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COLLEGE

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Thank you for your interest in Damascus Bible College (DBC).

If you sense the call of God on your life or you desire formal Biblical training to equip yourself for ministry, and you are praying to find the right Seminary or Bible College for you. Here are three reasons why you

should put DBC on your short list of schools to consider:

1- DBC is mission oriented: Our students are prepared to start a new church or revitalize an existing congregation.

2- DBC is committed to Web Ministry: We are probably the only Bible College where you will be trained in Web ministry. Doing ministry in the 21st century requires that we be able to leverage all the tools available to us today. We are committed to claiming the Web for Christ.

3- DBC acknowledges the central role of the Holy Spirit: We have assembled a highly qualified faculty to guide you in your study of the Word of God. At the same time, we recognize that the Holy Spirit is the chief teacher of the church. "Paracletus vos docebit omnia" said Our Lord Jesus Christ.

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." John 14:26 (New King James Version)

Dr. Jeff Benthall., President

GENERAL STATEMENT

Damascus Bible College (DBC) is an educational ministry and our degree programs are religious in nature; they are not designed to meet any state or national license or denominational requirement. If you are seeking a degree for employment (government, organization, business or ministry); to be licensed by a state or national agency; or to transfer to a regionally or nationally accredited institution of higher learning, please check with the employer, the appropriate licensing agency, or the institution to which you desire to transfer for the acceptance of our degree before you enroll in our program.

Our purpose is to train born-again Christian men and women for the work of the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ACCREDITATION, AUTHORIZATION, AND NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENTS

Accreditation: Damascus Bible College is an Accredited Member of the *National Accrediting Board for Bible Colleges and Seminaries (NABBCS)*.

NABBCS **is not a** US Department of Education recognized accrediting agency.

Authorization: Degree programs of study offered by Damascus Bible College have been declared exempt from the requirement of licensure under provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Section (G.S.) 116-15 (d) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. Exemption from licensure is not based upon any assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

Non-discrimination Policy: Damascus Bible College does not refuse admission to any applicant on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex. (John 10:16, Revelation 5:9)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The faculty and staff of Damascus Bible College profess the Christian faith as it is summarized in the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds.

We also hold the following documents to be true expressions of the Christian faith in conformity with the Holy Scriptures:

Luther's Small Catechism

The Heidelberg Catechism

The Augsburg Confession and (Apology [Defense] of the Augsburg Confession) The Belgic Confession

The Westminster Confession of Faith

The Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689

Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God.

We believe the Bible is the inerrant, authoritative, divinely-inspired Word of God (2 Tim. 3:16). Therefore, even as Jesus "opened the Scriptures" to the disciples on the Emmaus road (Luke 24:32), so today, we need the Holy Spirit to assist us by opening the Scriptures to our understanding.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Damascus Bible College is to prepare men and women for the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ locally and globally. By teaching the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God efficiently and training in practical ministry, Damascus Bible College seeks to produce graduates who do the work of missionaries, pastors, and theological teachers through preaching, teaching, and applying the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit

Degree programs of study offered by Damascus Bible College have been declared by the appropriate state authority exempt from the requirements for licensure, under provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Section (G.S.) 116-15 (d) for exemption from licensure with respect to religious education. Exemption from licensure is not based upon assessment of program quality under established licensing standards.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Spiritual Objectives

Studies at Damascus should enable the student:

1. To show a profound gratitude for the sacrificial work of Christ on his/her behalf which will motivate him/her to lead a life of sincere and comprehensive obedience to the Word of God.
2. To exhibit Christian maturity and virtues identified in Scripture as the “Fruit of the Spirit” so that he/she will be able to convey Christian truth both by precept and by personal example.
3. To maintain a well ordered devotional life and a personal program of spiritual enrichment and growth.
4. To demonstrate a concern for outreach and missions by actively seeking opportunities for Christian service.
5. To manifest a consistent Christian world and life view which shows submission to the present Lordship of Christ in every area of life.

Academic Objectives

Studies at Damascus Bible College should enable the student:

1. To demonstrate a general knowledge of the content and meaning of the Bible.
2. To demonstrate a knowledge of the theological system contained in the Bible, with an awareness and appreciation for the history of doctrine and the issues raised by Systematic Theology.
3. To locate and use effective tools for ministry, including the tools of independent Bible Study.
4. To demonstrate a knowledge of world history, including the history of the Church.
5. To clearly communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to others in writing, private conversation, and in public address.

6. To teach others the Bible and Christian Doctrine.
7. To express the Christian view of life.
8. To demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary for effective Christian ministry and service.
9. To have an awareness of and appreciation for the great classics of Christian literature.
10. To pursue a self-directed program of continuing education for ministry.

Social Objectives

Studies at Damascus Bible College should enable the student:

1. To develop moral and ethical standards so that his/her activities and interactions with other people will be to the glory of God.
2. To develop habits consistent with mature Christian character.
3. To live the Christian life as presented in Scripture and to apply Biblical principles in solving personal and social problems.
4. To promote justice and mercy in social ethics, government, social change, and contemporary public affairs.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Damascus Bible College is committed to providing higher education. Our concern for academic excellence emanates from the belief that Christian higher education should be superior, not inferior, to that provided by other colleges and universities. The College feels that anything less than this is not to the glory of God. Therefore, every effort is made to provide the academic excellence worthy of a college dedicated to the Lord and necessary for the education of those preparing for service to the Lord in the days to come.

Graduation Requirements:

Damascus Bible College reserves the right to alter graduation requirements when it is decided that such changes are necessary. Normally a student is graduated according to the stated requirements at the time of admission unless attendance has not been

continuous. In case of readmission, requirements at the time of readmission must be met.

The student is required to fulfill graduation requirements within eight (8) years of his initial enrollment.

Students are limited to four (4) college credits before filing a complete application with the College.

Students who have filed an application must submit a high school or GED transcript along with college transcripts. Credits at DBC will not be filed officially until this is done.

Grading:

Letter Grade	Rank	Percentage	Grade Point Average (GPA)
A	Excellent	94-100	4.0
B	Above Average	84 - 93	3.0
C	Average	74 - 83	2.0
D	Passing	64 – 73	1.0
F	Failure	Below 64	0
I	Incomplete	The “I” becomes an “F” one week after the close of the quarter	0
W	Withdrawal	Withdrawal within two weeks of the quarter.	0

Graduation:

For graduation a student must have at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.00. Graduation with honor will be determined according to the following standards:

Honor Cumulative Grade Point
Average “Cum Laude” 3.50 - 3.69
“Magna cum laude” 3.70 - 3.89
“Summa cum laude” 3.90 - 4.00

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY

Consistent with its conservative philosophy of education, Damascus Bible College believes that regular class attendance is essential for the enrichment of a student's academic experience.

Since excessive absences will hinder learning, the College faculty has established certain guidelines regarding class attendance.

All classes should be attended; but the following schedule will be followed if emergencies develop:

Absences are allowed per course each quarter equal to two times the number of class meetings per week; (e.g., if a class meets once a week, 2 absences are allowed.) Additional absences must be cleared with the professor of that class and must be made up or excused at the discretion of the professor.

Unexcused Absences in excess of the allowed number will result in the lowering of the final grade by one letter; e.g., a grade of **A** will automatically become a **B**.

Absences in excess of 25% of the scheduled class meetings for a course, regardless of the reason, will result in automatic withdrawal from the course and the assignment of a grade of **W**.

Online students are subject to the same attendance policy as onsite students. Student attendance in online courses is defined as active participation in the course as described in the individual course syllabus. Online courses will, at a minimum, have weekly mechanisms for student participation, which can be documented by any or all of the following methods:

- Completion of tests.
- Submission/completion of assignments (through the digital drop box or discussion boards).
- Communication with the instructor.

Academic Programs

DBC's definition of a credit hour is consistent with the Carnegie Unit; "one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately 15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount

of work over a different amount of time”.

Damascus Bible College (DBC) offers **seven academic programs**. Each program is designed to help develop Spirit anointed leaders for Christian ministry through rigorous learning experiences that allow them to study and practice under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the mentorship of a highly qualified and talented faculty. DBC is designed for Christians who want to learn the Bible and live out the teachings of Christ. The academic programs are built on the **fundamentals of the Christian faith** but recognize the diversity that exists among God loving believers who accept the Bible as the inerrant, infallible, and inspired Word of God, and Christ Jesus as the only Savior.

CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES: 18 credit hours

The Certificate of Biblical Studies (CBS) program is a certificate designed for those applicants who have limited or no undergraduate college credit but have a burning desire to serve in ministry. The Certificate of Ministry program is suitable for Deacons, Elders, Sunday school teachers, ministry leaders, and others serving in lay leadership positions in the church in mission fields.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of completion of a high school diploma or GED and present evidence of dedication in some church ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Certificate of Biblical Studies is a 18 credit-hour certificate. A minimum of 18 credit- hours must be earned at DBC. Students entering this program enroll in the same courses that are required for a Associate of Biblical Studies degree.

ASSOCIATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES: 60 credit hours

The Associate of Biblical Studies (ABS) program is designed for those applicants who have limited or no undergraduate college credit but have a burning desire to serve in ministry. The Associate of Ministry program is suitable for Deacons, Elders, Sunday school teachers, ministry leaders, and others serving in lay leadership positions in the church in mission fields.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of completion of a high school diploma or GED and present evidence of dedication in some church ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Associate of Biblical Studies is a 60 credit-hour degree. A minimum of 48 credit- hours must be earned at DBC. Students entering this program enroll in the same courses that are required for a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree.

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES: 120 credit hours

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (BBS) program is designed to provide a broad

biblical, theological and practical foundation for those preparing to enter in church ministries which require academic credentials to gain ordination.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of completion of a high school diploma or GED and present evidence of dedication in some church ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree requires 120 credit-hours. A minimum of 96 credit hours must be completed at DBC.

MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES: 48 credit hours

The Master of Biblical Studies program is designed to provide a broad biblical base for those who have graduated from a Bible College with a Bachelor of Theology or a Bachelor of Biblical Studies. The program applies biblical truths to the practical problems students face in life and ministry around the world. The program aims at providing a deeper understanding of Scripture and systematic theology, as well as critical skills for the integration of biblical knowledge with modern strategies for church ministry.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of completion of Bible College and present evidence of dedication in some ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Master of Biblical Studies degree requires 48 credit-hours. A minimum of 42 credit hours must be completed at DBC.

MASTER OF DIVINITY: 96 credit hours

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) is a professional degree designed for those who have graduated from a secular College or University, and are serving ,or preparing to serve, on a church staff or in other ministry positions. Students develop competencies in Biblical theology, church history, doctrine, spiritual formation, as well as servant leadership skills required for local church ministry. The curriculum may be completed in three years, although many students take longer due to family, church, and job responsibilities.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of graduation from a secular College or University and present evidence of dedication in some ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Master of Divinity degree requires 96 credit-hours. A minimum of 84 credit hours must be completed at DBC.

MASTER OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING: 60 credit hours

The church is a healing community. The message of the Gospel is one of hope and healing for hurting individuals and families.

Damascus Bible College has partnered with the National Christian Counselor's Association (NCCA) to utilize its extensive curriculum to offer the Master of Christian Counseling (MCC).

Requirements for the Master of Arts in Clinical Christian Counseling include advanced specialized training in Christian Counseling, clinical supervision, internship, practicum, and thesis), and qualify the graduate as a Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor or Licensed Clinical Christian Counselor, with Board Certification in his or her chosen specialty areas, certified by the NCCA. More than 1,700 persons in the United States have been certified by NCCA as licensed Christian counselors, making it the largest such credentialing agency in the nation. (Over 4,000 counselors have been licensed world-wide by NCCA.)

Admission Requirements

The applicant must present evidence of completion of Bible College and present evidence of dedication in some ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Master of Christian Counseling degree requires 60 credit-hours. A minimum of 36 credit hours must be completed at DBC.

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY: 90 credit hours

The ThD degree program is offered to students wishing to enhance their knowledge and ministerial skills or teaching competence in certain advanced areas of theology and ministry. The ThD program at DBC has a strong academic focus and biblical foundation, with a clear connection to the church.

Candidates for the Doctor of Theology degree will specialize in one of the fields of theological scholarship, such as: Hebrew Bible/Old Testament; New Testament and Early Christian Studies; History of Christianity; Systematic Theology; Ethics; Church Growth and Mission Studies.

Admission Requirements

The applicant must have earned a master's degree in Divinity, Theology, or Biblical Studies, and present evidence of completion of Bible College and present evidence of dedication in some ministry area.

Course Requirements

The Doctor of Theology degree requires 90 credit-hours. A minimum of 75 credit hours must be completed at DBC.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition and Fees

- Application fee of \$50.00 due when online application is submitted •
- Undergraduate Tuition is \$45.00/per credit hour due at course registration •
- Graduate Tuition is \$55.00/per credit hour due at course registration •
- Technology fee: \$20.00/ per course
- Graduation fees \$175.00
- Transcripts \$25.00

Most courses are either 3 or 4 credit hours..

Payment Plans

Pre-approved, interest free payment plans are available for all degree programs. Payments are calculated for the student per month. If considering this option, please contact us to learn more.

Note: There are no refunds for monthly payments.

Refund Policy

Onsite classes:

When a course is withdrawn from determines the refund amount.

- During week 1 - 100% refunded (minus processing cost)
- During week 2 - 80% refunded
- During week 3 - 60% refunded
- During week 4 - 40% refunded
- During week 5 or after - no refund

Online classes:

Because tuition for online classes is paid on a per course basis, and full access is granted to the entire course, tuition is nonrefundable.

Monthly payment plan:

There are no refunds for monthly payments.

Dismissal policy

DBC reserves the right at any time to place on probation, suspend or dismiss a student whose academic standing, financial obligations, progress, or conduct is not deemed satisfactory by the administration.

Student Complaint and Academic Grievance Policy and Procedures

The purpose of the Student Complaint and Academic Grievance Policy is to provide a process for students and the College to address student concerns that are not related to grades, Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Accommodation Complaints. Those grievances are addressed in either the Grade Appeal Process or the Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Harassment, and Accommodation Complaint Procedures. Student Grievances should be initiated in a timely manner during the semester the grievance occurred, but no later than 10 days after the beginning of the next semester. If the student complaint is academic in nature but not grade related: for example, complaints about instructors, staff, courses or requirements the following steps must be taken:

a. **Formal Process Step One:** Student complaints not resolved between the student and faculty/staff/administrator or other people concerned must be submitted in writing to the appropriate dean using the Damascus College Student Grievance form. The Dean may consult with the faculty member or other people concerned before giving the student a written judgment on the appeal or may advise the student on alternate strategies in resolving the situation.

b. **Formal Process Step Two:** Complaints not resolved between the Dean and the student must be submitted in writing to the President. The President will conduct an appropriate investigation that may include meeting with the student, faculty member, other people concerned and dean. The President will respond in writing, preferably within seven days. The written response will become part of the student's record.

c. **Formal Process Step Three:** The decision of the President shall be final unless within five school days after receipt of the decision, the student files a letter with the President.

d. **Formal Process Step Four:** The President will review the matter to ensure the process and documentation was followed and render a decision.

If you have any questions in regard to how to complete this form or require assistance, please contact the Academic Affairs office at 252-357-0321

Damascus College Student Academic Grievance Form

The purpose of the Student Grievance Appeal is to provide students with a procedure to file a grievance. For example, complaints about instructors, staff, courses or requirements. If you have any questions in regard to how to complete this form or require assistance, please contact the Academic Affairs office at 252-357-0321

Date: _____

Last name _____ First name Initial _____ Address:

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Describe reason for the grievance:

Student Complaint Policy

If students are unable to resolve a complaint through the institution's grievance procedures, they can review the Student Complaint Policy, and submit their complaint using the online complaint form at Student Complaints Site For more information contact :

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education Complaints
223 S West Street Suite 1800
Raleigh, NC 27603.
(919) 962-4550

To file a complaint with the Consumer Protection division of North Carolina Department of Justice, please visit the State Attorney General's web page at

NCDOK site. North Carolina residents may call (877) 566 7226.

Outside of North Carolina, please call (919) 716-6000. En Espanol (919) 716-0058.

If you choose to mail a complaint, please use the following address: **Consumer Protection**

Division Attorney Generals Office Mail Service Center:
9002 Raleigh, NC 27699-9902

Damascus

Bible College

Description of Courses Offered

CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

12 Week Course

Course	Descriptive Title	Credits
BITH100	<u>INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE</u> <i>This course traces the history of the Bible and includes discussions of inspiration, the biblical canon, major manuscripts, textual criticism, early translations, and modern versions.</i>	3 CREDITS
BINT203	<u>THE GOSPELS</u> <i>This course will review the historical Background of the Gospels, the message of the four Gospels, and the Life and ministry of Christ.</i>	3 CREDITS

BINT102	<u>UNDERSTANDING THE NEW TESTAMENT</u> <i>An introduction to the New Testament that examines major themes, broad divisions, key scriptures, major personalities, and the structure and context of each book. Literary and historical backgrounds are also examined.</i>	3 CREDITS
BITH105	<u>PERSONAL EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLE MAKING</u> <i>This course will challenge students to commit themselves to the fulfillment of the Great Commission to "go make disciples of all the nations". A step-by-step guide to disciple making is proposed.</i>	3 CREDITS
BITH104	<u>PRAYING WITH POWER</u> <i>This course aims at inspiring students; giving them the courage to pray for the impossible and helping them find the persistence to see <u>their prayers to completion</u>.</i>	3
BITH106	<u>CHRISTIAN LIVING</u> <i>This course introduces the student to patterns and principles of Kingdom living applicable to life and ministry.</i>	CREDITS
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ASSOCIATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

FIRST YEAR

Course	Descriptive Title	Credits
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BITH106	<u>CHRISTIAN LIVING</u> <i>This course introduces the student to patterns and principles of Kingdom living applicable to life and ministry.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM107	<u>FOUNDATIONS OF LEADERSHIP</u> <i>From Moses to the Lord Jesus, to the Apostles, the Bible is a great text on leadership. Basic principles of leadership and practical insights will be covered from a biblical perspective.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM108	<u>STARTING AND LEADING A SMALL GROUP</u> <i>Small groups have the power to change lives. They're the ideal route to discipleship a place where the rubber of biblical truth meets the road of human relations. Students will receive practical guidance on how to start and lead effective small groups.</i>	4 CREDITS
BICM109	<u>PREPARING FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTRY</u> <i>This course will help students discover their calling and inspire</i>	3 CREDITS

	<i>them to place their God given gifts at the Lord's disposal. Principles of biblical vision and spiritual leadership are covered so as to help students become powerful servants of the Almighty.</i>	
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SECOND YEAR

Course	Descriptive Title	Credits
BITH200	<u>BIBLICAL HISTORY OF ISRAEL</u> <i>The Bible tells the story of God's redemptive work in the life and death of Jesus Christ through the human history of the nation of Israel and the early church. This course helps the student pinpoint the place and time of major events in salvation history.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM201	<u>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE CHURCH</u> <i>This course provides the student with biblical, historical, and theological foundations of Christian education. The student will be led to explore principles for an effective implementation of education programs in the local church.</i>	3 CREDITS

BICM202	<u>CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</u> <i>After exploring the biblical and historical perspectives of children's ministry, the course covers such topics as children ministry programs administration, childhood development, <u>discipline</u>, <u>learning styles</u>, <u>summer ministries</u>, and more.</i>	3 CREDITS
BINT203	<u>THE GOSPELS</u> <i>This course will review the historical Background of the Gospels, the message of the four Gospels, and the Life and ministry of <u>Christ</u>.</i>	3
BIOT204	<u>THE PENTATEUCH</u> <i>The Pentateuch—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy—are the vital first books in the Bible. Understanding the scope, meaning, and events of these five books is integral to <u>understanding the whole of Scripture that follows</u>.</i>	CREDITS
BIOT205	<u>HISTORICAL BOOKS</u> <i>The background information and the major themes of the 12 historical books of the Old Testament are reviewed in greater detail.</i>	3 CREDITS
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BICM206	<u>PREACHING 101</u> <i>This course provides an overview of aspects of biblical preaching, including the development and delivery of biblical sermons.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM207	<u>INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH GOVERNANCE</u> <i>Basic models of church government which have developed over the</i>	3 CREDITS

	<i>course of church history are presents. The student will be exposed to the biblical, historical, and theological underpinning of each church governance tradition.</i>	
BITH208	<u>FOUNDAMNETALS OF BIBLICAL EXEGESIS</u> <i>This course teaches students how to carefully read Scripture in the biblical context, and to dig deeper into the Word of God so they will be able to understand the Bible correctly and apply its meaning to their lives and ministries.</i>	4 CREDITS
BICM209	<u>INTRODUCTION TO MISSIOLOGY</u> <i>"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile his creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions.</i>	3 CREDITS

BICM210 FIELD MINISTRY

This course is designed to help students gain greater confidence and competence in the actual practice of those ministry skills that will be needed in the student's anticipated ministry role. Mentoring is provided through both individual meetings with an experienced practitioner and peer ministry reflection groups.

BACHELOR OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

THIRD YEAR

Course	Descriptive Title	Credits
BINT300	<u>ACTS</u> <i>The book of Acts, also referred to as the "Acts of the Apostles" or the "Acts of the Holy Spirit", presents the exciting story of the beginning of the church. Through a rigorous exposition of the book of Acts, students gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the early disciples' commitment to the fulfillment of the Great Commission.</i>	3 CREDITS

BIOT301 OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS OF POETRY

The poetic books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon are covered in detail. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined.

BINT302 EPISTLES OF PAUL I

This course is a study of the ministry and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Pauline Epistles. The life setting of each letter is related to Paul's journeys described in the book of Acts.

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	<i>Special attention is given to the major theological themes of the epistles. Part I covers the Book of Galatians through II Thessalonians.</i>	
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BINT303	<u>EPISTLES OF PAUL II</u> <i>This course is a study of the ministry and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Pauline Epistles. The life setting of each letter is related to Paul's journeys described in the book of Acts. Special attention is given to the major theological themes of the epistles. Part II covers I and II Corinthians, I and II Timothy, Titus and Philemon.</i>	3 CREDITS
BINT304	<u>ROMANS</u> <i>This course will provide an in-depth and exegetical study of the Epistle to the Romans emphasizing its contribution to Christian theology and life.</i>	3 CREDITS
BITH305	<u>SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I</u> <i>This course is an overview of the theological areas of prolegomena, revelation, theology proper, anthropology, and <u>Christology</u>.</i>	3
BITH306	<u>SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II</u> <i>This is an overview of the theological areas of anthropology, Christology, and pneumatology.</i>	CREDITS
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		CREDITS
BITH307	<u>CHURCH HISTORY I</u> <i>This course is an overview of how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant <u>Reformation</u>.</i>	3
BITH308	<u>CHURCH HISTORY II</u> <i>This course is an overview of the development of the Christian church's doctrine, faith, and practice from the Protestant Reformation to the present.</i>	CREDITS
		3
		CREDITS

BITH309	<u>SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND DIVINE HEALING</u> <i>This course moves participants beyond the natural world into the realm of the Spirit. Tactics of the enemy are analyzed and strategies of spiritual warfare assuring victory over the principalities and powers of the spirit world are explained. Guidelines for receiving and ministering healing will also be covered.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM310	<u>FIELD MINISTRY</u> <i>This course is designed to help students gain greater confidence and competence in the actual practice of those ministry skills that will be needed in the student's anticipated ministry role. Mentoring is provided through both individual meetings with an experienced practitioner and peer ministry reflection groups.</i>	---

FOURTH YEAR

Course	Descriptive Title / Description	Credits
BICM400	<u>CHURCH PLANTING IN THE 21ST CENTURY</u> <i>This course will provide the student with an overview of the theology, theory, and practice of a church-planting ministry. Special attention will be given to a model of evangelism for church planting, to the Pauline cycle, and to contemporary models of church planting.</i>	4 CREDITS
BITH401	<u>SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY III</u> <i>This course is an overview of the theological areas of soteriology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.</i>	3 CREDITS
BINT402	<u>GENERAL EPISTLES</u> <i>The course provides a close reading of James, I Peter, II Peter, I John, II John, III, and Jude with special attention given to literary, socio-historical and theological understandings of the epistles.</i>	3 CREDITS
BITH403	<u>REVELATION</u> <i>A chapter by chapter exposition of Revelation. The various schools of interpretation are explained.</i>	3 CREDITS
BICM404	<u>PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION</u> <i>The purpose of this course is to help each student identify, understand and develop the fundamental skills of church administration and leadership in a Christian setting.</i>	3 CREDITS

BITH405	<u>CHURCH HISTORY III</u> <i>The goal of the course is to see the sovereign, merciful workings of God throughout American history and to gain insight into the state of Christendom today.</i>	3 CREDITS
BIOT406	<u>OLD TESTAMENT – MAJOR PROPHETS</u> <i>This course is a study of the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel and Daniel. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined.</i>	3 CREDITS
BIOT407	<u>OLD TESTAMENT – MINOR PROPHETS</u> <i>This course is a study of the books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Historical Background information and theological themes of each book are outlined.</i>	3 CREDITS
BINT408	<u>HEBREWS</u> <i>This course is a detailed study of the Epistle to the Hebrews.</i>	3 CREDITS

BITH409	<u>BIBLICAL PREACHING</u> <i>The principles and practice of crafting and delivering a biblical sermon will be outlined and demonstrated.</i>	3 CREDITS (HOMELETICS)
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BITH410	<u>CHRISTIAN WORSHIP</u> <i>This course is a Study of the Principles and Practice of Biblical Worship.</i>	3 CREDITS
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MASTER OF BIBLICAL STUDIES

OLD TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH 506	<u>Basic Hebrew</u> <i>Essentials of biblical Hebrew grammar: orthography, morphophonemics, vocabulary; historical developments; readings and exercises.</i>	4 hrs
BITH507	<u>Hebrew Exegesis (The Book of Isaiah)</u> <i>In addition to surveying the contents of the book, the course develops the understanding and skills of exegetical exposition.</i>	3 hrs

NEW TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH508	<u>Basics of Biblical Greek</u> <i>Prescribed for students without knowledge of Greek. Rudiments of NT Greek and basic vocabulary are learned; practice in reading.</i>	4 hrs
BITH509	<u>NT Exegesis I</u> <i>Exegesis of a selected NT book with special attention given to Greek grammar and syntax of the text; prerequisite: Basic NT Greek.</i>	2 hrs
BITH510	<u>NT Exegesis II</u> <i>Exegesis of a selected NT book with special attention given to Greek grammar and syntax of the text; prerequisite: Basic NT Greek.</i>	3 hrs

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH570	<u>Foundations of Christian Theology</u> <i>In addition to establishing a foundation of concepts and terminology of Christian theology, this course covers the essentials of all major areas of systematic theology with the goal of guiding students to the basic material necessary to understand and study</i>	3 hrs

	<i>God's Word.</i>	
BITH600	<u>Apologetics</u> <i>In this course, students compare biblical, historical, and recent approaches to defending faith in God, Christ, and Scripture.</i>	3 hrs
BITH601	<u>Contemporary Theology I</u> <i>The course explores the theologies of Hegel, Kierkegaard, Barth, Bultmann, and Tillich.</i>	3 hrs
BITH602	<u>Contemporary Theology II</u> <i>The course explores contemporary theologies, including Theology of Hope, Liberation Theology, Feminist Theology, Process Theology, New Age Theology, and Post-modern Theology.</i>	3 hrs

HISTORICAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH630	<u>Church History to the Reformation</u> <i>In this course, students discover how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation.</i>	3 hrs
BITH631	<u>Church History Since the Reformation</u> <i>In this course, students survey the development of the Christian church's doctrine, faith, and practice from the Protestant Reformation to the present.</i>	3 hrs

BITH632 The American Church

The birth of the European church in the new world; various groups and their leaders, and the rise of American cults; awakenings and New England theology, revivalism and the western frontier, the Civil War, the industrial revolution and social concerns; the World

Wars, the modernist-fundamentalist controversy, the Sixties and the church in American government.

CHURCH MINISTRY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
3 hrs

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH700	<u>Evangelism and Discipleship</u> <i>A study in basic principles of personal evangelism; definition and biblical examples of evangelism; resources available for evangelism; memorization of key Scripture verses for evangelism; field experience in evangelism.</i>	3 hrs
BITH703	<u>Advanced Biblical Preaching</u>	3 hrs

	<i>Theology of preaching; practice in all types of sermons; refining of personal style; includes preaching outside of class.</i>	
BITH533	<u>Church Organization and Administration</u> <i>Biblical basis of the church; its government and discipline; the offices, qualifications, and duties of church leaders; effective church management.</i>	3 hrs
BITH534	<u>Survey of Church Ministry</u> <i>Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service; the church and foreign missions; church planting; home and hospital visitation; religious education; worship; church ceremonies.</i>	3 hrs

BITH535 Christian Worship and Church Revival

A biblical, historical, and contemporary look at gospel-centered worship with emphasis on understanding, planning, and leading corporate public worship in a local congregation.

In addition, the dynamics of spiritual renewal are explored.

BITH537 Church Planting

Biblical and historical perspectives on church planting; starting new churches in the age of the Internet; steps and procedures for establishing a mission and developing it into an organized church; practical methods and techniques used in church planting.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

3 hr 3 hrs

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH800	<u>Introduction to Biblical Counseling</u> <i>The nature and principles of biblical counseling, techniques and theories of counseling; patterns of problem solving, the counselor and counselee relationship; the sufficiency of Scripture; and biblical conflict resolution.</i>	3 hrs
BITH801	<u>Marriage and Family Counseling</u> <i>The systematic survey of the theology of the family: the importance of the Christian home, the covenantal family relationship, courtship versus dating; methods of premarital and marital counseling; divorce issues and rebuilding the marriage relationship after adultery.</i>	3 hrs

MASTER OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

OLD TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH 500	<u>Understanding the Old Testament (OT506)</u> Chronological survey of the OT canon; attention given to content, authorship, and dates of individual OT books; relevant archaeological discoveries and historicity of events examined.	3 hrs

NEW TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
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BITH 501	<u>Understanding the New Testament</u> Historical background of the Intertestament period through the Apostolic era. Survey of the lives and ministries of Christ and of Paul. Contents and general character of the books of the NT.	3 hrs
BITH502	<u>The Gospels/The Life of Christ</u> A chronological and synthetic study of the Gospels' accounts of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.	3 hrs

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH550	<u>Biblical Introduction</u> Historical and literary backgrounds of the biblical message; contemporary ancient religious traditions; principles for establishing the canon of the Old and New Testaments; the apocrypha; survey of the history of biblical criticism with evaluation of higher criticism; transmission of the biblical text.	3 hrs

BITH551 Biblical Interpretation interpreters; relevant interpretation techniques and their
Introduction to the science of hermeneutics; and their
the various literary forms in the Bible, use of significance for the broader enterprise of
OT in NT, typology, the various methods and biblical exegesis.
tools of exegesis and exposition.
Alleged contradictions in Scripture and the
resolutions of these putative contradictions
proposed by orthodox, biblical

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
4 hrs

<i>Course</i>	<i>Descriptive Title</i>	<i>Hours</i>
<i>BITH570</i>	<u>Foundations of Christian Theology</u>	<i>3 hrs</i>

	In addition to establishing a foundation of concepts and terminology of Christian theology, this course covers the essentials of all major areas of systematic theology with the goal of guiding students to the basic material necessary to understand and study God's Word.	
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CHURCH MINISTRY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
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BITH700	<u>Evangelism and Discipleship</u> A study in basic principles of personal evangelism; definition and biblical examples of evangelism; resources available for evangelism; memorization of key Scripture verses for evangelism; field experience in evangelism.	3 hrs
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BIBLICAL COUNSELING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH580	<u>Introduction to Biblical Counseling</u> The nature and principles of biblical counseling, techniques and theories of counseling; patterns of problem solving, the counselor and counselee relationship; the sufficiency of Scripture; and biblical conflict resolution.	3 hrs
BITH581	<u>Marriage and Family Counseling</u> The systematic survey of the theology of the family: the importance of the Christian home, the covenantal family relationship, courtship versus dating; methods of premarital and marital counseling; divorce issues and rebuilding the marriage relationship after adultery.	3 hrs
BITH582	<u>Psychology and Theology</u> This study is designed to help pastors, chaplains, counselors and other Christian leaders develop essential proficiencies in their ability to guide people in their efforts to solve life's problems while understanding and balancing the tensions between psychology and theology.	3 hrs

BITH583 **Human Development**

3 hrs

It is the purpose of this course to focus on the anatomical, physiological, intellectual, sociological and spiritual

	development of the human organism from conception until death. The major theorists in the area of human development will be researched and the various major theories of human development will be critically compared. Specifically, this course views human growth and development as a psychological, biological, and spiritual process that demands an integrated analysis.	
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BITH584	<u>Counseling Theories and Strategies</u> This course will introduce students to counseling psychology concepts and interventions related to lifespan development, prevention of mental health problems, social justice, and optimal human functioning in both the church and society. An emphasis will be placed on psychopathology, in order to provide strategic counseling for specific issues in the congregation and family. The course provides preparation in the core counseling skills essential for the practical counseling and effective treatment outcomes.	3 hrs
BITH585	<u>Crisis Counseling</u> This course is designed to acquaint students, as well as pastors, chaplains, educators, and church workers understand the theoretical basis for, and acquire the practical skills necessary to carry out effective therapeutic interventions in a diversity of crisis situations. Emphasis is given those types of crises typically encountered by the Christian Counselor including: 1) Grief and Bereavement, 2) Emotional Traumatization, 3) Sexual Molestation and Incest, Domestic Violence and The Abuse of Children and Elders.	3 hrs
BITH586	<u>Assessment and Diagnosis</u> This course provides an understanding of individual and group approaches to assessment and evaluation in counseling. There will be an emphasis on assessment strategies and psychometrics. The phenomenology of emotional disorders and their diagnosis will be explored in detail.	3 hrs
BITH587	<u>Group Dynamics</u> This course explores the history of the development and growth of groups (an outgrowth of social psychology), the varied kinds of groups, and the process and structure of individual and group behavior as it relates to group dynamics, Christian maturity and ministry.	3 hrs

BITH588	<u>Addiction Counseling</u> This course is designed to acquaint these students, as well as pastors, chaplains, educators, church workers with the etiology, cultural context, prevailing patterns and outcomes of alcohol and drug abuse, the phenomenon of addiction as an illness of body, mind and spirit, and the resources, treatment approaches, models and methods for helping alcoholics and addicts in their recovery.	3 hrs
BITH589	<u>Cross-Cultural Counseling</u> This course provides an overview of the theories of multicultural counseling and development from a culture centered perspective. Issues related to social and cultural diversity will be examined as well as guidelines for developing multicultural counseling competencies and sensitivity in counseling service.	3 hrs
BITH590	<u>Ethics and Law</u> This course provides an introduction to professional ethics with special application for the Christian Counseling. The course includes an analysis of professional ethics, training and practice standards, educational requirements, and mental health law. Attention will be given to contemporary professional and psycho-social issues that effect the training and practice of Christian counselors. The course also provides students with the knowledge of legal and ethical guidelines for the practice of community and religious counseling. Students will learn to use these guidelines to make sound decisions about professional practice. The course examines ethical and legal standards related to professional practice and the impact of personal values on the counseling process.	3 hrs
BITH591	<u>Human Sexuality</u> In an atmosphere designed to de-mythologize sexuality, this course examines different sexual styles, behaviors, cultural values, and over-reaction to sexual stimuli. Resources from Biblical theology and the behavioral sciences are utilized as each student is asked to develop a stance about sexuality of modern times for an effective spiritual ministry.	3 hrs
BITH592	<u>Counseling Practicum</u> This course is designed for students, while under the supervision, to observe, experience, and apply in practice, counseling theories, methods, and techniques.	3 hrs

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MASTER OF DIVINITY

OLD TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH 500	<u>Understanding the Old Testament (OT506)</u> <i>Chronological survey of the OT canon; attention given to content, authorship, and dates of individual OT books; relevant archaeological discoveries and historicity of events examined.</i>	3 hrs
BITH504	<u>Old Testament Theology I: Pentateuch & Former Prophets</u> <i>The Old Testament books of Genesis-Kings are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible.</i>	3 hrs
BITH505	<u>Old Testament Theology II: Latter Prophets & Writings</u> <i>The Old Testament books of Job-Malachi are analyzed. The theological themes of these books are identified and traced throughout the Bible.</i>	3 hrs
BITH 506	<u>Basic Hebrew</u> <i>Essentials of biblical Hebrew grammar: orthography, morphophonemics, vocabulary; historical developments; readings and exercises.</i>	4 hrs
BITH507	<u>Hebrew Exegesis (The Book of Isaiah)</u> <i>In addition to surveying the contents of the book, the course develops the understanding and skills of exegetical exposition.</i>	3 hrs

NEW TESTAMENT COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
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BITH 501	<u>Understanding the New Testament</u> <i>Historical background of the Intertestament period through the Apostolic era. Survey of the lives and ministries of Christ and of Paul. Contents and general character of the books of the NT.</i>	3 hrs
BITH502	<u>The Gospels/The Life of Christ</u> <i>A chronological and synthetic study of the Gospels' accounts of Christ's birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.</i>	3 hrs
BITH503	<u>Epistles & Revelation</u> <i>A study New Testament epistles and the Book of Revelation, examining both the introductory issues and the basic content of each book.</i>	3 hrs
BITH508	<u>Basics of Biblical Greek</u> <i>Prescribed for students without knowledge of Greek. Rudiments of NT Greek and basic vocabulary are learned; practice in reading.</i>	4 hrs
BITH509	<u>NT Exegesis I</u> <i>Exegesis of a selected NT book with special attention given to Greek grammar and syntax of the text; prerequisite: Basic NT Greek.</i>	2 hrs
BITH510	<u>NT Exegesis II</u> <i>Exegesis of a selected NT book with special attention given to Greek grammar and syntax of the text; prerequisite: Basic NT Greek.</i>	3 hrs
BITH511	<u>Romans</u> <i>Study of the introduction, structure, and argument of Paul's epistle to the Romans; translation and exegesis of selected portions; special attention given to Romans' teaching on major topics as original sin, justification, sanctification, predestination, Israel and the church, civil authority, and Christian liberty.</i>	3 hrs

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
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BITH550	<u>Biblical Introduction</u> <i>Historical and literary backgrounds of the biblical message; contemporary ancient religious traditions; principles for establishing the canon of the Old and New Testaments; the apocrypha; survey of the history of biblical criticism with evaluation of higher criticism; transmission of the biblical text.</i>	3 hrs
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BITH551 **Biblical Interpretation** *Introduction to the science of hermeneutics; the various literary forms in the Bible, use of OT in NT, typology, the various methods and tools of exegesis and exposition. Alleged contradictions in Scripture and the resolutions of these putative contradictions proposed by orthodox, biblical*

interpreters; relevant interpretation techniques and their significance for the broader enterprise of biblical exegesis.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
 4 hrs

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH570	<u>Foundations of Christian Theology</u> <i>In addition to establishing a foundation of concepts and terminology of Christian theology, this course covers the essentials of all major areas of systematic theology with the goal of guiding students to the basic material necessary to understand and study God's Word.</i>	3 hrs
BITH571	<u>Theology 1: Doctrine of the Word of God</u> <i>Revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of the Word of God; covenants; methodology in biblical and systematic theology.</i>	3 hrs
BITH572	<u>Theology 2: Doctrine of God</u> <i>The existence, knowability, attributes of God; God as Father, Son, and Spirit; Trinity; deity of Christ and of the Spirit; incarnation of Christ; the work of God, His decrees, creation, preservation, and providence.</i>	3 hrs

BITH573 **Theology 3: Doctrine of Man, Sin, and Salvation** *Man as created (origin, nature, and state); his fall; sin and its effects; the redemptive work of Christ, application of work of Christ by the Holy Spirit in grace;*

predestination, election, calling, regeneration, repentance, faith, justification, adoption, union with Christ, sanctification, perseverance.

3 hrs

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BITH574	<u>Theology 4: Doctrine of the Church and Eschatology</u> <i>Origin, nature, and purpose of the church; biblical covenants; the sacraments; church government; relation of the church to eschatology; the intermediate state, resurrection and judgment, the eternal state; premillennialism compared with amillennialism and postmillennialism; varieties of premillennialism.</i>	3 hrs
BITH600	<u>Apologetics</u> <i>In this course, students compare biblical, historical, and recent approaches to defending faith in God, Christ, and Scripture.</i>	3 hrs

BITH601 Contemporary Theology I *Theology, Feminist Theology, Process Theology, New Age Theology, and Post-modern Theology.*
The course explores the theologies of Hegel, Kierkegaard, Barth, Bultmann, and Tillich.

BITH602 Contemporary Theology II
The course explores contemporary theologies, including Theology of Hope, Liberation HISTORICAL STUDIES COURSE DESCRIPTIONS
3 hrs 3 hrs

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH630	<u>Church History to the Reformation</u> <i>In this course, students discover how the Church's doctrine, faith, and practice developed from Pentecost to the time of the Protestant Reformation.</i>	3 hrs
BITH631	<u>Church History Since the Reformation</u> <i>In this course, students survey the development of the Christian church's doctrine, faith, and practice from the Protestant Reformation to the present.</i>	3 hrs

BITH632 The American Church *revolution and social concerns; the World Wars, the modernist-fundamentalist controversy, the Sixties and the church in American government.*
The birth of the European church in the new world; various groups and their leaders, and the rise of American cults; awakenings and New England theology, revivalism and the western frontier, the Civil War, the industrial
CHURCH MINISTRY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS 3 hrs

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
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BITH700	<u>Evangelism and Discipleship</u> <i>A study in basic principles of personal evangelism; definition and biblical examples of evangelism; resources available for evangelism; memorization of key Scripture verses for evangelism; field experience in evangelism.</i>	3 hrs
BITH701	<u>Introduction to Biblical Preaching</u> <i>Study in preparation and delivery of textual and topical sermons; preparation, research, organization, and content; classroom preaching and evaluation.</i>	3 hrs
BITH702	<u>Christ-centered preaching</u> <i>Study in preparation and delivery of expository sermons.</i>	3 hrs
BITH703	<u>Advanced Biblical Preaching</u> <i>Theology of preaching; practice in all types of sermons; refining of personal style; includes preaching outside of class.</i>	3 hrs
BITH533	<u>Church Organization and Administration</u> <i>Biblical basis of the church; its government and discipline; the offices, qualifications, and duties of church leaders; effective church management.</i>	3 hrs
BITH534	<u>Survey of Church Ministry</u> <i>Biblical mandates and principles governing the task of the church in edifying and equipping the saints for service; the church and foreign missions; church planting; home and hospital visitation; religious education; worship; church ceremonies.</i>	3 hrs
BITH535	<u>Christian Worship and Church Revival</u> <i>A biblical, historical, and contemporary look at gospel-centered worship with emphasis on understanding, planning, and leading corporate public worship in a local congregation. In addition, the dynamics of spiritual renewal are explored.</i>	3 hr
BITH536	<u>Introduction to Missiology</u> <i>"Missio Dei" is the idea that God is actively working to reconcile his creation to Himself through Jesus Christ. This course presents an overview of the theology of missions, as well as current trends in missions.</i>	3 hrs

BITH537	<u>Church Planting</u> <i>Biblical and historical perspectives on church planting; starting new churches in the age of the Internet; steps and procedures for establishing a mission and developing it into an organized church; practical methods and techniques used in church planting.</i>	3 hrs
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BIBLICAL COUNSELING COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course	Descriptive Title	Hours
BITH800	<u>Introduction to Biblical Counseling</u> <i>The nature and principles of biblical counseling, techniques and theories of counseling; patterns of problem solving, the counselor and counselee relationship; the sufficiency of Scripture; and biblical conflict resolution.</i>	3 hrs
BITH801	<u>Marriage and Family Counseling</u> <i>The systematic survey of the theology of the family: the importance of the Christian home, the covenantal family relationship, courtship versus dating; methods of premarital and marital counseling; divorce issues and rebuilding the marriage relationship after adultery.</i>	3 hrs

DOCTOR OF THEOLOGY

Course	<u>Introduction to theological research</u> <i>This course is an introduction to the process of collecting, organizing, evaluating and citing information used in various types of research in order to communicate ethically, accurately, and clearly in an academic setting. Topics include Internet and library resources (print and electronic) essential to biblical studies; as well as the Chicago Manual of Style.</i>	<i>The purpose of this class is to investigate biblical interpretation in light of current theological, philosophical, ecclesiological, historical and social challenges. The student will be exposed to current trends in biblical hermeneutics.</i>
	BITH 890 BITH891	Credis 5 hrs
Description	<u>Advanced Hermeneutics</u>	5 hrs

BITH892 Trends in New Testament Theology. 5 hrs
A study of the history and methods of biblical theology and examination of the major themes of the principal New Testament writers in the light of their historical backgrounds.

5 hrs

BITH893 Trends in Old Testament Theology

A study of the history and methods of biblical theology and examination of the major themes of the Old Testament writings in the light of their historical backgrounds.

5 hrs

BITH894 894 Advanced Systematic Theology

The study of contemporary theological positions, including a survey of the philosophical and theological thought leading up to the present scene.

BITH897 Advanced NT Exegesis

A comprehensive survey of morphology and syntax, the building of a Greek vocabulary, an introduction to textual criticism, and the development of an exegetical methodology with reading in selected passages of the Greek New Testament. Designed to emphasize the value of Greek study as a tool for understanding the biblical text..

5 hrs

BITH900 Knowledge Area Module (KAM) I

KAMs are scholarly papers that demonstrate the doctoral student's academic mastery of a theological subject. The student chooses and researchs the subject with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

BITH898 Advanced OT Exegesis

Application of exegetical methodology to selected passages from the Hebrew text of the Old Testament. Special attention given to the ancient versions and to current scholarship as it relates to text, language, history and interpretive issues..

5hrs

BITH901 Knowledge Area Module (KAM) II

KAMs are scholarly papers that demonstrate the doctoral student's academic mastery of a theological subject. The student chooses and researchs the subject with the guidance of a faculty mentor..

BITH902 Knowledge Area Module (KAM) III

KAMs are scholarly papers that demonstrate the doctoral student's academic mastery of a

theological subject. The student chooses and researchs the subject with the guidance of a faculty mentor.

BITH906 **Advanced Theological Research**

The techniques for gaining bibliographic control over the literature of theological subjects, as well as attention to the planning, preparation, and writing of a doctoral dissertation are

covered in this course.
6 hrs 6 hrs 6 hrs 5 hrs

BITH910 **Dissertation**

Continuing work on dissertation after completion of

Advanced Theological Research course.

12 hrs

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