reformation

This course is a survey of history in the Protestant Reformation. It will cover the events that led up to the Reformation, its key figures and groups, and its effects on the Church and culture.

H203 Introduction to the Modern Era

This course is a survey of history of the Church in the modern era. It will cover the Church's history in the 18th though the 20th centuries. Important events, key figures, and groups will be highlighted for their effects on the Church and culture.

H204 American History I

In this course the student will learn about the History of the United States to 1877. Key people and places will be highlighted to give an overall understanding of American History.

H205 American History II

In the course the student will learn about the History of the United States since 1865. Key people and places will be highlighted to give an overall understanding of American History.

H301 Martin Luther

This course examines the life of one of the most important figures in Church history. The course focuses on how events shaped his thoughts and the impact he had on the Church's history.

H302 John Calvin

This course will examine the life of Calvin and his role in Church history. The course will focus on how events shaped his thought and the impact he had on the Church's history.

H303 John Wesley

This course will examine the life of Wesley and his role in Church history. The course will focus on how events shaped his thought and the impact he had on the Church's history.

H111 Cults, World Religions & New Age (Does this belong here?)

This course will study the belief of the major non-Christian religions of the world. Emphasis is placed on each tradition's analysis of the basic human problem and the solution that it offers to the problem.

H401 Independent Study in Church History

In this course the student will work with the instructor to select a focused period in Church history or an important individual to research and write about. The specifics of the course assignments will be worked out by the student with the instructor.

MINISTRY COURSES:

M101 Biblical Leadership

This course teaches the theory of true Christian leadership by the life of Christ. Historical and current church leaders' lives will be discussed as well.

M102 Marriage And The Family

This course shows the practical challenges faced by ministers as they focus on balancing the relationship between ministry and family. This course will also help the student in discovering the call of God on their life.

M103 Prayer: Leadership Available to God

This course teaches the student the art of listening in prayer. Learn how to discern the voice of God. Journaling will also be taught as a method on how to record the spontaneous flow of the Lord.

M104 Fivefold Ministry Gifts

This class examines each of the five gifts and the role they play in building of the Kingdom of God.

M105 Divine Healing

This course teaches the importance of praying for the sick. Students will learn to interview, pray and provide after care for those in need of healing.

M106 Biblical Role and Function of the Pastor

This course introduces the biblical role and function of the pastor in the local church. It is also designed to focus the student on the pastoral role in light of scriptural teaching so as to overcome the many erroneous and damaging philosophies of pastoring. This course also discusses pastoral development, families, and potential traps and pitfalls.

M107 The Prophetic

This is a study of the importance of the prophetic ministry. Students will be trained using many different types of activation exercises. The class studies prophetic etiquette as well as pitfalls to the prophetic.

M108 The Offices of the Church

This course will introduce students to the historic offices of the church: elder, overseer, and deacon, and will provide the practical application and role of these offices within a local church setting. The course will have an historical component that will examine how these offices have evolved over time, as well as an ecclesial component that will examine how each of these offices fit within the organizational structure of various churches/denominations.

M201 Growth, Church Planting, and Evangelism

This course examines the call of the local church to reach its community and the world. The study focuses on different evangelism methods.

M202 Holy Spirit Led Ethics

This course teaches God's Law code, the ten commandments, Solomon's ethics in the book of Proverbs; Jesus teaching on Kingdom ethics from the Sermon on the mount, and finally the ethics of Paul. Ultimately to develop Spirit led ethics.

M203 Dynamic Biblical Preaching

This course shows process of developing messages and lessons. The student learns the proper interpretation of the Scripture.

M204 Children's Ministry

This course focuses on ministering to children. The student learns how to effectively communicate to children.

M205 Youth Ministry Foundations

This course teaches the student to discover the essentials of youth ministry. The class focuses on submission to authority and developing personal goals.

M206 Youth Culture

This course studies current events of the youth culture and the need to adapt to effectively reach students. *Prerequisite: M205*

M207 Nursing Home Ministry

Nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and adult family-care homes primarily house senior citizens who once led productive lives. These seniors now need assistance from caregivers because they have become too frail in body or mind to care for themselves. This course is focused on communicating the goals of compassion, honor, and spreading the gospel among senior citizens.

M301 Ministers Finances

This course teaches the practical aspects of the minister's personal finances. Planning for today as well as the future of your family.

M302 Youth Ministry Management

This course will help the student better learn how to effectively manage the youth ministry; everything from time management, communication, planning, documenting, safety requirements, and people systems will be addressed. *Prerequisites: M205 and M206*

M303 Missions I

In this course students learn the importance of mission, the mandate of missions, and the ministry of mission. Discovering practical ways in which they can plan missions and plant churches.

M304 Missions II

In this course students learn how to prepare for the mission field. This course teaches about real-life issues faced by a missionary. *Prerequisite: M303*

M305 Church Business Administration

This course will study the philosophy and principles of business administration in relationship to ministry objectives and assignments. This course will study the practical responsibilities of those engaged in ministry including building a team, staff meetings, financial reporting, accountability, board meetings, business meetings, documentation of paper work, insurance

policies, maintenance of facilities, and a variety of other practical materials that must be addressed regularly in ministry.

M306 Worship Leadership

This course introduces the student to what worship is, and how it is implemented in the local church. We will discuss the importance of communicating through worship, practical ways to lead on the platform, the role of the worship leader, and the relationship of worship leader with the church and its pastor.

M307 Songwriting

This course will study the basics of songwriting including song structure, the hook, melody and harmonies, style, rhymes, and the message.

M308 Evangelism from a Biblical Perspective

This course provides an overview of the Biblical basis for the study of evangelism. Biblical References are largely emphasized, while doctrinal foundations though not ignored, provide only the framework for Biblical evidences.

M309 Bookkeeping

This course will prepare students for the task of managing and tracking the finances of a church body. The course will cover general bookkeeping principles as well as the specific needs of a church (non-for-profit).

M310 Office Organization and Management

This course will help students to be aware of the tasks and tools needed to properly organize and manage an office environment.

M311 Philosophy of Ministry

This course will introduce and expose the student to the study of Christian ministry as a calling and a life of service. The student will identify the essential principles vital for successful implementation in effective ministry.

M401 Church Planting

This course will study methods and procedures for church plants. The class will help the student develop his vision for growth, maturity, and relationship. Each student will be required to lay out a plan for a new work.

M402 Developing Pastoral Skills

To introduce to the pastor specific skills he will need to minister to, and bring freedom to, those members of his congregation who are hurting and dysfunctional.

M403 Group Dynamics

This course examines the structure of small groups. Students will learn how to start groups, develop meeting formats, handle relationships issues, and raise up new leaders and groups.

M404 Church Policies and Procedures

The class will walk the student through the process of developing a church organization manual that will involve the following: 1.) A church constitution (or similar document); 2.) An organizational structure and personnel policy and procedures that implement the mission and purpose of the church; 3.) The administrative policy and procedures for the general administration and operation of the church.

M405 The Usher's Ministry

The student will learn about the importance of Usher's and Greeters Ministry; what makes a good Usher; why Ushers are important; the function of an Usher; and the responsibility of an Usher.

M406 Ministry Research & Writing Project

This course is to provide the student with an opportunity to examine the fundamentals of research and writing from a practical and professional perspective, as a foundational step in preparation for completing his/her Degree.

THEOLOGY COURSES:**T101 Introduction to Theology**

The purpose of this core course is to introduce and expose the student to a basic study of Christian doctrine within a coherent framework; to enable the student to identify and describe key doctrinal issues.

T102 Holy Spirit Theology

This is a study of the biblical basis for operating in spiritual gifts. This core course will help students to provide sound doctrine and theological proofs that the gifts are still valid for the church today.

T103 Introduction to Christian Apologetics

Understanding the Truth of the Christian Faith and its relationship to reason. This core class deals with sharing the truth of Christian Theism and the reasonableness of taking the step of faith in God and His revelation, the Bible. It deals with logical proofs for the existence of God and the Biblical connection to such proof (Heb. 11:6; Romans 1:18-20).

T104 Introduction to Homiletics

This course gives the basic study of the principles of Christian preaching. The course emphasizes biblical exposition and deals with practical matters such as the preparation of sermons, the sources of materials, the construction of sermon components, the variety of sermon types, and the delivery of sermons.

T201 Systematic Theology I

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to know the importance of Biblical Theological research and to have an understanding of its benefits. Upon the successful completion of this course the student will be able to explain the truths of Systematic Theology.

T202 Systematic Theology II

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to know the importance of Biblical Theological research and to have an understanding of its benefits. Upon the successful completion of this course the student will be able to explain the truths of Systematic Theology.

Prerequisite: T201

T203 Christian Apologetics and Non-Theistic Worldviews (and Our Culture)

This class continues from the teaching in the introductory class. It explores the thinking that has shaped our current world and ungodly society. It then shows the foolishness of this world's philosophical systems of belief.

T204 Introduction to Philosophy

This academic discipline will allow the student to study the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence as described in the Word of God.

T301 Inspiration Translation & Hermeneutic

The purpose of this course is to introduce and expose the student to the basic elements of biblical inspiration, translation and hermeneutics; to encourage the student to identify and describe some of the primary shortcomings in many modern English translations.

T302 Theology of the Early Church

This course will provide an overview of the theology of the Early Church and how their doctrines came to be established.

T303 Major World Philosophies (Worldview)

This course looks at seven men who have influenced the way that the world thinks. Charles Darwin, Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud and others are looked at and compared to the teaching of Jesus and the Word of God.

T304 The Bible and Modern Science (Evolution vs. Creationism)

If the Bible is true does it contradict science? Is Evolution the way man came to be? Is Theistic Evolution possible: i.e. did God use evolution to direct the origin of mankind? We see in this class how evolution is a false religious belief which departs from the true scientific model.

T401 Research & Writing Project

The purpose of this course is to present the student with an opportunity to demonstrate the ability to do research and writing at the college level in a Biblical context.

T402 Advanced Christian Apologetics

This course is an in-depth study of the issues related to the defense of the Christian Faith. The purpose of this class is to present the arguments against Christian / Theistic belief and then to show the folly of those arguments. The course will show that "only theism is affirmable and is based on undeniable premises; all other positions are self-defeating". The course then shows the reliability of the New Testament and the inspiration and authority of the Bible.

COUNSELING COURSES:**C101 Introduction to Biblical Counseling**

This course will study biblical ways to address crisis situations that will occur in ministry and to minister to those in need in a sensitive and caring manner.

C102 Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Christian with depression

This gives an overview of scientific benefits integrating client's religious beliefs and practice in counseling. Students will be equipped to discuss religious issues and use religious integrated tools in their work.

C103 Marriage and Family Counseling

This course will introduce the student to a biblical approach to Marriage and Family counseling so that the student will acquire the basic knowledge of the biblical conceptions of family roles and interpersonal relationships.

C104 Life Support

This course will introduce the student to a biblical approach to Counseling people who are searching for real LOVE. The student will see how God promises to comfort and heal us. God is in the business of making people whole.

C201 Blended Family counseling

Purpose of this course is to expand the student's understanding of the blended families and as counselor and be able to navigate through the problems to help bring harmony in the family.

C202 General Psychology

This course is designed to give an empirical approach to the study of human behavior, a knowledge of psychological principles and an acquaintance with contemporary problems, while providing a strong Christian framework to evaluate theories, techniques and beliefs.

C203 Human Growth & Development

This is a comprehensive account of understanding the stages of human development from birth to death and the changes that are involved.

C204 Introduction to Ethics in Counseling

This course will study various responsibilities of the minister in regard to confidentiality, legal issues, drawing healthy boundaries, moral responsibilities, and ethical dilemmas that the biblical counselor will encounter.

C205 Understanding Mental Retardation

The focus of this course is defining the intelligence and its functions. What is understood about mental retardation and what is not understood to humans.

C206 Group counseling

This course offers techniques of how to set-up and facilitate a group setting. Learn how to set the tone of the group and allow the group to develop continuity and trust.

C301 Introduction to Counseling Theology

To introduce the student to the broad scope of topics in the discipline of Systematic Theology and the relevance of these topics to the work of biblical counseling.

C302 Conflict Resolution

Students will learn how to mediate disputes and reconcile people. They will have the opportunity to practice the principles they learn in the course.

C303 Counseling Practicum

This course will serve as the counseling program capstone for the student who has completed all of the other academic requirements for the Biblical Counseling degree program.

C304 Grief and Trauma Counseling

This course will address responses of people in life issues such as death, addictions, rape/sexual abuse, suicide prevention, domestic violence, and other real-life traumas that will be encountered in ministry.

C305 Treatment Plans & Intervention for depression & anxiety

The students learn how to write the treatment plan, set goals, and identify the mental status of client. Establish intervention needed and follow up progress of goals set,

C306 Counseling Substance Abuse and Addictive Behavior

This course will study the warning signs of abuse, the emotions of the abused, ways to speak to those who have been abused, the cycle of abuse, and ways to equip the abuser to end the cycle of abuse. The student will also study the various patterns of addiction, the cycle of addiction, how to break the addiction pattern, tools for recovery, and teaching addicts how to stay free.

C307 Multicultural counseling

Enables students to learn values held and attitudes frequently associated with each population. It provides students to have a comprehensive exposure to the knowledge and cultural characteristics necessary for success in working with all groups of people.

C401 Introduction to Pregnancy Counseling

This course will introduce and expose the student to the basic concepts of pro-life counseling; offer the student the opportunity to understand what the Bible says about being pro-life; and instruct the student about pregnancy and abortion so that the student will understand why a woman may choose abortion.

C402 Post-Abortion Counseling

The purpose of this course is to bring the student face-to-face with the literal realities concerning all of the major issues related to post-abortion trauma for both a woman and a man, and to prepare the student to become competent to counsel the post-abortive using a proven biblical approach.

C403 Premarital Counseling

This course will introduce the student to the importance of premarital counseling for marital preparation and the role of the church and its ministers in this process.

C404 Domestic Abuse Counseling

To help decrease domestic abuse incidents within the church by counteracting false teachings and misappropriated scriptures about the expectation of the roles of husbands and wives, thereby helping to create a church climate where doctrine and religious teachings are sound, contextually based, and balanced.

C405 Counseling Children and Adolescent Issues

This course will study the issues that face children and adolescents including suicide, changes in family life, drugs and alcohol, relationship issues, sexual issues, abuse, eating disorders, and self-image. The counselor will learn how to address those in need of counseling and biblical methods for bringing healing.

C406 Developing a Biblical Counseling Center

Students will learn how to set up a counseling center and also learn the laws for operating a Christian counseling center.

C407 Counseling Sexual Addiction

Students will learn the behaviors of the addictive personality and the root causes of the addiction. Learn early warning sign leading up to addiction.