

Online Session 1 | January 11–March 5

Introduction to Humanities [AR210]

Dr. Darryl Meekins

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.

Principles of Marketing [BA303]

Todd Jones

This course introduces basic marketing principles and concepts, emphasizes the development of marketing strategy and the key components of the marketing mix, and highlights the integration of marketing with other functions in a business organization.

Pre-requisite: BA105

Business Internship [BA485]

Dr. David Ober

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*

Business Capstone [BA487]

David Bosket

This is the capstone course for the business program. It is designed to integrate the knowledge and techniques studied in other courses as a tool to examining the processes by which organizations formulate strategy, implement policy and evaluate outcomes in a competitive and global environment. The ethical implications of strategic choices are a key concern of this course. Integrative, analytical, and decision-making skills will be exercised through the use of case analyses and business games. *Prerequisites: BA301, BA303, BA304, BA485 (may be concurrent), and 7th semester standing*

Principles of Bible Study [BI100]

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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. Major dates, events, characters, theological passages and themes are studied from Genesis to Revelation.

Life of Christ [BI333]

Paul Crichton

This course is a study of the earthly life and ministry of Christ as revealed in the four Gospels. The study, which will place value on the harmony of the Gospels, will emphasize understanding that Jesus Christ was and is, what He did, and why such revelation is important.

Prison Epistles [BI337]

Dr. Donald McCall

This course is an exposition of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon designed to illustrate inductive Bible study, historical setting, and the manner in which these epistles fit into Paul's life.

Pre-Exilic Minor Prophets [BI443]**Nigel Black**

This course is a study of Divine origin and functions of the Old Testament prophets. There is careful analysis of selected Pre-Exilic Prophets; reconstruction of the religious and political conditions of the times in which the prophets ministered.

Effective Bible Teaching [EM303]**Dr. Donald McCall**

Develop your ability to teach the Bible effectively. Emphasis is placed on understanding the purpose of Bible teaching and the essential factors necessary to achieve that purpose. These factors include practical guidance in the areas of writing objectives, session planning, and other teaching skills.

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

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History of Western Civilization & Thought I [HI111]**Susan Cagley**

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 II [HI206]**David Muse**

Survey the history of the United States from the end of the Reconstruction Era (1877) to the present. 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.

Exercise and Nutrition [HP422]**Sherrie Holloway**

This course seeks to investigate the foundational content areas of exercise and nutrition and help the student apply them in the realms of sports and performance. Areas of healthy living will be explored both individually and in interactive formats to provide students with both general application tools as well as personal feedback.

American Literature II [LI222C]**Carleigh Smith**

Survey three major literary movements that have occurred since the Civil War: Realism, Modernism, and Postmodernism. Examine the development of American thought revealed in these great works. This writing-intensive course requires reading, discussion, and critical thinking. Readings will center on primary works and writing assignments will predominantly consist of literary analysis.

Leadership [MM301]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

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The Personal Life of the Ministry Leader [PA311]**Dr. Donald McCall**

This course is based on the fact that those who would be ministry leaders within the church of Jesus Christ are called upon to be examples of the believers in all aspects of life. This course is intended to help students explore God's expectations for leaders in relation to personal discipline, integrity, relationships and financial prudence. You will be given opportunity to evaluate yourself and develop a plan for personal character development.

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]**CSU Staff**

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.

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.

Behavioral Addictions [PS219]**Christina Crain**

Take 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.

Women Counseling Women [PS304]**Faye Moore**

Develop your ability to provide biblical counsel relevant to issues facing women today. 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.

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.

Personality Theory [PS451]**Teresa Kiser**

Personality Theory is an exploration of major theories regarding the development, structure, and dynamics of human personality. The student will complete extensive self-assessment of his or her own design and personality and learn to more effectively understand and interact with others.

Earth Science Survey [SC202]**Dr. Jonathan Henry**

Study of the fundamentals of geology and astronomy, emphasizing the biblical teaching of a literal six-day creation and a universal flood for interpreting scientific data.

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

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Theology Survey [TH211]**Joshua Littler**

Survey eight of the major divisions of theology—the doctrines of the Bible, God, Christ, Holy Spirit, Man, Sin, Salvation and Angels (includes Satan and demons).

Theology Distinctives [TH308]**James Buchanan**

Study the theological distinctives of this school in the doctrines of the Church (ecclesiology), Last Things, and Separation (both personal and ecclesiastical).

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 and TH308

Youth Ministry Strategy [YM302]**Dr. Dwight Peterson**

This course is designed to introduce students to practical competencies and skills for the effective development and use of a wide range of programming as tools for accomplishing biblical ministry objectives.

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Financial Accounting II [BA212]**Rebekah King**

The second of two accounting courses, this course continues the introduction to the collection, recording, summarization and interpretation of accounting data. Learn the liabilities and equity section of the balance sheet. Topics include accrual-based accounting, liabilities, equity, statement of cash flows and financial statement analysis. *Prerequisite: BA211*

Management and Organization [BA301]**Richard Cramer**

Take a survey of fundamental management concepts and techniques. This course highlights the development of management principles and their integration into contemporary management theory. Emphasis is placed on the role and the primary functions of the manager, as well as the skills and techniques used to perform these functions.

Business Law and Ethics [BA403]**Todd Jones**

Examine both micro and macro business ethics from a philosophic and theological perspective. The course will also provide a foundational overview of various business law essentials, such as an introduction to law and contracts, business and technology, real property, wills and trusts. Particular attention is paid to the application of differing legal and ethical frameworks and various principles to work-related challenges in contemporary organization.

Advertising and Sales Promotion Management [BA411]**CSU Staff**

Take a survey of the principles of advertising and sales promotion management as critical components of marketing. Gain an overview of the use and integration of various advertising techniques and the relative advantages of different media. You will also review the social significance of advertising and sales promotions, ethical considerations and how advertising and sales promotions influence consumer behavior. *Pre-requisite: BA303*

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Gospel of John [BI334]**Diane Lytle**

This course is an expositional study of the fourth Gospel emphasizing its literal, grammatical, historical context; the development of John's argument; key themes and doctrine; and a critical examination of problem passages.

Isaiah [BI342]**Rexford Fisher**

This course is a study of the nature and function of Old Testament prophecy, the historical setting of the book, special introductory problems, and a survey of the entire book. Detailed study is given to selected passages in Isaiah.

Hebrews [BI446]**Thomas Hutchinson**

This course makes an analysis of the epistle to the Hebrews in light of the people to whom it was written and the reason for which it was written. Contrasts between Christianity and Judaism are emphasized.

Introduction to Criminal Justice [CJ214]**Paul Phelan**

This course will explore the history and function of criminal justice in society. Current events and issues will be considered, including the role of law, enforcement of that law, judicial processes, and correctional strategies. The class will also consider implications for future trends in the criminal justice both in the United States and abroad.

The Church's Ministry [EM200]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

Study 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.

Women in Christian Ministries [EM332]**Diane Lytle**

As a Christian woman, this course will equip and encourage you to fulfill your ministry in the various roles and settings in which God has placed you during the different stages of your life. The course will give attention to a biblical philosophy of women in ministry in the home, workplace, local church, parachurch organizations and society.

Foundations of Ministry Leadership [EM413]**Dr. William Higley**

This course teaches that there is a great deal of profitable theory related to leadership. Leading a group of God's people toward the accomplishment of the mission He has given them requires a clear understanding of principles of spiritual leadership. This course will take you into an exploration of the practicalities of administration and management surrounded by and built on the foundation of an understanding of biblical servant/shepherd leadership.

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History of Western Civilization and Thought II [HI112]**Jessica Preusser**

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Expository Preaching [PA412]**Dr. Donald McCall**

This course focuses on expository preaching, a method of sermon development which expounds a biblical text in an accurate and effective manner. This course is designed to equip you in the preparation of expository sermons. To develop proficiency as an expositor, you will learn the process of moving from analysis of the text through exegesis to a sermon structure which communicates truth to contemporary minds.

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Abnormal Psychology [PS303]**Christina Crain**

Study 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.

Psychology of Learning and Education [PS308]**Marilyn Luster**

Get an introduction to the concepts of psychology which relate to the learning process. Among the topics considered are learning theories and their applications, characteristics of students and teachers, learning and teaching styles and exceptional children.

Marriage and Family Dynamics [PS414]**James Buchanan**

Study both ineffective and effective marital and family relating patterns. You will be introduced to a variety of counseling approaches for group intervention. You will also be equipped with a biblical model for working with couples and families.

Tests and Measurements [PS454]**Kayla Vine**

Take an introduction to personality, psychological and intellectual assessment instruments. Statistical concepts and techniques are introduced, such as measures of central tendency and dispersion, normal probability curve and descriptive and inferential statistical procedures.

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

Get an introduction to the fundamentals of matter and energy, emphasizing the biblical teaching of a literal six-day creation for interpreting scientific data.

Marine Biology and Ecology [SC254]**Peggy Wright**

Get an overview of the marine environment. Basic scientific principles will be applied to the study of marine organisms and their diverse ecosystems.

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

Contact Information

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Interpretations of the Gospels: John [BI531]

Diane Lytle

This course is an expositional study of the fourth Gospel emphasizing its literal, grammatical, historical context; the development of John's argument; key themes and doctrine; and a critical examination of problem passages.

Principles of Bible Teaching [BI550]

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This course is a practical overview of the purpose of Bible teaching and essential factors for achieving that purpose. Through interaction with expert sources and fellow teachers, the student will understand the distinctiveness of Bible teaching and develop practical skills for effectively and creatively communicating God's Word to learners. As a result, the student will be able to design appropriate Bible sessions for any age group.

Biblical Theology of Counseling [CO502]

Dr. Keith Marlett

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.

Methods of Biblical Change [CO508]

James Buchanan

This course covers elements for effective relationship-building between counselor and counselee, the process of affecting behavioral, attitudinal, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual heart change in counselees' lives, and elements of spiritual dynamics, grace accountability, and follow-up in their relationship to affecting biblical change in counselees' lives.

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.

Theories and Techniques in Counseling [CO520]

Dr. Gary Hardin

This course is an analysis of a broad range of theories in counseling. The nature of the counseling relationship and techniques used in promoting counselee change, and role and practice of the professional counselor will be taught.

Abnormal Behavior [CO540]

Dr. Heather Fornes

An in-depth examination of causes, classifications, referral procedures, and intervention strategies relating to character, personality, cognitive, and affective disturbances. The student will gain a working knowledge of the DSM.

Psychology of Grief and Bereavement [CO549]

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This course focuses on how people move toward restoration after bereavement and other significant losses. It provides a review of historical developments in this area and the current theoretical/empirical status of the psychology of grief and bereavement. Given the critical existential dimension for many grievers, themes related to meaning making, personal growth, and faith are addressed in some depth. Overall, this course will increase your knowledge of the multifaceted nature of coping with loss and provide general instruction for working with different types of persons struggling with grief issues.

Supervised Counseling Practicum [CO580] [CO581] [CO582]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

This course is a superintended 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. *Prerequisite: All Bible/Theology and Counseling/Psychology admission prerequisites, courses include CO502, CO506, CO508, CO520, CO535, and CO542, CO550 Completed or concurrently taking CO504 or CO544. Permission from the counseling program director and the practicum course professor.*

Supervised Counseling Internship [CO590]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

This course is an advanced-level experience in which the student performs extensive professional counseling functions under the guidance of an approved supervisor and maintains logs documenting participation experiences. *Prerequisite: completion of all required courses and permission of instructor, passing written and oral comprehensive exams.*

Comprehensive Written Exam [CO595]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

This course is the written portion of the comprehensive examination consisting of multiple-choice questions over the course material from the required professional counseling courses. The examination is similar in nature and preparatory in function to the National Board of Certified Counselors' (NBCC) National Certification Examination (NCE). *Prerequisite: completion of all required MSC program courses and permission of instructor.*

Comprehensive Oral Exam [CO597]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

The oral portion of the comprehensive examination reviews the major tenets from the required counseling courses in the MSC curriculum. Emphasis in the oral examination is given to philosophy, methodology, and expressed counseling skills. *Prerequisite: completion of all required MSC program courses and permission of instructor.*

Behavioral Addictions [CO619]**Joseph Williams**

An overview of behavior addictions focused on assessment, treatment, and biblical applications for the counseling room. The student will discover the complex needs that society and the church face when supporting those struggling with a behavior addiction. Students will be asked to engage in high-level discussion to explore the many conflicts related to worldview, treatment theories, and techniques in the area of treating behavioral addictions.

The Philosophic Base of Education [ED500]**Dr. James Lytle**

Investigate the historical foundations of education through its many phases and periods with careful analysis of each school of philosophy in light of a Christian philosophy of education. Emphasis upon the historical, philosophical, social, international, and political events that have shaped American education. Special attention given to development of a consistent Biblical philosophy of education.

Advanced Curriculum Design [ED529]**Dr. Janet Hicks**

This course is designed to present and evaluate models of curriculum design that will enable curriculum leaders to assist faculty in curriculum evaluation, curriculum writing, and curriculum revision. Emphasis will be placed on interaction among curriculum, integration, instruction, and assessment activities.

Educational Administration [ED580]**Matthew Pollock**

This is a study of the philosophical and practical models of leadership, management, and organization in a school setting. Various organizational forms of Christian schools will be examined with an emphasis on the administrative processes involved in each of them. The role and responsibilities of the effective school board will be analyzed.

Advanced Expository and Criticism [EN507]**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.

Thesis in American Literary Studies [LI535]**Dr. Janet Hicks**

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.

Strategic Planning [MM505]**Dr. Darryl Meekins**

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Christology [TH516]

Daniel Wiley

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Survey of Doctrine [TH517]

Dr. David Mappes

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.

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

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Online Session 2 | March 8–April 30**An Interpretation of Hebrews [BI508]****Dr. David Durst**

This course is an analysis of the content of this general epistle in light of its main themes: the superiority of Christ as high priest and sacrifice, correlation of the Old and New Testaments, and the potential apostasy of the New Testament audience. The student will analyze the paragraph content and flow of the argument while answering theological questions raised by the application of the themes to the text.

Career Counseling [CO532]**Dr. Lynelle Buchanan**

A survey of developmental theories, decision-making paradigms, and principles for vocational guidance. Factors involving choice of colleges and/or other educational options as they relate to career planning, and information service tools as they relate to the career counseling process are included.

Ethics & Professional Orientation to Counseling [CO550]**Dr. Gary Hardin**

An investigation of legal, ethical, and moral issues germane to professional counseling, as well as credentials and professionalism, affiliation, professional membership, licensure, and certification. Malpractice and legal responsibilities in relationship to counselor trainees and professional counselors is covered.

Spiritual Interventions in Counseling [CO584]**Dr. Heather Fornes**

A survey of Biblical and theological issues commonly encountered in faith-based therapy. An application of a Biblical world view in getting to the core of the counselee's problems and fostering transformative change. Specific application of a faith-based model to the lives of counselors and clients will be explored. Students will be asked to deeply examine their own spiritual beliefs and their contribution to healthy functioning as a person of faith and as a counselor

Evaluation and Consultation of Mental and Mood Disorders [CO701]**CSU Staff**

An understanding of mental and emotional disorders with evaluation and consultation. The classification systems of mental and emotional disorders are studied with emphasis on symptomatology, etiology, and implications for treatment modalities with special emphasis given to the understanding of the DMS 5. This course prepares counselors to work within the framework of state licensure and Christian counseling while being spiritually sensitive and culturally competent when offering consultation.

Philosophy of Learning [ED506]**Dr. Ritchie Kelley**

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Instructional Design [ED548]**Dr. Ritchie Kelley**

This course provides an overview of the theoretical and practical framework for creating effective instruction. Topics include instructional systems, instructional outcomes, varieties of learning, designing instruction, and delivery systems for instruction. Emphasis will be on determining goals, identifying appropriate resources and strategies to reach those goals, and evaluating the ultimate achievement of the goals. In addition, student involvement in the instructional development process will be emphasized.

Writing Practicum [ED569]**Teresa Ingalls**

This course is an exploration of theory, research, and practice related to the educator as an academic and professional writer. Study of the writer's craft, including issues of voice, audience, revision, conventions and style, and editing provide the main focus.

Women in Ministry [EM532]

Diane Lytle

This course will equip and encourage Christian women to fulfill their ministry in the various roles and settings in which God has placed them during the different stages of their lives. The course will give attention to a biblical worldview of women in ministry in the home, workplace, local church, parachurch organizations, and society.

Narrative Genre [LI517]

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Online Course Schedule

Spring 2021

[Dates noted in Schedule]

Online Session 1 | January 11–March 5

Studies in Minor Prophets [BI802]

Dr. Mark McGinniss

Selected Minor Prophets will be studied from the perspective of their historical background and the manner in which their content and structure develop theological emphasis. Attention will also be given to the question of the appropriate use of the Minor Prophets in preaching.

Launching and Growing a Missional Church [MI821]

Kenneth Davis

Get a practical study of the remaining four stages of the church planting process: pre-natal development, birth, growth to maturity and reproduction. The focus is on the steps vital to planting a healthy church capable of reproducing. The course covers contextualizing evangelism; gathering a committed core group; preparing for a dynamic grand opening; designing a marketing strategy; organizing small groups; assimilation of newcomers; administrative, legal and financial issues; and planning for parenthood. You will design a leadership-development plan for an actual or potential church plant in North America or overseas. *Prerequisite: MI804*

Introduction to New Testament & NT Literature [NT501]

Dr. Wayne Slusser

Examine selected representative types of New Testament literature from the perspective of their characteristics and hermeneutical issues peculiar to each. Attention will be given to the importance of approaching each with an Old Testament orientation. Selected critical problems of the New Testament text will also be considered.

Church Counseling [PT503]

Dr. Keith Marlett

Churches have a tremendous opportunity to extend the ministry of Christ in the community through a counseling ministry. However, the scope of practice for a church counseling ministry is generally much different than that which is provided through clinical counseling. In this course, essential concepts are presented that will lay a foundation for a biblical counseling outreach that respects these differences and yet provides crucial services. The requisite knowledge as well as the emotional and spiritual vitality of the church counselor is also explored.

Evangelism and the Growing Church [PT509]

Dr. Scott Bixby

Get exposed to a wide variety of programs, principles, and methods to become equipped and more effective in sharing the gospel. Emphasis will be placed on immediate implementation of principles into your personal ministry as well as helping students develop a philosophy of outreach that can be used to train their church to become more effective in outreach.

Theology and Practice of Worship [PT520]

Dr. Kenneth Pyne

This course is designed to help those in pastoral leadership to gain a greater understanding of the theology, history and practice of corporate community worship. It will help pastors and musicians to realize the importance of regular communication, for pastors to know what to look for in a worship/music leader and for worship leaders to respect the centrality of preaching in his work to lead the congregation in vital and effective worship. Elements of traditional and contemporary worship patterns will be studied and discussed as they relate to designing appropriate, meaningful, and biblical worship. As an introductory/pilot course in worship ministry, it will, to a degree, serve as a survey of material offered in more depth in other Worship Ministry elective courses. *Required for all M.Min. and M.Div. students.*

Studies in Presuppositional Apologetics [TH527]

David Gunn

Take an overview of the presuppositional approach to Christian apologetics. Attention is given to the strengths and limitations of this approach. The methodology of some prominent presuppositional apologists will be compared and contrasted.

Angelology-Anthropology [TH600]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

The first section considers the origin, nature, and activity of elect angels and the origin, nature, fall, activity, and destiny of fallen angels. The second section considers the origin and nature of man as created.

Online Session 2 | March 8–April 30**Exposition of the Gospel of John [BI807]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This is an analytical, expository treatment of the fourth Gospel from the English text. While the method of study will be an inductive approach based on the New American Standard Bible, reference will be made to the original Greek in selected passages. Special attention will be given to the Christological and Soteriological content of this gospel.

Church History [CH601]**Mike Weston**

Take an overview of church history from Pentecost to the 1900's. Special emphasis will be given to the development of major doctrines, major church movements, the trials and tribulations faced by the Church from without and within, and the impact of cultural and historical events on the growth of the church. An analysis and comparison of the forces which were a part of the development of both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Church and the Independent Church movements in history will be used to assist the student in understanding why the Church has developed in the past and how these same basic forces are still at work in the Church today.

Analysis of New Testament Books [D872]**Dr. Wayne Slusser**

This course is an in-depth survey of the New Testament in which the student prepares a detailed analytical outline of each of the New Testament books with a brief survey of the historical background of each book.

Exposition of the Prophets [D877]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

The exposition of the Prophets is an exegetical and theological study of the books of the Major and Minor Prophets of the OT. This course investigates the meaning, authorial intent, original purpose and significance of these prophetic books for a contemporary audience. The goal is to deepen one's exposition of each of these unique books of the Old Testament.

Communicating the Old Testament [GM611]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course is designed to assist you with the development and delivery of an expositional teaching of various Old Testament literary genres. Attention is given to the organization, explanation and application of the biblical context. A major component of the course involves you implementing stages of the hermeneutical task such as: reading 63 Departmental Course Descriptions.

Models of 21st Century Church Planting [MI823]**Kenneth Davis**

A careful study of sponsorship and church design models for global church planting with emphasis on those strategies that have proven most effective in North America. A wide variety of church models are evaluated including traditional, purpose driven, seeker-driven, multi-site, house church, cell-celebration, multicultural and emerging churches. Parenting and partnering options are recommended. The goal is to enable you to develop a contextualized biblical strategy for planting new churches.

Principles of Spiritual Formation [PT512]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

This course provides the student with an overview of the biblical dynamics of individual and corporate spiritual formation to enhance the student's own walk with and service to God and love for others.

Preaching the Old Testament [PT611]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

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The Art of Discipling-Training Timothy [PT801]**Dr. Dann Austin**

This course is designed to help the pastor or missionary develop a philosophy and process for training others to enter the Gospel ministry. The emphasis is upon learning to reproduce one's values, knowledge, behaviors, and skills in the life of a disciple. Second Timothy 2:2 is a biblical summary of the course purpose. Spiritual reproduction and leadership multiplication should result. *For students in the Pastoral Ministry Track only.*

Pneumatology & Ecclesiology [TH563]**Dr. Ken Gardoski**

Included are the origin and nature of the Church, the Body of Christ, and the identity, organization, ordinances, and ministry of the local church. Contemporary issues, such as multiple eldership, will receive special attention. The Baptist distinctives are taught as an integral part of the biblical doctrine of the church and other major areas of theology.

Biblical Creationism [TH813]**David Gunn**

This course focuses on the biblical and scientific evidence for young earth creationism. Students will study a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-11 and explain how the creation-fall-global flood events in history impact a view of astronomy, geology and biology. Students will critique the theory of evolution and learn how to defend young earth creationism.

Online Session | January 4–April 9**Analysis of New Testament Books [BI-3]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

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Online Session | January 11–April 23**Elements of Greek-2 [NT503]****Dr. Wayne Slusser**

Elements of Greek is a two-semester 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. *Prerequisite: NT502*

Elements of Hebrew-2 [OT503]**Dr. Mark McGinniss**

In this continuation of OT502, increasing emphasis is placed on syntax and the translation of extended texts. *Prerequisite: OT502*

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