DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

Mission: The Department of Religion is a learning community committed to the church and to the academy, dedicated to the study of Scripture, theology, mission, leadership, and spirituality for the purpose of transforming individuals, relationships and communities.

The Department of Religion houses both the Biblical Studies and Leadership Studies disciplines as part of the College, and serves both undergraduate and graduate programs within Professional Studies. The curriculum for the religion major is administered through concentrations in Biblical Studies, Christian Formation and Discipleship, Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Leadership Studies, and Youth Leadership Studies. In addition, an option in General Christian Studies allows students to choose any religion electives for the major without having to select a particular concentration.

All Religion majors are expected to make satisfactory academic progress toward graduation. In addition to the requirements established by the university, the Department of Religion requires that all of its majors maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 in all major course work as part of their minimum requirement for graduation.

Ministerial Credentials

Students who plan to apply for ministerial credentials should consult the chair of the Department of Religion for pertinent information and the necessary application forms. PLST-449 Denominational Polity is recommended as one unit toward fulfilling the pastoral ministries requirement in the programs of those students planning to apply for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God.

Ministerial Internship Programs and Practica

The Department of Religion is committed to provide field education experiences that integrate conceptual aspects of ministry with the practice of ministry in local churches, hospitals, mission opportunities, inner-city ministries, and other parachurch organizations. Goals for field education include spiritual formation, mentoring relationships, theological reflection, and specific training in ministry skills that provide the framework for such integration.

There are two academic programs designed to provide these integrative experiences:

1. PLST-450 Ministerial Internship (3-12 units) is a structured field experience designed for students who wish to have an in-depth exposure to the practice of ministry within a local church under the supervision of a pastor and religion faculty member.
2. PLST-460 Practicum (1-3 units) is intended for students who are currently involved in a particular ministry and wish to receive credit for guided reflection and supervision of that experience by the on-scene administrator and religion faculty member.

The deadline for admission in the Ministerial Internship Program for the Summer or Fall semester is April 15 of the preceding Spring semester. For the Spring semester, the deadline is November 15 of the preceding Fall semester. The deadline for a practicum is the first week of the semester. Application forms are available in the Department of Religion office.

Programs

- Religion B.A. (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/college/religion/religion-ba/)
- Religion Minor (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/college/religion/religion-minor/)

Courses

BIBLICAL INTERPRETATION

BINT-270 Resrch Meth/Study of Scripture 3 Credits
An introductory examination of biblical exposition for ministry which includes an understanding of the theological foundations for preaching, an acquaintance with the basic secondary materials used in biblical interpretation, and an overview of the procedures of biblical exegesis. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester. Prerequisite: BLAN-101, NT-101C Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

BINT-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study of a special topic in Biblical Interpretation. May be repeated for credit.

BINT-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in Biblical Interpretation. May be repeated for credit.

BINT-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study of a special topic in Biblical Interpretation. May be repeated for credit.

BINT-440 New Testament Backgrounds 3 Credits
A study of the Greek, Roman, and Jewish backgrounds of the New Testament is made in order to give the New Testament student an understanding of the world of Jesus and the early church. Extensive readings in representative texts from the New Testament period, including the Dead Sea Scrolls.

BINT-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study in a special topic in the field of Biblical interpretation. May be repeated for credit.

BINT-476 Old Testament Backgrounds 3 Credits
An exploration of Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyrian, and Persian backgrounds to the Old Testament, designed to provide the student with an understanding of the Old Testament world.

BINT-480 Individual Studies: 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGE

BLAN-101 Introduction to Biblical Lang. 3 Credits
An introduction to the Greek and Hebrew languages which prepares students to do basic lexical and grammatical research in both print and digital media. Core requirement for the religion major and prerequisite to BINT-270. Offered every semester. Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.
BLAN-201 Beginning Greek I 4 Credits
A two-semester course of instruction in the grammar of the Greek New Testament. BLAN 201 or demonstrated proficiency serves as prerequisite to BLAN 202. By the end of the second semester the student should be translating portions of the Greek New Testament. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: BLAN-101 or permission of the instructor Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-202 Beginning Greek II 4 Credits
A two-semester course of instruction in the grammar of the Greek New Testament. BLAN-201 or demonstrated proficiency serves as prerequisite to BLAN-202. By the end of the second semester the student should be translating portions of the Greek New Testament. Offered alternate years. Terms Typically Offered: Spring, even years.

BLAN-204 Beginning Hebrew I 4 Credits
Foundation in the basics of Hebrew morphology, vocabulary, and syntax. Exercises in reading, writing, and speaking. Three hours of lecture, two of laboratory per week. BLAN-204 or demonstrated proficiency serves as prerequisite to BLAN-205. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: BLAN-101 or permission of the instructor Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-205 Beginning Hebrew II 4 Credits
Foundation in the basics of Hebrew morphology, vocabulary, and syntax. Exercises in reading, writing, and speaking. Three hours of lecture, two of laboratory per week. BLAN-204 or demonstrated proficiency serves as prerequisite to BLAN-205. Offered alternate years. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-301 Intermediate Greek I 3 Credits
An advanced course in New Testament Greek. The student begins a translation and exegesis of the Gospel of John along with an intensive, systematic review of grammar and syntax from an advanced Greek grammar. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-302 Intermediate Greek II 3 Credits
An advanced course in New Testament Greek. The student begins a translation and exegesis of the Gospel of John along with an intensive, systematic review of grammar and syntax from an advanced Greek grammar. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-306 Intermediate Hebrew I 3 Credits
Review and consolidation of grammar and syntax. Extensive reading in the narrative portions of the Old Testament for style and vocabulary. Offered alternate years. Prerequisite: BLAN-204, BLAN-205 or demonstrated proficiency Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-307 Intermediate Hebrew II 3 Credits
Review and consolidation of grammar and syntax. Extensive reading in the narrative portions of the Old Testament for style and vocabulary. Offered alternate years. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-401 Advanced Greek I 2 Credits
Reading and exegesis of Greek New Testament passages, selected to acquaint the student with the distinctive styles of the various authors of the New Testament. Some reading in the Apostolic Fathers and the Septuagint is also included. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-402 Advanced Greek II 2 Credits
Reading and exegesis of Greek New Testament passages, selected to acquaint the student with the distinctive styles of the various authors of the New Testament. Some reading in the Apostolic Fathers and the Septuagint is also included. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-406 Advanced Hebrew I 2 Credits
Syntactical and exegetical analysis of selected portions from the Hebrew Old Testament. Offered on demand. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

BLAN-407 Advanced Hebrew II 2 Credits
Syntactical and exegetical analysis of selected portions from the Hebrew Old Testament. Offered on demand. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-480 Individual Studies: 1-4 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

Christian Formation and Discipleship

CFST-101 Intro/Chrtn Formtn/Discplshp 2 Credits
An examination of the theology, philosophy and practice of spiritual formation and discipleship. Special attention will be given to the nature, processes, and goals of Christian formation ministries in the local church. Offered every fall. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CFST-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study in a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

CFST-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study in a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

CFST-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study in a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

CFST-294 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study in a special topic in the field of Christian formation and discipleship. May be repeated for credit.

CFST-302 Christn Formation of Children 2 Credits
A study of the developmental needs, skills, and abilities of children as they pertain to spiritual formation. Consideration will also be given to moral and value formation, socialization, and self-esteem development.

CFST-326 Adult Formation/Discipleship 2 Credits
A study of the educational, discipleship, and developmental needs of adults pertinent to an effective formation ministry in the local church. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

CFST-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study in a special topic in the field of Christian formation and discipleship. May be repeated for credit.

CFST-480 Ind Studies: 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

Church History

CHIS-340 Late Roman-Byzantine Empire 3 Credits
Beginning in the late third century, this course covers the major people, places, events, and movements of the Roman Empire until its destruction by the Ottoman Turks in 1453. Emphasizes the life and beliefs of the Orthodox Church and its relationship to Western Christianity. This course is housed in the Department of Religion and is accepted as a HIST upper division elective for the History/ Political Science major.
**CHIS-400C Christian Heritage 3 Credits**
This course explores our Christian heritage, showing how the community of believers has evolved over time, from the timeless creeds developed in the early Christian era, to the split between Rome and Eastern Orthodoxy, to the Protestant Reformation and the proliferation of denominations down to the twentieth century. The recent period highlights the rise of Pentecostalism and its place in the past century, the increasingly global sweep of the Church, and the relative decline of the European role in Christianity. The last section deals with the challenges and prospects of the twenty-first century and the roles available to our students.

**CHIS-420 History of Pentecostalism 3 Credits**
Antecedents, Wesleyan and nineteenth-century holiness backgrounds; origin, development, and varieties of traditional Pentecostalism; some attention to the neo-Pentecostal or charismatic movement. Course may include field trips to significant Southern California sites. This course is housed in the Department of Religion and is accepted as a HIST upper division elective for the History/Political Science major.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

**CHIS-451 Renaissance & Reformation 3 Credits**
The transition from medieval to modern civilization, emphasizing those forces and persons which brought about change in Europe's intellectual and religious outlook.

**CHIS-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits**
Study of a special topic in church history. May be repeated for credit.

**CHIS-480 Individual Studies: 1-3 Credits**
May be repeated for credit.

**CHIS-490 Seminar: 3 Credits**
Mutual investigation of one topic in church history of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.

**Intercultural Studies**

**ICST-102 Intro/Intercultural Studies 3 Credits**
An introduction to the basic elements of intercultural communication and service. Course content will compare and contrast the cognitive processes, linguistic forms, and behavioral patterns within diverse cultural contexts. The student will integrate theory with practice in order to communicate effectively a holistic gospel.

**ICST-272 Theology/Church Mission 2 Credits**
Various models of Christian mission from biblical, theological, and historical perspectives will be explored. This interdisciplinary study, integrating theology and praxis, is designed to move the student toward a responsible understanding of an integral proclamation of the kingdom of God in a diverse cultural milieu. Core requirement for the religion major offered every fall.
Prerequisite: NT-101C, THEO-101C OR THEO-103C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

**ICST-288 Theology in an Intercultural Context 3 Credits**
A study of worldview theories and concepts in the context of intercultural studies. Major worldviews are mapped out geographically in order to investigate transcultural universals and divergences. The relationship between worldviews and theology in formulating contextual understandings of ministry will be examined. Core requirement for the religion major offered every fall.
Prerequisite: NT-101C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**ICST-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit**
Study of a special topic in intercultural and urban studies. May be repeated for credit.

**ICST-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits**
Study of a special topic in intercultural and urban studies. May be repeated for credit.

**ICST-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits**
Study of a special topic in intercultural and urban studies. May be repeated for credit.

**ICST-305 Evangelism 3 Credits**
A study of the nature, scope and imperatives of evangelism in the church. Scriptural mandates and models for evangelism are examined, and personal skills in evangelism are developed.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

**ICST-345 Intercultural Comm in Ministry 3 Credits**
A study of the processes of communicating the gospel interculturally. Special attention is given to the development of attitudes and tools that will enable effective communication interculturally.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

**ICST-370 Language Intensive 3 Credits**
A course designed to offer Religion majors in the Intercultural Studies concentration intensive language study as part of their required study abroad experience. The specific language studied will be in conjunction with the location of the selected study abroad program.

**ICST-450 Intercultural Internship 3-12 Credits**
Intercultural Internship is designed to integrate conceptual aspects of ministry with in-depth exposure to the practice of ministry within specific intercultural contexts. The internship experience is intended for students who wish to receive credit for guided reflection and supervision of a missions oriented experience by the on-scene supervisor/missionary and religion faculty member. Specific internship modules may also be taken during two, three, or four semesters. A maximum number of twelve units may be taken for internship credit.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

**ICST-460 Intercultural Field Studies 3 Credits**
A course designed to integrate theory with field experience for Religion majors in the Intercultural Studies concentration. The intent is to reflect theologically in an intercultural ministry setting as part of the study abroad requirement. Special attention is given to examining one's spiritual gifts, calling, identity, and preparation, as well as developing an appreciation for other cultures, and understanding of the cross-cultural adaptation of a missionary.

**ICST-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits**
Study of a special topic in intercultural and urban studies. May be repeated for credit.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**ICST-480 Ind Studies: 1-3 Credits**
May be repeated for credit.
ICST-485 Current Issues/Mission Studies 3 Credits
This course examines selected themes critical to effective Christian mission. Issues considered range from the ethics of evangelism and proselytism to the cultural dynamics of politics and economics. This course is required for students in the Intercultural Studies concentration.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

ICST-490 Seminar: 1-3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in intercultural and urban studies of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.

New Testament

NT-101 New Testament Survey 3 Credits
Prerequisite to all upper division courses in New Testament. A close study of the New Testament text, examining the foundations of Christianity within its historical contexts, and presenting the principles and tools of interpretation. (required for all Religion majors; meets Religion/Humanities requirement for all majors)
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

NT-101C New Testament Survey 3 Credits
Prerequisite to all upper division courses in New Testament. A close study of the New Testament text, examining the foundations of Christianity within its historical contexts, and presenting the principles and tools of interpretation.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

NT-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study of a special topic relating to the New Testament. May be repeated for credit.

NT-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study of a special topic relating to the New Testament. May be repeated for credit.

NT-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study of a special topic relating to the New Testament. May be repeated for credit.

NT-301 Intermediate Greek I 3 Credits
An advanced course in New Testament Greek. The student begins a translation and exegesis of the Gospel of John along with an intensive, systematic review of grammar and syntax from an advanced Greek grammar.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-302 Intermediate Greek II 3 Credits
An advanced course in New Testament Greek. The student begins a translation and exegesis of the Gospel of John along with an intensive, systematic review of grammar and syntax from an advanced Greek grammar.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-310 Parables of Jesus 3 Credits
This course aims to provide an introductory overview of the critical problems involved in interpreting the parables of Jesus, an understanding of the theological framework for interpreting the meaning of the parables, and an appreciation for the religious, social, and moral values expressed in the message of the parables.
Prerequisite: NT101C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-312 Life of Jesus 3 Credits
A critical examination of the assumptions, history, methods, and conclusions of the so-called, ‘Quest of the Historical Jesus.’ We then interpret the data about Jesus against the history and culture of late Second Temple Judaism, followed by an examination of the meaning of Jesus’ life and work.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-315 Gospel of Mark 3 Credits
A study of the background, theology, community and literary significance of the Markan traditions of Jesus.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-320 Johannine Literature 3 Credits
The meaning and message of the Gospel of John and I, II, and III John, including introductory studies concerning authorship, date, location, and occasion for the writings. Involves detailed exegesis of segments of the literature with a focus upon the significance of its theological content.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-325 Hebrews 3 Credits
Content and interpretation of this important Christological text, stressing Bible study methods and resources and giving attention to background considerations in the biblical history of Jewish worship.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-330 General Epistles 3 Credits
James, I and II Peter, and Jude-their contexts, interpretation, distinctive teachings, and significance to the canon of the New Testament.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-340 Acts of the Apostles 3 Credits
Exegesis of the Book of Acts with consideration of critical problems, alerting the student to basic issues in the history and theology of Luke-Acts and providing him or her with an outline of primitive church history.
Prerequisite: NT101C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-346 Romans & Galatians 3 Credits
Studies of the critical issues and contents of the Pauline corpus in the contexts of the life of the apostle and of the developing New Testament church. The following courses will be scheduled: NT 346 Romans and Galatians; NT 347 Corinthian Letters; NT 348 Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon; NT 349 Pastoral Epistles: I and II Timothy, and Titus.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-347 Corinthian Letters 3 Credits
Studies of the critical issues and contents of the Pauline corpus in the contexts of the life of the apostle and of the developing New Testament church.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-347 Life of Jesus 3 Credits
A critical examination of the assumptions, history, methods, and conclusions of the so-called, ‘Quest of the Historical Jesus.’ We then interpret the data about Jesus against the history and culture of late Second Temple Judaism, followed by an examination of the meaning of Jesus’ life and work.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-350 General Epistles 3 Credits
James, I and II Peter, and Jude-their contexts, interpretation, distinctive teachings, and significance to the canon of the New Testament.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-360 Acts of the Apostles 3 Credits
Exegesis of the Book of Acts with consideration of critical problems, alerting the student to basic issues in the history and theology of Luke-Acts and providing him or her with an outline of primitive church history.
Prerequisite: NT101C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
NT-348 Prison Epistles 3 Credits
Studies of the critical issues and contents of the Pauline corpus in the contexts of the life of the apostle and of the developing New Testament church. The following courses will be scheduled: NT 346 Romans and Galatians; NT 347 Corinthian Letters; NT 348 Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon; NT 349 Pastoral Epistles: I and II Timothy, and Titus.
Prerequisite: NT-101C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-349 Pastoral & Thess Epistles 3 Credits
Studies of the critical issues and contents of the Pauline corpus in the contexts of the life of the apostle and of the developing New Testament church. The following courses will be scheduled: NT 346 Romans and Galatians; NT 347 Corinthian Letters; NT 348 Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon; NT 349 Pastoral Epistles: I and II Timothy, and Titus.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-401 Advanced Greek I 2 Credits
Reading and exegesis of Greek New Testament passages, selected to acquaint the student with the distinctive styles of the various authors of the New Testament. Some reading in the Apostolic Fathers and the Septuagint is also included.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

NT-402 Advanced Greek II 2 Credits
Reading and exegesis of Greek New Testament passages, selected to acquaint the student with the distinctive styles of the various authors of the New Testament. Some reading in the Apostolic Fathers and the Septuagint is also included.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-446 Parables for Preaching 3 Credits
An examination of the interrelationship between the meaning of the parables as Jesus spoke them to his original hearers and the message of parables proclaimed in the church today.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-462 Selected Themes/NT Theology 3 Credits
An advanced course for the study of important theological concepts of the New Testament. The focus will be twofold: the orthodox understanding of major doctrines in the light of their first-century environment, and the development of a basic methodology that will guide the student in the practice of theological interpretation of the New Testament. Core requirement for the religion major offered every spring.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in New Testament. May be repeated for credit.

NT-472 Synoptic Gospels 3 Credits
The study of the history and nature of the Synoptic Problem and the methods of Gospel research; and an overview of the content, characteristics, and theology of the first three Gospels.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-480 Individual Studies: 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

NT-490 Seminar: 1-3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in New Testament of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.

Old Testament

OT-201 Old Testament Survey 3 Credits
Prerequisite to all upper division courses in Old Testament. An introductory study of the literature of the Old Testament, with a view toward appreciation of its content and historical development, with emphasis on theological themes such as creation, election, and redemption. (required for all Religion majors; meets Religion/Humanities requirement for other majors).
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OT-201C Old Testament Survey 3 Credits
Prerequisite to all upper division courses in Old Testament. An introductory study of the literature of the Old Testament, with a view toward appreciation of its content and historical development, with emphasis on theological themes such as creation, election, and redemption.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

OT-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study of a special topic relating to the Old Testament. May be repeated for credit.

OT-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study of a special topic relating to the Old Testament. May be repeated for credit.

OT-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study of a special topic relating to the Old Testament. May be repeated for credit.

OT-306 Intermediate Hebrew I 3 Credits
Review and consolidation of grammar and syntax. Extensive reading in the narrative portions of the Old Testament for style and vocabulary. Offered alternate years.
Prerequisite: OT-201C, BLAN-204, BLAN-205; or demonstrated proficiency
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-307 Intermediate Hebrew II 3 Credits
Review and consolidation of grammar and syntax. Extensive reading in the narrative portions of the Old Testament for style and vocabulary. Offered alternate years.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-310 Psalms 3 Credits
A study of selected Psalms, especially noting the structure, language, meaning, authorship, and historic setting of each.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-320 Poetic & Wisdom Literature 3 Credits
A study of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament with attention to the characteristic features and forms of Hebrew poetry and the role of wisdom in Israel. This course may include any of the following books: Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-330 Isaiah 1-39 3 Credits
Studies in the lives and literature of the Hebrew prophets. The following courses in the prophets will be scheduled: OT 330 Isaiah 1-39, OT 331 Isaiah 40-66, OT 332 Jeremiah, OT 333 Ezekiel, and OT 334 Minor Prophets.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
OT-331 Isaiah 40-66 3 Credits
Studies in the lives and literature of the Hebrew prophets. The following courses in the prophets will be scheduled: OT 330 Isaiah 1-39, OT 331 Isaiah 40-66, OT 332 Jeremiah, OT 333 Ezekiel, and OT 334 Minor Prophets.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-332 Jeremiah 3 Credits
Studies in the lives and literature of the Hebrew prophets. The following courses in the prophets will be scheduled: OT 330 Isaiah 1-39, OT 331 Isaiah 40-66, OT 332 Jeremiah, OT 333 Ezekiel, and OT 334 Minor Prophets.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-333 Prophetic Literature: Ezekiel 3 Credits
Studies in the lives and literature of the Hebrew prophets. The following courses in the prophets will be scheduled: OT 330 Isaiah 1-39, OT 331 Isaiah 40-66, OT 332 Jeremiah, OT 333 Ezekiel, and OT 334 Minor Prophets.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-341 Genesis 3 Credits
An examination of the historical and legal formulations in Genesis through Deuteronomy in light of recent archaeological finds and critical research. The following courses will be included: OT 341 Genesis, OT 342 Exodus, OT 343 Leviticus, OT 344 Numbers, and OT 345 Deuteronomy.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-342 Exodus 3 Credits
An examination of the historical and legal formulations in Genesis through Deuteronomy in light of recent archaeological finds and critical research. The following courses will be included: OT 341 Genesis, OT 342 Exodus, OT 343 Leviticus, OT 344 Numbers, and OT 345 Deuteronomy.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-343 Leviticus 3 Credits
An examination of the historical and legal formulations in Genesis through Deuteronomy in light of recent archaeological finds and critical research. The following courses will be included: OT 341 Genesis, OT 342 Exodus, OT 343 Leviticus, OT 344 Numbers, and OT 345 Deuteronomy.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-344 Numbers 3 Credits
An examination of the historical and legal formulations in Genesis through Deuteronomy in light of recent archaeological finds and critical research. The following courses will be included: OT 341 Genesis, OT 342 Exodus, OT 343 Leviticus, OT 344 Numbers, and OT 345 Deuteronomy.

OT-345 Deuteronomy 3 Credits
An examination of the historical and legal formulations in Genesis through Deuteronomy in light of recent archaeological finds and critical research. The following courses will be included: OT 341 Genesis, OT 342 Exodus, OT 343 Leviticus, OT 344 Numbers, and OT 345 Deuteronomy.

OT-406 Advanced Hebrew I 2 Credits
Syntactical and exegetical analysis of selected portions from the Hebrew Old Testament. Offered on demand.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-407 Advanced Hebrew II 2 Credits
Syntactical and exegetical analysis of selected portions from the Hebrew Old Testament. Offered on demand.

OT-425 Women in the Books of Samuel 3 Credits
This course will examine the books of 1 and 2 Samuel with particular emphasis upon the female characters that occur within the narrative, and the concurrent development of David’s character as made evident in the biblical text through his significant relationships with women. The course will provide significant opportunity for students to acquire and improve interpretive skills appropriate to the narrative form of biblical text. Special attention will be given to the important contributions of the David narrative to a theology of kingship and the ethics of power usage within community, major themes in the books of Samuel.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-430 Women in Early Israel 3 Credits
This course will examine the role of women in early Israel and the theological significance of their inclusion in the biblical text. A major portion of the course will be devoted to the study of selected female characters occurring in the books of Genesis through Judges. The course will provide significant opportunity for students to acquire and improve interpretive skills appropriate to the narrative form of biblical text. Attention will also be given to relevant cultural realities of women in the ancient Near Eastern world.
Prerequisite: OT-201C
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in Old Testament. May be repeated for credit.

OT-472 Selected Themes/OT Theology 3 Credits
An exploration of the meaning of, and limits for, biblical theology, together with the works of certain prominent scholars in the area; and of selected motifs in the Old Testament. Core requirement for the religion major offered every fall.
Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

OT-480 Individual Studies: 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

OT-490 Seminar: 3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in Old Testament of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.

Pastoral Leadership Studies
PLST-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study of a special topic in pastoral leadership. May be repeated for credit.

PLST-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in pastoral leadership. May be repeated for credit.

PLST-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study of a special topic in pastoral leadership. May be repeated for credit.

PLST-310 Intro/Christian Leadership 2 Credits
An introduction to a theology of leadership through the development of a healthy interior life; an understanding of a situational approach to leadership; and knowledge of the leader’s role in the corporate vision, spirituality, and mission of the Christian community. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.
PLST-312 Intro/Pastoral Care  2 Credits
Permission of the instructor for non-majors. An introduction to a theology of care and counsel as a central focus of leadership-lay and vocational-in the mission and ministry of the Christian community. Core requirement for the religion major offered every spring. Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

PLST-314 Intro/Preaching & Teaching  2 Credits
An introduction to the proclamation mission of communicating the gospel through teaching and preaching. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester. Prerequisite: BINT-270, NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C. Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

PLST-347 Ministry and Media  3 Credits

PLST-372 Res/Meth/Study/Ethics/Chrs Ldr  3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-406C Music and Worship  3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-420 Disciplines/Spiritual Life  3 Credits
A study of the biblical and theological foundations of spirituality within the Pentecostal/charismatic tradition. The emphasis will be on building a functioning spiritual life by the exercise of spiritual disciplines such as prayer, worship, community, fasting, and other disciplines. Core requirement for the religion major offered every fall. Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

PLST-423 Sociology of Religion  1-3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-424 Pentecost-Charismatic Movmnt  1-3 Credits

PLST-425 Narrative/Expository Preaching  3 Credits
An examination of narrative and expository preaching methods as complementary styles of preaching to strengthen pulpit ministry. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-430 Management/Christian Organztns  3 Credits
Exploring effective management from a systems perspective that examines the internal processes of a learning organization as well as its relationship with the environment. Selected topics will also include recruitment and training of volunteers, conflict management, team building, planning and financial management, and legal issues. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-432 Women in Ministry  3 Credits
An overview of the biblical and contemporary views on the leadership roles of women in the church, and the relevance of women in ministry for the modern church. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-440 Pastoral Care/Counseling  3 Credits
The application of counseling and guidance principles to the work of the pastor and other religious workers in the field of pastoral care, including the use of case studies in ministering to persons with illness, grief, home, youth, or other types of special problems. Prerequisite: PLST-312. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

PLST-446 Parables/Preaching  3 Credits
An examination of the interrelationship between the meaning of the parables as Jesus spoke them to his original hearers and the message of parables proclaimed in the church today. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-449 Denominational Polity  1 Credit
Guided reading and discussion of official district and national constitutions and bylaws, and research in denominational history and doctrine. Designed for students seeking ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God. Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

PLST-450 Ministerial Internship  3-12 Credits
The internship program is a full-time, one-semester course of intensive in-service ministerial training in an assigned church under the supervision of a pastor and religion faculty member. Specific internship modules may also be taken during two, three, or four semesters. A maximum number of twelve units may be taken for internship credit. Note: Application forms are available in the Department of Religion office. Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

PLST-455 Current Issues/Youth Ministry  3 Credits
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

PLST-457 Church Growth  3 Credits

PLST-460 Practicum  1-3 Credits
A learning experience which integrates classroom theory with practice through assigned responsibilities in local churches, hospitals, mission fields, or other appropriate institutions under supervision by both the on-scene administrator and the religion faculty member. May be repeated for credit. Note: Application forms are available in the Department of Religion office. Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

PLST-461 Integrative Field Studies  3 Credits
Highly Recommended: PLST 450 or PLST 460A course designed to integrate theory with guided field experience in the student's chosen field. The intent is to reflect theologically in a ministry setting with special attention given to examining one's spiritual gifts, calling, identity, and preparation. Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-470 Special Topic:  1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in pastoral leadership. May be repeated for credit.

PLST-480 Ind Studies:  1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

PLST-490 Seminar:  1-3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in pastoral leadership of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.
**Philosophy**

**PHIL-201 Introduction to Philosophy** 3 Credits
An introductory study which aims to provide a basic understanding of the nature and aims of philosophy, an acquaintance with some representative philosophical problems, an introduction to the methodology of philosophical inquiry, and a mastery of some of the terminology employed in philosophical discussion. This course does not fulfill a core curriculum requirement. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**PHIL-291 Special Topic:** 1 Credit
Study of a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL-292 Special Topic:** 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL-293 Special Topic:** 3 Credits
Study of a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

**PHIL-430 Ethics** 3 Credits
The course provides an introduction to a variety of ethical theories and systems in order to formulate alternative perspectives for ethical analysis and decision making.

**PHIL-437 Philosophy of Religion** 3 Credits
The course employs philosophical methodology to examine the problems of the nature, limits, and validity of religious knowledge; the meaning of religious language; and the origin and nature of evil. This course does not fulfill a core curriculum requirement.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

**PHIL-467 Beauty and the Christian Life** 3 Credits
An exploration of the category of beauty as it is variously addressed within the Bible, historic and contemporary Christian theology, and philosophy. These sources will be considered so that students may begin developing their own constructive theology of beauty.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**PHIL-470 Special Topic:** 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in philosophy. May be repeated for credit.

**Theology**

**THEO-101 Foundations of Christian Life** 3 Credits
An introduction to Christian faith and life, embracing the primary theological tenets and fundamental values that empower a Christian to address contemporary cultural issues, seek integrity in personal behavior, and respond to the great commission to reach the world. (meets Religion/Humanities requirement)
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**THEO-101C Foundations of Christian Life** 3 Credits
An introduction to Christian faith and life, embracing the primary theological tenets and fundamental values that empower a Christian to address contemporary cultural issues, seek integrity in personal behavior, and respond to the great commission to reach the world.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**THEO-103 Introduction to Theology** 3 Credits
An introductory study of the subject matter and scope of Christian theology. Examination is made of philosophical presuppositions, definition is sought for theological terms, and articulation of theological concepts is encouraged. Particular attention is given to the doctrinal tenets of the Assemblies of God. (Required for all religion majors/meets Religion/Humanities for all majors)
Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

**THEO-103C Intro to Theology** 3 Credits
An introductory study of the subject matter and scope of Christian theology. Examination is made of philosophical presuppositions, definition is sought for theological terms, and articulation of theological concepts is encouraged. Particular attention is given to the doctrinal tenets of the Assemblies of God. Students majoring in Religion (any concentration) must take THEO-103C to fulfill the core curriculum requirement in theology.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**THEO-103H Introduction to Theology Honors** 3 Credits
An introductory study of the subject matter and scope of Christian theology. Examination is made of philosophical presuppositions, definition is sought for theological terms, and articulation of theological concepts is encouraged. Particular attention is given to the doctrinal tenets of the Assemblies of God. This course is for honors students only.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

**THEO-291 Special Topic:** 1 Credit
Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit.

**THEO-292 Special Topic:** 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit.

**THEO-293 Special Topic:** 3 Credits
Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit.

**THEO-292H Special Topic:** 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit.

**THEO-300C Developing a Christian World View** 3 Credits
This course surveys the history of philosophical worldviews and life narratives as a background for understanding the challenges involved in developing a theology and ethic accountable to the biblical witness but contextual in a given culture. Theological currents leading to postmodernity will be explored through the lens provided by the questions and encounters that emerge from both western and non-western Christian perspectives.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

**THEO-301 Christian Ethics** 3 Credits
This course aims to investigate the moral implications of the Christian faith. Emphases will be placed on the theological nature of Christian ethical reflection, and the evaluation of specific moral issues from the vantage point of Christian faith.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

**THEO-318 Systematic Theology I Anthropology, Christology, Soteriology** 3 Credits
Using Scripture and the church’s historic theological wisdom, this course is a study of God’s nature, the Trinity, creation, humankind as Imago Dei, the fall, Jesus Christ’s person and salvific work, and the elements of salvation including justification, sanctification and glorification. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester.
Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.
THEO-320 Systematic Theology II: Pneumatology Ecclesiology, Eschatology 3 Credits
This course covers Pneumatology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. Using Scripture and the church's historic theological wisdom this course is a study of the Holy Spirit's person, work, and gifts, the church's nature and vocation, and the last things, including the resurrection, final judgment, and new creation. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THEO-415 Intro to Narrative Theology 3 Credits
This course explores the implications of storytelling and narrative as a way of thinking about and engaging in the theological task. It is the assumption of this course that the conceptual categories of narrative are irreducible to other forms of thought and that they therefore represent a domain of knowledge, which possesses its own independent validity. Put differently, the think in story. For this reason, interpretation, which is sensitive to narrative form, may help to expose that value. It is the purpose of this course to develop the sensitivities necessary to understand this important dimension of religious expression.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

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THEO-437 Philosophy of Religion 3 Credits
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THEO-467 Beauty and the Christian Life 3 Credits
An exploration of the category of beauty as it is variously addressed within the Bible, historic and contemporary Christian theology, and philosophy. These sources will be considered so that students may begin developing their own constructive theology of beauty.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

THEO-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit.

THEO-480 Individual Studies: 1-3 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

THEO-490 Seminar: 3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in theology of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.

THEO-499C Theo/Min/Post-Chrtn Context 3 Credits
Required of all religion majors during the senior year. This capstone course explores the changing role of pastoral, theological, and ethical reflection and practice in the contemporary context of shifting social realities. Particular attention is paid to the role of Pentecostalism within this matrix. Core requirement for the religion major offered every semester.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

Youth Leadership Studies
YLST-291 Special Topic: 1 Credit
Study of a special topic in youth leadership. May be repeated for credit.

YLST-292 Special Topic: 2 Credits
Study of a special topic in youth leadership. May be repeated for credit.

YLST-293 Special Topic: 3 Credits
Study of a special topic in youth leadership. May be repeated for credit.

YLST-324 Intro/Youth Ministry 2 Credits
A development of a theology and philosophy of youth ministry with attention given to the developmental needs of adolescents as well as the character and cultivation of the youth minister.
Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

YLST-345 Camp Leadership 3 Credits
The study of the organization and direction of various camping and recreational situations. Leadership principles are integrated into a working model of recreation and camping for both Christian and secular fields of employment.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

YLST-455 Current Issues/Youth Ministry 3 Credits
An exploration of adolescent development, culture, and socialization as an integration point for effective youth ministry. Discussion of current issues in youth ministry will serve to provide students with foundations necessary for contemporary youth ministry.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

YLST-460 Practicum 1-3 Credits
A learning experience which integrates classroom theory with practice through assigned responsibilities in local churches, mission fields, or other appropriate ministries under supervision by both the on-scene administrator and the religion faculty member. May be repeated for credit. Note: Application forms are available in the Department of Religion office.

YLST-470 Special Topic: 1-3 Credits
Study of a special topic in youth leadership. May be repeated for credit.

YLST-480 Individual Studies: 1-4 Credits
May be repeated for credit.

YLST-490 Seminar: 1-3 Credits
Mutual investigation of one topic in youth leadership studies of particular relevance to upper division religion majors. May be repeated for credit.
Terms Typically Offered: Spring.