

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

*Additional courses may be added. Courses are subject to change.*

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

### **OT100 Old Testament Survey**

**3 credit hours**

This course will provide a survey of the message, important events, people, places, and themes of the Old Testament. The student will gain an understanding of the Biblical background of the Old Testament. This course is required of all students.

### **OT102 Old Testament Characters**

**3 credit hours**

This course offers insight into the life of old Testament characters. The focus is on their obedience and blessing as well as their disobedience and rejection.

### **OT200 Psalms**

**3 credit hours**

An introduction to the Book of Psalms with emphasis on the principles of hymnic literature and the application of these principles in selected portions. Special attention is given to the various forms of the Psalms, their setting within the historical context, and their application to the church today.

### **OT201 Major Prophets**

**3 credit hours**

This course introduces the student to the date, authorship, audience, and purpose of each of the Major Prophets. Special attention is given to the content of each book.

### **OT203 Job**

**3 credit hours**

This course is an in-depth survey of the book of Job that brings Job into today's pulpit with practical application and theological insights.

### **OT204 Song of Solomon**

**3 credit hours**

This is a unique course that examines the book from four different perspectives: 1) Historical—Solomon and his wife; 2) Practical—man and wife principles; 3) Theological – God and the nation of Israel's relationship; and 4) Christological – Christ and the Church's relationship.

### **OT300 Exodus**

**3 credit hours**

Exodus is developed around the theme of redemption, presenting the need of redemption, the might of the Redeemer, the character of redemption, the duty of the redeemed, and the provisions made for failure.

### **OT301 Pentateuch**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with the first five books of the Old Testament. Special attention is given to the problems of early Israelite history and the development of the Hebrew Law. Required of all students. Prerequisite OT100.

### **OT303 Ezekiel**

**3 credit hours**

This course is a series of lessons and principles derived from some of Ezekiel's visions. The course will seek to draw out lessons applicable to today's Christians from this remarkable Old Testament book.

### **OT304 Isaiah**

**3 credit hours**

This course begins with a critical introduction to the book of Isaiah. Great attention is given to the Jews' rejection of the Messiah, the resulting punishments, the remnant, and the glories of the Millennial Kingdom. The class will examine the role of the perfect Redeemer and prove that only Christ could meet the requirements. The prophecies relating to restored Israel are covered in detail. Prerequisite OT100.

### **OT305 Jeremiah**

**3 credit hours**

This course will examine the call, the life, and the ministry of the prophet Jeremiah. It will provide a critical and in-depth comparison of Jeremiah's ministry during the reign of different kings. Prerequisite OT100.

### **OT306 Daniel**

**3 credit hours**

The course begins with an in-depth introduction to Daniel and its place in the OT canon. Particular detail is given to the two languages of the book, the purpose of the book, the dating of the book, and Daniel's educational background. Each chapter is explored in detail. Prerequisite OT100.

## **NEW TESTAMENT**

### **NT100 New Testament Survey**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with the introduction to History, Literature, and Theology of the New Testament. Attention will be given to the mission and message of Jesus. Also will include the life and letters of Paul. The student will gain an understanding of the Biblical background of the New Testament.

### **NT101 Survey of the Gospels**

**3 credit hours**

The course consists of an analytical study of the books of the four Gospel writers. Emphasis is placed upon each book's contribution to God's revelation of the earthly life and ministry of Christ. Examination of the details surrounding the birth, infancy, and childhood of Christ will be presented.

### **NT102 Matthew**

**3 credit hours**

This course examines Matthew in a verse-by-verse style. Special attention is given to the authorship, date, audience, and theme of the gospel. The Roman Catholic teaching concerning Mary is refuted, and the virgin birth is examined. The course gives close examination to the parables, prophetic sections, the Olivet Discourse, the crucifixion, and the events that led to the crucifixion.

### **NT201 Acts of the Apostles**

**3 credit hours**

The course focuses on the birth of the church, the day of Pentecost, the role of the church, and the founders of the church. The gift of tongues is examined from a Scriptural perspective. Focus is upon the missionary journeys of Paul and upon his writings and teachings. The early days of the church are examined most carefully. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT202 Romans**

**3 credit hours**

The course is an exposition of Paul's most well read epistle that emphasizes both the doctrinal and practical aspects of the book, making Romans fully applicable to all of today's saints. The student will find this course to be most helpful and informative for defending the Christian faith. An exegetical course of Paul's systematic argument as to the sinfulness of human beings, the righteous of God, and the justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Practical application of the Doctrinal teaching will be stressed. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT202 Ephesians**

**3 credit hours**

The course will provide an in-depth study of one of Paul's epistles. The course is designed to give a brief historical and critical introduction of life of the early church in Ephesus as it relates to today's Christian. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT203 Hebrews**

**3 credit hours**

The course is an in-depth survey of the book of Hebrews and emphasizes many aspects of the book including: the person and deity of Jesus Christ; the ministry of Jesus as high Priest; the importance of the local church; the demonstration of the faithfulness of Jesus Christ; the superiority of Jesus over the Mosaic system; and the superiority of Jesus over the angels. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT301 The Letters of Paul**

**3 credit hours**

This course will be a survey of the Pauline letters. It will also provide the student with the basic foundation for understanding Paul's theology. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT304 The Gospel of John**

**3 credit hours**

Analysis, exegesis, and exposition of the fourth Gospel. Special consideration will be given to the presentation of Jesus as the Godman, interpretation of signs or miracles; and Passion Week and His resurrection. Prerequisite NT100.

### **NT305 Exploring Revelations**

**3 credit hours**

A study of anyone wanting to explore the meaning of God's Word in greater depth. This course is a doctrinally sound interpretation that emphasizes the practical application of Bible truth. Prerequisite NT100.

## **PASTORAL STUDIES**

### **PS103 Ministerial Ethics**

**3 credit hours**

This course will provide pastors and preachers with information about the moral role of the minister in society. It also deals with family life and the minister's relationship with other ministers.

### **PS203 Homiletics**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with sermon preparation, development, and sermon delivery. Also included in this study is the examination of the place of preaching in the Minister's work and of the purpose of preaching. This course is required of all ministers. Prerequisite PS103.

### **PS302 Pastoral Ministry**

**3 credit hours**

Investigation of the role and function of the Pastor. Attention will be given to the Pastor's understanding of himself and his call and his relationship to the church and the community. The course is designed to help the student find the church or work to which God has called the student. The primary emphasis is the call to the office of pastor. Prerequisite PS103.

### **PS 304 History of Preaching**

**3 credit hours**

A survey of outstanding Christian preachers. Attention will be focused on the preacher's biography, strengths and weakness in his preaching style and method, and content of selected sermons. Prerequisite PS103.

### **PS302 Pastoral Theology**

**3 credit hours**

The course is an examination of the pastor of the church and emphasizes his call, aim, purpose, resources, commission, message, walk, reward, and other areas relevant to the pastor's personal life and suffering. This course examines the many aspects of the ministry, the nature of the church, spiritual leadership, sermon preparation, facing discouragement, and church discipline. Prerequisite PS103.

### **PS400 Shepherding God's Flock**

**3 credit hours**

This course is designed for students of pastoral ministry. It will outline three parts of pastoral ministry - pastoral life, pastoral counseling, pastoral leadership - and a practical approach to these tasks will be developed. Prerequisite PS103.

## **THEOLOGY**

### **TH101 Doctrines**

**3 credit hours**

The course is a study and analysis of the major Bible doctrines. It will also help the student understand the doctrine of the Christian faith. It will not take the place of the Bible, but it will help intensify the study of it.

### **TH202 OT Theology**

**3 credit hours**

The course is an examination of the major theological themes presented by each OT author, presenting a theological outline and a time line application. Prerequisite TH101.

### **TH301 Systematic Theology**

**3 credit hours**

A systematic study of the principal Theological Doctrines of Christian Faith. Doctrines of sin, election, redemption, and eschatology. Required of all students. Prerequisite TH101.

### **TH303 Sociology/Theology**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with methods of Christian Community Development. The author presents both a sociological and a theological point of view on the foundations, the strategy, and ministry of the Christian Community Development. This course is an elective. Prerequisite TH101.

### **TH304 Today's Religion**

**3 credit hours**

This course is designed to give a clear concise reference work that will provide the Christian with practical insight into and comprehensive analysis of today's cults, the occult, secular, and non-Christian religions. Prerequisite TH101.

### **TH401 Eschatology**

**3 credit hours**

The course is an introduction to the complex topic of eschatology, the study of the end times. It focuses primarily upon the events from the rapture until the Great White Throne Judgment. The course is an excellent presentation of a pretribulation rapture view, giving special emphasis to the book of Revelation. Prerequisite TH101.

### **TH402 Holy Spirit**

**3 credit hours**

This course presents a concise, practical study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Doctrinal essentials are clearly organized and explained. Questions are explored and answered according to the uncompromising revealed Word of God.

**TH403 NT Theology****3 credit hours**

The course is an examination of the major theological themes presented by each New Testament author, presenting a theological outline and time line application. Prerequisite TH101.

**TH404 Theology of the Trinity****3 credit hours**

The course examines the doctrines of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The course analyzes the existence, nature, and attributes of God. It focuses on both Christ's humanity and deity, studying the important events and character of Jesus. It defends the person of the Holy Spirit, emphasizing His actions and personality. The student will receive a firm Biblical understanding of God's revelation to man of Himself. Prerequisite TH101.

**TH 405 Cults, Sects, and Isms****3 credit hours**

This course offers the student an extensive study of the origins, doctrines, and growth of selected "Cults" in the USA. This course will also prepare the students to witness to these confused groups, which are active in the USA today. Prerequisite TH101.

**TH409 Philosophy of Religion****3 credit hours**

The major task of this course is two-fold: (1) to give the cumulative evidence for the various problems involved in accepting the Christian world-view as the true Philosophy of Religion, (2) to deal with faith and reason and the authority of the Bible. Prerequisite TH101.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**CE102 Christian Education I****3 credit hours**

This course contains studies in the following areas: Defining Christian Education; Bible terminology; how to study and understand the Bible; teaching and learning styles; building successful Christian Education organizations, and understanding students.

**CE103 Christian Education II****3 credit hours**

This course introduces the student to the basics of a healthy Christian education program; defines biblical Christian education; discusses Jesus and His teaching message; shows how to develop a fresh, innovative Christian education program; and how to manage a classroom and minister effectively to adults.

**CE201 Christian Missions****3 credit hours**

A search for meaningful communicative procedures and motivations which utilize and make functional concepts and understanding of the Evangelistic mission as a primary ministry of the church with biblical and Theological approaches.

**CE202 Bereavement Counseling****3 credit hours**

This course provides pastor and church leaders of all levels of experience with insightful and practical advice for dealing with grief in a variety of situations. Insight will be gained into the grief process and recognition of different types of grief.

**CE301 Christian Ethics****3 credit hours**

This course deals with what is morally right and wrong for a Christian. The Bible shall be the authority by which all conclusions are drawn. The course is required of all students.

**CE302 Christian Counseling**

Students will gain insight into the rich theological framework that supports and directs a biblical approach to counseling. The course will combine practical living with biblical doctrine to show that God's grace is redemptive. Each student will learn counseling techniques to reveal that God can make something new out of the old sinful nature through the saving power of Jesus Christ.

**CE311 Teaching for Results (Christian Education)****3 credit hours**

The focus of this course is the place of the teacher, student, and curriculum in the methodology of the teaching-learning experience. A practical approach to the improvement of teaching in the church and the development of teacher training programs will be made.

## **EVANGELISM**

### **EV101 Evangelism**

**3 credit hours**

This course is the study of the method of New Testament Evangelism. The objective of this course is to show that Evangelism was the central work of the first century church and also should be the central thrust in the life and work of the church today.

## **COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS**

### **CIS101 Introduction to Computers**

**3 credit hours**

This text offers a clear step-by-step approach to learning the fundamentals of computer operations, keyboarding, and basic word processing and other applications in a hands-on environment. Computer terminology and computer ethics will be emphasized.

### **CIS102 Introduction to the Internet**

**3 credit hours**

This course offers an introduction to the basics of Internet usage, research, and protocol. E-mail address will be provided along with detailed instruction. Word processing skills will be enhanced using real-time activities.

## **ENGLISH**

### **EN 101 English Composition**

**3 credit hours**

This course will review correct grammatical usage, including review of basic grammar, reading skills, and terminology. The course is required of all students.

### **EN 102 English Grammar**

**3 credit hours**

This course will consist of reviewing correct grammatical usage and improvement in written and oral expression. Also, emphasis will be placed on clarity, coherence, organization, and vocabulary building. Required of all students.

### **SP 101 Public Speaking**

**3 credit hours**

This course is designed to introduce the student to the fundamentals of oral communication. And to give special attention to interpersonal communication, speech composition, and delivery.

## **HISTORY**

### **HI101 History of Western Civilization**

**3 credit hours**

An interdisciplinary analysis of the key movements in history, which have formed our present culture and the thinking on which it was grounded. The major characteristics of our age brought forth and evaluated in the light of Christian basics.

### **HI202 History of Black Baptists**

**3 credit hours**

This course will give students some insights on the contributions Black Baptists have made to Christianity. Also, the social, economic, and political influence of Black Baptists will be explored.

### **HI301 Church History**

**3 credit hours**

This course will provide the students with an overall view of early Church History. Also explores contemporary phenomena such as religious rights, megachurches, and user-friendly worship services, as well as some of the leading personalities behind these movements.

### **HI 302 World Religions**

**3 credit hours**

This course is a brief historical study of the world's religions. The student will be given a concise account of the great religions by which men have lived and live today. Prerequisite HI101, HI301.

## **GENERAL STUDIES**

### **GS101 Fundamentals of Math**

**3 credit hours**

This course focuses on basic number skills: operations and problems with whole numbers, fractions, and decimals.

### **GS100 Worship**

**3 credit hours**

The course covers the background of worship, a personal theology of worship, music and worship, prayer and worship, preaching and worship, including children's sermons. The course also covers the offertory, the use of symbols in worship, drama in its proper place in worship, and the use of audiovisual components in worship. The course is of tremendous value to all pastors, and it will also give insight to all other Christian church members.

### **GS102 Baptist Church Polity**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with guiding principles on how Baptists govern themselves. Church Polity determines the form and function of the church. Also deals with church management and provides the student with an orderly structure for Missionary Baptist Churches.

### **GS103 The Art of Soul Winning**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with the soul-winner's task. Also provides the student with training, techniques, trials, temptations, and triumphs for the soul winner.

### **GS200 The Life and Teachings of Christ**

**3 credit hours**

This course centers on the Life of Christ as recorded in the four gospels. This course traces the Savior's path from His birth to His Ascension with reference to geographical travels. Emphasis is placed upon the development of the chronology of the life of Christ.

### **GS201 Church Administration**

**3 credit hours**

A study of the program and work of the local church and the Pastor's administrative role in it. Also a study of the duties of officers and staff members will be dealt with. Attention will be given to program goals, promotional methods, communication, and interpersonal relationships. This course is required of all ministers.

### **GS204 Personal Evangelism**

**3 credit hours**

The course examines the methods of personal witnessing for the purpose of securing a decision for salvation on the part of a lost individual. The course examines the place of evangelism without the pulpit, the verses and methods to use in leading someone to Christ, and the place of the Holy Spirit in the witnessing process.

### **GS301 Administrative Roles in the Church**

**3 credit hours**

This advanced course discusses biblical leadership principles and develops a broad and deep discussion of what it means to be responsible for a group of followers. The students will be encouraged to identify and train leaders to take up the task of the gospel for their generation.

### **CM101 Church Music**

**3 credit hours**

This course deals with the ministry of music in the church. The objective of this course is to help both Pastors and Lay people to better understand the role of music in the worship experience. Also to be sure that music meets the Biblical norm and serves Theology as a legitimate response to God.

### **PP102 Parliamentary Procedures**

**3 credit hours**

This course will provide students with clear and concise language with the fundamental principles and operations of Parliamentary orders. Also included is the importance of practicing parliamentary procedure in church meetings by church leaders.

### **PH102 Introduction to Philosophy**

**3 credit hours**

This course is designed to enable students to identify, differentiate, and compare the various branches. Emphasis will be placed on the meaning of philosophy. Also, faith and reason, philosophy of religion, and philosophy from a Christian perspective will be included.

### **PY101 Introduction to Psychology**

**3 credit hours**

Introduction to the scientific study of human behavior, with emphasis on fundamental theories and research methods.