

Biblical Education

School of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Bible

Mission Statement

Our Lord Jesus Christ commissioned His followers to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...and teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...” (Matt. 28:19). The Apostle Paul is an example of how the early believers embraced this mission and carried it forward. “We proclaim him (Christ),” Paul declared, “admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ” (Col. 1:28). Indeed, over the centuries there is an unbroken chain of men and women who have found life doing the same. So it is the mission of the Department of Biblical Education at Cedarville University to stand firmly in that line of those who have faithfully carried forward Christ’s commission. With Peter we are convinced that it is Christ alone who has “the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

As a department, we are privileged to carry out this commission on two levels. First, we are engaged in training men and women professionally and academically. Professionally, we want to equip graduates for full-time ministry in the church by preparing men and women with a theologically informed philosophy of ministry accompanied by the skills and experience needed to actualize it in the church. Majors that particularly facilitate this are Christian education, youth ministries, pastoral studies, world missions, and international studies-missiology. Academically, we want to inspire men and women to use their minds for the glory of God. We want to raise up a generation of scholars whose desire is to bring every thought into submission to Christ for the glory of God. Majors geared toward this purpose are comprehensive Bible, pre-seminary Bible, and philosophy.

Second, we have the institution-wide opportunity of influencing each student through the required Bible minor. On this level we endeavor to aid students from all disciplines in developing a distinctively God-centered world and life view. We believe it to be crucially important that all those who will be appointing the pastors and missionaries of the future, doing the work of the ministry, and serving God through their vocations know how to handle the word of truth accurately.

To this end, we commit ourselves to facilitating the development in every student of a biblically-based, theologically-sound, philosophically-defensible, and life-transforming view of life under God.

Personal Requirements

Students planning to pursue careers in vocational ministries should possess a commitment to intense study of the Scriptures, a heart for ministering to the needs of others, and a reputation for Christlike character, which would provide a platform for authentic spiritual leadership. In addition to classroom expectations, students should seek to gain as much practical experience in ministries as possible. 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 necessary skills 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 Greek.

Programs of Study

The Department of Biblical Education offers the following programs:

Majors

- Bible Teacher Education
- Comprehensive Bible
- Christian Education
- International Studies-Missiology
- Pastoral Studies
- Philosophy
- Preseminary Bible
- Youth Ministries

Minors

- Bible
- Christian Education
- Greek
- Missions
- Philosophy and Religion
- Preseminary
- Women’s Ministry
- Youth Ministries

Special Program

- One-Year Bible Certificate

Technical Resources

- Concordance and Bible study software (Logos Series-X Scholar’s Edition)
- Greek and Hebrew tutorial software
- 3-D interactive satellite atlas software of the land of Israel
- Textbook-specific software
- Course-specific software

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Several organizations exist campus-wide, which assist in the development of character and ministry skills. Many Bible faculty serve as advisors for these organizations and our majors are encouraged to take full advantage of them. For example:

- **Chi Delta Nu** encourages students going into youth ministry through prayer, fellowship, and service.
- **Timilathians** is an organization devoted to promoting critical thinking through philosophical and theological inquiry into issues central to the Christian worldview and our contemporary culture.

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



There are approximately 50 student-led small group Bible studies on campus.

Faculty

Thomas Cragoe, Acting Chairman: Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: A.B., Wheaton College, 1979; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1983; Th.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1987. At Cedarville since 2001.

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; graduate work, 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.

William Brown, President; Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., University of South Florida, 1975; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1981; Ph.D., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1984. At Cedarville since 2003.

Jeffrey Cook, Associate 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.

Gregory Couser, Associate Professor of Bible and Greek. *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, Chancellor; 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, Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville University, 1984; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1989; Ph.D., Michigan State University, 2001. At Cedarville since 1997.

David Drullinger, 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, Distinguished 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.

Joy Fagan, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., Cedarville College, 1989; M.R.E., Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, 1999; Ed. D. Southern Seminary, 2005. At Cedarville since 1994.

Timothy Gombis, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., Liberty University, 1994; M.Div., The Master's Seminary, 1997; Th.M., The Master's Seminary, 2000; Ph.D., University of St. Andrews (Scotland), 2004. At Cedarville since 2004.

Donald Grigorenko, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., The Ohio State University, 1977; Grad Certificate, Multnomah School of the Bible; Th.M., Dallas Theological Seminary, 1986; all work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. At Cedarville since 2001.

Amy-Hope Guisleman, Assistant Professor of Philosophy. *Education*: A.A., Southeastern Bible College, 1994; B.A., Auburn University, 1996; M.A., The Ohio State University, 2000. All work completed for Ph.D. except dissertation, The Ohio State University. At Cedarville since 2001.

David Hoffeditz, Assistant Professor of Bible and Greek.

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Thomas Hutchison, Associate 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.

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

David Mappes, Associate Professor of Bible. *Education*: A.A., 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, 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.

Robert Milliman, Academic Vice President: Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, 1980; B.A., University of Minnesota, 1982; M. Div., Central Baptist Theological Seminary, 1984; Th.M., Central Baptist Theological Seminary, 1987; Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, 1997. At Cedarville since 2004.

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

Michael Parrott, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.S., California Polytechnic State University, 1974; M.Div., Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, 1981. At Cedarville since 2004.

Jack Riggs, Acting Dean, School of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Bible: Senior Professor of 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.

Michael Thigpen, Assistant Professor of Bible. *Education*: B.A., University of North Carolina, 1991; M.Div., Columbia Biblical Seminary, 1994; M.Phil. and Ph.D. Candidate, Hebrew Union College. At Cedarville since 2003.

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.

Robert Gromacki, Distinguished Professor Emeritus 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 from 1960-2000.

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Bible Teacher Education

The **Bible teacher education major** is designed for students anticipating teaching Bible primarily in a Christian school. The major provides a unique combination of content from Bible courses and pedagogy from education courses to manage a classroom and teach the Bible effectively. The Bible content portion of the program is modeled after the preseminary major with the exception of the requirement of Greek. Thus, a student could easily use this program as the foundation for further graduate study in seminary. This program would also lay the foundation for a person who, after having gained some experience in teaching, chooses to pursue a master's degree in education. The Association of Christian Schools International also approved Cedarville to offer ACSI certification in Integrated Bible for this major.

Course requirements involve 92-94 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Bible Teacher Education Core</i>	40
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Ed Ministries	3
BEDU-3110 Clinical Teaching in Bible	1
BENT-3110 Jesus and the Gospels	3
BENT-4110 Romans and Galatians	3
BEOT-3110 Pentateuch	3
BEOT-3150 Wisdom Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
<i>Professional Education Requirements</i>	36-38
EDSE-4100 Principles of Teaching-AYA	5
EDSE-4450 Clinical Teaching-AYA	3
*EDSE-4900 Student Teaching and Seminar-AYA	10-12
EDSP-2000 Teaching Children with Exceptionalities	2
EDSP-2050 Special Education Field Experience	1
EDSP-4000 Principles of Inclusion	1
EDUC-1000 The Education Profession	1
EDUC-1050 Contemporary Christian School	0
EDUC-2000 Introduction to Teaching	2
EDUC-2100 Technology in the Classroom	2
EDUC-2200 Multicultural Field Experience	1
EDUC-2500 Educational Psychology	3
EDUC-4000 Reading in the Content Area	3
(or ENG-3300 Developmental Reading	3)
EDUC-4500 Philosophy of Education	2

*Capstone Course

Bible Education Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
Other General Education Requirements	33-41
Bible Education Requirements	56
Education Requirements	36-38
Electives	0-3
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 18

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Bible Teacher Education

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
EDUC-1000 The Education Profession	1
ENG-1400 Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Total	32.5

Second year:

BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
EDUC-1050 Contemporary Christian School	0
EDUC-2000 Introduction to Teaching	2
EDUC-2100 Technology in the Classroom	2
EDUC-2200 Multicultural Field Experience	1
EDUC-2500 Educational Psychology	3
EDSP-2000 Teaching Children with Exceptionalities	2
EDSP-2050 Special Education Field Experience	1
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	30.5

Third year:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BENT-3110 Jesus and the Gospels	3
BEOT-3110 Pentateuch	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
EDSE-4100 Principles of Teaching-AYA	5
EDSE-4450 Clinical Teaching-AYA	3
EDUC-4000 Reading in the Content Area	3
EDSP-4000 Principles of Inclusion	1
Quantitative Elective	3
Elective	3
Total	33

Fourth year:

BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Ed Ministries	3
BEDU-3110 Clinical Teaching in Bible	1
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BENT-4110 Romans and Galatians	3
BEOT-3150 Wisdom Literature	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
EDSE-4900 Student Teaching and Seminar-AYA	10-12
EDUC-4500 Philosophy of Education	2
Total	32

Comprehensive Bible

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 60 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Comprehensive Bible Core</i>	44
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BECE-XXXX Elective	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Electives	6
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Electives	6
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPH-XXXX Elective	3
BEPT-XXXX Practical Theology Electives	6
*BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
BEST-XXXX Elective	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Electives	6
Bible Electives	3

Suggested Electives:

BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
COM-3240 Interpersonal Communication	2
FIN-2730 Church Business Administration	3
MIS-1100 Introduction to Computers	1
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
SOC-2400 Marriage and the Family	3

*Capstone Course

Comprehensive Bible Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Comprehensive Bible Major Requirements	60
Electives	27-35
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 18

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Comprehensive Bible

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	32

Second year:

BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
New Testament Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	31

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
Bible Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Philosophy Elective	3
Special Topics Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	11
Total	33

Fourth year:

BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
Christian Education Elective	3
New Testament Elective	3
Practical Theology Elective	6
Theology Elective	3
Electives	15
Total	32

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Christian Education

The **Christian education major** prepares students for ministering to diverse age groups (children through adults) in vocational service in a wide range of Christian education ministry contexts: churches, camps, college campuses, parachurch organizations, crosscultural contexts, etc. It also provides a solid foundation for graduate studies in related areas. The required selection of a ministry concentration area and options in selection of a minor can be combined to equip students for unique, specialized areas of ministry.

Course requirements involve 75 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Christian Education Core</i>	53-55
BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Education Ministries	3
*BECE-4500 Internship in Christian Education	10-12
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective (BEPH-2200 recommended)	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
BETH-XXXX* Theology Elective (BETH-3300 recommended) ..	3
<i>Select one of the following ministry concentrations:</i>	6
<i>Children's Ministries</i>	
EDEC-2100 Art, Music, and Drama for Early Childhood ..	2
EDSP-2500 Survey of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities	1
EDUC-2400 Children's Literature	2
EDUC-3990 Independent Study Education	1
<i>Church Music Ministries</i>	
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
One course from the following:	
CHMU-2600 Music of the Church	3
CHMU-3630 Administering Church Music I	3
CHMU-3640 Administering Church Music II	3
<i>Cross-Cultural Ministries*</i>	
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions	3
BEPT-3470 Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
BEPT-4510 Advanced Urban Ministry	3
*Students who select the cross-cultural ministries concentra- tion should take BETH-3400 as the theology elective.	
<i>Sports Ministries</i>	
BECE-2100 Wilderness Ministry	3
CCHG-3670 Fundamentals of Coaching	3
ESSE-1350 Foundations of Sports Ministries	3
ESSE-2810 Introduction to Camping	2
ESSE-2830 Recreational Leadership	2

SMGT-3810 Organization and Administration of Sports and Athletics	3
<i>Women's Ministries</i>	
BECE-3000 Women and Ministry	3
BECE-3500 Women's Communication for Ministry	3
COM-3150 Women in America	3
*Capstone Course	

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Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Christian Education

<i>First year:</i>	
BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Social Science Elective	3
Total	33
<i>Second year:</i>	
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
Literature Elective	3
Ministry Concentration Electives	6
Philosophy Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Quantitative Elective	3
Total	31
<i>Third year:</i>	
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	6
Total	28
<i>Summer:</i>	
BECE-4500 Internship in Christian Education	10-12
<i>Fourth year:</i>	
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Education Ministries	3
New Testament Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	12-14
Total	24-26

Christian Education Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Christian Education Major Requirements	75
Electives	12-20
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

Pastoral Studies

The **pastoral studies major** is designed to prepare the person who aspires to serve as a general associate pastor or a staff pastor prior to graduate studies or prior to serving as a senior pastor.

Course requirements involve 61 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Pastoral Studies Core</i>	45-47
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
(or BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions	3)
BEPT-3420 Pastoral Ministry	2
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling	3
BEPT-3500 Homiletics	3
*BEPT-4400 Pastoral Internship	10-12
BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics	3
BEST-XXXX Special Topics Elective	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Electives	6

Suggested Electives:

BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
CHMU-2060 Music and the Arts in Worship	3
FIN-2730 Church Business Administration	3
MIS-1100 Introduction to Computers	1
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
PYCH-3660 Fundamentals of Counseling	3
PYCH-3670 Group Dynamics	3
SOC-2400 Marriage and the Family	3

*Capstone Course

Pastoral Studies Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Pastoral Studies Major Requirements	61
Electives	26-34
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

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Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Pastoral Studies

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	30

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-3420 Pastoral Ministry	2
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling	3
BEPT-3500 Homiletics	3
BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics	3
New Testament Elective	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	33

Fourth year:

BEPT-4400 Pastoral Internship	10-12
Special Topics Elective	3
Theology Elective	3
Electives	14-16
Total	32

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Philosophy

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 43 semester hours including:

<i>Philosophy Core</i>	29
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPH-2240 Logic	3
BEPH-2250 Ethics	3
BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BEPH-3310 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy ..	3
BEPH-3320 History of Modern Philosophy	3
BEPH-3330 19th Century Philosophy	3
BEPH-3340 Current Philosophical Developments	3
*BEPH-4910 Seminar in Philosophy	2
<i>Philosophy Electives</i>	14
BEPH-3240 Epistemology	3
BEPH-3260 Symbolic Logic	3
BEPH-3280 Metaphysics	3
BEPH-3400 Philosophy of Law and Economics	3
BEPH-4030 Philosophy and Literature	2
BEPH-4260 Philosophy of Art	2
BEPH-4290 Topics in Philosophy	2
BEPH-4900 Independent Study in Philosophy	1-3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	3
BETH-4320 Contemporary Theology	3

Suggested Electives:

COM-2050 Communication Theory	3
COM-3100 Advanced Public Speaking	3
COM-3150 Women in America	3
HIST-2010, 2020 History of Civilization	6
HIST-3030 History of Christianity: Pre-Reformation	3
HIST-3050 Renaissance and Reformation Europe	3
LIT-3350 Shakespeare	3
LIT-3380 Contemporary British Literature	3
PYCH-1600 General Psychology	3
PYCH-3650 Learning and Cognition	3

*Capstone Course

Philosophy Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	49-57
Philosophy Major Requirements	43
Electives	28-36
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

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Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Philosophy

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2240 Logic	3
BEPH-2250 Ethics	3
BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
History Elective	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	8
Total	32

Third year:

BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BEPH-3310 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy	3
BEPH-3320 History of Modern Philosophy	3
BEPH-3330 19th Century Philosophy	3
Philosophy Electives	9
Electives	6
Total	31

Fourth year:

BEPH-3340 Current Philosophical Developments	3
BEPH-4910 Seminar in Philosophy	2
Philosophy Electives	5
Electives	22
Total	32

Preseminary Bible

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, that will enrich his/her personal and professional development. This is an ideal program for the person who feels God's direction into a pastoral, missionary, or teaching ministry after investing at least seven years in college and seminary preparation. Seminary candidates should consult seminary catalogs to determine specific undergraduate requirements and adjust their programs at Cedarville University accordingly.

Course requirements involve 44 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Preseminary Core</i>	23
BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
*BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
<i>Preseminary Concentration</i>	5
Concentration areas include Biblical Languages, Christian Education, New Testament, Old Testament, Philosophy, or Practical Theology.	
<i>Required Minor in Biblical Greek</i>	16
BEBL-2510,2520 Elementary Greek	10
BEBL-3510,3520 Intermediate Greek	6

Recommended Minor

Students are encouraged to select another minor from the following to add breadth to the program: broadcasting, business administration, Christian ministries management, church music, comprehensive communication arts, creative writing, English, history, honors program, music, organizational communications, philosophy, psychology, sociology, TESOL, theatre, or another area of study (with permission from advisor and Department of Biblical Education chair).

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Preseminary Bible Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Preseminary Bible Major Requirements	44
Required Minor	16
Electives	27-35
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 18

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Preseminary Bible

First year:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 English Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Total	33

Second year:

BECE-4100 Leadership in Christian Educ. Ministries	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
Old Testament Elective	3
Quantitative Elective	3
Social Science Elective	3
Electives	9
Total	30

Third year:

BEBL-2510,2520 Elementary Greek	10
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
New Testament Elective	3
Electives	15
Total	32

Fourth year:

BEBL-3510,3520 Intermediate Greek	6
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
(or BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3)
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible	2
Theology Elective	3
Preseminary Concentration Electives	5
Electives	11
Total	33

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Youth Ministries

The **youth ministries major** prepares a person for vocational ministry in a wide range of contexts: churches, camps, college campuses, parachurch organizations, crosscultural contexts, etc. It also provides a solid foundation for graduate studies in related areas.

Course requirements involve 74 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
<i>Youth Ministries Core</i>	58-60
BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry	2
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Educational Ministries	3
*BECE-4750 Internship in Youth Ministry	10-12
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective (BEPH-2200 recommended)	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective (BETH-3330 recommended)	3
<i>Select one ministry elective from the following:</i>	3
BECE-2100 Wilderness Ministry	3
BECE-3000 Women and Ministry	3
BECE-3500 Women's Communication for Ministry	3
BECE-3510 Small Group Ministry	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
ESSE-2810 Introduction to Camping	3

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Youth Ministries Major Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
General Education Requirements	33-41
Youth Ministries Major Requirements	74
Electives	13-21
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128

A complete description of the General Education Requirements is found on page 18

Suggested Four-Year Curriculum for a Major in Youth Ministries

First year:

BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries	1
BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry	2
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG-1400 Composition	3
GSS-1100 Politics and American Culture	3
HUM-1400 Introduction to the Humanities	3
PEF-1990 Physical Activity and the Christian Life	1
Biology Elective	3.5
Physical Science Elective	3.5
Quantitative Elective	3
Total	32

Second year:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BETH-2350 Theological Foundation of Ministry	3
History/Global Awareness Elective	3
Literature Elective	3
Philosophy Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Social Science Elective	3
Total	31

Third year:

BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	10
Total	32

Summer:

BECE-4750 Internship in Youth Ministry	10-12
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Fourth year:

BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Educational Ministries	3
BENT-XXXX New Testament Elective	3
BETH-XXXX Theology Elective	3
BEXX-XXXX Ministry Elective	3
Minor Requirement or Electives	9-11
Total	21-23

World Missions

Students seeking to be involved in cross-cultural ministries on international fields or in America need to be prepared with an understanding of cultural engagement, a Biblical model of mission, and the skills to study and teach Scripture. “International Studies” is a degree name generally recognized internationally and reduces barriers associated with the name “world missions” in some contexts. For these reasons, see the major “International Studies: missiology concentration” (pg. 117) for a description of the major integrating studies within Bible and other departments to effectively prepare for cross-cultural ministries. See below for a summary of this concentration.

International Studies – Missiology

The **international studies major** utilizes courses from several academic disciplines to prepare students for a variety of internationally focused careers. A distinct international studies core provides the foundation for all the concentrations available in this major.

Course requirements involve 21 semester hours of core requirements and 60 hours of concentration requirements. See the major: “International Studies” (pg. 116) for details on other concentrations.

<i>International Studies Core Requirements</i>	21
^{1,2} ANTH-1800 Cultural Anthropology	3
² BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
BUS-3910 International Business	3
² COM-3140 Intercultural Communication	3
(or PSYCH-1800 Cross Cultural Psychology	3)
GEO-3510 World Regional Geography-West	3
(or GEO-3520 World Regional Geography-East	3)
³ HIST-2010 History of Civilization I	3
(or HIST-2020 History of Civilization II	3)
INTL-3190 Global Issues	3

The **missiology concentration** provides students with a missiological view of the international community. Involving coursework in mission, philosophy, sociology, geography, political science, economics, and literature, this program prepares students for a variety of mission-related positions. Course requirements involve 60 hours including:

<i>Missiology Concentration Requirements</i>	42
BECE-4100 Leadership of CE Ministries	3
BEPT-2000 Introduction to Mission	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Mission	3
BEPT-3470 Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
*BEPT-4500 Missionary Internship	6
BENT-3XXX New Testament Elective	3
BEOT-3XXX Old Testament Elective	3
BETH-3XXX Theology Electives	6

Electives selected from:

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<i>Two courses in philosophy:</i>	
² BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy	3
² BEPH-2250 Ethics	3
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	3

One course in sociology:

SOC-3340 Sociology of Religion	3
SOC-3710 Family and Society	3

One course in geography or political science:

GEO-3510 World Regional Geography–West	3
GEO-3520 World Regional Geography–East	3
POLS-3200 History and Politics of Latin America	3
POLS-3210 History and Politics of Asia	3
POLS-3220 History and Politics of the Middle East	3
POLS-3540 History and Politics of Africa	3
POLS-3650 International Relations	3
POLS-4050 Great Power Diplomacy in the Modern World	3

One course in economics:

ECON-3350 Comparative Economic Systems	3
ECON-3360 International Trade and Economics	3
ECON-3380 Economic Development and Political Economy	3

One course in literature or culture:

⁴ LIT-2340 Western Literature	3
SPAN-3680 Understanding Hispanic Culture	3

¹Satisfies social science General Education Requirement

²Satisfies humanities General Education Requirement

³Satisfies history General Education Requirement

⁴Satisfies literature General Education Requirement

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International Studies Major-Missiology Concentration Curriculum Summary

Proficiency Requirements	0-5
Other General Education Requirements	40-48
International Studies Core Requirements	21
Missiology Concentration Requirements	60
Electives	0-7
Total (minimum, not including proficiency)	128



Assistant Professor of Bible and Greek, Dr. David Hoffeditz, integrates knowledge of God’s Word with practical applications.

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One-Year Bible Program

The **one-year Bible program** is a non-degree program 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 34 semester hours including:

<i>General Education</i>	16
BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2
BENT-XXXX New Testament Electives	6
BEOT-XXXX Old Testament Electives	3
BEPH-XXXX Philosophy Elective	3
Other Bible Electives	6

Minors

The **Bible minor**, a part of the General Education Requirement, involves 16 semester hours of course work including:

BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought	3
BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation	3
BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature	3
BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature	3
BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development	2
BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration	2

The **Christian education minor** involves 16 semester hours of course work for the student who wishes to become better equipped to serve in the educational function of the local church. These courses include:

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3680 Children's Ministries	4
or BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
or BECE-3720 Adult Ministries	4
Any courses with BECE or BEPT designators	6

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 16 semester hours of elementary and intermediate Greek.

The **mission minor** for the student interested in crosscultural ministries involves 18 semester hours including:

BEPT-2000 Introduction to Mission	3
BEPT-2420 History of Mission	3
BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions	3
BEPT-3470 Cross Cultural Ministry	3

At least 6 hours (selected from):

BEPH-2260 Religion and Culture	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry	3
BEPT-4300 Missiology and Missiologists	3
BETH-3400 Current Religious Movements	3

The **philosophy and religion minor** involves 15 semester hours of course work 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 **preseminary minor** is designed to help the student prepare for graduate theological education and consists of 17-21 semester hours including:

BEBL-2510 Elementary Greek	5
and BEBL-2520 Elementary Greek	5
or BEBL-2610 Elementary Hebrew	3
and BEBL-2620 Elementary Hebrew	3
BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion	3
BEST-2910 Theological Research	2

At least two courses (selected from):

BEPH-2240 Logic	3
BEST-4310 Hermeneutics	3
BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics	3
BETH-4320 Contemporary Theology	3

The **women's ministry minor** involves 20 semester hours for students interested in developing the practical and skill-oriented facets for ministering to women in the local church and mission settings. Course requirements are:

BECE-3000 Women and Ministry	3
BECE-3500 Women's Communication for Ministry	3
BECE-3510 Small Group Ministry	3
BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism	3
BEPT-3410 Discipleship	3
BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling	2

Select one of the following courses:

COM-3150 Gender, Politics and Communication	3
SOC-3750 Social Movements	3

The **youth ministry minor** involves 15 semester hours of coursework for the student who wishes to become better equipped to serve in youth ministries. These courses include:

BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry	2
BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible	6
BECE-3700 Campus Ministries	4
Any courses with BECE or BEPT designators	3

Course Descriptions

General Education Courses

Every student must take six Bible courses to meet the General Education Requirements. These 16 semester 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-1710 Christian Life and Thought—Fa,Sp,Su 3 hours

A foundational course designed to introduce the student to a Christian worldview. Attention is first given to the definition, function, formation, and evaluation of worldview. Then Christian responses and applications will be developed from a survey of biblical theology with emphasis upon the teaching about the Creator, creation, redemption, and consummation.

BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation—Fa,Sp,Su 3 hours

The nature and process of spiritual formation is examined from a biblical perspective with an emphasis upon the practice of spiritual disciplines. The course undergirds students with a theology of the Bible and an introduction to the inductive method of Bible study.

BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature—Fa,Sp,Su 3 hours

Survey of the entire Old Testament, giving special attention to authorship, historical background, and the theme of each book *with attention to literary genre*. This study traces the history of the Hebrew nation from its origin to the time of Jesus Christ.

Prerequisites: BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought; BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation.

BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature—Fa,Sp,Su 3 hours

Survey of the entire New Testament, including the historical background of the Inter-Testamental period, giving special attention to main events, the authorship and content of each book *with attention to literary genre*, and the unfolding of God's redemptive purpose through the Lord Jesus Christ. *Prerequisites: BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought; BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation.*

BEGE-3750 2 hours

Christian Worldview Development—Fa,Sp,Su

A continued development of a Christian worldview, with a particular emphasis on the essence and work of the Triune God and the cosmic and communal dimensions of his plan in history. *Prerequisite: completion of either BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature or BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature and at least concurrent enrollment in the second 2000-level BEGE course.*

BEGE-3760 Christian Worldview Integration—Fa,Sp,Su 2 hours

An evaluation of selected contemporary issues in the light of a Christian worldview as informed by the theological content of the Scriptures. *Prerequisite: BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development. (Fee: \$10)*

Biblical Languages

BEBL-2510, 2520 5 hours/semester

Elementary Greek I & II—Fa; Sp

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-2610, 2620 3 hours/semester

Elementary Hebrew I & II—Fa; Sp

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

BEBL-3510, 3520 3 hours/semester

Intermediate Greek I & II—Fa; Fa,Sp

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-2510, 2520 Elementary Greek.*

BEBL-4900 1-3 hours

Independent Study in Biblical Language—Fa,Sp,Su

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

Biblical Studies—Old Testament

BEOT-3110 Pentateuch—Fa 3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (Fee: \$150)*

BEOT-3120 Historical Books I—Sp 3 hours

Study of the history of Israel from the entrance into Canaan until the end of the reign of Solomon. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (odd years)*

BEOT-3125 Studies in the Historical Books—Sp 3 hours

Selected studies in the historical books from the entrance into Canaan until the restoration after the exile. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BEOT-3130 Historical Books II—Sp 3 hours

Study of the history of Israel from the division of the kingdom of David-Solomon until the restoration after the exile. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (odd years)*

BEOT-3140 Psalms—Fa 3 hours

Examination of the book of Psalms with special attention given to the various types of psalms and their application to life. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BEOT-3150 Wisdom Literature—Sp 3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BEOT-3160 Major Prophets I—Fa 3 hours

Study of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Lamentations. The ministry of the prophets to their own times is carefully considered. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (even years)*

BEOT-3165 Studies in the Prophetical Books—Sp 3 hours

Selected studies in the prophetical books. The ministry of the prophets to their own times is considered as well as their predictions, both fulfilled and unfulfilled. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BEOT-3170 Major Prophets II 3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (odd years)*

BEOT-3180 Minor Prophets—Sp 3 hours

Chronological study of the 12 minor prophets, their ministry in relation to Israel and other contemporary nations, and their practical message for today. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (even years)*

BEOT-4900 1-3 hours

Independent Study in Old Testament—Fa,Sp,Su

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

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BEOT-4990 Topics in Old Testament—Fa,Sp 1-3 hours

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, that have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors.

Biblical Studies—New Testament

BENT-3110 Jesus and the Gospels—Fa 3 hours

Study of the four Gospels and their central figure, Jesus of Nazareth. Attention is given to the historical background, scholarly methods for studying the Gospels, the trustworthiness of the Gospels, and a survey of Christ's life. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BENT-3120 The Book of Acts—Fa 2 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.

Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (odd years)

BENT-3130 The Prison Epistles—Fa 3 hours

Detailed study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon including their historical settings and doctrinal distinctives. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.* (even years)

BENT-3140 3 hours

The Thessalonian and Pastoral Epistles—Sp

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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.* (odd years)

BENT-3150 The General Epistles—Sp 3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.* (odd years)

BENT-3160 The Book of Revelation—Fa 2 hours

Detailed exposition of this book with stress upon its literary structure, its exaltation of Christ, and its outline of future events. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BENT-4110 Romans and Galatians—Sp 3 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-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BENT-4120 The Corinthian Epistles—Sp 3 hours

Exposition of First and Second Corinthians with attention given to their historical backgrounds, their teachings, and the integrity of Pauline apostleship. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.* (even years)

BENT-4130 The Book of Hebrews—Sp 2 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.* (even years)

BENT-4900 1-3 hours

Independent Study in New Testament—Fa,Sp,Su

Student will investigate a significant topic or scripture passage

of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.

BENT-4990 Topics in New Testament 1-3 hours

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, that have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors.

Christian Education

BECE-1000 Orientation to Bible Ministries Majors—Fa 1 hour

An introduction to the ministries majors provided within the Department of Biblical Education (youth ministries, Christian education, or missions). The class will provide an overview of the program, survey career opportunities in Christian ministry, and introduce the student to significant people and resources in the field, on the campus, and in the community. Credit/no credit

BECE-2100 Wilderness Ministry 3 hours

See the Exercise and Sport Science department course description for ESSE-2100 Wilderness Ministry. Credit/no credit. (Fee: \$340)

BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry—Sp 2 hours

The class will examine the status of contemporary youth ministries, including a survey of various models of ministry. Foundational personal issues for the professional Christian minister will be explored, including a definition of "success" in youth ministries, and the knowledge, skills, heart, and character necessary for one to lead such ministries successfully.

BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible—Fa 6 hours

Principles for interpreting, organizing, and presenting the biblical text, and a survey of learning theory are examined to provide a framework for effective lesson preparation in light of the characteristics and needs of students. *Prerequisite: BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation.*

BECE-2830 Recreational Leadership—Sp 2 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. (odd years)

BECE-3000 Women and Ministry—Fa 3 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. (Fee: \$20)

BECE-3500 Women's Communication for Ministry—Sp 3 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. *Prerequisites: BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation; COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech.*

BECE-3510 Small Group Ministry—Fa 3 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-3680 Children's Ministries—Fa,Sp 4 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to children in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions and a two-hour teaching lab. *Prerequisites: BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; Major or minor status or permission of the instructor.*

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BECE-3685 Children's Ministries for non-majors—Fa,Sp 3 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to children in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions but does not include the teaching lab. *No prerequisites.*

BECE-3700 Campus Ministries—Sp 4 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to junior high and senior high youth in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions and a two-hour teaching lab.

Prerequisites: BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; Major or minor status or permission of the instructor. (Fee: \$20)

BECE-3705 Campus Ministries for non-majors—Sp 4 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to junior high and senior high youth in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions but does not include the teaching lab. *No prerequisites.* (Fee: \$20)

BECE-3720 Adult Ministries—Fa 4 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to adults in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions and a two-hour teaching lab. *Prerequisites: BECE-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; Major or minor status or permission of the instructor.*

BECE-3725 Adult Ministries for non-majors—Fa,Sp 3 hours

Principles from Scripture are examined to prepare a biblical philosophy for ministry to adults in light of developmental characteristics and contemporary sociological factors. Students are equipped to utilize creative, interactive strategies for teaching the Bible and to develop effective age-appropriate ministry programs. Course consists of three weekly class sessions but does not include the teaching lab. *No prerequisites.*

BECE-4100 Leadership of Christian Educational Ministries—Sp 3 hours

An examination of models of leadership for Christian ministries, emphasizing practical issues such as developing mission and vision statements, creating effective leadership teams, and the strategic planning, implementation, and oversight of ministries. For youth ministry and Christian education majors, this must be the final course taken from the sequence of the required BECE courses. *Prerequisites: For CE and Youth Ministries majors: BECE-2400; BECE-3680; BECE-3700; BECE-3720. No prerequisites for non-majors.*

BECE-4220 Seminar in Christian Education 2 hours

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

BECE-4500 Internship in Christian Education 10-12 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. *Prerequisites: 1) Approval of the faculty of the Department of Biblical Education. 2) Senior academic status. 3) Completion of the following five courses: BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry; BEST-*

2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; BECE-3680, 3700, or 3720 Children's Ministries, Campus Ministries, or Adult Ministries; BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism or BEPT 3410 Discipleship; and one class in ministry concentration area.

BECE-4750 Internship in Youth Ministries 10-12 hours

This capstone course for the Youth Ministries major is a mentored and evaluated ministry experience in a full-time leadership role in ministry for a minimum of ten weeks. *Prerequisites: 1) Approval of the faculty of the Department of Biblical Education. 2) Senior academic status. 3) Completion of the following six courses: BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry; BECE-2200 Introduction to Youth Ministry; BEST-2400 Interpreting and Teaching the Bible; BECE-3680, 3700, or 3720 Children's Ministries, Campus Ministries, or Adult Ministries; BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism or BEPT-3410 Discipleship; and one class in ministry concentration area.*

BECE-4900 Independent Study in Christian Education—Fa,Sp,Su 1-3 hours

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

BECE-4990 Topics in Christian Education—Fa,Sp 1-3 hours

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, that have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors.

Bible Teacher Education

BEDU-3110 Clinical Teaching in Bible—Fa,Sp 1 hour

Students are assigned to assist a college instructor in classroom teaching, evaluation, and related responsibilities. The student must complete 45 clock hours of clinical involvement.

Philosophy and Religion

BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy—Fa,Sp 3 hours

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

BEPH-2240 Logic—Fa 3 hours

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

BEPH-2250 Ethics—Fa 3 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-2260 Religion and Culture—Fa,Sp 3 hours

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

BEPH-3240 Epistemology—Fa 3 hours

Study of the nature, sources, types, tests, and limits of human knowledge. *Prerequisite: BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy.*

BEPH-3250 Philosophy of Religion—Sp 3 hours

Analysis of the major philosophical problems relating to religion as these have arisen in the modern intellectual environment. *Prerequisite: BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy.*

BEPH-3260 Symbolic Logic—Sp 3 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-2240 Logic; or MATH-2210 Logic and Methods of Proof; or permission of instructor.*

BEPH-3280 Metaphysics—Sp 3 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-2200 Introduction to Philosophy. (odd years)*

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- BEPH-3310 History of Ancient and Medieval Philosophy—Fa** **3 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-2200 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)
- BEPH-3320 History of Modern Philosophy—Sp** **3 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-2200 Introduction to Philosophy.* (odd years)
- BEPH-3330 19th Century Philosophy—Fa** **3 hours**
Survey of significant European and American philosophies of the 19th and early 20th centuries from Hegel to the first World War. Special attention will be given to Hegelianism, early existentialism, pragmatism, and analytic philosophy. *Prerequisite: BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy.* (even years)
- BEPH-3340 Current Philosophical Developments—Fa** **3 hours**
Survey of significant European and American philosophies of the 20th century, focusing specifically on developments from the 1960s to the present. (even years)
- BEPH-3400 Philosophy of Law and Economics** **3 hours**
Course will clarify the conceptual structures that underlie both law and economic analysis. Explores the connections between ethics and legal theory and practice and economics. (odd years)
- BEPH-4030 Philosophy and Literature—Sp** **2 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-4250 Philosophy of Science** **2 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. (odd years)
- BEPH-4260 Philosophy of Art—Sp** **2 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, and the aesthetic attitude and aesthetic values, such as beauty and the philosophy of art. (Fee: \$10)(odd years)
- BEPH-4290 Topics in Philosophy—Sp** **1-3 hours**
Various topics offered as interest demands. For majors in philosophy. Permission of instructor required for non-majors and minors.
- BEPH-4900 Independent Study in Philosophy—Fa,Sp,Su** **1-3 hours**
The student will investigate a significant topic of philosophy of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge.
- BEPH-4910 Seminar in Philosophy—Fa** **2 hours**
Senior course 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. Course will be taken during the year immediately prior to graduation. Capstone course. Credit/no credit.
- Practical Theology**
- BEPT-2000 Introduction to Mission—Sp** **3 hours**
Foundational concepts and concerns of mission today including definitions, mission theology, "calling," mission ministries, qualifications, preparation, mission and the local church, the missionary family, the MK, short-term missions, mission agencies, the application process, and cultural adjustment.
- BEPT-2400 Personal Evangelism—Fa,Sp** **3 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-1710 Christian Life and Thought.* (Fee: \$15)
- BEPT-2420 History of Mission—Fa** **3 hours**
Survey of the history of the expansion of the church from apostolic times to World War II with attention to differing conceptions of the mission task and the strategies and lessons that may be learned for mission today.
- BEPT-3410 Discipleship—Fa,Sp** **3 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-3420 Pastoral Ministry—Sp** **2 hours**
The pastor's life and ministry. Course provides broad overview of pastoral duties such as presiding over weddings, funerals, church services, etc. In addition, such issues as the pastoral call, candidating, ordination, cultivating 21st century leadership, family issues, etc., are also addressed.
- BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling—Fa** **3 hours**
Principles and practices of pastoral counseling. Course provides overview of the nature, scope, and basic practices of counseling within a church ministry context. Such issues as crisis counseling, family life issues, depression, abuse issues, etc. are also addressed within a ministry paradigm.
- BEPT-3450 Contemporary World Missions—Sp** **3 hours**
Study of the development, methods, and problems of Christian missions since World War II. (Fee \$50)
- BEPT-3470 Cross-Cultural Ministry—Sp** **3 hours**
Understanding culture, basic methods in researching culture, becoming competent in another culture, cross-culture communication, relevant to a mission ministry, and the practice of ministry contextualization.
- BEPT-3490 The Pastor's Wife** **2 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-3500 Homiletics—Fa** **3 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. *Prerequisites: COM-1100 Fundamentals of Speech; junior or senior status.*
- BEPT-3510 Introduction to Urban Ministry—Fa** **3 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: \$50)
- BEPT-4300 Missiology and Missiologists—Fa** **3 hours**
An introduction into the discipline of missiology and a survey of the contributions of key missiologists from the mid-19th century.
- BEPT-4400 Pastoral Internship** **5-12 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 and completion of the following courses: BEPT-3420 Pastoral Ministry; BEPT-3430 Pastoral Counseling; BEPT-3500 Homiletics; BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics.*

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BEPT-4500 Missionary Internship **3-12 hours**

Four to six weeks in a crosscultural 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. *Prerequisites: completion of at least two missions courses; approval of the Bible faculty. Repeatable up to 12 credit hours.*

BEPT-4510 Advanced Urban Ministry—Sp **3 hours**

Continuation of the earlier Urban Ministry course, including global urban issues, particular challenges in world class cities, sociology of the city and its implications for mission in the city. (Fee: \$50)

BEPT-4560 Advanced Homiletics—Sp **3 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-3500 Homiletics.*

BEPT-4900 Independent Study in Practical Theology—Fa,Sp,Su **1-3 hours**

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

BEPT-4990 Topics in Practical Theology—Fa,Sp **1-3 hours**

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, which have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors.

Special Topics

BEST-2910 Theological Research—Fa,Sp **2 hours**

This course is designed to survey the basic process, as well as selected special processes, germane to the field of theological research. *Prerequisite: BEGE-1720 Spiritual Formation.*

BEST-3400 Bible Backgrounds—Sp **3 hours**

An introduction to the world of the Bible including the historical context, geographical setting, cultural milieu, and archaeological evidences that help explain the biblical text. (odd years)

BEST-3410 Biblical Archaeology I—Sp **2 hours**

An introduction to biblical archaeology and the historical and cultural backgrounds of the Old and New Testaments. (Fee: \$150) (even years)

BEST-3420 Biblical Archaeology II—Su **1 hour**

An introduction to the archaeology of the Old and New Testaments and the historical and cultural background of the Bible on a field trip to Europe. It will also introduce the historical and cultural aspects of European Christianity. (Fee: Not to exceed \$3000) (even years)

BEST-4310 Hermeneutics—Fa **3 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-4900 Independent Study in Special Topics—Fa,Sp **1-3 hours**

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

BEST-4910 Seminar in Bible—Fa,Sp **2 hours**

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

BEST-4990 Topics in Special Topics—Fa,Sp **1-3 hours**

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, which have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors.

Theology

BETH-2350 Theological Foundations of Ministry—Fa **3 hours**

An examination of theological issues critical for the formation of a biblical philosophy of ministry, as well as a critical survey of

historical developments in Christian educational ministries in light of those theological discussions. *Prerequisite: BEGE-1710 Christian Life and Thought.*

BETH-3330 Christian Evidences and Apologetics—Fa **3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BETH-3350 Bibliology and Theology Proper—Fa **3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (odd years)*

BETH-3360 Angelology and Anthropology—Sp **3 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-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development; or permission of instructor. (odd years)*

BETH-3400 Current Religious Movements—Sp **3 hours**

Survey of new religious movements with attention given to their history, beliefs, and practices, as well as to critical assessment and appropriate response. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BETH-4320 Contemporary Theology—Sp **3 hours**

Critical study of traditions, trends, issues, and major thinkers in contemporary theology. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; BEPH-2200 Introduction to Philosophy; or permission of the instructor.*

BETH-4370 Soteriology and Christology—Fa **3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (even years)*

BETH-4380 Pneumatology and Ecclesiology—Fa **3 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-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; BEGE-3750 Christian Worldview Development; or permission of instructor. (even years)*

BETH-4390 Eschatology—Sp **3 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. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor. (even years)*

BETH-4900 Independent Study in Theology—Fa,Sp,Su **1-3 hours**

Students will investigate a significant topic of theology of special interest with a view toward integration of knowledge. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*

BETH-4990 Topics in Theology—Fa,Sp **1-3 hours**

Investigation of special topics in Bible and theology, which have intrinsic worth and engage student interest. Permission of instructor required for non-majors. *Prerequisite: BEGE-2730 Old Testament Literature; BEGE-2740 New Testament Literature; or permission of the instructor.*