

Bible, Religion & Ministry

DIVISION



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Division Chair

Courses in the Bible Division prepare students to deal with foundational issues of life as well as give those who major in one of the Bible, Religion and Ministry majors excellent preparation for further study or vocational Christian ministry in a wide variety of areas.

Teaching from a strong biblical perspective, the courses enable a student to construct a Christian worldview based on Scripture and guide the student in developing ministry skills and spiritual disciplines for life. Students receive a foundational understanding of Scripture along with the tools necessary to study and apply Scripture for themselves.

The variety of majors and minors in the Bible Division give students an opportunity to design a program which fits their needs and expectations for the future. Majors in Ancient Studies and Bible provide excellent preparation for seminary or other postgraduate training. Other majors in the division including Youth Ministries and Intercultural Studies are designed to develop ministry skills for a variety of age groups and Christian ministries both domestically and internationally.

Degrees

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)
Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Majors

Ancient Studies
Bible
Inter-Cultural Studies
Youth Ministries

Minors:

Ancient Studies
Bible
Educational Ministries
Greek
Intercultural Studies
Religion
Youth Ministries

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Criteria for Graduation as a Division Major: *See the Academic Information section under Graduation Requirements.*

Degree information for the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees along with major and minor listings by division can be found in the catalog section entitled Degree Information.

Bachelor of Arts Degree

The Bachelor of Arts degree has several majors, each of which may serve as a foundation for seminary training or other graduate studies. The Ancient Studies major is offered for those wishing to specialize in the knowledge of Greek and Hebrew. The Interdisciplinary program offers a broad base of liberal arts courses in a unique combination designed to promote leadership skills and Christian thinking.

ADMISSION TO THE BIBLE, RELIGION & MINISTRIES PROGRAMS

Students should apply for admission to the BRM programs while enrolled in REL-230 Hermeneutics.

To be admitted to the program, a student must have a minimum cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5, complete an application which includes one reference from a professor outside the BRM division and one reference from a pastor, complete an interview with a BRM professor and be recommended by the BRM committee on Program Admissions.

Students who maintain the minimum academic standards, show Christian maturity and are actively involved in ministry will continue in the program. Assistance in these areas can be obtained from your academic adviser, the BRM faculty, Student Development, the Learning Center and Career Services.

General Education Core: Requirements for the B.A. are listed in the Degree Information section (see page 54).

ANCIENT STUDIES MINOR

Required Courses		Credit Hours
<i>One full year of one of the following languages:</i>		
GRK-101 & 102	Greek Grammar I & II.....	8
HEB-101 & 102	Hebrew 1 & 2.....	7
LIN-480	Latin 1 & 2.....	8
<i>Any four of the following:</i>		
HIS-332	Classical World.....	3
HIS-341	Medieval History.....	3
REL-412	History & Religions of the Ancient Near East.....	3
REL-33x/43x	Biblical Literature or Seminar class (e.g. Prophetic Literature).....	3
REL-338	Second Temple Judaism & Dead Sea Scrolls.....	3
PHI-331	History of Philosophy I.....	3
TOTAL.....		19-20

ANCIENT STUDIES MAJOR (Bachelor of Arts) (This major does not require a minor.)

Additional General Education Core Requirements		
HIS-114	World Civilization II.....	3
REL-33X	Biblical Literature Course.....	3
Required Courses		Credit Hours
GRK-101	Greek I.....	4
GRK-102	Greek II.....	4
HEB-101	Hebrew I.....	4
HEB-102	Hebrew II.....	3
LIN-225	Introduction to Linguistics.....	3
REL-230	Hermeneutics.....	3
GRK-201	Semantic Analysis.....	4
GRK-202	Semantic Analysis.....	3
PHI-331	History of Philosophy I.....	3
HIS-332	The Classical World: Greece and Rome.....	3
REL-354	Theology I.....	3
REL-356	Theology II.....	3
REL-380	Thesis Project.....	3
HIS/REL-432	History and Religion of the Ancient Near East.....	3
GRK-336	Septuagint Studies.....	3
HIS-451	Historiography.....	3
CMI-462	Senior Seminar.....	2
LIN-480	One of the following languages:.....	4
	Latin or Coptic	
TOTAL.....		58

The candidate must also study abroad in an approved class or program.

GREEK MINOR

Required Courses		Credit Hours
GRK-101	Greek I.....	4
GRK-102	Greek II.....	4
GRK-201	Semantic Analysis I.....	4
GRK-202	Semantic Analysis II.....	3
REL-322	Biblical Criticism.....	3
Total		18

RELIGION MINOR

Required Courses		Credit Hours
REL-315	Religions of the World.....	3
One of the following combinations:.....		6
REL-354/356	Theology I and II	
REL-357/358	O.T. and N.T. History and Theology	
Religion Electives (300 or above; not 32X; 33X or 43X)		12
Total		21

BIBLE AND MINISTRIES MAJORS AND MINORS (As a second major or minor for any B.A. program. All other B.A. major and minor requirements must also be met. Majors and minors listed in the Bachelor of Science degree programs (Bible, Inter-Cultural Studies, Youth Ministries, Educational Ministries) may be used as second majors or minors in any B.A. program.)

BIBLE AS A SECOND MAJOR FOR ANY B.A. PROGRAM (All other B.A. major and minor requirements must also be met.)

Required Courses		Credit Hours
REL-130	Old Testament History & Literature	3
REL-236	New Testament History & Literature	3
REL-354	Theology I*	3
REL-356	Theology II*	3
REL-230	Hermeneutics	3
REL-33X	Upper level Biblical Literature	3
REL-43X	Bible Analysis.....	3
Two of the following:.....		6
REL-357	O.T. History and Theology*	
REL-358	N.T. History and Theology*	
CMI-211	Edu. Min. of the Church	
REL-441	Apologetics	
Total		27

* Students taking Theology I and II do not need to take Christian Theology in the Cornerstone Core. Religion majors who have taken these courses must take other upper level Bible or religion courses in their place.

BIBLE MINOR (As a second minor for any B.A. program. All other B.A. major and minor requirements must also be met.)

Required Courses		Credit Hours
REL-130	Old Testament History & Literature	3
REL-236	New Testament History & Literature	3
REL-352	Christian Theology*	3
REL-33X	Biblical Literature Course.....	3
REL-43X	Bible Analysis Course.....	3
One of the following:.....		3
REL-357	O.T. History and Theology	
REL-358	N.T. History and Theology	
Total		18

*Cornerstone Core courses.

Bachelor of Science

The aims of the Bachelor of Science majors are to bring the student to a comprehensive understanding of the Bible as a whole, to achieve reasonable competency in independent Bible study and to develop skills in the communication and ministry of the Word of God.

It is designed for students choosing upon graduation to enter staff ministries such as youth pastors, assistant pastors, Christian education directors, Christian camp directors, missionary service or student ministries.

The degree may also be elected by pre-seminarians who prefer a more extensive base of biblical studies than that offered in the B.A. majors or who desire to work in Christian ministry while pursuing further education.

These majors can lead to licensure, ordination or commissioning for Christian ministry by the student’s church constituencies.

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General Education Core requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree are listed in the Degree Information section (see page 55). Ministry and Interdisciplinary majors must also take Bible as a second major.

BIBLE MAJOR AS A SECOND MAJOR (Bachelor of Science)

Required Courses	Credit Hours
REL-130 Old Testament History & Literature for BRM majors*	3
REL-236 New Testament History & Literature for BRM majors*	3
PHI-211 Philosophy in Culture**	3
REL-230 Hermeneutics	3
REL-354 Theology I***	3
REL-356 Theology II***	3
REL-441 Apologetics	3
REL-33X Biblical Literature Course.....	3
REL-43X Bible Analysis Course.....	3
One of the following:	3
REL-357 O.T. History and Theology	
REL-358 N.T. History and Theology	
One REL elective	3
Total Bible Major	33

*Replaces REL-104 and REL-205 in the Cornerstone core

**Taken as part of the Cornerstone Core.

***These replace REL-352 Christian Theology in the Cornerstone Core.

BIBLE MAJOR (Bachelor of Science. This major is for a person who is not taking a Youth Ministry or Intercultural Studies major.)

Required Courses	Credit Hours
REL-103 Old Testament History & Literature	3
REL-236 New Testament History & Literature	3
REL-354 Theology I*	3
REL-356 Theology II*	3
REL-357 O.T. History and Theology.....	3
REL-358 N.T. History and Theology	3
REL-322 Biblical Criticism.....	3

Four of the following:	12
REL-33X Biblical Studies	
REL-43X Biblical Analysis course	
REL-230 Hermeneutics	3
REL-441 Apologetics	3
REL-380 Internship	3
CMI-462 Senior Seminar	2
Total	44

*Replaces REL-352 in Cornerstone Core.

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES MINOR (Bachelor of Science.)

Required Courses	Credit Hours
CMI-211 Educational Ministry of the Church.....	3
CMI-311 Evangelism and Discipleship	3
CMI-336 Leadership in Ministry	3
Three of the following:	9
CMI-151 Adol. Dev. and Culture	
CMI-321 Camp Philosophy and Admin.	
COM-322 Public Speaking	
CMI-331 Educational Ministries with Children	
CMI-333 Educational Ministries with Adults	
CMI-325 Homiletics	
REL-243 Intercultural Mandate	
Total	18

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES MAJOR (Missions) (Bachelor of Science. Requires Bible second Major. See above.)

Required Courses	Credit Hours
REL-243 The Intercultural Mandate.....	3
CMI-223 Cultural Anthropology.....	3
CMI-311 Evangelism and Discipleship	3
CMI-334 Spiritual Formation.....	3
CMI-384 Pre-Field Inter-Cultural Internship.....	1
CMI-385 Intercultural Internship.....	3
CMI-462 Senior Seminar	2
One of the following:	3
LIN-225 Introduction to Linguistics	
LIN-371 Second Language Acquisition	
LIN-372 Sociolinguistics	
Total	21

Electives	
Five of the following	15
CMI-211 Educational Ministries of the Church	
CMI-222 Urban Ministries – Poverty and the City	
CMI-342 Spiritual Conflicts in Cross-Cultural Contexts	
CMI-434 Short-Term Missions	
CMI-444 Intercultural Strategy for the 21 st Century	
CMI-445 Missionary Relations	
LIN-225 Introduction to Linguistics*	
LIN-371 Second Language Acquisition*	
LIN-372 Sociolinguistics*	
REL-315 Religions of the World	
REL-414 Islam	
SOC-352 Intercultural Communication	
Total Intercultural Major Electives	15
Total for Bible and Intercultural Majors.....	66

*Unless taken as part of the required courses.

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES MINOR (Missions) (Bachelor of Science)

Required Courses		Credit Hours
CMI-223	Cultural Anthropology.....	3
CMI-311	Evangelism and Discipleship	3
CMI-334	Spiritual Formation.....	3
REL-243	The Intercultural Mandate.....	3
Two of the following:.....		6
CMI-222	Urban Ministries – Poverty and the City	
CMI-414	Islam	
CMI-434	Short-Term Missions	
CMI-444	Intercultural Strategy for the 21 st Century	
CMI-445	Missionary Relations	
LIN-225	Introduction to Linguistics	
LIN-371	Second Language Acquisition	
LIN-372	Sociolinguistics	
REL-315	Religions of the World	
REL-342	Spiritual Conflicts in Cross-Cultural Contexts	
SOC-352	Intercultural Communication	
Total		18

YOUTH MINISTRIES MAJOR (Bachelor of Science. Second major for any B.A. Requires Bible 2nd Major. See above.)

This degree is designed to equip students for practical youth ministry in the church or parachurch setting. It seeks to train students by providing a curriculum that is biblically based, theoretically sound, holistic and useful. Intentional aspects of the program are to empower students to become innovative leaders, to seek emotional health, to pursue personal integrity, to understand and engage the emerging postmodern culture and to mature spiritually.

Required Courses		Credit Hours
CMI-151	Adolescent Development and Culture.....	3
CMI-211	Educational Ministries of the Church	3
CMI-221	Learning, Liturgy and Technology	3
CMI-252	Interpersonal Relationships in Ministry	3
CMI-334	Spiritual Formation	3
CMI-336	Leadership in Ministry	3
CMI-372	Philosophy of Youth Ministry.....	3
CMI-381	Internship I: Career Development	3
CMI-382	Internship II: Teaching Techniques and Strategies.....	3
CMI-462	Senior Seminar.....	2
CMI-481	Counseling Adolescents and Parents	3
Two of the following:.....		6
CMI-222	Urban Ministries	
CMI-311	Evangelism and Discipleship	
CMI-383	Internship III: Specialization	
CMI-434	Short-Term Missions	
CMI-444	Intercultural Strategy for the 21 st Century	
CMI-480	Current Issues/Critical Concerns	
MGT-231	Principles in Management	
Total		38

Youth Ministry Major Four Year Program Illustration

Freshman year

IDS-101	Creativity, Innovation & Problem Solving	2
MGT-100	Leadership In Culture	2
COM-112	Communication In Culture	3
KIN-100	Foundations of Wellness	2
KIN-1XX*	Activity Course	1
HIS-113	World Civilizations I	3
Lab Science Course*		4
REL-103	Biblical Hermeneutics	3
REL-130	OT Literature & History for BRM Majors	3
CMI-151	Adolescent Development & Culture	3
CMI-211	Educational Ministries of the Church	3
Total Freshman Hours (Approx.)		30

Sophomore year

ENG-212	Writing In Culture	3
PHI-211	Philosophy In Culture	3
SCI-213*	Quantitative Reasoning	3
PSY XXX or SOC XXX Course*		3
REL-236	NT Literature & History for BRM majors	3
REL-230	Hermeneutics	3
CMI-221	Learning, Liturgy and Technology	3
CMI-252	Interpersonal Relationship in Ministry	3
Minor or Elective		3
Minor or Elective		3
Total Sophomore Hours (Approx.)		30

Junior year

PSY-XXX or SOC-XXX course*		3
IDS-311	Imagination in Culture	3
SCI-311	Science In Culture	3
REL-354	Theology I	3
REL-356	Theology II	3
Youth Ministry Major Elective		3
CMI-336	Leadership in Ministry	3
CMI-372	Philosophy of Youth Ministry	3
CMI-381	Internship I: Career Development	3
CMI-382	Internship II: Teaching Techniques	3
Total Junior Hours (Approx)		30

Senior year

REL-33X	Biblical Literature Course	3
REL-437	Acts of the Apostles or	
REL-438	Seminary in Romans	3
REL-357	Old Testament History or	
REL-358	New Testament History	3
REL-441	Apologetics	3
CMI-334	Spiritual Formation	3
CMI-462	Senior Seminar (J-Term)	2
CMI-481	Counseling Adolescents & Parents	3
Youth Ministry major elective		3
Minor or elective		3
Minor or elective		4
Total Senior Hours (approx.)		30
Bible Major (B.S.)	Total	120

YOUTH MINISTRY MINOR (Bachelor of Science.)

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Required Courses

	Credit Hours	
CMI-211	Educational Ministry of the Church	3
CMI-151	Adolescent Development and Culture	3
CMI-372	Philosophy of Youth Ministry	3
CMI-336	Leadership in Ministry	3
CMI-481	Counseling Adolescents and Parents	3
Two of the following:		6
CMI-221	Learning, Liturgy and Technology	
CMI-334	Spiritual Formation	
CMI-252	Interpersonal Relationships in Ministry	
CMI-480	Current Issues/Critical Concerns	
Total		21

Course Descriptions

Dept./Level Course Name

Credits/Frequency

(See page 58 for codes)

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

CMI-151 Adolescent Development and Culture

3/2

A survey of physical, cognitive, emotional and moral development and current trends and issues related to adolescents. Students will analyze adolescent development and culture with the intent of developing ministries that meet the specific needs of youth.

CMI-211 Educational Ministry of the Church

3/1

A preliminary examination of the history and theology as well as the functions of local church education. Emphasizes the dynamics of personal spiritual growth and local church nurture. Introduces basic skills of reasoning, cognitive and moral development, and basic teaching principles.

CMI-221 Learning, Liturgy and Technology

3/2

A study in curriculum development with special consideration for ways to communicate biblical truths through a variety of creative teaching methods. Students will analyze current youth curriculum, learn basic hermeneutical skills, and create youth curriculum that is experiential, interactive, multi-sensory and communal.

CMI-222 Urban Ministries – Poverty and the City

3/4

From a Biblical and historical perspective the issue of urban ministry and the church are discussed. The course discusses the challenges of poverty, justice, racism, prejudice, health, and education with a view to developing strategies for social involvement, evangelism, discipleship and church planting in the mega cities of the world.

CMI-223 Cultural Anthropology

3/4

An introductory course in the tradition of culture designed for students pursuing intercultural vocational work. The course addresses the nature of peoples in their culture, their worldview, cultural change, cultural adaptation, social organization, language, religion and other related topics.

CMI-252 Interpersonal Relationships in Ministry

3/2

A practical study in developing healthy relationships with adolescents, leadership staff, parents and volunteers. Includes conflict management, inner dialog issues, and special attention to communication skills within small groups.

CMI-311 Evangelism and Discipleship

3/2

Designed to guide the student in the development of a personal commitment to and involvement in evangelism and discipleship ministries. Integrates New Testament principles with varied techniques for a practical orientation.

CMI-321 Camp Philosophy and Administration

3/4

Basic administration, philosophy, and methodology of Christian camping with emphasis on principles of decentralization. Attention to objectives, staff personnel, campsite, equipment, facilities, problem-solving, and evaluation. Offered alternate fall semesters.

CMI-325 Homiletics

3/2

Relates the inductive method of Bible study to biblical exposition. Emphasizes adaptation of textual analyses for preaching and provides opportunity for message presentation.

CMI-333 Educational Ministries with Adults

3/4

Specializes in dealing with the nurturing of adults in the development of Christ-likeness and local church ministry. Investigates life roles, vocation, and church body functions in depth and presents methods of discipleship as well as contemporary institutional forms. Prerequisite: CMI-211.

CMI-334 Spiritual Formation

3/2

Provides a biblical foundation for spiritual development. Special consideration is given to spiritual disciplines, scriptural meditation, contemplative prayer and spiritual listening.

CMI-336 Leadership in Ministry

3/2

An examination of biblical leadership as it relates to the youth worker in a local church or Christian organization. The emphasis on leadership and shepherding will include such issues as personal character, styles of leadership, vision, creativity and teamwork. The focus on administration will cover issues including finances, correspondence, conducting meetings and planning events.

CMI-342 Spiritual Conflicts in Cross-Cultural Contexts

3/2

Gives an understanding of spiritual beliefs and conflicts from a Biblical and theological perspective in order to appreciate and recognize current worldviews and spiritual activity. This course presents Biblical guidelines for dealing with spiritual beliefs and conflicts.

- CMI-343 Middle School Youth Ministry** **3/4**
 A study of early adolescence along with what makes effective ministry. Special topics include: evangelizing and teaching junior high students; relational needs; and involving junior high students in ministry.
- CMI-372 Philosophy of Youth Ministry** **3/2**
 An interactive framework that allows students to investigate distinct philosophical and ecclesiological views regarding how youth ministry relates to the church at large. Each student will develop their own philosophy of youth ministry and design a ministry for either middle school or high school age students within the context of the local church and parachurch ministries. (Prerequisite: CMI-151 and Junior status)
- CMI-381 Internship I: Career Development** **3/1**
 Designed to help the student discover their gifts, talents, calling, interest and abilities as it relates to youth ministry and parachurch settings. A minimum of 140 hours in supervised ministry is required. (Prerequisite: Junior status)
- CMI-382 Internship II: Teaching Techniques and Strategies** **3/1**
 Designed to help the student develop the skills necessary for teaching youth. Emphasis on writing objectives, preparing lesson plans, using creative illustrations, storytelling, gestures and delivery. Students will be teaching in the class and in a field setting where they will be video taped. A minimum of 140 hours in supervised ministry is required. (Prerequisite: CMI-381)
- CMI-383 Internship III: Specialization** **3 /1**
 Designed to help the students study and experience specialized topics that relate to youth ministry or parachurch settings. A minimum of 140 hours in supervised ministry is required. (Prerequisite: Junior status)
- CMI-384 Pre-Field Inter-Cultural Internship** **1 /2**
 This course introduces the student to intercultural internships giving them pre-field awareness. The student is introduced to the relationships between the sending church, mission agency, the receiving missionary, national church and nationals.
- CMI-385 Intercultural Internship** **3 /1**
 This course gives the missions student an opportunity to integrate class work with practical experience in an overseas or inner city setting with an approved agency and supervisor along with a Cornerstone University mentor. (Prerequisite: CMI-384 and Faculty Adviser approval)
- CMI-415 Missionary Area Studies** **3/4**
 These studies concentrate on both historical and current developments in the political, economical, educational, cultural, and religious aspects of life. Gives attention to missionary opportunities in each area: Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and North America.
- CMI-434 Short-Term Missions Leadership** **3/4**
 A study of the Biblical basis for short-term mission including philosophy, history and strategy. Students will evaluate short-term missions and learn how to implement and lead a short-term missions trip.
- CMI-441 Pastoral Ministry and Administration** **3/4**
 A study of the pastor's responsibility as an administrator and as a shepherd of the local church. Emphasis will be placed upon the administrative duties of a pastor. Skills will be developed in the performance of the pastoral duties in relationship to individuals, the church and the community.
- CMI-444 Intercultural Strategy for the 21st Century** **3/4**
 This course assesses inter-cultural missions strategy and discusses possible strategy for the future. Topics such as church leadership development, partnerships, national missionaries, frontier missions and micro enterprises are discussed as means of fulfilling the great commission. Emphasis is given on how to reach the unevangelized and unreached people groups of the world.
- CMI-445 Missionary Relations** **3/4**
 This course examines the role and relationships of the missionary in an inter-cultural setting. Missionary life and the challenges of living cross-culturally are discussed including relationships with a home church, mission board, national church, nationals, and national and international co-workers.
- CMI-462 Senior Seminar** **2/2**
 A capstone experience that puts into perspective various issues dealing with vocational ministry. Students will assimilate previous work from other courses to create a portfolio that includes philosophy of ministry, resume, lesson plans, personal biography and program ideas.
- CMI-470 Readings in Christian Ministries** **1 - 3/1**
 Guided readings and reports in the student's area of interest and need.

CMI-480 Current Issues/Critical Concerns 3/-
Designed to address current issues or critical concerns that relate to youth ministry. Studies will specialize in various topics not covered in the catalog. May be taken two times with different emphasis.

CMI-481 Counseling Adolescents and Parents 3/2
An in-depth look of the issues related to providing counseling to adolescents and their parents. Focus will be on addictive behaviors, abnormal development, intervention, spiritual abuse, and awareness of when and to whom to refer adolescents for professional therapy. (Prerequisite: Junior status)

CMI-490 Independent Study 3 - 6/1
Consult with division chair and instructor in Christian ministries concerning possible studies.

GREEK

GRK-101 Greek Grammar I 4/2
An introduction to Greek grammar of classical times.

GRK-102 Greek Grammar II 4/2
A continuation of GRK 101, completing the basic grammar and beginning the reading of simple selections of ancient Greek.

GRK-201 Semantic Analysis I 4/2
Review of grammar, reading in selections of Greek, and a study of intermediate Greek grammar. Prerequisite: GRK-102 or equivalent.

GRK-202 Semantic Analysis II 3/2
A continuation of GRK-201 including a study of the structure of selected Greek texts and exegetical methodology.

GRK-336 Septuagint Studies 3/2
A study of select passages in the Septuagint (Greek Old Testament) with a view to advancing the student's facility in reading, translation and semantic analysis.

GRK-470 Readings in Greek 1-3/6
Guided readings and reports in the student's area of interest and need.

GRK-471 Advanced Greek Reading 1-3/6

GRK-480 Advanced Topics Seminar: Greek 3/6
Formal class dependent upon student demand and interest of the professor. May deal with a particular biblical book or issues of interpretation and methodology.

GRK-490 Independent Studies in Greek 1-3/6
Consult with Division Chair and instructor in Greek concerning possible studies.

HEBREW

HEB-101 Hebrew I 4/2
The fundamentals of biblical Hebrew with special attention to orthography, morphology, vocabulary, and the translation of simple texts.

HEB-102 Hebrew II 3/2
A continuation of Hebrew I with emphasis given to grammar and expansion of vocabulary by means of translation of simple passages from the Old Testament.

HEB-470 Readings in Hebrew 1-3/6
Guided readings and reports in the student's area of interest and need.

HEB-480 Advanced Topics Seminar: Hebrew 3/6
Formal class dependent upon student demand and interest of the professor. May deal with a particular biblical book or issues of interpretation and methodology.

HEB-490 Independent Studies in Hebrew 1-3/6
Consult with Division Chair and instructor in Hebrew concerning possible studies.

RELIGION

- REL-103 Biblical Hermeneutics 3**
This course examines the basic issues in biblical hermeneutics, including the nature of historical-grammatical interpretation, genre analysis, historical and cultural background, literary analysis, and application. This course examines what it means for humans to have God's word inscripturated into language.
- REL-104 Old Testament Literature & History 3**
This course guides the student in the use of interpretive/hermeneutical skills in a study of the Old Testament. Torah (Pentateuch) is established as the foundation for the rest of the Old Testament. The historical books trace God's dealing with his people as Israel struggles with the privileges and responsibilities of being the covenant people. Hymnic literature and Wisdom books respond to the revelation of Yahweh through worship and daily living. The course concludes with an examination of the role and message of the Prophets. Prerequisite: REL-103
- REL-204 New Testament Literature & History 3**
New Testament Literature continues the purposes of Old Testament Literature and Hermeneutics: to integrate a Christian worldview with bible study and scripture. In this course, the student will continue to learn how to read the Bible, while studying the inter-testamental period and the New Testament. Prerequisite: REL-103 and REL-104
- REL-130 Old Testament Literature & History for BRM Majors 3/1**
This course focuses on the content of the Old Testament and introduces methods for studying the Bible. Particular attention is paid to learning the various genres of the Old Testament and to the introduction of critical issues for Biblical Studies. Alongside the coverage of the biblical narrative, the students will study major historical and cultural developments in the ancient near east that cast light on the Old Testament. Critical thinking and research skills are introduced. Pre-requisite: REL-103
- REL-236 New Testament Literature & History for BRM Majors 3/1**
This course focuses on the content of the New Testament and continues developing methods for studying the Bible. Particular attention is paid to the various genres of the New Testament while introducing critical issues for Biblical Studies. Major historical and cultural developments in the Mediterranean area of the Hellenistic period are surveyed. Work will continue on the critical thinking and research skills. Pre-requisite: REL-104 or REL-130 and REL-103
- REL-227 Inductive Exegesis 3/1**
A study of the language principles necessary for understanding the Christian scriptures, which are ancient, cross-cultural, translated literature. Passages from several genres are examined in learning to determine what the ancient authors originally intended and how they speak today.
- REL-230 Hermeneutics 3/2**
An advanced interpretation course that assumes the knowledge of the material covered in inductive Bible studies. This course applies the inductive method to the various types of biblical literature, carefully considering rules of interpretation essential to a proper understanding of those types of literature. Emphasizes principles of interpretation and provides time to apply such principles and methods to personal understanding of Scripture. Required of all Bible majors. Prerequisite: REL-104, REL-204, or REL-130, REL-236.
- REL-243 The Intercultural Mandate (Missions) 3/1**
An overview of the global inter-cultural mandate as outlined in Scripture and emphasized in the Great Commission noting the Biblical, theological, and historical foundation for missions, the framework for the missionary undertaking today, and the task of the missionary in our world with an emphasis on the missionary career track.
- REL-313 Religion in America 3/4**
An overview of the history of American Christianity. Concentrates on Roman Catholicism, primary Protestant denominations, and indigenous cults via a social historical approach that includes the analysis of primary theological tenets and distinctives as well as ecclesiological structure.
- REL-315 Religions of the World 3/4**
An introduction to the major non-Christian religious systems including their historical developments, belief systems and worldview. Special emphasis is given to understanding these religions in light of Christianity, current methods of evangelism and discipleship and strategy. Some of the following will be studied: Buddhism, Chinese religions, Hinduism and Islam.
- REL-322 Biblical Criticism 3/4**
A study of the methods and results of textual and higher criticism from the perspective of biblical inerrancy. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

Literature Courses (33X, 43X)

These courses are designed to provide an in depth synthesis of a given portion of the Scriptures. They are intended for: Bible majors and minors Liberal arts students who desire Bible course electives Religion majors who include Bible in the electives of their major. Prerequisite: REL-104 and REL-204 or REL-130 and REL-131.

- REL-330 Mosaic Literature** **3/2**
 A study of the history of redemption from Adam to Moses as set forth in the Pentateuch. Special attention is given to God's purposes in the call of Abraham and the establishment of the Mosaic economy.
- REL-333 Wisdom Literature** **3/4**
 An analysis of the form and content of the poetic books from Job to the Song of Solomon with special emphasis on the theological, devotional, and ethical themes that reveal the inner spiritual life of the Old Testament believer. Offered alternate spring semesters.
- REL-334 Prophetic Literature** **3/4**
 An analysis of the form and content of the Old Testament prophets. The course gives an overview of the history of Israel from the divided monarchy to the post-exilic period, and an overview of the office and function of the prophet. Representative books from different eras are selected for analysis emphasizing interpretive methodology, prophetic theology and making presentations of prophetic material. Offered alternate spring semesters.
- REL-335 Pauline Literature** **3/2**
 An analysis of the writings of Paul for the purposes of constructing a Pauline theology on such doctrines as man, redemption, incarnation, the church, and last things.
- REL-336 General Epistolary Literature** **3/4**
 A synthetic study of the General Epistles from Hebrews through Jude. Places particular emphasis on the ethical contributions of James and the basic motifs of the Johannine and Petrine epistles.
- REL-337 Revelation** **3/4**
 An analysis of the Book of Revelation with emphasis on interpretive methodology and the implication of the church of the events foretold in Revelation, from a pre-millennial standpoint.
- REL-338 Second Temple Judaism and the Dead Sea Scrolls** **3/4**
 An examination of the historical and religious significance of Khirbet Qumran and the literary materials recovered near the Dead Sea, including Qumran, Murabba'at, Nahal Hever, and others. The study will be situated in the religio-historical setting of the Levant from 586 BCE – 70 CE. Attention will be given to a range of issues arising from the materials, such as paleography, textual criticism of Jewish biblical and non-biblical writings, changing political landscapes, and religious developments in Judaism vis-a-vis Hellenism and Zoroastrianism.
- REL-339 Gospel Literature** **3/2**
 A study of the four Gospels, including their backgrounds, themes, outlines and distinguishing features, and distinctive portraits of Christ, as well as a study of the life and ministry of Christ as set forth in the Gospel of Mark.
- REL-340 Gospel of Luke** **3/2**
 An exegetical examination of the Gospel of Luke with concentration on its message, the biblical theology of Luke, the historical background of the events and Luke's use of narrative material to present Jesus as Savior of all humanity in fulfillment of Old Testament promise.
- REL-342 Philosophy of Religion** **3/4**
 An analysis of the major philosophical problems of religion in the twentieth century. Emphasis is placed on the problem of religious knowledge in relation to faith and reason, traditional arguments for the existence of God, and contemporary difficulties of religious language and verification. Prerequisite: PHI 211.
- REL-352 Christian Theology** **3/1**
 A survey of the primary teachings of Christianity. Taught from a practical viewpoint, the course is designed to aid the junior level student in his/her development of a Christian philosophy of life based on the great truths of the Bible. Prerequisites: REL-104, REL-204 or REL-130, REL-236 and PHI-211, and Junior standing.
- REL-354 Theology I** **3/2**
 A Biblical, historical, and systematic statement and study of the doctrines of theological truths of the Christian faith for those contemplating vocational ministry upon college graduation. Fall semester studies bibliology, theology proper, anthropology, and Christology. Prerequisites: REL-104, REL-204 or REL-130, REL-236 and PHI-211, and Junior standing.
- REL-356 Theology II** **3/2**
 A continuation of Theology I in methodology with concentration on the doctrines of Pneumatology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Prerequisites: REL-104, REL-204 or REL-130, REL-236 and PHI-211, and Junior standing.
- REL-357 Old Testament History and Theology** **3/2**
 A study of the periods of Israel's history from the Patriarchs to the Restoration in relation to the surrounding nations of the Near East and the unfolding theological revelation of these periods centered in the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic institutions, Israel's response of apostasy and formalism, and the prophetic reactions to that defection. Prerequisite: REL-130.

REL-358 New Testament History and Theology 3/2

The inter-testamental period is considered in its historical development as a bridge to the New Testament era. The New Testament is set in its historical, political, cultural, social, economic and religious environments. Considers the major biblical theological themes that emerge from the New Testament in their historical development and presentation. Prerequisite: REL-236.

REL-380 Internship 1-6/1

This course is required of Ancient Language, Interdisciplinary Studies and Religion majors in one of two formats: internship with various ministry possibilities, primarily churches; or field study, including trips to significant places of religious practice, interviews of clergy of different religions, attendance at religious conferences sponsored by colleges, universities, interfaith dialogue groups, and others. Field study participants will be expected to share their study in a public forum that is deemed appropriate to the campus community.

REL-414 Islam 3/4

A précis of the Islamic religion including its history, beliefs and current practices. This course will give a basis for understanding the current unrest in the Middle East. Islam will be contrasted with Christianity and the student will gain an appreciation of the Muslim people, their culture and practices as well as how to interact with them for the cause of Christ.

REL-437 Acts

An exegetical examination of the Acts of the Apostles with concentration on the biblical theology of the Book of Acts, the historical background of the events, and the theological emphasis of the speeches. Special attention is given to the relationship between the church and Israel in the early church era.

REL-438 Romans 3/4

This course on Romans is built upon both Inductive Bible Study and the Biblical Literature courses. The seminars aim to develop the student's ability to grasp the textual content and application of any book of the Bible. Emphasis is on the analytical and textual work of the student supplemented by the insight of the professor. Prerequisite: REL-230 or 227.

REL-439 Hebrews 3/4

This course on Hebrews is built upon both Inductive Bible Study and the Biblical Literature courses. The seminars aim to develop the student's ability to grasp the textual content and application of any book of the Bible. Emphasis is on the analytical and textual work of the student supplemented by the insight of the professor. Prerequisite: REL-230 or 227.

REL-441 Apologetics 3/4

Emphasizes issues of religious epistemology that must be considered in any philosophical and factual defense of the Christian faith. Emphasis will be put on a balanced and eclectic approach that stresses both faith and reason, both presuppositions and facts, both philosophy and history. Prerequisite: PHI-211.

REL-470 Readings in Religion or Biblical Studies 1-3/1

Guided readings and reports in the student's areas of interest and need.

REL-480 Advanced Topics Seminar 3/6

Formal class dependent upon student demand and interest of the professor. May deal with particular issues of Christian theology, religious epistemology, modern religious thought, or the writings of a particular theologian or religious thinker. May deal with a particular biblical book or issues of interpretation and methodology.

REL-490 Independent Studies 3-6/1

Consult with division chair in religion concerning possible studies. The following courses are applicable to the area of religion: HIS-432, PHI-451, PHI-452, SOC-353, SOC-422.