

Course Descriptions

Central Seminary currently has eight departments of study. Departments are indicated by a two-letter prefix to the course number. Graduate course numbers for the graduate level are 500-799.

Graduate Courses by Department

BI = Department of Bible Exposition

The purpose of the Bible Exposition department is to enable students to study inductively and to exposit accurately the English Bible.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

BI 571 Hermeneutics.....2 hours credit
A study of the science of biblical interpretation, its history, its basic principles, and its application in grammatico-historical study of the Scriptures.

BI 600 Capstone Project.....2 hours credit
The Capstone Project calls for the student to produce a portfolio that reflects the scope of their training and demonstrates the achievement of their academic goals. The portfolio consists of three parts: a comprehensive doctrinal statement, a research essay of article length, and a theory-practice self-evaluation.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

BI 501 Genesis.....2 hours credit
A careful examination of Genesis 1-11, focusing particularly on the origin of the world, the human race, and the nation Israel.

BI 503 Leviticus.....2 hours credit
An examination of the book with special consideration of the procedure, importance, and purpose of the Levitical code with its ritual.

BI 518 Job.....2 hours credit
An analytical and theological study of the book.

BI 519 Psalms.....2 hours credit
An expositional study of selected Psalms.

BI 523 Isaiah.....2 hours credit
An analytical study of the book with special attention to the eschatological and Messianic sections of the book.

BI 526 Ezekiel.....2 hours credit
A study of the prophecies of Ezekiel with a focus upon their composition, theological content, and historical/eschatological fulfillment.

- BI 527 Daniel.....2 hours credit
An exposition of the book, giving attention to the man Daniel and concentrating on the book's historical background and prophetic content.
- BI 540 Matthew.....2 hours credit
An analytical and theological study of the book, particularly tracing the kingdom theme as developed by Matthew.
- BI 543 John.....2 hours credit
An exposition of the book of John from the English text. Attention is given to matters of special introduction, narrative criticism, Johannine theology, and interpretive issues in regard to the content of the book.
- BI 544 Acts.....2 hours credit
An exposition of the book, concentrating on the transition from Israel to the church and the early development of the church.
- BI 545 Romans.....2 hours credit
An analysis of the book with special attention to its doctrinal contribution to the message, faith, and practice of the church.
- BI 546 1 Corinthians.....2 hours credit
An expositional study of First Corinthians with special attention given to the principles Paul gave to the Corinthian church and their application to the Christian life and problems facing the church today.
- BI 555 Hebrews.....2 hours credit
An exposition of the book with special attention given to interpretive problems found in the book along with their doctrinal implications.
- BI 560 Revelation.....2 hours credit
An exposition based on the futuristic interpretation of the book that develops its premillennial and pretribulational themes.
- BI 564 Wisdom Literature.....2 hours credit
An expositional and topical study of the books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes.
- BI 601 Teaching Practicum2 hours credit
A partnering exercise with local churches in which the student will have a supervised teaching ministry for a specified period of time. It includes analysis of the organization, clarity, and relevance of the student's teaching.
- BI 602 History of the English Bible.....2 hours credit
A study of the English Bible from the earliest translations examining both textual issues and the King James Only controversy.

CO = Department of Biblical Counseling

The purpose of the Biblical Counseling department is to enable students to apply the truths of Scripture to the challenges of everyday life.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

CO 501 Foundations of Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit

An evaluation of what happens in the human heart at the point of choosing between right and wrong. The major biblical-theological concepts that make up a framework to diagnose and address the minor and major issues of life from a biblical perspective will be identified.

CO 502 The History and Philosophy of Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit

A survey of the history of biblical counseling in the last 200 years. The major biblical-philosophical assumptions of biblical counseling will also be identified.

CO 503 Theology of Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit

An evaluation of how the basic tenets of systematic theology relate to biblical counseling with a particular emphasis on how those tenets are applied to the issues of life.

CO 504 Comparative Analysis Between Biblical Counseling, Integration Counseling, Psychological Counseling.....2 hours credit

This course will compare and contrast biblical counseling, integration counseling, and psychological counseling, and it will demonstrate the supremacy of biblical counseling to the other schools of thought.

CO 505 Biblical Counseling Process.....2 hours credit

This course provides a biblical-theological grid whereby students are able to cultivate and implement a system for biblical counseling. Students will develop the skills of observation, interpretation and application in the practice of biblical counseling. Prerequisite: Foundations of Biblical Counseling

CO 565 Biblical Counseling/Discipleship: A Local Church Ministry.....2 hours credit

This course examines a biblical perspective of how discipleship and counseling ministries operate within a local church.

CO 590 Biblical Counseling Internship.....2 hours credit

Students will be supervised as they apply the basic content and competencies of biblical counseling to actual counseling cases as they engage in counseling services connected with local churches or para-church organizations.

Elective Courses

CO 510 Current Issues in Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit

This course will trace the latest trends, issues, and controversies in the field of biblical counseling and provide strategies to address them.

CO 522 The Theology of Personhood.....2 hours credit

This course seeks to develop a biblical perspective of the image of God in humanity and how God transforms humanity into the image of Christ.

CO 526 Problems and Procedures in Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit
An evaluation of the major issues people face including anger, worry, depression, the past, and trials. The course will provide direction in applying biblical solutions to these problems.

CO 530 Counseling Victims and Abusers.....2 hours credit
This course prepares the biblical counselor for dealing with domestic abuse in our world. Sexual, physical, emotional, and verbal abuse will all be defined. Students will be prepared to counsel both the victims and the perpetrators of abuse.

CO 540 Biblical Philosophy of Addiction.....2 hours credit
This course will identify the basic aspects of addiction using a biblical-theological perspective of human nature and will then provide solutions for addiction counseling from a biblical perspective.

CO 541 Biblical Apologetics and the Secular Philosophy of Addiction..2 hours credit
An evaluation and critique of the secular view of addiction including its basic components, presuppositions about human nature, the epistemology of addiction, the cycle of addiction, and the treatment for addiction. The course will demonstrate the opposition of the secular philosophy of addiction to the biblical philosophy of addiction.

CO 542 Biblical Procedures and Processes to Counsel Addiction.....2 hours credit
An evaluation of the biblical strategies and procedures needed to understand the various aspects of addiction and to help individuals who are struggling with addiction.

CO 543 Pharmacology and the Impact of Drugs on the Brain.....2 hours credit
An evaluation of the basic tenets of pharmacology while exploring and explaining the science of drugs and their effect on the brain. The course will show how the secular approach to medication and the brain does not agree with the biblical concept of keeping the heart.

CO 550 Marriage and Family.....2 hours credit
This course will guide students into the biblical-theological understanding of marriage and family, helping students evaluate issues concerning oneness, communication, conflict resolution, sex, and parenting from a biblical perspective.

CO 552 Complementarianism and Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit
This course will evaluate the value of complementarianism for biblical counseling to counteract the dangers of secular feminist theory and its impact on women. The student will learn to discern the difference between complementarian views and unbiblical views of counseling for women.

CO 561 Problems and Procedures in Counseling Women.....2 hours credit
A theological evaluation of various issues women face including women in the workforce, divorce, loneliness, suicide, addictions, abuse, abortion, adoption, self-esteem, self-image, self-love, sex-trafficking, and many others with the goal of providing biblical solutions for these issues.

CO 562 Controversial Issues in Counseling Women2 hours credit
This course will trace the latest trends and controversies facing women and will provide key strategies on how to address them through the practice of biblical counseling.

CO 563 Discipling Women through Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit
This course will focus on the biblical methods of change and the implementation of these methods in the process of woman-to-woman discipling through the biblical counseling process.

General Courses

CO 583 Biblical Counseling Alliance.....1 hour credit
This organization provides workshops and seminars on topics related to biblical counseling. They also provide resources to help biblical counselors. Students could connect with this organization as they provide conferences and workshops and receive credit accordingly.

CO 584 Association of Certified Biblical Counseling.....1 hour credit
This organization provides weekend training around the country as well as an annual conference. Students could attend a training seminar or an annual conference.

CO 586 Expository Counseling Training Center.....1 hour credit
This organization provides sermons, books, audio, and video training in discipleship and biblical counseling. Students could take an online training course and receive credit accordingly.

CO 587 Faith Baptist Church, Lafayette, IN.....1 hour credit
This church provides an annual counseling conference and regional conferences around the country. Students could attend a regional conference or an annual conference and receive credit accordingly.

CO 588 Addiction Connection.....1 hour credit
This organization provides audio training and an annual conference and certification in counseling addiction from a biblical perspective. Students could receive training online or attend an annual conference and receive credit accordingly.

CO 589 Real Life.....1 hour credit
An arm of Expository Counseling Training Center which is designed to equip and encourage women in developing in biblical womanhood and helping women grow in their character and faith. Female students can take an online course or attend an annual conference and receive credit accordingly.

HT = Department of Historical Theology

Matthew Shrader, Chairman

The purpose of the Historical Theology department is to teach students to understand and appreciate the history of the Christian church and its development of doctrine.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

HT 511 Church History I: From the beginning of the Christian Church to the Protestant Reformation.....3 hours credit
A study of the major persons, events, movements and conflicts arising from the introduction of Christianity in the first century through the end of the 16th century.

HT 512 Church History II: From the end of the Protestant Reformation to the Present.....3 hours credit
A study of the major persons, events, movements and conflicts arising from response to the Reformation of Christianity through to the modern era.

HT 601 Baptist History.....2 hours credit
A presentation and defense of the distinctive teachings of Baptist churches, together with an examination of the development of Baptist thought and practice in England and America. Particular attention will be paid to issues such as Baptist successionism, qualifications for church membership, the number and nature of church offices, biblical church government and discipline, and the relationship between churches and the state. The course will include discussion of developments among Baptists during the 21st century. This course may be credited to Systematic Theology.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

HT 521 History of Missions.....2 hours credit
A survey of the modern missionary movement from its inception in the apostolic era through to the beginning of the 21st century. Special emphasis will be given to the devolving concept of missions that resulted from the rise of theological liberalism. HT 521 and ME 521 are equivalent courses.

HT 590 From Reformation to Reason.....2 hours credit
A survey of the theological transition that occurred in the aftermath of the Reformation under the influence of the Enlightenment and the Age of Reason. Deism and German Pietism will be included, as well as the rise of German and American Liberalism. The class will be primarily concerned with the 18th and 19th centuries and will include reading in the primary sources. The focus will generally be narrowed to European and American theology.

HT 600 Historical Theology.....2 hours credit
An introduction to the theory and practice of historical theology as well as the most significant doctrinal discussions in church history. Attention will be given to major methodological and theological issues within historical-theological studies, including the history of historical theology, the nature and place of tradition, and the development of doctrine. A significant portion of the course will be diachronic explorations of core doctrines of Christian theology.

HT 722 Medieval Theology.....2 hours credit
A course designed to explore the theology of a particular medieval theologian through an examination of his own writings and to expose the student to the secondary literature in the field. This course may be credited to Systematic Theology.

ME = Department of Missions and Evangelism

The purpose of the Missions and Evangelism department is to prepare students to do the work of evangelism and church planting both at home and abroad.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

ME 510 Introduction to Personal and World Evangelism.....3 hours credit
An introduction to sharing the Gospel at home and abroad by understanding the theological foundation and practical implications of the Great Commission.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

ME 521 History of Missions.....2 hours credit
A survey of the modern missionary movement from its inception in the apostolic era through to the beginning of the 21st century. Special emphasis will be given to the devolving concept of missions that resulted from the rise of theological liberalism. ME 521 and HT 521 are equivalent courses.

ME 575 Introduction to Cross-Cultural Missions.....2 hours credit
A survey of the philosophy and methods used in working in a cross-cultural context with special emphasis on international missions. The class will examine the concepts of culture, customs, and worldview, and consider appropriate biblical models for evangelizing and church planting within a different culture.

ME 601 Foundations of Missions.....2 hours credit
A survey of the scriptural guidelines for future pastors and potential missionaries in their respective roles in the missionary enterprise. Topics include the recognition of a call to missions, selecting a field of service, selecting a mission agency, facilitating a deputation ministry, developing a mission strategy, planting indigenous churches on the field, and a discussion of common problems in contemporary missions.

ME 604 Theology of Missions.....2 hours credit
A study of the theological foundations of the Christian missionary enterprise, including the sovereignty of God, the lordship and uniqueness of Jesus Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the nature of evangelism, the character of the church, the function of the ordinances, the condition of non-Christians, the results of regeneration, and the rewards for faithfulness.

ME 690 Missions Internship.....2 hours credit
The student, in consultation with the professor of missions, will plan and execute a missions internship that may involve visiting a foreign field and being mentored by a veteran missionary designed to provide the student with first-hand missionary experience.

NT = Department of New Testament

Jonathan R. Pratt, Chairman

The purpose of the New Testament department is to equip students to do accurate exegetical work in the Greek New Testament so that they can discern, expound, and apply the truths of the New Testament.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

NT 511 New Testament Introduction.....3 hours credit

An introductory study of the New Testament, including consideration of the following topics: historical background, canonicity, textual and literary criticism, and special introduction.

NT 521/NT 522 Elementary Greek Grammar I & II.....3 hours credit each

A study of the basic phonology, morphology, grammar, and vocabulary of the Greek New Testament, for students who have not completed a beginning Greek sequence or who need an extensive review of the elements of Greek. NT 521 is prerequisite for NT 522.

NT 531, NT 532 Greek Reading and Syntax I & II.....2 hours credit each

A study of the grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament combined with selected readings in the New Testament. Prerequisite: NT 522 or a satisfactory score on the proficiency exam. NT 531 is prerequisite for NT 532.

NT 575 New Testament Biblical Theology I: Gospels, Acts, Johannine Writings.....3 hours credit

A study of the theology of the Gospels, Acts, and Johannine writings by means of an inductive, historical, and descriptive analysis of these sections of biblical literature. The goal is to establish and compare the diverse themes of this literary corpus and to ascertain the unity that underlies these themes. The primary emphasis will be on the exegesis of the text of Scripture, especially key texts, along with the theology that emerges from these texts. Prerequisite: NT532 or a satisfactory score on the proficiency exam.

NT 576 New Testament Biblical Theology II: Pauline and General Epistles.....3 hours credit

A study of the theology of the Pauline epistles, Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, and Jude by means of an inductive, historical, and descriptive analysis of these sections of biblical literature. The goal is to establish and compare the diverse themes of this literary corpus and to ascertain the unity that underlies these themes. The primary emphasis will be on the exegesis of the text of Scripture, especially key texts, along with the theology that emerges from these texts. Prerequisite: NT 532 or a satisfactory score on the proficiency exam.

NT 601 Introduction to Greek Exegesis.....2 hours credit

An introduction to the principles and practice of exegesis with an emphasis on the mastery of Greek grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. Prerequisite: NT 532 or a satisfactory score on the proficiency exam.

NT 602 Principles of Greek Exegesis.....2 hours credit
A further study of the principles and practice of exegesis with an emphasis on the mastery of Greek grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. Prerequisite: NT 601.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

NT 681, NT 682 Reading Through the Greek NT.....2 hours credit each
An independent study course in which the student reads the entire New Testament in Greek. It is designed to follow Greek Reading and Syntax II and to extend through the next fall and spring semesters. The reading must be completed in one year and reported by the final examination week of the spring semester. The course is credited as one hour credit for the fall semester and one hour credit for spring.

OT = Department of Old Testament

Preston Mayes, Chairman

The purpose of the Old Testament department is to equip students to do accurate exegetical work in the Hebrew Old Testament so they can discern, expound, and apply the truths of the Old Testament.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

OT 501, 502 Hebrew Grammar.....3 hours credit each
An inductive study of the rudimentary elements of biblical Hebrew grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, along with the translation of selected biblical passages.

OT 511 Old Testament Introduction.....3 hours credit
An examination of basic historical, critical, and literary issues related to the background, canon, and text of the Old Testament, along with a consideration of the composition, authorship, date, and design of Old Testament books.

OT 601 Hebrew Reading and Syntax.....3 hours credit
An inductive and deductive study of the major syntactic categories in biblical Hebrew and their significance for the interpretation of the Old Testament text. This course is preparatory for Hebrew reading and exegesis. Prerequisite: OT 502 or a satisfactory score on the proficiency exam.

OT 675 Old Testament Biblical Theology I: Pentateuch, Historical Books, Wisdom Literature3 hours credit
A study of the theology of the Pentateuch, historical books, and select books of wisdom by means of an inductive, historical, and descriptive analysis of this section of biblical literature. The study will overview and compare the diverse themes of these literary works, and will consider the unity that underlies these themes. The primary emphasis will be on the exegesis of the text of Scripture, especially key texts, along with the theology that emerges from these texts. Prerequisite: OT 601.

OT 676 Old Testament Biblical Theology II: Psalms and Prophetic Books.....3 hours credit

A study of the theology of the Psalms and prophetic books by means of an inductive, historical, and descriptive analysis of these sections of biblical literature. The study will overview and compare the diverse themes of these literary works, and will consider the unity that underlies these themes. The primary emphasis will be on the exegesis of the text of Scripture, especially key texts, along with the theology that emerges from these texts. Prerequisite: OT 601.

OT 701 Hebrew Reading and Exegesis3 hours credit

The examination of a methodological procedure for doing Old Testament exegesis along with the actual exegetical analysis of selected Old Testament texts with a goal of accurately understanding, teaching, and preaching the biblical text. Prerequisite: OT 601.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

OT 521 History of Israel in the Old Testament.....2 hours credit

An examination of the history of God's elect nation as recorded in the Old Testament with emphasis upon Old Testament chronology, international relations, national leaders, and the importance of the prophets, beginning with the call of Abram and ending with the Persian period.

OT 621 Bible Geography.....2 hours credit

A concentrated study of the various geographical and topographical features of Israel and the surrounding regions together with an examination of some of the impact of these features upon the flow of biblical history. This study includes lectures, map work, historical reviews, and detailed visual presentations.

OT 622 Bible Lands Study Trip.....2 hours credit

Pre-excursion and post-excursion assignments complementing the study, on location, of biblical sites, travel routes, battlefields, and other areas of biblical significance with a goal of personally acquainting the student with the historical, geographical, and cultural setting of the Bible.

OT 723 Advanced Hebrew Grammar and Syntax.....2 hours credit

Special studies in the historic development of the Hebrew language and a more detailed examination of Hebrew linguistics.

OT 724 Advanced Hebrew Reading.....2 hours credit

Intensified reading in a variety of Old Testament genres. This course may be offered in a classroom setting or taken as an independent study.

OT 762 Old Testament Textual Criticism.....2 hours credit

An examination of the procedures and problems of textual criticism in the Old Testament and a study of the Masoretic tradition that surrounds the text, combined with the text-critical analysis of selected passages of the Old Testament Scriptures. Prerequisite: required Hebrew courses.

OT 763 Aramaic.....2 hours credit
A study of basic Aramaic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, along with translations in Daniel, Ezra, and selected secular texts. Prerequisite: required Hebrew courses.

PT = Department of Practical Theology

The purpose of the Practical Theology department is to equip students to apply exegetical and theological skills for ministry in appropriate areas of church leadership.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

PT 501 Foundations of Biblical Counseling.....2 hours credit
A survey of secular psychology-based counseling approaches followed by the development of a biblical counseling/discipling process for helping people address the challenges of life. See also CO 501.

PT 610 Homiletics and Introduction to Expository Preaching.....3 hours credit
A study of the history and principles of homiletics, the primary types of sermon structure, and the organization and delivery of Bible messages with an emphasis on expository preaching.

PT 710 Advanced Expository Preaching II.....3 hours credit
An advanced study of preaching theory regarding the preparation and delivery of expository sermons. The course will provide guided experience in planning a long range plan for expository preaching as well as the actual preparation and delivery of expository sermons. Prerequisite: PT 610.

PT 703 Pastoral Theology.....2 hours credit
A study of the biblical concept of the pastoral office, the pastor and his duties, and the relation of the pastor to the total church program.

PT 726/727 Pastoral Internship Program.....2 hours credit
A partnering program with area local churches in which the student will have a supervised ministry program through his local church for twelve months. This internship will provide ministry opportunities in preaching, teaching, administration, leadership, and evangelism. While participating in the Pastoral Internship Program, students will meet with a seminary professor for the duration of the internship.

PT 750 Senior Seminar.....0 hours credit
A course to enable the student to write his personal doctrinal statement with a view to preparing the student for the oral doctrinal defense (and ordination). Normally taken in the student's final year, the class will meet one hour each week throughout the fall semester. Prerequisite: Systematic Theology I-IV.

PT 790 Ministry Internship Program.....2 hours credit
The student, in consultation with the M.A. (Theology) advisor and local church pastor, will plan and execute a practical ministry internship that may involve various aspects of local church ministry.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

PT 521 Local Church Youth Ministries.....2 hours credit

An introductory course which sets forth the biblical importance of a youth ministry. Important aspects of local church youth work will be studied, including the youth pastor's relationship to the pastor, church leadership, parents, and congregation. The course stresses a youth ministry that is purposeful and family-based.

PT 522 Local Church Adult Ministries.....2 hours credit

A study of the nature and needs of the different age groups, the current methods of ministry, and organizing for effective adult ministries in the local church. Special attention will be given to the unique ministries to singles and senior members of the congregation.

PT 524 Local Church Educational Ministries.....2 hours credit

A study of the multifaceted ministries designed to reach specific groups within the church in order to integrate each into the overall ministry of the church, including children's ministries, youth ministries, adult groups, and specialized programs.

PT 534 Pastoral Problems.....2 hours credit

A practical discussion course led by an experienced pastor dealing with the problems, perils, and priorities of the pastorate.

PT 536 Church Planting.....2 hours credit

A practical course dealing with the techniques of establishing a local New Testament church.

PT 601 Teaching Methods.....2 hours credit

A study of the principles of biblical teaching and learning with practice in becoming an effective teacher to adults.

PT 704 Church Administration.....2 hours credit

A study of the pastor as church administrator, organizer, and leader in the missionary program, financing, building, planning, and managing of the church.

PT 712 Expository Preaching III.....2 hours credit

An advanced study in preaching theory using different forms of biblical literary styles, emphasizing practice in the development, preparation, and delivery of the expository sermon. Prerequisite: PT 701.

PT 752 The Pastor's Wife.....2 hours credit

Recognizing that ministry failure often directly relates to failures in the pastor's home, this course is designed to help the pastor's wife prepare for life in the parsonage, as well as understand the significance of her role in supporting her husband's ministry. This course will be taught by an experienced pastor with assistance from his wife as well as other women with ministry experience.

PT 754 Church Leadership.....2 hours credit

A study in the biblical models of leadership, including an intensive look at practical leadership techniques. The course will include a survey of leadership literature with a view to developing convictions.

PT 756 Church Growth.....2 hours credit
A study in the biblical principles and practices of church growth, including an extensive survey of the field of church growth. Class emphasis will be upon developing a model of church growth that purposes to both glorify God and satisfy the biblical nature of the church.

ST = Department of Systematic Theology

Kevin T. Bauder, Chairman

The purpose of the Systematic Theology department is to teach students to correlate the truths of the corpus of Scripture logically and theologically.

Required Courses

Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

ST 501 Systematic Theology I: Prolegomena, Trinitarianism, Bibliology, Angelology.....3 hours credit
A study of theological prolegomena (the nature, method, and sources of theology), as well as theology proper (the doctrine of God, with special emphasis upon the unity, diversity, and properties of the persons of the Trinity), bibliology (including both natural and special revelation), and angelology (including a study of all classes of created spirit beings).

ST 502 Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology, Anthropology, Hamartiology.....3 hours credit
A study of pneumatology (emphasizing the personality and activity of God the Holy Spirit), theological anthropology (the Christian understanding of human nature), and hamartiology (the effect of sin, in its various classifications, upon the human race).

ST 511 Research and Writing.....2 hours credit
A graduate level introduction to the existence and use of theological information resources with application to the production of theological writing in connection with rigorous research expectations. The course aims to cultivate proficiency in the use of theological research tools, to establish a research mindset, and to develop the skills necessary for scholarly, written presentation of findings. The course also includes interaction on the relationship between the disciplines of exegetical, biblical, historical, and systematic theology.

ST 520 Christian Ethics.....2 hours credit
A consideration of the various schemes of ethics viewed in light of the ethical teachings of the Word of God, consideration of the Christian world view, and the practical application of Christian ethics in various areas of life.

ST 601 Systematic Theology II: Christology and Soteriology.....3 hours credit
A study of Christology (the person and work of God the Son) and soteriology (the grace of God in the provision and application of salvation to fallen humanity).

ST 602 Systematic Theology IV: Ecclesiology and Eschatology.....3 hours credit
A study of ecclesiology (the nature, purpose and order of the Church and the churches) and eschatology (including the development of major themes and controversies in the doctrine of last things).

ST 630 Theology as Life: Knowing, Loving, Doing, Defending.....3 hours credit
Explores the roles of orthodoxy, orthopraxy, orthopathy in the construction and communication of the Christian worldview for both believers and unbelievers. The course emphasizes both catechesis, which draws the believer into a love-and-worship relationship with God, and apologetics, which offers a rational defense of that love-and-worship relationship to unbelievers.

ST 701 Dispensationalism.....2 hours credit
A comprehensive presentation of historic dispensationalism, its developments over time, its merits, and its contrast with other methods of Bible study.

Elective Courses

Elective offerings for a given semester are subject to change without advance notice.

ST 512 Introduction to Logic.....2 hours credit
The study and practice of the fundamental principles and practice of logic, including illustrations of formal and informal fallacies that are encountered in doing theology.

ST 623 Kingdom of God.....2 hours credit
A study of the Kingdom of God beginning with the mediatorial idea, and continuing with the establishment of the Kingdom at Sinai, its monarchial form, the Kingdom according to the prophets, its offer by Jesus to Israel, its rejection, and its eschatological establishment.

Postgraduate Courses by Department

Doctor of Ministry

Kevin T. Bauder, Director

All courses are four (4) credit hours.

DM 809 Preaching Poems, Proverbs, and Parables

This course develops understanding and skill in the exegesis and exposition of the Bible's most imaginative literature: poetic and wisdom literature in the Old Testament, and parabolic literature in the New Testament.

DM 813 Preaching Narrative

This course develops understanding and skill in the exegesis and exposition of narrative passages in the Old Testament.

DM 814 Preaching Prophetic Literature

This course develops understanding and skill in the exegesis and exposition of prophetic passages of the Old Testament.

DM 822 Hermeneutics and Homiletics: A Study in NT Expository Preaching

This course fosters growth in the student's understanding of hermeneutical questions and improves his skills in the exposition of Scripture. This is accomplished by surveying important contemporary issues, by reviewing basic concepts of hermeneutics, and by practicing the art of interpretation.

DM 858 Shepherding the People of God

This course covers such critically important pastoral issues as core values for Christian ministry, the features of the prototypical New Testament church, a biblical philosophy of the pastor as equipper and servant-leader, and the process of moving toward a balanced fundamentalism. As time permits, such ministry matters as a look at the nature of a divine call to ministry and the fuller meaning of the pastoral qualifications as stated in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 will be discussed.

DM 861 Theory and Practice of Public Worship

This practicum seeks to study and apply the principles that regulate Christian worship, evaluate the history of their development and application, and respond to their principle challenges, as these matters pertain to the life of local churches in the contemporary environment.

DM 886 Public Defense of the Faith

This course prepares ministers at an advanced level to address contemporary challenges within their own churches and communities to the Christian system of faith and practice.

DM 895 Major Project

The major project demonstrates the student's ability to sustain a full-length line of research and argument. It should contribute by advancing the conversation in areas related to expositional preaching.

Master of Theology

Brett Williams, Director

All courses are three (3) credit hours. Consult the program curriculum charts in the *Academic Programs* section of this catalog for courses required in each degree program.

HT 815 Seminar in Baptist Theology and Theologians

An investigation of the ideas that have motivated and divided American evangelicals since the final quarter of the 19th century. Attention will be given to the development of American fundamentalism, the new evangelicalism, and the evangelical left.

HT 826 Global Christianity

A study of the growth and development of the global church with an emphasis on the majority world including Africa, Asia, and South America.

HT 835 Pentecostalism

A study on the history and theology of 20th century Pentecostalism from Charles Fox Parham to the Prosperity Gospel. The study will include a discussion of theological antecedents as well as a survey of the global impact of Pentecostalism.

NT 820 The Use of Scripture in Scripture

This course will examine hermeneutical and theological issues particularly as they pertain to inter-textual citations within the canon of the Scriptures as a whole. Discussion will include hermeneutical/theological presuppositions and methodological approaches, along with the detailed examination of specific texts.

NT 825 Seminar on Paul and the Law

An examination of the Pauline theology of the law with an emphasis upon current approaches to the subject and with the goal of formulating a coherent understanding of this vital subject.

NT 852 Biblical Theology of Jesus

An examination of the theology of Jesus with an emphasis upon the content, history, and construction of this theology.

OT 820 The Use of Scripture in Scripture

This course will examine hermeneutical and theological issues particularly as they pertain to inter-textual citations within the canon of the Scriptures as a whole. Discussion will include hermeneutical/theological presuppositions and methodological approaches, along with the detailed examination of specific texts.

OT 821 Old Testament Textual Criticism

An examination of the procedures and problems of textual criticism in the Old Testament and a study of the Masoretic tradition that surrounds the text, combined with the text-critical analysis of selected passages of the Old Testament Scriptures.

OT 822 Bible Lands Study Trip

Pre-excursion and post-excursion assignments complement the study, on location, of biblical sites, travel routes, battlefields, and other areas of biblical significance with the goal of acquainting the student with the historical, geographical, and cultural setting of the Bible.

OT 823 Advanced Hebrew Grammar and Syntax

Special studies in the historic development of the Hebrew language and a more detailed examination of Hebrew linguistics.

OT 824 Advanced Hebrew Reading

Intensified reading in a variety of Old Testament literary genres.

OT 825 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis

The technical application of the exegetical process to a specific, key passage of the Old Testament.

OT 826 Aramaic

A study of basic Aramaic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary, along with translations in Daniel and selected biblical and secular texts.

ST 820 Seminar in Contemporary Theology

The class will briefly survey Old Liberalism, then read and discuss works by and about the major shapers of theological thought since its demise. The focus is on non-conservative theologies.

ST 825 Seminar in Advanced Pneumatology

A specialized study of classical and recent questions concerning the Holy Spirit, including the debates over the *filioque* and the present-day status of miraculous gifts.

ST 850 Advanced Trinitarianism

An examination of the development of the doctrine of the Trinity, including its elucidation through the ecumenical creeds. It will also give attention to its relationship with systematic theology in the twentieth century as well as contemporary Trinitarian debates.

ST 860 Religious Philosophy in the 19th and 20th Centuries

A study in the evolution and development of predominant religious philosophies from the early 19th century through the late 20th century. Special attention will be given to the relationship between philosophy and Western Protestantism.