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Purpose

The mission of the Department of Biblical Education is to facilitate the development of an undergraduate student's world and life view, which is biblically based, theologically sound, and philosophically defensible. The department seeks to provide a biblical foundation for a liberal arts education that integrates faith, learning, and life by providing basic biblical and theological courses as part of the liberal arts core curriculum. The faculty endeavors to aid the student's understanding of the Christian faith through the development of proper principles of biblical interpretation, the exposure to theological propositions and biblical concepts, and the fostering of evangelism and discipleship. The department attempts to cultivate research and writing, stimulate the use of scholarly methods and attitudes, and encourage individual scholarship.

To produce graduates prepared for vocational Christian ministries and eligible for admission to graduate schools, the department offers major programs of study in Christian education and youth, pastoral studies, world missions, comprehensive Bible, preseminary Bible, international studies—missiology, and philosophy.

The department's curriculum emphasizes the entire spectrum of a biblical and theological education. The curriculum is integrated with the liberal arts through the general education requirements and opportunities for electives. The purpose is to provide a major with a biblical and liberal arts education and experience that will fit his or her personal ministry aspirations and skills. The curriculum is reviewed continuously to maintain its appropriateness.

Personal Requirements

Students planning to pursue careers in vocational ministries should possess an intense desire to study the Scriptures and seek to gain as much practical experience in ministries as possible, even before entering the University. Biblical education majors find the opportunities provided by the Christian ministries program to be excellent avenues for applying truths learned in the classroom and developing skills useful for effective ministry.

Department Requirements

To graduate with a major from the Department of Biblical Education, students must earn a cumulative average of 2.0 or above and a C- or above in all courses included in the major with the exception of the Greek.

Faculty

Floyd Elmore, *Chairman*; Professor of Bible and Greek. *Education*: Graduate, Pensacola Bible Institute, 1969; B.A., Cedarville University, 1977; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1981; Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1990. At Cedarville since 1985.

James Bjornstad, Professor of Philosophy. *Education*: B.A., Northeastern Bible College, 1967; Th.B., Northeastern Bible College, 1967; M.R.E., New York Theological Seminary, 1969; all work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, New York University. At Cedarville since 1995.

Richard Blumenstock, Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1963; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1967; D.Min., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1993. At Cedarville since 1990.

Jeffrey Cook, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1981; M.A., Grace Theological Seminary, 1983; M.Div., Tyndale Theological Seminary (the Netherlands), 1991; D.Min., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1997. At Cedarville since 1998.

Greg Couser, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., Liberty University, 1981; M.Div., Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary, 1985; M.A., Liberty University, 1988; Ph.D., University of Aberdeen (Scotland), 1993. At Cedarville since 1994.

Paul Dixon, President; Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Tennessee Temple University, 1961; M.Div., Temple Baptist Theological Seminary, 1964; D.D., Tennessee Temple University, 1978; LL.D., Liberty University, 1984; Ed.D., The University of Cincinnati, 1986. At Cedarville since 1978.

Scott Dixon, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1984; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1989; all work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, Michigan State University. At Cedarville since 1997.

David Drullinger, Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., Western Baptist College, 1967; B.D., San Francisco Baptist Seminary, 1971; Th.M., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1975; D.Min., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1980. At Cedarville since 1989.

Daniel Estes, Assistant Academic Vice President; Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1974; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1978; Ph.D., Cambridge University (England), 1988. At Cedarville since 1984.

Robert Gromacki, Distinguished Professor of Bible and Greek. *Education*: Th.B., Baptist Bible Seminary, 1956; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1960; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1966; postdoctoral study, Institute of Holy Land Studies, (Jerusalem, Israel), summer, 1982. At Cedarville since 1960.

David Hoffeditz, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1992; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1996; Ph.D., University of Aberdeen (Scotland), 2000. At Cedarville since 2000.

Thomas Hutchison, Assistant Professor of Christian Education. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1980; M.Div., Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, 1985; Ph.D., Marquette University, 1997. At Cedarville since 1995.

Steve Janssen, Instructor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Tennessee Temple University, 1979; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1992. At Cedarville since 1999.

David Mappes, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: Associate Degree, ITT Technical Institute, 1980; B.A., Ottawa University, 1986; M.Div., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1989; Th.M., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1990; Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1995. At Cedarville since 1999.

Chris Miller, Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Tennessee Temple University, 1976; Th.M., Grace Theological Seminary, 1981; Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1993; graduate study, Institute of Holy Land Studies, (Jerusalem, Israel), 1992. At Cedarville since 1991.

David Mills, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. *Education*: B.S., Cedarville University, 1992; Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, 2000. At Cedarville since 1994.

Jack Riggs, Professor of Bible; Dean, School of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Bible. *Education*: B.A., Taylor University, 1956; B.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1959; Th.M., Grace Theological

Seminary, 1963; Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1968; post-doctoral study, Institute of Holy Land Studies, (Jerusalem, Israel), 1987. At Cedarville since 1967.

Walter Schultz, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. *Education:* B.A., University of Wisconsin, 1991; M.A., University of Minnesota, 1995; Ph.D., University of Minnesota, 1997. At Cedarville since 1997.

Gary Yates, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education:* B.A., Washington Bible College, 1983; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1987; Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1998. At Cedarville since 2000.

Richard Durham, Professor Emeritus of Bible and Greek. *Education:* A.B., Wheaton College, 1950; B.D., Faith Theological Seminary, 1953; S.T.M., Faith Theological Seminary, 1960; Th.D., Grace Theological Seminary, 1981. At Cedarville from 1976-1991.

Jean Fisher, Associate Professor Emerita of Church Education. *Education:* B.R.E., Baptist Bible Seminary, 1956; M.A., Wheaton College, 1961; graduate study, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, summer, 1965. At Cedarville from 1956-1991.

Career Opportunities

Graduate schools, professional schools, and seminaries welcome Cedarville University graduates. Careers pursued by graduates include:

- Bible teacher
- camp director
- Christian education director
- missionary
- pastor
- philosopher
- writer
- youth pastor

Programs of Study

The Department of Biblical Education offers the following programs:

Majors in:

- Comprehensive Bible
- Christian Education/Youth
- International Studies-Missiology
- Pastoral Studies
- Philosophy
- Preseminary Bible
- World Missions

Minors in:

- Bible
- Christian Education
- Greek
- Missions
- Philosophy and Religion
- Women's Ministry

Special Program:

- One-Year Bible Certificate



Dr. Greg Couser is a gifted communicator who enjoys developing his students' knowledge of the Scriptures.

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Comprehensive Bible Major

The **comprehensive Bible major** prepares the person who, upon graduation, becomes a Bible teacher or worker in a church or other Christian organization.

Course requirements involve 90 quarter hours including:

BEGE-171,172,273,274,375,376 (Gen. Ed. Req.)	24
<i>Christian Education</i>	8-12
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
Christian Education Electives	3-7
New Testament	7-15
Old Testament	10-15
Philosophy	10
Practical Theology	6-12
<i>Special Topics</i>	7-12
BEST-491 Seminar in Bible	3
Special Topics Electives	4-9
Theology	8-12
<i>Suggested electives:</i>	
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
CHMU-205 Introduction to Church Music	2
COM-324 Interpersonal Communication	3
FIN-273 Church Business Administration	4
MIS-100 Introduction to Computers	2
PYCH-160 General Psychology	5
SOC-240 Marriage and Family	5

Comprehensive Bible Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency requirements	0-8
Comprehensive Bible major requirements	90
Other General Education Requirements	52-72
Electives	30-50
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	192

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the Comprehensive Bible Major

<i>First year:</i>	
BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biology elective	5
Literature elective	5
Physical Education elective	1
Total	46
<i>Second year:</i>	
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
History/Global Awareness elective	4
New Testament elective	5
Old Testament elective	5
Physical Science elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Electives	13
Total	50
<i>Third year:</i>	
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
Philosophy elective	5
Special Topics elective	4
Old Testament elective	5
Social Science elective	5
Theology elective	4
Electives	11
Total	47
<i>Fourth year:</i>	
BEST-491 Seminar in Bible	3
Christian Education elective	3
New Testament elective	3
Practical Theology electives	8
Theology electives	8
Electives	24
Total	49



Bible professor Dr. Chris Miller regularly integrates Cedarville's computer technology into his classroom lectures.

Christian Education/Youth

The **Christian education/youth major** prepares the person who, upon graduation, becomes a director of Christian education or a youth pastor or worker.

Course requirements involve 90 hours including:

BEGE-171,172,273,274,375,376 (Gen. Ed. Req.)	24
<i>Christian Education, including:</i>	41
BECE-268 Christian Education of Children	5
BECE-270 Christian Education of Youth	5
BECE-272 Christian Education of Adults	4
BECE-364 Principles of Bible Teaching	3
BECE-367 Methods of Bible Teaching	4
BECE-410 Organization and Administration of Christian Education	4
BECE-465 Internship	16
Old Testament	5-10
New Testament	3-9
Philosophy	5
Practical Theology	3-7
Theology	4-12
Special Topics	3-5
<i>Suggested electives:</i>	
BECE-283 Recreational Leadership	3
BECE-300 Women and Ministry	4
BECE-351 Small Group Ministry	4
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
BEPT-343 Pastoral Counseling	3
CHMU-205 Introduction to Church Music	2
EDU-450 Philosophy of Education	3
MIS-100 Introduction to Computers	2
PEL-281 Introduction to Camping	3
PYCH-160 General Psychology	5
SOC-240 Marriage and Family	5

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

**Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the
Christian Education/Youth Major**

First year:

BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biology elective	5
Physical Education elective	1
Total	45

Second year:

BECE-268 Christian Education of Children	5
BECE-270 Christian Education of Youth	5
BECE-272 Christian Education of Adults	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
Physical Science elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Electives	9
Total	50

Third year:

BECE-364 Principles of Bible Teaching	3
BECE-367 Methods of Bible Teaching	4
New Testament elective	3
Social Science elective	5
Theology elective	4
Electives	23
Total	42

Summer:

BECE-465 Internship in Christian Education	16
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Fourth year:

BECE-410 Organization and Administration of Christian Education	4
History/Global Awareness elective	4
Literature elective	5
Old Testament electives	5
Special Topics elective	4
Theology elective	4
Electives	13
Total	39



Practical biblical principles are taught by Bible professor Dr. David Mappes.

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Pastoral Studies

The **pastoral studies major** prepares the person who, upon graduation, becomes a pastor or an evangelist.

Course requirements involve 90 quarter hours including:

BEGE-171,172,273,274,375,376 (Gen. Ed. Req.)	24
<i>Practical Theology (Pastoral Studies)</i>	35
BEPT-242 Missions Survey	4
(or BEPT-345 Contemporary World Missions	4)
BEPT-342 Pastoral Ministry	3
BEPT-343 Pastoral Counseling	3
BEPT-350 Homiletics	5
BEPT-440 Pastoral Internship	16
BEPT-456 Advanced Homiletics	4
Old Testament	5-10
New Testament	3-9
<i>Christian Education</i>	5-10
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
Christian Education Electives	0-5
Philosophy	5
Theology	8-12
Special Topics	3-5
<i>Suggested electives:</i>	
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
CHMU-205 Introduction to Church Music	2
FIN-273 Church Business Administration	4
MIS-100 Introduction to Computers	2
PYCH-160 General Psychology	5
PYCH-366 Fundamentals of Counseling	5
PYCH-367 Group Dynamics	5
SOC-240 Marriage and Family	5

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the Pastoral Studies Major

<i>First year:</i>	
BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biological Science elective	5
Physical Science elective	5
Physical Education elective	1
Total	46
<i>Second year:</i>	
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
BEPT-242 Missions Survey	4
History/Global Awareness elective	4
Humanities elective	5
Literature elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Electives	9
Total	50
<i>Third year:</i>	
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
BEPT-342 Pastoral Ministry	3
BEPT-343 Pastoral Counseling	3
BEPT-350 Homiletics	5
BEPT-456 Advanced Homiletics	4
New Testament elective	5
Old Testament elective	5
Social Science elective	5
Theology elective	4
Electives	6
Total	48
<i>Fourth year:</i>	
BEPT-440 Pastoral Internship	16
Theology electives	8
Special Topics elective	4
Electives	20
Total	48



Dr. David Jeremiah, well-known Bible teacher and a Cedarville alumnus, is a favorite speaker amongst the Cedarville family.

World Missions

The **world missions major** prepares the person who, upon graduation, becomes a missionary candidate or an evangelist.

Course requirements involve 90 quarter hours including:

BEGE-171,172,273,274,375,376 (Gen. Ed. Req.)	24
<i>World Missions, including:</i>	30
BEPH-226 Religion and Culture	5
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
(or BEPT-341 Discipleship	4)
BEPT-242 Missions Survey	4
BEPT-345 Contemporary World Missions	4
BEPT-346 The Missionary Process	3
BEPT-450 Missionary Internship	10
Old Testament	5-10
New Testament	3-9
<i>Christian Education</i>	5-10
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
Christian Education Electives	0-5
Philosophy	5
Theology	8-12
Special Topics	3-5
<i>Suggested electives:</i>	
ANTH-180 Cultural Anthropology	5
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
CHMU-205 Introduction to Church Music	2
COM-314 Intercultural Communication	4
COM-324 Interpersonal Communication	3
MIS-100 Introduction to Computers	2
PYCH-160 General Psychology	5
SOC-240 Marriage and Family	5
SOC-334 Sociology of Religion	4
SOC-371 Family and Society	5

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the World Missions Major

First year:

BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biology elective	5
Physical Science elective	5
Physical Education elective	1
Total	46

Second year:

BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
BEPH-226 Religion and Culture	5
BEPT-242 Missions Survey	4
History elective	4
Literature elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Electives	14
Total	50

Third year:

BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
BEPT-345 Contemporary World Missions	4
BEPT-346 The Missionary Process	3
New Testament elective	4
Old Testament elective	5
Social Science elective	5
Theology elective	4
Electives	10
Total	48

Fourth year:

BEPT-450 Missionary Internship	10
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
Special Topics elective	4
New Testament elective	3
Theology electives	8
Electives	19
Total	48



Professor Scott Dixon facilitates the student's personal ministry aspirations through clear and concise teaching of scriptural principles.

International Studies—Missiology

The **international studies major-missiology emphasis** utilizes courses from several academic disciplines to prepare students for a variety of internationally-focused careers, including professional missionary service and “tentmaker” missions. The interdisciplinary studies section of this catalog includes a detailed description of the major.

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Philosophy Major

The **philosophy major** is designed primarily for students anticipating graduate study in philosophy, theology, religion, or law. It serves to develop intellectual abilities important for life as a whole, beyond the knowledge and skills required for any particular profession. It cultivates the capacities and appetite for self-expression and reflection, exchange and debate of ideas, lifelong learning, and dealing with problems for which there are no easy answers. Philosophy is applicable to any subject-matter and any human context, making it an ideal undergraduate major for those going on to specialized graduate work. Candidates for graduate study should consult graduate school catalogs to determine specific undergraduate requirements and adjust their programs at Cedarville University accordingly.

Course requirements involve 64 quarter hours including:

<i>Philosophy core requirements</i>	48
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
BEPH-224 Logic	5
BEPH-225 Ethics	5
BEPH-226 Religion and Culture	5
BEPH-325 Philosophy of Religion	5
BEPH-331 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	5
BEPH-332 History of Modern Philosophy	5
BEPH-333 19th and 20th Century Philosophy	5
BEPH-334 Current Philosophical Developments	5
BETH-491,492,493 Seminars in Philosophy	3
<i>Philosophy electives (selected from):</i>	16
BEPH-324 Epistemology	5
BEPH-326 Symbolic Logic	5
BEPH-328 Metaphysics	5
BEPH-340 Philosophy of Law and Economics	5
BEPH-403 Philosophy and Literature	3
BEPH-425 Philosophy of Science	3
BEPH-426 Philosophy of Art	3
BEPH-429 Topics in Philosophy	3
BEPH-490 Independent Study in Philosophy	1-4
BETH-333 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	4
BETH-432 Contemporary Theology	5
<i>Suggested electives:</i>	
BIO-340 Topics on Environmental Biology	5
COM-205 Philosophy of Communication	3
COM-310 Advanced Public Speaking	5
COM-315 Women in America	3
GSCI-210 Ethics of Human Reproduction	5
GSCI-220 Origins	5
HIST-201,202,203 History of Civilization	12
HIST-301 Renaissance Europe	4
HIST-302 Reformation Europe	4
HIST-303 History of Christianity: Pre-Reformation	4
LIT-335 Shakespeare	5
LIT-338 Contemporary British Literature	5
LIT-421 Literary Criticism	3
PYCH-160 General Psychology	5
PYCH-365 Psychology of Learning	4

Philosophy Major Curriculum Summary

Philosophy major requirements	64
Other General Education Requirements	75-82
Electives	53-60
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	192

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the Philosophy Major

First year:

BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biology elective	5
History elective	4
Physical Education elective	1
Total	50

Second year:

BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEPH-224 Logic	5
BEPH-225 Ethics	5
BEPH-226 Religion and Culture	5
Literature elective	5
Physical Science elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Social Science elective	5
Elective	4
Total	47

Third year:

BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
BEPH-325 Philosophy of Religion	5
BEPH-331 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	5
BEPH-332 History of Modern Philosophy	5
BEPH-333 19th and 20th Century Philosophy	5
Philosophy electives	13
Electives	8
Total	49

Fourth year:

BEPH-334 Current Philosophical Developments	5
BEPH-491,492,493 Seminar in Philosophy	3
Philosophy elective	3
Electives	35
Total	46

Preseminary Bible Major

The **preseminary Bible major** is designed for students anticipating graduate work in preparation for vocational ministry. It provides a sufficient foundation in biblical subjects and the Greek language and enables the student to select elective courses from other departments, which will enrich his personal and professional development. This is an ideal program for the person who believes that God is directing him into a pastoral, missionary, or teaching ministry after investing at least seven years in college and seminary preparation. Seminary candidates should also consult seminary catalogs to determine specific undergraduate requirements and adjust their programs at Cedarville University accordingly.

Course requirements involve 67 quarter hours including 24 hours in foundational general education Bible courses, 33 hours of core requirements, and 10 hours in an area of concentration.

<i>Preseminary foundational Bible courses:</i>	
BEGE-171,172,273,274,375,376	24
<i>Preseminary core requirements</i>	
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
(or BEPT-341 Discipleship	4)
BEST-431 Hermeneutics	4
BEST-491 Seminar in Bible	3
Old Testament elective	5
New Testament elective	3-5
Theology elective	4-5
<i>Preseminary concentration:</i>	10

Choose one of the following areas of study and take a minimum of 10 hours in addition to those taken in the core within the same area of study. Choose from: Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, Christian Education, Philosophy, Practical Theology, Theology, or Biblical Languages.

<i>Additional required minor in biblical languages include:</i>	
BEBL-251,252,253 Elementary Greek	15
BEBL-351,352,353 Intermediate Greek	9

Recommended minor:
Choose another minor from the following to give breadth to the program: Philosophy, Business Administration, Christian Ministries Management, Broadcasting, General Communication Arts, Organizational Communications, Theatre Arts, Honors program, Creative Writing, English, TESOL, Church Music, Music, Psychology, History, Sociology, or another (with permission of advisor and Bible department chair).

Preseminary Bible Major Curriculum Summary	
Preseminary major requirements	67
Other General Education Requirements	52-57
Greek	24
Electives	49
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	192

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 30.

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for the Preseminary Bible Major

<i>First year:</i>	
BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech	5
ENG-110 English Composition I	5
ENG-140 English Composition II	5
GSS-100 Foundations of Social Science	5
HUM-140 Introduction to the Humanities	5
PEF-199 P.A.C.L.	2
Biology elective	5
Physical Science elective	5
Physical Education elective	1
Total	46

<i>Second year:</i>	
BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy	5
History/global awareness elective	4
Literature elective	5
Old Testament elective	5
Quantitative elective	5
Social Science elective	5
Electives	13
Total	50

<i>Third year:</i>	
BEBL-251,252,253 Elementary Greek	15
BECE-200 Christian Education Survey	5
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
New Testament elective	4
Philosophy elective	5
Electives	12
Total	49

<i>Fourth year:</i>	
BEBL-351,352,353 Intermediate Greek	9
BEST-431 Hermeneutics	4
BEST-491 Seminar in Bible	3
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
(or BEPT-341 Discipleship	4)
Theology elective	4
Electives	23
Total	47



The Bible department endeavors to enlighten students' understanding of the Christian faith through biblically-based instruction.

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One-Year Bible Program

The **one-year Bible program** is designed to provide the student with greater Bible knowledge through intensive study of the Scriptures in a single academic year. The curriculum involves surveys of the entire Bible and the major Christian doctrines as well as specific book studies, practical theology courses, and electives chosen by the student. Whether the student is a university freshman desiring a good foundation of biblical knowledge in seeking the will of God, a student from an academic program not offered by a Christian college or university, or an individual just desiring personal enrichment through formal Bible study, the one-year Bible program will equip that individual with greater spiritual understanding so that he or she will become a more effective member of the body of Christ.

The course requirements for the one-year Bible program involve 51 quarter hours. The courses are typically taken in the following three-quarter sequence:

Fall Quarter

BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
New Testament elective	4-5
Bible elective	4-5
Total	17

Winter Quarter

BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
Old Testament elective	5
Bible elective	5
Total	18

Spring Quarter

BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4
New Testament elective	3-4
Bible elective	5
Total	16

Minors

The **Bible minor**, a part of the General Education Requirement, involves 24 quarter hours of coursework including:

BEGE-171 The Christian Life	4
BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study	4
BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey	4
BEGE-274 New Testament Survey	4
BEGE-375 God and History	4
BEGE-376 God and the Church	4

The **Christian education minor** involves 23 quarter hours of coursework for the student who wishes to become better equipped to serve in the educational function of the local church.

The **Greek minor** provides the student with two years of study in Koine Greek, the original language of the New Testament. Designed to prepare students for advanced Greek language study at the seminary level, this minor is required for preseminary majors. Course requirements include 24 quarter hours of elementary and intermediate Greek.

The **missions minor** for the student interested in cross-cultural ministries involves 24 quarter hours including:

BEPH-226 Religion and Culture	5
BEPT-242 Mission Survey	4
BEPT-345 Contemporary World Missions	4
BEPT-346 Missionary Process	3
<i>At least 8 hours (selected from):</i>	
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
BEPT-490 Independent Study in Missions	4
BETH-340 Current Religious Movements	4

The **philosophy and religion minor** involves 23 quarter hours of coursework in philosophy and religion for the student who seeks a greater understanding of the nature and history of philosophical thinking and its impact on the religious life.

The **women's ministry minor** involves 28-29 quarter hours for the student interested in developing the practical and skill-oriented facets for ministering to women in the local church and mission settings. Course requirements are:

BECE-300 Women and Ministry	4
BECE-350 Women's Communication	5
BECE-351 Small Group Ministry	5
BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism	4
BEPT-341 Discipleship	4
BEPT-343 Pastoral Counseling	3
One of the following two courses:	
COM-315 Women in America	3
SOC-375 Social Movements	4

Course Descriptions

General Education Courses

Every student must take six Bible courses to meet the General Education Requirements. These 24 quarter hours constitute a minor in Bible. They will also count toward the course requirements of any biblical education major. **These courses may not be taken on an out of class basis or by correspondence study.**

BEGE-171 The Christian Life—A,W,Sp,Su **4 hours**

Foundational course designed to introduce the doctrines of man, sin, and salvation. Emphasis is given to the practical application of these doctrines to evangelism and Christian discipleship.

BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study—A,W,Sp,Su **4 hours**

Survey of the doctrine of Scripture considering revelation, inspiration, canonicity, and illumination. The development of independent Bible study skills will also be stressed.

BEGE-273 Old Testament Survey—A,W,Sp,Su **4 hours**

Survey of the entire Old Testament, giving special attention to authorship, historical background, and the theme of each book. This study traces the history of the Hebrew nation from its origin to the time of Jesus Christ. *Prerequisite: BEGE-171 The Christian Life; BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study.*

BEGE-274 New Testament Survey—A,W,Sp,Su 4 hours

Survey of the entire New Testament including the historical background of the Inter-Testament period, giving special attention to authorship, content, main events, and the unfolding of God's redemptive purpose through the Lord Jesus Christ. *Prerequisite:* BEGE-171 *The Christian Life*; BEGE-172 *Introduction to Bible Study*.

BEGE-375 God and History—A,W,Sp,Su 4 hours

Survey of God's plans in history and in the future with attention given to the doctrines of God, Christ, angels, and last things. *Prerequisite:* BEGE-273 *Old Testament Survey*; BEGE-274 *New Testament Survey*.

BEGE-376 God and the Church—A,W,Sp,Su 4 hours

Study of the doctrines of the Holy Spirit and the church. Emphasis is also given to the origin, mission, and function of Baptist churches. *Prerequisite:* BEGE-273 *Old Testament Survey*; BEGE-274 *New Testament Survey*.

Departmental Courses

Biblical Languages

BEBL-251,252,253 Elementary Greek 5 hours each quarter

Basic elements of the Greek language. Careful attention is given to grammar, syntax, vocabulary, and the reading of selected portions of the Greek New Testament.

BEBL-254,255,256 Elementary Hebrew 3 hours each quarter

Introduction to the basic elements of biblical Hebrew. Attention is given to vocabulary, grammar, and the use of language tools.

BEBL-351,352,353 Intermediate Greek 3 hours each quarter

Detailed study of advanced Greek grammar, reading in the Greek New Testament, the application of advanced syntactical rules, and an introduction to exegesis. *Prerequisite:* BEBL-251,252,253 *Elementary Greek*.

BEBL-490 Independent Study in Biblical Language—A,W,Sp,Su

1-4 hours

The student will translate and/or exegete a scripture passage or investigate advanced grammar and syntax.

Biblical Studies-Old Testament

BEOT-311 Pentateuch—A 5 hours

Detailed study of the five books of Moses. Attention is given to the historical material, theological problems, and practical and homiletic values of these books. (Fee: \$50)

BEOT-312 Historical Books: Conquest to Monarchy—W

5 hours

Study of the history of Israel from the entrance into Canaan until the end of the reign of Solomon. (even years)

BEOT-313 Historical Books: Divided Kingdom to

Restoration—W 5 hours

Study of the history of Israel from the division of the kingdom of David-Solomon until the restoration after the exile. (odd years)

BEOT-314 Psalms—W 5 hours

Examination of the book of Psalms with special attention given to the various types of psalms and their application to life.

BEOT-315 Wisdom Literature—Sp 5 hours

Examination of the books of Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Special attention is given to their literary qualities and practical applications for today.

BEOT-316 Major Prophets I—A 5 hours

Study of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations. The ministry of the prophets to their own times is carefully considered. (even years)

BEOT-317 Major Prophets II—A 5 hours

Study of Ezekiel and Daniel. The ministry of the prophets to their own times is considered as well as their predictions, both fulfilled and unfulfilled. (odd years)

BEOT-318 Minor Prophets—Sp 5 hours

Chronological study of the 12 minor prophets, their ministry in relation to Israel and other contemporary nations, and their practical message for today. (even years)

BEOT-490 Independent Study in Old Testament—A,W,Sp,Su

1-4 hours

Students will investigate a significant topic or a scripture passage of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

Biblical Studies-New Testament

BENT-311 The Four Gospels—A 5 hours

Harmonistic, chronological study of the Gospels setting forth the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from His incarnation to His ascension.

BENT-312 The Book of Acts—W 3 hours

Analysis of the missionary outreach of the apostolic period with special emphasis on transitional theological problems, the journeys of Paul, and the historical setting of the epistles. (odd years)

BENT-313 The Prison Epistles—W 4 hours

Detailed study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon including their historical setting and doctrinal distinctives. (even years)

BENT-314 The Thessalonian and Pastoral Epistles—Sp 4 hours

An exegesis of First and Second Thessalonians, First and Second Timothy, and Titus with special attention given to their background, eschatological features, and presentation of local church administration. (odd years)

BENT-315 The General Epistles—A 4 hours

Examination of James, First and Second Peter, the three epistles of John, and Jude with consideration placed upon their backgrounds, exposition on apostate teachers, and lessons on practical living. (odd years)

BENT-316 The Book of Revelation—Sp 3 hours

Detailed exposition of this book with stress upon its literary structure, its exaltation of Christ, and its outline of future events.

BENT-411 Romans and Galatians—W 4 hours

Exegetical study with stress upon Paul's logical development of doctrinal themes, the relationship of Israel to God's redemptive program, and practical Christian living. *Prerequisite:* BEGE-273 *Old Testament Survey*; BEGE-274 *New Testament Survey* or permission of instructor.

BENT-412 The Corinthian Epistles—Sp 4 hours

Exposition of First and Second Corinthians with attention given to their historical backgrounds, their teachings, and the integrity of Pauline apostleship. (even years)

BENT-413 The Book of Hebrews—A 3 hours

Exposition of this book with stress upon the nature of Christ's priesthood, the typology of the Old Testament sacrificial system, and the superiority of Christianity. (even years)

BENT-490 Independent Study in New Testament—A,W,Sp,Su

1-4 hours

Student will investigate a significant topic or scripture passage of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

Christian Education

BECE-200 Christian Education Survey—A,Sp 5 hours

Survey of the multifaceted world of local church education for the pastor, missionary, seminary-bound student, or local church volunteer educator. This course may not be used toward the required hours for a Christian education/youth major.

BECE-210 Wilderness Ministry—Su 4 hours

See Exercise and Sport Science department course description for PEL-210 Wilderness Ministry. Credit/no credit. (Fee: \$320)

BECE-268 Christian Education of Children—A,W 5 hours

Emphasis on the biblical philosophy of ministering to children from birth to grade six (in the home and church) and the programs and methods used to effectively teach God's Word to this age group. *Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis.*

BECE-270 Christian Education of Youth—W 5 hours

Emphasis is placed on the characteristics of youth, the understanding of youths' problems, and their implications for the work of the church. Programs, leadership, materials, trends, and organization of youth work within and related to the church. *Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis.* (Fee: \$10)

BECE-272 Christian Education of Adults—Sp 4 hours

Presentation of the characteristics and needs of the adult, his worship, education, service, and recreation in the church and the home. *Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis.*

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BECE-283 Recreational Leadership 3 hours

Survey of the recreational aspects of games and activities from a noncompetitive perspective. Small and large group activities are planned such as new games and challenge initiatives to enhance individual and group development and recognize group process and group dynamics. Practical work in planning, implementing, and evaluating recreational programs for children, youth, and adults in school, youth group outings, Bible clubs, and camps will be provided.

BECE-300 Women and Ministry—W 4 hours

Designed to develop from the biblical text, church history, and present-day ministry situations, the concept and practice of the role of women in ministry. (odd years)

BECE-350 Women's Communication for Ministry—Sp 5 hours

Survey of the basic principles that form the foundation of effective, biblical communication for women. The course will build on the inductive Bible study method, specific message preparation, and practical communication skills. Specific ministry communication assignments will include personal testimony, children's sermon, Bible study discussions, and devotionals. *Prerequisite: BEGE-172 Introduction to Bible Study; COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech.* (even years)

BECE-351 Small Group Ministry—A 4 hours

Study of the theory and practice of the small group process in ministry. Emphasis will be given to the formulation and maintenance of small groups. Emphasis placed on how evangelism and spiritual maturity can be fostered by the small group environment.

BECE-364 Principles of Bible Teaching—W 3 hours

Study of the biblical principles of teaching providing a rationale for methodology. *Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis.*

BECE-367 Methods of Bible Teaching—Sp 4 hours

Experimentation and application in the classroom of various methods of Bible study and teaching. *Prerequisite: BECE-200 Christian Education Survey or BECE-364 Principles of Bible Teaching. Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis. (Fee: \$10)*

BECE-410 Organization and Administration of Christian Education—A 4 hours

Methods of organizing and administering the total educational program of the church. Consideration is given to the educational process, leadership education, and methods of counseling and supervision. *Registration priority: Christian education major or minor. Others on a space available basis.*

BECE-462 Seminar in Christian Education—W 3 hours

Trends and problems of the field are analyzed and defined by individual research and group conferences.

BECE-465 Internship in Christian Education 16 hours

Ten weeks in a local church gaining experience in the total educational program of the church, under the supervision of Christian education faculty and the pastor and/or director of Christian education. Capstone course. *Prerequisite: Bible faculty approval; successful completion of 5 of the 6 required core courses in Christian education.*

BECE-490 Independent Study in Christian Education—A,W,Sp,Su 1-4 hours

Students will investigate a significant topic or scripture passage of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

Philosophy and Religion

BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy—A,W,Sp,Su 5 hours

Survey of the principal issues in Western philosophy covering such areas as epistemology, metaphysics, aesthetics, and the major systems of philosophy.

BEPH-224 Logic—A 5 hours

Study of the principles of correct and fallacious reasoning involved in traditional logic and modern logic.

BEPH-225 Ethics—W,Sp 5 hours

Study and evaluation of the major theories of goodness, obligation, and motive and the development of a consistent Christian ethical system, together with the application of ethical theories to contemporary moral problems.

BEPH-226 Religion and Culture—W, Sp 5 hours

Introduction to religious issues, themes, and alternatives as they emerge in the historical context of Eastern and Western culture.

BEPH-324 Epistemology—A 5 hours

Study of the nature, sources, types, tests, and limits of human knowledge. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.* (even years)

BEPH-325 Philosophy of Religion—Sp 5 hours

Analysis of the major philosophical problems relating to religion as these have arisen in the modern intellectual environment. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.*

BEPH-326 Symbolic Logic—W 5 hours

Study of systems of natural deduction (including metatheoretic proofs and methods) in propositional logic, first-order logic, and modal logic with emphasis on assessing arguments in natural language. *Prerequisite: BEPH-224 Logic, or MATH-303 Logic and Methods of Proof or permission of instructor.* (even years)

BEPH-328 Metaphysics—W 5 hours

Study of selected topics in metaphysics, including the mind-body problem, substance, qualities and universals, identity, space and time, causation, and freedom and determinism. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)

BEPH-331 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy—A 5 hours

Survey of men and movements in Greek and Christian philosophy from Thales to Aquinas. Selected, representative writings of the philosophers will be read. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)

BEPH-332 History of Modern Philosophy—W 5 hours

Study of the principal philosophers from Descartes through Nietzsche. The development of rationalism and empiricism with the Kantian synthesis and its results will be emphasized. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)

BEPH-333 19th and 20th Century Philosophy—Sp 5 hours

Survey of significant European and American philosophies of the 19th and 20th centuries from Hegel to the postmodern. Special attention will be given to phenomenology, existentialism, pragmatism, analytic philosophy, and postmodern philosophy. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)

BEPH-334 Current Philosophical Developments—A 5 hours

Survey of significant European and American philosophies of the 20th century, focusing specifically on developments from the 1960's to the present. (even years)

BEPH-340 Philosophy of Law and Economics—A 5 hours

Course will clarify the conceptual structures which underlie both law and economic analysis. Explores the connections between ethics and legal theory and practice and economics. (odd years)

BEPH-403 Philosophy and Literature—W 3 hours

Course will be divided into two sections. The first will focus on philosophy of literature, exploring literary theory, hermeneutics, and literature as a work of art. The second part of the course will examine philosophy in literature, looking at the ways in which philosophical ideas are expressed through the medium of literature. (even years)

BEPH-425 Philosophy of Science—W 3 hours

Critique of the concepts, methods, and arguments of the various sciences, as well as an analysis of the theological and philosophical underpinnings of science, which aims to demarcate science from pseudo-science, evaluate contemporary thought in the limits of science, and evaluate the relations between science, human values, religion, and technology. (even years)

BEPH-426 Philosophy of Art—Sp 3 hours

Study of the nature of art and the aesthetic experience. Possible topics include: the concept of creativity; the nature and value of the work of art; the function of art; the truth in art; the relation of art and society; the aesthetic attitude and aesthetic values, such as beauty and the philosophy of art. (even years)

BEPH-429 Topics in Philosophy—W 3 hours

Various topics offered as interest demands. For majors in philosophy. Permission of instructor required for non-majors and minors.

BEPH-490 Independent Study in Philosophy—A,W,Sp,Su 1-4 hours

The student will investigate a significant topic of philosophy of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

BEPH-491,492,493 Seminars in Philosophy—A,W,Sp 1 hour each

Series of senior courses in which students will demonstrate their knowledge of philosophy and the integration of philosophy with Scripture and the liberal arts. This will be accomplished through guided research, critical thinking, and demonstration of oral and written skills. These courses will be taken during the three quarters immediately prior to graduation. Capstone course. Credit/no credit.

Practical Theology

BEPT-240 Personal Evangelism—A,W,Sp,Su 4 hours

Study of the philosophy, principles, and methodology of personal evangelism. The course includes developing a personal witnessing methodology, understanding the current issues in evangelism, and learning to answer the difficult questions often asked in witnessing experiences. A one day evangelistic field trip is required. *Prerequisite: BEGE-171 The Christian Life.* (Fee: \$10)

BEPT-242 Missions Survey—A 4 hours

Survey of the history of missions from apostolic times correlated with a study of New Testament missionary principles and practices.

BEPT-341 Discipleship—W 4 hours

Study of personal discipleship within a biblical framework, utilizing a variety of resources and practical experience. The model developed will be applicable in multiple contexts.

BEPT-342 Pastoral Ministry—W 3 hours

The pastor and his ministry. Course includes a study of his personal life, study, and pastoral duties, including presiding over the ordinances, weddings, funerals, and church services.

BEPT-343 Pastoral Counseling—Sp 3 hours

Principles of pastoral counseling. Emphasis on contemporary personal problems and their scriptural solutions.

BEPT-345 Contemporary World Missions—W 4 hours

Study of the development, methods, and problems of Christian missions since World War II.

BEPT-346 The Missionary Process—Sp 3 hours

Examines the various aspects involved in becoming a missionary, including things such as the missionary call, precandidature preparation, selection of a mission board, candidate screening process, appointment as a missionary, prefield ministry, culture shock, cross-cultural communication, and evangelistic and church planting strategy. (Fee: \$15)

BEPT-349 The Pastor's Wife 3 hours

The pastor's wife: her responsibilities, problems, and privileges. Practical suggestions from area pastors' wives, individual research, and group discussion will be explored.

BEPT-350 Homiletics—A 5 hours

Introductory course designed to develop the students' philosophies of preaching. Emphasis is placed on the preparation of expository sermons and practice in their delivery. *Prerequisite: COM-110 Fundamentals of Speech; junior or senior status.*

BEPT-351 Introduction to Urban Ministry—Sp 4 hours

An introduction to the principles and practices of urban ministry. Focus will be on developing a biblical view of the city as well as understanding the sociological, anthropological, and multi-cultural distinctives of the urban context. Attention will be given to particular urban issues such as ministering to the poor, developing an incarnational lifestyle, and authentic strategies for urban ministry. (Fee: \$30)

BEPT-440 Pastoral Internship—A,W,Sp,Su 16 hours

Ten weeks in a local church gaining experience in pastoral responsibilities under the supervision of Bible department faculty and/or the local pastor. Five hours will count toward the preseminary major. Capstone course. *Prerequisite: approval of the Bible faculty.*

BEPT-450 Missionary Internship—Su 3-10 hours

Four to six weeks in a cross-cultural context gaining experience in actual missions activity under the supervision of missions department faculty and a qualified missionary. This program is open to students in various majors. Up to three hours may count toward the preseminary major. Capstone course. *Prerequisite: completion of at least two missions courses; approval of the Bible faculty. Repeatable up to 10 credit hours.*

BEPT-456 Advanced Homiletics—W 4 hours

Advanced study of sermon structure development and effective

delivery. Designed to give the student practice in outlining, writing, delivering, and evaluating sermons for different types of preaching situations. *Prerequisite: BEPT-350 Homiletics.*

BEPT-490 Independent Study in Practical Theology—A,W,Sp,Su 1-4 hours

Students will investigate an area of pastoral ministry or missions, the latter including missions boards, methods, and places of service.

Theology

BETH-333 Christian Evidences and Apologetics—A 4 hours

Study of the basis for, and the nature of, evidence for Christianity. Emphasis on biblical revelation and its use in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

BETH-335 Bibliology and Theology Proper—W 4 hours

Study of bibliology, the doctrine of the Scriptures. Emphasis on its revelation, inspiration, canonicity, and illumination; and theology proper, the doctrine of the being of God with attention given to His existence, attributes, trinitarian relationships, and decrees. (odd years)

BETH-336 Angelology and Anthropology—A 4 hours

Study of angelology, the doctrine of the unfallen angels, the fallen angels, and Satan; and anthropology, the doctrine of man, with stress on his creation, constitution, fall, and sinful condition. *Prerequisite: BEGE-375 God and History or permission of instructor.* (odd years)

BETH-340 Current Religious Movements—W 4 hours

Survey of new religious movements with attention given to their history, beliefs, and practices, as well as to critical assessment and appropriate response.

BETH-432 Contemporary Theology—Sp 5 hours

Critical study of traditions, trends, issues, and major thinkers in contemporary theology. *Prerequisite: BEPH-220 Introduction to Philosophy.*

BETH-437 Soteriology and Christology—Sp 4 hours

Study of soteriology, the doctrine of salvation, including election, the atonement, and eternal security; and Christology, the doctrine of Christ with emphasis upon His deity, humanity, and redemptive work.

BETH-438 Pneumatology and Ecclesiology—W 4 hours

Study of pneumatology, the doctrine of the person and work of the Holy Spirit; and ecclesiology, the doctrine of the church with stress on the universal church and the local church. *Prerequisite: BEGE-376 God and Church or permission of instructor.* (even years)

BETH-439 Eschatology—A 4 hours

Study of eschatology, the doctrine of last things with attention given to the rapture of the church, the tribulation, the millennium, the eternal state, and the distinctives of dispensationalism. (even years)

BETH-490 Independent Study in Theology—A,W,Sp,Su 1-4 hours

Students will investigate a significant topic of theology of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

Special Topics

BEST-233 Bible Geography and Customs—Sp 5 hours

Geographical survey of Bible lands with stress on the topography and cultural distinctives in their historical context.

BEST-332 Biblical Interpretation—W 4 hours

Detailed study of the basic principles of Bible interpretation.

BEST-431 Hermeneutics—A 4 hours

A study of the theory, and related practice, of the roles of author, reader, and text toward the end of authoritative interpretation and contextualization of the Bible.

BEST-491 Seminar in Bible—A,W,Sp 3 hours

Senior course for preseminary and Bible comprehensive general studies majors. Students demonstrate the ability to articulate and defend an appropriate systematic theology. Capstone course.