

Session 1 | August 17–October 9

Introduction to Humanities [AR210]

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Explore the humanities through the examination and discussion of select artistic, literary and philosophic works of Western civilization. Students will exercise hermeneutic, critical thinking and communication skills while uncovering the power of these works and texts to express and/or form a worldview. Ultimately, students will confront their own worldviews in light of these competing visions of reality in order to better understand, embrace and share the Christian worldview.

Introduction to Business [BA102]

Joshua Ellis

Get a foundational overview of various business functions and competencies, such as management, global competition, ethics, marketing, technology, leadership and motivation.

Managerial Accounting [BA208]

Rebekah King

This course introduces students to managerial uses of accounting information. Topics include the use of accounting information for planning and control, actual and standard cost systems, budgeting, performance evaluation, decision making, and financial statement analysis. Prerequisite: BA 211 & BA212.

Financial Accounting I [BA211]

Rebekah King

The first of two accounting courses introduces the student to the collection, recording, summarization, and interpretation of accounting data. Students will learn generally accepted accounting principles and the accounting cycle. Topics include financial statement preparation, assets, accrual-based accounting, internal controls, and revenue and expenses.

Personal Finance [BA215]

Daniel King

This course develops the students' understanding of personal finance concepts and ability to assess these concepts critically within a biblical worldview. Topics will include personal budgeting, taxes, sources of financial information, use of credit, compound interest, and personal investing. Students will apply these concepts to their current and future personal financial situations. The course will equip students to become responsible stewards of financial resources, goods savers, and wise users of credit.

Audit & Risk Management [BA409]

Dave Bosket

This course offers an overview of the elements of a successful integrated risk assessment approach by reviewing best practices in risk assessments and internal controls and audits, from the adoption of risk assessments to the review and implementation of standards issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) in the day-to-day operation of the internal controls and audits. Topics covered include approaches to risk assessment, quality judgements and ethical decisions, the IIA standards to be implemented as best practice, managing the internal control and audit function, risk assessment and evaluation of internal controls design and testing their operating effectiveness. We will also cover in overview the documentation process for conducting internal audit assignments, developing the audit opinion and evidence, and elements to be included in the working papers and how findings are reflected and stated in the audit report. Prerequisites: BA211, BA212, BA306.

Principles of Bible Study [BI100]

Diane Lytle

Gain an introduction to various tools of Bible study and a methodical and inductive approach to study of the Scriptures, basic laws, and principles of interpretation. This course includes opportunities to practice using the tools, methods, and principles.

Bible Survey [BI111]

Paul Golden

Survey the Old and New Testament highlighting major dates, events, characters, theological passages, and themes from Genesis to Revelation.

Acts [BI335]**Nigel Black**

This course is an expository analysis emphasizing the birth and beginnings of the Church, transitional and dispensational programs, teaching concerning the Holy Spirit, biblical basis of missions and the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul, and the nature and form of the Christian Church in its early development.

Proverbs [BI343]**Mike Weston**

This course is designed to help the student study, understand, apply, and communicate the book of Proverbs. The course will focus on the unique interpretation issues of Proverbs and the concept of “wisdom” as presented in the book. The course will also include a “Spiritual Formation” element, with the intention of helping the student understand the need for spiritual wisdom and how to live in that wisdom.

Daniel and Revelation [BI447]**David Durst**

This course is a practical exposition of selected portions of the books of Daniel and Revelation. Presentation of the prophetic Scriptures and the person of Jesus Christ with doctrinal and eschatological features are emphasized.

The Church’s Ministry [EM200]**CSU Staff**

This course is a study of God’s corporate purpose for and design of the Church. Special attention is given to the value and necessity of edification and outreach being accomplished through a community of saints. The Church’s activity in education, worship, fellowship, evangelism, and missions is considered.

The Family Life of the Ministry Leader [EM412]**Dr. Dwight Peterson**

This course teaches that a ministry leader must first exercise that leadership at home. This course is designed to lead students in a consideration of biblical principles concerning the family, especially as it relates to God’s expectations for the ministry leader. Students will be helped in formulating approaches for carrying out their own responsibilities and for helping others understand and pursue godly relationships in their homes.

Academic and Researched Writing [EN121]**Britney Sewall**

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History of Western Civilization & Thought I [HI111]**Jessica Preusser**

Get an introduction to the seminal events, ideas, thinkers, and works of our Western civilization. The primary means of investigation will be direct interaction with poetic, philosophic, and historical texts in the light of divine revelation granted in Scripture. Underlying ideas, which influence deeds, will be the focus in the examination of the flow of history and thought from the creation account in Genesis through the Greco-Roman World to the beginning of the Modern Era (approximately 1600).

American History I [HI205]**David Muse**

This course is a survey of United States history from pre-Colonial times through the Reconstruction Era of 1877. Special attention is focused on the social, intellectual, and cultural threads of American history.

Living Well [HP101]**Sherrie Holloway**

Gain a better understanding of the mechanics and components of fitness and wellness as it relates to the biblical principle of body stewardship. The intent of this course is to help each student realize and practice the value and role of wellness on a philosophical, physiological, psychological and personal level.

American Literature I [LI221C]**CSU Staff**

This course provides a chronological, historically relevant, thematic study of the social, political, philosophical, and religious ideas that sparked the poetic imagination of the early American writer. This is a writing-intensive course that requires reading, discussion, writing, and critical thinking. It reviews the development of American thought as it is revealed in the great works of American literature from the Puritan period to the Civil War (1600–1850).

Cultural Anthropology [MI315]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

This course is a study of culture, customs, moral codes, social institutions, languages, arts, religions and industries of world's people in order to give the student a better understanding of the social science of Anthropology along with skills and abilities to reach the people with whom he/she will labor.

Missional Theology and Church Planting [MI401]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

Trace the biblical-theological nature, practice, and mission of the church. Primary attention is given to the key biblical texts and how those texts fit together, which in turn inform each of these aspects. Implications will be drawn for Christian life and ministry in the church as well as for planting fresh expressions of the church.

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Pastoral Counseling [PA442]**Dr. Donald McCall**

This course focuses on helping the student to understand the fundamental causes of the deep personal struggles people are experiencing in our homes, churches, and society, and then, to equip the student with the necessary skills and materials to effectively bring about life change. Recognition of the place of truth, the preeminence of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit in the healing process will be central to the dynamic of this emphasis.

Walking/Jogging [PE115]**Sherrie Holloway**

Activities course, one credit.

General Psychology [PS100]**Faye Moore**

Get an introduction to the field of psychology as a scientific discipline concerned with the study of behavior and cognitive processes. Included is a survey of fields such as biological bases of behavior, sensation and perception, learning, motivation and emotion, cognition, development, personality, intelligence, social behavior, abnormal behavior, and counseling.

Understanding and Treating Addiction [PS117]**Christina Crain**

This course is an overview of substance and behavioral addictions with leading focuses on treatment. The student will explore biological, neuropsychological, social, and spiritual and Eco systematic influences and concerns related to helping those struggling with addiction.

Introduction to Counseling [PS203]**Kayla Vine**

Study counseling theories and practices which apply to all people-related professions. A biblical counseling model covering intake to termination of a counseling relationship is presented.

Child and Adolescent Development [PS204]**Jeanna LaCava**

This course is an exploration of the physiological, social, cognitive and spiritual development of children. Consideration is made of the implications of family systems and cultural diversity. Special emphasis is placed on facilitation of this development in educational and counseling contexts.

Abnormal Psychology [PS303]**Teresa Kiser**

This course is a study of mental and behavioral pathology including possible causes, symptoms, and methods of remediation for given disorders. A survey of diagnostic classification systems and preventive measures with attention to cultural and philosophical factors is included.

Women Counseling Women [PS304]**Dr. Lynelle Buchanan**

This course is designed to develop the student's ability to provide biblical counsel relevant to issues facing women today. The student will assess the interaction of cultural influences and biblical principles and how that has an impact on growth and discipleship in women. Discussion will center on how one's spiritual heart condition influences one's ability to counsel and to be counseled.

Physical Science Survey [SC200]**Dr. Jonathan Henry**

An Introduction to the fundamentals of matter and energy, emphasizing the Biblical teaching of a literal six-day creation for interpreting scientific data.

Building a Biblical Lifestyle [TH120]**Dr. Dwight Peterson**

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Senior Seminar [TH480]**Theodore Boykin**

This course serves as (a capstone) a comprehensive review of the biblical, theological, and worldview components of the biblical studies curriculum. It will include a review of hermeneutics and of the biblical meta-narrative, which provides the framework from which all the university's biblical studies courses are developed. It will also include a theological review and oral examination based on the university's (Baptist, Separatist, and Dispensational) theological and ecclesiastical positions. Prerequisites: TH211, TH308.

Youth Ministry Philosophy [YM301]**Dr. Dwight Peterson**

This course is designed to help students establish a biblical foundational philosophy for ministering to youth and to introduce students to basic skills and competencies necessary for effective youth ministry in any culture. Emphasis will be placed on understanding non-negotiable biblical principles, exploration of characteristics unique to youth and youth culture, and applying ministry principles to the specific needs of adolescents.

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Principles of Economics [BA105]

Todd Jones

This course presents a survey of basic micro and macro-economic principles and concepts. Reviews the economic dynamics of market forces affecting competition, different economic systems, the role of government in the economy, and economic aspects of international trade. Discusses the labor market, interest rates and the supply of money, and the performance of a national economy. Examines the use of economics in business decisions, considering such principles as opportunity costs, diminishing returns, and the marginal principle.

Introduction to Management Information Systems [BA203]

Joshua Ellis

This course provides an overview of the role of management information systems in management, including information technology related business initiatives, electronic commerce, database development and analysis, data security, and emerging trends and technologies. These concepts are critical to gaining a competitive edge in today's global economy.

Non-profit Administration [BA322]

Dr. David Ober

This course will examine nonprofit organizations in the context of the nonprofit sector, especially related to nonprofit ministries. The course will focus on various aspects of nonprofit entities including the nonprofit sectors, strategic planning, legal framework, resource development, values and ethics, marketing and communication, and financial and volunteer management.

Entrepreneurship [BA405]

Todd Jones

This course overviews the fundamental principles and processes of the establishment of new ventures and the management of small firms. Student teams will create a business plan from scratch and defend its financial viability. Prerequisites: BA301, BA303, BA306.

Internship Seminar [BA480]

Dr. David Ober

This course for the business administration degree is designed to assist students prepare for internship and ultimately the workforce. Career assessment, resume preparation, and interviewing techniques are part of this course. Prerequisite: instructor permission.

Business Internship [BA485]

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This culminating course is designed for business administration degree students to gain valuable experience with on-the-job training in real-world vocational and/or ministry settings. The internship will complete the students' total academic preparation for their profession by allowing them to apply classroom knowledge in actual work situations. Prerequisite: BA480.

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Deuteronomy [BI305]

Herbert Boutilier

This course will study the Old Testament Pentateuch book, Deuteronomy. Authorship, date, historical context, content, and theme of the book will be analyzed.

Genesis [BI340]

Dr. Richard VanHeukelum

This course examines the historical, theological, and prophetic themes of Genesis, matters relating to the origins of the human race and of Israel, a section-by-section exposition, including close analysis of selected passages and themes, and application of principles to contemporary life.

Matthew [BI445]**Thomas Hutchinson**

This course is a careful analysis of the book in light of its use of many Old Testament prophecies of Israel's Messiah and His kingdom as well as how Matthew presents Jesus Christ as the literal fulfillment of those prophecies.

Educational Ministry of the Church [EM421]**CSU Staff**

This course studies the practical leadership of the educational agencies available in a local church, including philosophy, background, objectives, personnel, preparation, and evaluation techniques of local church educational agencies.

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Writing Across the Disciplines [EN122]**Britney Sewall**

This writing course presents an overview of reading, discussion, and writing throughout various academic disciplines. The coursework seeks to strengthen reading and writing skills and establishes connections among biblical studies, psychology, literature, and other areas of the humanities.

Business Communication [EN313]**Rebekah King**

This course will introduce the student to informal and formal forms of communication along with a concise and clear language structure used in most organizations. The student will be introduced to various forms of communication, such as emails, blogs, content management, formal letters, memos and agendas.

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Worldviews: Humanities and Science [PH206]**Scott Hicks**

Take an interdisciplinary examination of worldviews with the humanities with an emphasis on the role of science. Look at modern science through the lenses of history, philosophy, religion and popular culture to understand the nature of science and its proper place in our lives.

General Psychology [PS100]**Faye Moore**

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Substance Addictions [PS227]**Christina Crain**

An overview of substance dependency and chemical addictions with leading focuses on assessment and treatment. The student will explore various categorical defining chemical dependency and social trends in addressing substance related disorders. With a focus on biblical worldview, students will explore competing arguments for addressing social concerns related to substance addictions.

Adult Development [PS307]**Jeanna LaCava**

A study of human biological, sociological, and psychological development from early adulthood through senescence. Emphasis is given to the physiological, cognitive, social and spiritual developmental processes.

Dynamics of Discipleship [PS310]**Dr. Dwight Peterson**

As Christians, we are called to become like Jesus. That involves becoming followers in His way, and participants in His mission in the world. Discipleship, in all of its variances, is about helping people become more like Jesus. This course will focus on facilitating the discovery of what is involved in assisting people to become more like Jesus.

Ethics and Professionalism [PS313]**Teresa Kiser**

This course is an orientation to the fields and professions in the arenas of counseling and psychology and a review of legal and ethical issues relevant to counseling activities. Consideration is given to licensure and certification issues as well as continuing education.

Social Psychology [PS453]**Kayla Vine**

This course is a study of the influence of social forces and interaction on human behavior. The effects of social class, mass media and group membership upon attitude formation are considered, as well as the role of self-presentation strategies in indicating credibility. Students will complete a social psychological quasi experiment and present a poster session.

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Full Semester Online Courses

Theological Foundations of Justice and Restoration [CJ211]

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This course is designed to lay the groundwork for understanding the biblical foundations of justice and its roots in the Judeo-Christian Ethic. The topic of justice will be addressed from a perspective of God's revealed heart for the oppressed and afflicted. This will elucidate the relationship between our Christian call to discipleship and ministry in criminal justice applications.

Criminal Law [CJ403]

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An involved philosophical analysis of criminal law principles and concepts focusing on both the procedural aspects and the substantive elements of the various crimes, criminal court decisions, and the practical application of such principles and concepts in the courtroom.

Criminal Procedures [CJ416]

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This course is a study of law regulating the criminal processes, policies, and procedures in the investigation, prosecution, and verdicts regarding criminal behavior. State and Federal agencies and processes and court systems will be considered.

Elements of Greek - 1 [NT502]

Dr. Wayne Slusser

Elements of Greek is an introductory course covering the basic aspects of New Testament Greek grammar. The course is designed to prepare the student to read the Greek New Testament through a mastery of Greek vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. Part two of this course is offered in a consecutive semester.

Elements of Hebrew - 1 [OT502]

Dr. Mark McGinniss

Elements of Hebrew courses examine the basic principles of the sounds, forms, and grammar of biblical Hebrew. Selected passages from the Hebrew Bible are translated and analyzed. Part two of this course is offered in a consecutive semester.

Senior Portfolio [PS480]

Dr. Lynelle Buchanan

A capstone course that collects and refines key assignments and achievements from the counseling program.

Physiological Psychology [SC231]

Peggy Wright

Study the Nervous System as it relates to psychology including neural structure and function, pathology, and psychopharmacology. Students will apply this knowledge in the field of counseling including evaluating research, describing drug interaction, and identifying potential physiological causes for psychological symptoms.

View course descriptions and other information in the [Clarks Summit University Catalog](#). [on CSU website]

Contact Information

For questions and help enrolling in CSU/BBS online courses, contact the admissions department:

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Dr. Ken Pyne (seminary)
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Interpretation of Psalms [BI512]

Herbert Boutilier

This course is an introductory exploration of the major literary categories in the book of Psalms. The student will focus on understanding selected psalms based on their genre and authorial intent. The theological message of the psalm and its contribution to the spiritual growth of the student as an individual and in the body of Christ will also be examined.

Biblical Theology of Counseling [CO502]

Dr. Gary Hardin

This course covers the centrality of the Bible in its relationship to biblical counseling, student development of a theology of counseling with respect to counseling philosophy and methodology, and the church's role in counseling from the perspective of pastors and non-clergy.

Evaluating Research [CO519]

Dr. Barry Smith

This course is an introduction to research methods and statistics. Students will demonstrate an understanding of how to critically evaluate quantitative and qualitative research.

Counseling Interventions for Women [CO561]

Dr. Lynelle Buchanan

This course explores the myriad of developmental, relational, and spiritual issues that women navigate across the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on strength of identity, fulfilling purpose, and finding joy in living to the fullness of design. Aimed at helping professionals, the course's topics will include appropriate assessment of women, treatment planning, and the building of supportive relationships.

Ethnicity and Counseling [CO565]

Dr. Keith Marlett

This course is a study of the ethnic and multicultural influences that contribute to the development of individual identity in our society along with consideration of the relevant implications for counseling in an ethnically diverse society.

Understanding and Treating Addictions [CO617]

Christina Crain

An overview of substance and behavioral addictions with leading focuses on treatment. The student will explore biological, neuropsychological, social, spiritual, and Eco-systematic influences and concerns related to helping those struggling with addictions.

Principles and Methods of Teaching and Learning [ED560]

Dr. Caroline Burleigh

This course assists the classroom teacher in understanding the learner as well as developing characteristics of excellence through a study of teaching and learning styles and methods coupled with the elements of effective teaching. Active involvement in the total teaching/learning process is included as instructional principles, methods, and skills are enhanced for effective classroom instruction.

Public Relations and Development [ED5583]

Dr. Ritchie Kelley

This course examines the nature and scope of public relations and development for educational institutions, including public relations, student recruitment, development processes, fund raising, endowments, and management of these activities. General principles for oversight and coordination of these areas will be examined.

Principles of Literary Criticism [LI512]

Dr. Janet Hicks

This course in literary criticism deals with the philosophies, systems, and patterns by which literature is studied. The focus of the course is to understand how to work with literary text within its literal, grammatical, cultural/ historical context in order to determine authorial intent. Works that lay the foundation for literary criticism will be examined and several stellar literary texts will be evaluated.

Survey of Doctrine [TH517]**Allen Mickle**

This course is an overview of the ten major theologies of the Bible. Examination of the major issues behind Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, Angelology, Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology will be conducted in a systematic approach.

The Church and Baptist Distinctives [TH522]**Dr. Don Done**

Students in this course will understand God's design for the nature and mission of the Church in the world. As to the nature of the Church, students will analyze the tensions that exist between various views in Christendom concerning the relationship of Israel and the Church, global versus local aspects of church, church government, leadership, the practice of baptism and communion, and church discipline. Students will resolve these tensions by a methodologically sound approach to Scripture rather than tradition or contemporary culture. As to the mission of the Church, the student will understand a broadly based and biblical rationale for social responsibility on the part of the churches and Christians. They will exhibit the priority of the gospel of eternal life through Christ.

Dynamics of Spiritual Growth [TH524]**Dr. Gregory Gifford**

This course is a study of biblical texts concerning sanctification and discipleship along with practical implementation through spiritual disciplines. Emphasis will be made on application to the student's personal and ministry life.

Graduate Online Session 2 | October 19—December 11**Inductive Bible Study [BI510]****Diane Lytle**

This course is an introduction to the inductive Bible study method and its use with different genres of Scripture such as narrative, history, wisdom literature, epistles, and prophecy. The student will complete practical assignments using the three steps of observation, interpretation, and application, and will interact with the professor and other students in accurately evaluating their findings.

Interpretation of Song of Songs [BI513]**Mike Weston**

This course is a history of interpretation, the poetry, the theological message of the Song of Songs and its relevance for the church today. The student will seek to understand the poetic language, theology and the rhetorical devices the biblical author employed to communicate this divinely inspired message of love and desire. An investigation of the connection between sexuality and theology will also be pursued.

Biblical Philosophy of Counseling [CO506]**Dr. Keith Marlett**

This course covers student formulation and articulation of a personal philosophy of biblical counseling with emphasis on the Scripture's sufficiency in meeting human needs. Students will analyze various Christian counselors and philosophies toward biblical counseling and historical perspectives relative to contemporary issues in counseling.

Human Development [CO530]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

Explore lifespan learning and development with respect to human personality formation. Developmental processes and adjustment functions within cultural contexts will be covered. Explore interplay between human development, personality formation, and the role of learning in formulating life constructs.

Marriage and Family Counseling [CO539]**Dr. Gary Hardin**

In this course, students will learn to develop a biblical/theological template for working with marriages and families. Both theory and techniques of a systemic approach to marriage and family counseling are presented. The course introduces students to the classical and modern theoretical therapeutic models for marriage and family counseling.

Substance Addiction [CO627]**Christina Crain**

An overview of substance dependency and chemical addictions with leading focuses on assessment and treatment. The student will explore various categories defining chemical dependency and social trends in addressing substance related disorders. With a focus on a biblical worldview, students will explore competing arguments for addressing social concerns related to substance addictions.

Human Sexuality [CO630]**Dr. Lynelle Buchanan**

This course explores sexuality from physiological, social, and spiritual perspectives. Healthy functioning and remediation for dysfunction will be considered. The influence of a biblical worldview will be foundational to the topic.

Development of Curriculum [ED520]**Dr. Janet Hicks**

This course will present the philosophical and application factors affecting curriculum development. Students will develop a personal philosophy of curriculum and learn how to evaluate and develop curriculum models and lesson plans. Procedures for development, implementation, and evaluation of an effective curriculum in an educational setting will be discussed.

Contemporary Issues in Education [ED550]**Dr. Ritchie Kelley**

Examine current information and research pertaining to issues of importance to educators. The implications of these issues for the field of education and the Christian school movement will be discussed.

Dramatic Genre [LI518]**Dr. Janet Hicks**

This course explores the history and structure of main genres of dramatic literature: tragic plays, comedic plays, and dramatic poetry. It seeks out historical context, structure, rhetorical strategy, and thematic intent found in the selections from each type of dramatic literature.

Leadership [MM501]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

This course is a study of the foundational concepts and practices of leadership, and will take place in a ministry context of the student's choosing. The course will combine the study of leadership theory and principles with a carefully mentored experience-based application and practice of leadership. The experiences will be assessed for effectiveness within the ministry context, and the student will be evaluated for growth in knowledge, application, and practice of leadership.

How to Develop a Biblical Worldview [TH511]**Dr. Don Done**

This course is a presentation of the basic steps for building a Christian worldview that is true to the Bible. The student will be guided through the process of building a biblical worldview using case studies at various levels of doing theology: exegesis and biblical theology, linking from one passage to another in the Scriptures, categorizing all of the biblical data on various themes, validating extra-biblical truth claims, and applying biblical teaching to all of life.

Graduate Online Full Semester Courses**Supervised Counseling Practicum [CO583]****Dr. Heather Fornes**

This course is a supervised experience in which the student participates in providing counseling services under the direction of a qualified supervisor and maintains logs documenting participation experiences. Professional development acquired from on-site supervision, clinical supervision from the course instructor, and peer interaction in the classroom context. Prerequisites: All Bible/Theology and Counseling/Psychology admission prerequisites; courses including CO502, CO506, CO508, CO520, CO535, CO542, CO550; completed or concurrently taking CO504 or CO544; and permission from the counseling program director and the practicum course professor.

Thesis in American Literary Studies [LI535]**CSU Staff**

This thesis project is designed for the student, upon advisor approval, to thoroughly study one-time arena or author pivotal to American literary thought. A thesis will be written that generates an idea or influence found in the time arena of thoughts or author's works.

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Principles of Biblical Interpretation [BI604]

Dr. Kenneth Pyne

This course is designed to expose the student to the historical background and development of hermeneutical principle. A particular emphasis will be given to help the student develop the biblical principles and patterns that are the proper foundation for interpreting the Scriptures.

Studies in the Song of Songs [BI820]

Dr. Mark McGinniss

This course is designed to introduce students to the history of interpretation, the poetry and the theological message of the Song of Songs. This course seeks to help the student understand the poetic language, theology and the rhetorical devices the biblical author employed to communicate this divinely inspired message of love and desire so he is able to articulate the relevance of this book for the church today. This course will also investigate the connection between sexuality and theology.

Biblical Spirituality for the Ministry Leader [D851]

Dr. David Mappes

This course provides interaction and analysis of the current views of Christian spirituality and competing models of sanctification in advancing the non-contemplative view of biblical spirituality. Students will engage key biblical texts in order to develop a biblical theology of spirituality and sanctification in light of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, appraise the virtue model of spirituality in relationship to elder qualifications, and evaluate spiritual disciplines for growth in godliness at the personal and corporate level.

Foundations for Missional Church Planting [MI803]

Dr. Kenneth Davis

An introduction to church planting with primary emphasis on the biblical, theological and practical foundations for starting and multiplying new churches. Focus is on the goal of developing healthy, missional, culturally contextualized yet fully biblical congregations. Reproducible New Testament planting principles are examined. Also studied are the profile of an effective church planter, selecting church planting locations and using demographics. An essential course for pastors, missionaries and future church planters.

Exegesis of Mark [NT811]

Dr. Wayne Slusser

Exegesis of selected portions of the Gospel of Mark, emphasis will be placed on sight-reading of the text as well as detailed exposition of selected portions of the Gospel. Particular attention will be paid to the narrative structure of the book. The historical and cultural background of the text and its theological contributions will also be studied. **Prerequisite:** NT506

Exegesis of Genesis [OT818]

Dr. Mark McGinniss

This course is an exegesis of the first book in the Hebrew Bible, Genesis. Selected portions of Genesis will be translated, analyzed and studied in their historical, literary and theological contexts. Special attention will be given to the exposition of selected texts to a contemporary audience. **Prerequisites:** OT502, OT503 & OT600.

Training Ministries of the Church [PT500]

Dr. Dann Austin

This course addresses the need for pastors and missionaries to think through, prayerfully select, and know how to implement a comprehensive philosophy of training in the church. Emphasis will be placed on both the whys and hows of practical programs and methods for teaching children, youth, and adults to reproduce the faith in life and practice.

Contemporary Cultural Engagement [PT609]**Dr. Kenneth Davis**

This course examines the complexities our modern world raises with controversial cultural and moral questions that Christians are often not equipped to tackle. It explores challenging cultural issues in light of Scripture and a Christian worldview with the goal of helping church leaders respond effectively. Among the issues to be addressed are: Options for Christian cultural engagement; abortion and euthanasia; gender and sexuality (homosexuality, LGBT, etc.); ethnicity, racism and human trafficking; immigration and caring for the stranger in the land; poverty and materialism; stewardship of the environment; as well as politics, religious liberty, and global persecution. Attention is given to how the church and Christians can address these issues in secular, pluralistic and often post-Christian contexts. The capstone of the course is an overview of how Christian leaders should do “cultural exegesis” as well as “critical contextualization” for Christian ministry purposes.

Foundations of the Christian Faith [TH500]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

This course presents an introduction to four areas. First, the correct scope and method of doing theology is presented, including the definitions of Biblical and Systematic Theology. Second, the study of bibliology is covered, including a review of the doctrine of various aspects of revelation, the nature of the Bible as to its inspiration, inerrancy, authority, and clarity, and special issues such as canonicity and illumination. Third, the doctrine of God is surveyed, including God’s attributes, acts in history, and triune identity. Fourth, a brief introduction is given to the field of apologetics.

Studies in Evidential Apologetics [TH528]**David Gunn**

This course provides an overview of evidentialism within apologetics to feature the purpose and limitation of evidences used to sustain a gospel truth claim. Special attention is provided to how authors of Scripture used historical, experiential and literacy evidence(s) to provide justification for their truth claims.

Fall Session 2 | October 19—December 11**Exposition of Daniel / Revelation [BI501]****Dr. Kenneth Pyne**

The books of Daniel and Revelation will be surveyed for their historical and prophetic significance. Prophetic issues which coalesce between these premier Old Testament and New Testament statements concerning the eschaton will be given special attention. The specialized aspects of literary genre and hermeneutics which affect the interpretation of these books will be surveyed. The variety of interpretive approaches to the Book of Revelation will be highlighted.

Exposition of OT Narrative Literature [D873]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

The exposition of OT Narrative Literature is an exegetical and theological study of selected narrative sections of the OT. This course investigates the meaning, authorial intent, original purpose and significance of these divine books for a contemporary audience. The goal of the course is to deepen one’s exposition of this literature of the Old Testament.

Communicating the New Testament [GM612]**Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This course is designed to assist the student with the development and delivery of an expositional teaching of various New Testament literary genres. Attention is given to the organization, explanation, and application of the biblical context. A major component of the course involves the student implementing stages of the hermeneutical task such as: reading, diagramming, outlining, exegeting, and preparing manuscripts in order to communicate the meaning and significance of different types of New Testament texts. The goal is to deepen one’s exposition of the books of the New Testament.

Preparations for Missional Church Planting [MI804]**Dr. Kenneth Davis**

This course is designed to guide men and women in discovering their personal role in church planting and then takes them through the first stage (conception) as they prepare to start or assist in a new church. Practical topics covered: clarifying one’s call, assessing potential church planters, personal and family preparations, recruiting a prayer team, raising financial support, identifying a ministry focus group, clarifying vision and values, building a launch team, selecting a coach, avoiding common mistakes, etc. Students will develop a start-up strategy plan for an actual or potential church plant for North America or overseas. Recommended prerequisite: MI 803.

Introduction to Old Testament and OT Literature [OT500]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course surveys representative types of Old Testament literature for their distinctive characteristics, hermeneutical issues and selected critical issues pertaining to specific Old Testament books. This course shows special concern for the historical and literary context of the Old Testament texts and the influence of these factors in sound exposition of the Old Testament.

Pastoral Ministry Skills [PT510]**Dr. Kenneth Pyne**

Challenges students to develop culturally relevant practical skills necessary for effective pastoral ministry. The course focus is on the pastor's personal and family life, his biblical priorities and responsibilities. Topics include: pastoral care; officiating at baptisms, communion, weddings, funerals and other occasions; working with church staff; overseeing corporate finances, church administration, and leadership development; ministerial ethics; and other vital shepherding and equipping duties. This course is designed to help men called to ministry understand and begin developing ministry skill competencies. The course is designed to challenge students to view pastoral ministry in a way that is biblically based but culturally relevant – framing pastoral ministry that is anchored in the scriptures, but geared to the times. It will present an opportunity for students to explore pastoral questions and issues not previously covered in their seminary training. For students in the Pastoral Ministry Track only.

Preaching the New Testament [PT612]**Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This course is designed to assist the student with the development and delivery of an expositional teaching of various New Testament literary genres. Attention is given to the organization, explanation, and application of the biblical context. A major component of the course involves the student implementing stage of the hermeneutical task such as: reading, diagramming, outlining, exegeting, and preparing manuscripts in order to communicate the meaning and significance of different types of New Testament texts. The goal is to deepen one's exposition of the books of the New Testament.

The Theology and Practice of Family [PT800]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

The student will study the Biblical principles of spiritual activities in the home. It includes a study of roles and relationships in the family, establishing values, raising children to love and serve God, and the relationship between husband and wife. Wives may attend with husbands on a non-credit basis.

Christianity and Ethical Problems [TH802]**David Gunn**

An introduction to the principles, methods and topics of Christianity and ethical problems. The course will include a study of philosophical and biblical foundations of various ethical positions and how these philosophies have affected believers in both their study of ethical issues and the development of a biblical worldview. Specific application will be made to selected issues in personal, professional and social ethics. Emphasis will be placed upon practical application in personal life and in the Church.

Introduction to Apologetics [TH809]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

This course examines the biblical and philosophical basis for making a rational defense of the Christian faith. The apologetic approach of a number of apologists in the history of the church and in contemporary times will be studied in the light of biblical teaching. The course is designed to assist the student to communicate effectively the basis for his faith in an intellectually congruent manner. The intersection of the apologetic task with fields such as ethics, science, history, and archaeology will also be examined.

Fall Full Semester Seminary Online Courses**Analysis of Old Testament Books [BI2 / D871]****Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course facilitates the preparation of each OT book for analyses that are sensitive to the genres, Hebraic structural conventions and rhetorical conventions of the Old Testament as well as the historical, cultural, and geographical settings of the individual Old Testament books.

Elements of Greek – 1 [NT502]**Dr. Wayne Slusser**

Elements of Greek is an introductory course covering the basic aspects of New Testament Greek grammar. The course is designed to prepare the student to read the Greek New Testament through a mastery of Greek vocabulary, grammar, and syntax. Part two of this course is offered in a consecutive semester.

Elements of Hebrew – 1 [OT502]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

Elements of Hebrew courses examine the basic principles of the sounds, forms, and grammar of biblical Hebrew. Selected passages from the Hebrew Bible are translated and analyzed. Part two of this course is offered in a consecutive semester.

A Biblical Theology of Apologetics [TH707]**David Gunn**

Get an extensive examination of the biblical basis and theological underpinnings of the clarity, the knowability and authority of the Scripture in relationship to apologetics. Special attention is given to the how the Scripture authors themselves viewed the knowability and authority of their writings and how these authors anticipated their writings to serve as a foundational and transcultural basis for mission.

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