

DEPARTMENT OF UNDERGRADUATE THEOLOGY

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Mission: The School of Theology and Ministry is committed to educating students who, in becoming people like Jesus, will do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly in a world being redeemed by God.

The School of Theology and Ministry focuses on the study of Scripture, theology, and servant leadership rooted in spiritual formation within the Pentecostal tradition. We prepare women and men to flourish in their callings and ministries through a relational journey with professors and students in undergraduate, graduate, and professional studies programs across multiple learning modalities.

Traditional Undergraduate Concentrations: Biblical Studies; Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies; Intercultural Studies; Pastoral Leadership Studies; Youth Leadership Studies; and General Christian Studies.

Professional Studies Program Concentration: Ministry and Leadership

All Theology majors are expected to make satisfactory academic progress toward graduation. In addition to the requirements established by the university, the School of Theology and Ministry 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 Undergraduate Programs of the School of Theology and Ministry for pertinent information and the necessary application forms.

Ministerial Internship Programs and Practicum

The School of Theology and Ministry is committed to providing 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.

We offer two academic options that are 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 theology 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 theology 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. Please consult the School of Theology and Ministry office.

Programs

Major:

- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Biblical Studies (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-biblical-studies/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Christian Formation and Discipleship Studies (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-christian-formation/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in General Christian Studies (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-general-studies/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Intercultural Studies (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-intercultural-studies/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Pastoral Leadership Studies (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-leadership-studies/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Youth Leadership (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ba-youth-leadership/>)
- B.A., Theology: Concentration in Ministry and Leadership (Professional Education) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ps-ba-ministry-leadership/>)

Minors:

- Theology Minor (Traditional Undergraduate) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-minor/>)
- Theology Minor (Professional Education) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/theology-ps-minor/>)
- Women and Justice Minor (Traditional Undergraduate) (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/women-justice-minor/>)

Certificate:

- Anti-Human Trafficking Certificate (<https://catalog.vanguard.edu/stm/theology/anti-human-trafficking-certificate/>)

Courses

Biblical Interpretation

BINT-270 Interpreting the Bible 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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-201 or permission of instructor

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-204

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-201, BLAN-202 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-201, BLAN-202 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-204, BLAN-205 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-301 or NT-301; BLAN-302 or NT-302 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-301 or NT-301; BLAN-302 or NT-302; BLAN-401 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-306 or OT-306; BLAN-307 or OT-307 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-306 or OT-306; BLAN-307 or OT-307; BLAN-406 ordemonstrated proficiency

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

BLAN-480 Individual Studies: 1-4 Credits

May be repeated for credit.

Christian Formation and Discipleship

CFST-101 Intro/Chrstn 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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C

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-322 Chrstn 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.

Prerequisite: CFST-101

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.

Prerequisite: CFST-101

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-400H 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/H

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/H

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.

Prerequisite: ICST-102

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

ICST-370 Language Intensive 3 Credits

A course designed to offer theology 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.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

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 in the Intercultural Studies concentration.

Prerequisite: ICST-102

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.

Ministry and Leadership (Professional Studies)

MILD-305 Church History 3 Credits

The development of the Christian Church throughout its history as reflected in its life, thought, institutions, leaders, and literature. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-310 Introduction to Intercultural Studies 3 Credits

This course is designed to introduce the basic elements of intercultural communication, relationship and service pertaining to missions.

Course content will compare and contrast the cognitive processes and behavioral patterns within diverse cultural contexts. The student will integrate theory with practice in order to communicate effectively a holistic gospel. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-364 Crit.Thinking & Writ. for Min. 3 Credits

This course is designed to teach the student to write well-stated, grammatically correct, thesis-driven essays. Attention is given to academic and professional writing styles, reasonable presentations, the elements of an argument, and means of efficient research. This course must be passed with a "C" or better to fulfill requirements for graduation. A student receiving a "C-" or lower must retake the course to earn the required grade for graduation. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.



MILD-365 Theo/Church Mission/Ministry 3 Credits

A theological understanding of the ministry of the church and its mission to the world. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

MILD-367 Rsh/Meths/Study/Preach/Scriptr 3 Credits

An introduction to the basic secondary materials utilized in biblical interpretation, an overview of the procedures of biblical exegesis and an articulation of the steps involved in homiletic construction and delivery. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

MILD-368 Leadrshp-Christian Organizatn 3 Credits

Building effective ministry through the development of a healthy interior life, an understanding of a situational approach to leadership, and knowing the leader's role in the congregation's vision and mission. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-369 Rsrch Meth/Study/Chrstrn Org 3 Credits

An introduction to research methods used to study life and ministry of a local congregation, including research design, collection of data, data analysis, and interpretation of data. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

MILD-410 Current Issues in Missions 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. (Professional Education Course)

Prerequisite: Prerequisite: MILD-310

MILD-422 Conflict Management 3 Credits

An examination of the nature and causes of conflict in the local church and religious organizations, and the principles of effective intervention strategies. (Professional Education Course)

MILD-440 Pastoral Care & Counseling 3 Credits

Theological perspectives and psychological resources for care and counseling in the context of the local congregation. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

MILD-450 Ministerial Internship 3-12 Credits

A learning experience integrating classroom theory with practical application through supervised service in a local church, hospital, mission field, or other appropriate setting. May be repeated up to a maximum of 12 units. (Professional Education Course)

MILD-460 Foundations-Christian Ethics 3 Credits

An investigation of the moral implications of the Christian faith from a biblical and theological perspective. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

MILD-461 Theological Thms-Old Testament 3 Credits

A study of selected, major themes in the writings of the Old Testament. (Professional Education Course)

Prerequisite: MILD-367

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

MILD-462 Management-Christian Organizatns 3 Credits

The principles of effective management as a learning organization in understanding the church's internal processes as well as its relationship with the environment. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

MILD-463 Theo Themes-The New Testament 3 Credits

A study of selected, major themes in the writings of the New Testament. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

MILD-464 Ministry-Preaching & Teaching 3 Credits

A study of the theology and practice of preaching and teaching. (Professional Education Course)

Prerequisite: MILD-367

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-466 Ministry of the Spirit/Church 3 Credits

A philosophical, historical and theological study of the third person of the Trinity. This course places special emphasis on the Spirit's empowerment for the church's mission and ministry. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-468 I Cor. Church in Urban Settings 3 Credits

An exegesis of I Corinthians in the contexts of the life of the apostle Paul and the developing urban church. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Spring and Summer.

MILD-470 Special Topic 1-3 Credits

Study of a special topic in theology. May be repeated for credit. (Professional Education Course)

MILD-472 New Testament & Contemp Chrstrn Issues 3 Credits

Exegesis and discussion of selected New Testament passages relevant to a variety of personal issues and contemporary life, including sexual ethics, gender roles, Christian parenting, divorce and remarriage, wealth and possession, and the problems of evil, death and dying. (Professional Education Course)

MILD-473 Change Theory & Strategic Planning in a Christian Organization 3 Credits

An approach to ministry planning in which change theory is integrated with the human and structural dynamics that influence the development of corporate vision and mission processes, goals, assessment, strategy, and evaluation. (Professional Education Course)

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Summer.

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 PE majors). (Professional Education Course).

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-201, BLAN-202, NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: BLAN-201, BLAN-202, NT-101C, NT-301

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: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

NT-330 General Epistles 3 Credits

James, I and II Peter, and Jude-their contents, interpretation, distinctive teachings, and significance to the canon of the New Testament.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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. 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-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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C; BLAN-301 or NT-301; BLAN-302 or NT-302

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C, NT-401

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C/H

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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 MILD majors; meets Religion/Humanities requirement for other majors). (Professional Education Course).

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C, OT-306

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

OT-334 Minor Prophets 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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

OT-406 Advanced Hebrew I 2 Credits

Syntactical and exegetical analysis of selected portions from the Hebrew Old Testament. Offered on demand.

Prerequisite: OT-201C, OT-306, OT-307 or demonstrated proficiency

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C, OT-406

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.

Prerequisite: OT-201C

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/H

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

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.

Prerequisite: NT101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C/H

Terms Typically Offered: 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/H

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

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/H

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

PLST-423 Sociology of Religion 1-3 Credits

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

PLST-425 Narrative/Expository Preaching 3 Credits

An examination of narrative and expository preaching methods as complementary styles of preaching to strengthen pulpit ministry.

Prerequisite: PLST-314

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.

Prerequisite: PLST-310

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.

Prerequisite: NT-101C

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-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.

Prerequisite: PLST-310, PLST-312, PLST-314

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.

Prerequisite: PHIL-201

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.

Prerequisite: PHIL-201

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.

Prerequisite: THEO-101C or THEO-103C

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

PHIL-470 Special Topic: 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). (Professional Education Course)

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 MILD majors/meets Religion/Humanities for all majors). (Professional Education Course)

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 Theology (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-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-300H 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 theology major offered every semester.

Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C/H

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 theology major offered every semester.

Prerequisite: NT-101C, OT-201C; THEO-101C or THEO-103C/H

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.

THEO-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.

THEO-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.

Prerequisite: PHIL-201

Terms Typically Offered: Fall.

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.

Prerequisite: THEO-101C or THEO-103C/H

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 theology majors. May be repeated for credit.

THEO-499C Theo/Min/Post-Chrstn Context 3 Credits

Required of all theology 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.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall and Spring.

Women and Justice Studies

WJST-P345 Human Trafficking 3 Credits

This course addresses trafficking based on the U.S. State Department model of Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution. Explores how trafficking happens, why it happens, and what can be done about it.

For students interested in combatting human trafficking, this course offers a better understanding of professional career choices, as well as volunteer opportunities. The course includes guest speakers with in-depth knowledge and experience in the field from law enforcement and victim services. Counts as elective toward Women & Justice Minor.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-P430 CSEC 3 Credits

While discussing the theories of child development, early childhood trauma, and the stages of change, a key of the CSEC curriculum will be to identify strategies for early intervention with at-risk and vulnerable youth.

WJST-P432 Sex Trafficking 3 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding sex trafficking and its dynamics, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases using laws and policies regarding sex trafficking.

WJST-P434 Human Trafficking & Demand 3 Credits

Topics examines will include understanding types of demand, how demand impacts the extent of human trafficking, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases and policies regarding those who demand various kinds of human trafficking.

WJST-P435 Human Trafficking Surv. Care 3 Credits

In light of best practices, this course seeks to equip students with the knowledge needed to understand the holistic needs of human trafficking survivors as they begin their aftercare and restoration process.

WJST-P437 Ht & Collaborations 3 Credits

Students will investigate different types of collaborative strategies, and how to build effective partnerships to enhance anti-trafficking efforts, both domestically and internationally.

WJST-P439 Human Trafficking Prevention 3 Credits

Students will explore different types of prevention challenges and models and determine which prevention activities and processes may enhance anti-trafficking efforts in their locations and areas of expertise.

WJST-P440 Ethics & Human Trafficking 3 Credits

Students will investigate the responsibility of business, consumers and media through the lens of a biblical ethics framework related to Human Dignity and Purpose in relation to trafficking.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.



WJST-P442 Faith-Based Reponse to Human Trafficking 3 Credits

Students will explore faith-based organizations' (FBOs) roles in anti-human trafficking collaborations, how they can contribute to prevention, protection of survivors and human trafficking investigations and prosecutions at local and global levels.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-P444 HT Investigations 3 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding investigations, how they can impact human trafficking efforts, protection and interviewing of victims, how investigations inform effective prosecution of cases and policies regarding investigating human trafficking situations.

WJST-P445 Labor Trafficking 3 Credits

The issues around labor trafficking will be explored. Both domestic and international labor trafficking will be discussed. Topics examined will include the extent of the problem and its relation to other forms of human trafficking, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases, policies regarding labor trafficking, and partnerships and collaborations impacting labor trafficking locally and globally.

WJST-P447 HT & the Smuggling of Migrants 3 Credits

The issues around human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants will be explored and discussed. Risk factors and circumstances leading to populations being vulnerable to being exploited while attempting to migrate to other countries and internally displaced will be explored. The course will review how the smuggling of migrants can lead to human trafficking and propose alternate strategies for identifying smuggled migrants and preventing them from being exploited in human trafficking and other transnational crime.

WJST-P449 HT Grant Management 3 Credits

The issues around human trafficking grant writing and management will be addressed. Federal, State and Foundation grant opportunities will be discussed. Topics explored will include finding grant opportunities, how to effectively write grants that address the topics solicited, submission of grants, and how to manage grants received for anti-trafficking efforts. Students will determine different types of collaborative strategies to enhance grant submissions and how to build effective partnerships to enhance grant writing and management efforts.

WJST-PNC345 Human Trafficking 0 Credits

This course addresses trafficking based on the U.S. State Department model of Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution. Explores how trafficking happens, why it happens, and what can be done about it. For students interested in combatting human trafficking, this course offers a better understanding of professional career choices, as well as volunteer opportunities. The course includes guest speakers with in-depth knowledge and experience in the field from law enforcement and victim services. Counts as elective toward Women & Justice Minor. Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-PNC430 CSEC 0 Credits

While discussing the theories of child development, early childhood trauma, and the stages of change, a key of the CSEC curriculum will be to identify strategies for early intervention with at-risk and vulnerable youth.

WJST-PNC432 Sex Trafficking 0 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding sex trafficking and its dynamics, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases using laws and policies regarding sex trafficking.

WJST-PNC434 Human Trafficking and Demand 0 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding types of demand, how demand impacts the extent of human trafficking, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases and policies regarding those who demand various kinds of human trafficking.

WJST-PNC435 Human Trafficking Surv. Care 0 Credits

In light of best practices, this course seeks to equip students with the knowledge needed to understand the holistic needs of human trafficking survivors as they begin their aftercare and restoration process.

WJST-PNC437 Human Trafficking and Collaborations 0 Credits

Students will investigate different types of collaborative strategies, and how to build effective partnerships to enhance anti-trafficking efforts, both domestically and internationally.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-PNC439 Human Trafficking Prevention 0 Credits

Students will explore different types of prevention challenges and models and determine which prevention activities and processes may enhance anti-trafficking efforts in their locations and areas of expertise.

WJST-PNC440 Ethics & Human Trafficking 0 Credits

Students will investigate the responsibility of business, consumers and media through the lens of a biblical ethics framework related to Human Dignity and Purpose in relation to trafficking.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-PNC442 Faith-Based Responses to Ht 0 Credits

Students will explore faith-based organizations' (FBOs) roles in anti-human trafficking collaborations, how they can contribute to prevention, protection of survivors and human trafficking investigations and prosecutions at local and global levels.

WJST-PNC444 HT Investigations 0 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding investigations, how they can impact human trafficking efforts, protection and interviewing of victims, how investigations inform effective prosecution of cases and policies regarding investigating human trafficking situations.

WJST-PNC445 Labor Trafficking 0 Credits

The issues around human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants will be explored and discussed. Risk factors and circumstances leading to populations being vulnerable to being exploited while attempting to migrate to other countries and internally displaced will be explored. The course will review how the smuggling of migrants can lead to human trafficking and propose alternate strategies for identifying smuggled migrants and preventing them from being exploited in human trafficking and other transnational crime.

WJST-PNC447 HT & Smuggling of Migrants 0 Credits**WJST-PNC449 HT Grant Management 0 Credits**

The issues around human trafficking grant writing and management will be addressed. Federal, State and Foundation grant opportunities will be discussed. Topics explored will include finding grant opportunities, how to effectively write grants that address the topics solicited, submission of grants, and how to manage grants received for anti-trafficking efforts. Students will determine different types of collaborative strategies to enhance grant submissions and how to build effective partnerships to enhance grant writing and management efforts.



WJST-110 Introduction to Women and Justice 2 Credits

An introductory course to the study of women and contemporary gender issues in society. This course will focus on such issues as the necessity for the study of women, gender as a cultural construct, theological interpretations of gender, and gender as perceived in history and literature. This course is part of the core requirement for a minor in Women & Justice Minor.

Terms Typically Offered: Spring.

WJST-212 Ensure Justice Conference Studies 1 Credit

Students are required to attend one conference sponsored by the Global Center for Women and Justice. A faculty member in the discipline covered by the conference theme will determine course work. May be repeated for credit.

WJST-345 Human Trafficking 3 Credits

This course addresses trafficking based on the U.S. State Department model of Prevention, Protection, and Prosecution. Explores how trafficking happens, why it happens, and what can be done about it.

For students interested in combatting human trafficking, this course offers a better understanding of professional career choices, as well as volunteer opportunities. The course includes guest speakers with in-depth knowledge and experience in the field from law enforcement and victim services. Counts as elective toward Women & Justice Minor.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-410 Research in Women's Studies 3 Credits

This course is designed to assist the student in integrating the multi-faceted aspects of women's issues into a final paper. Working in cooperation with the professor, the student will design and methodically research and write a major paper that reflects an advanced understanding of women in the context of the chosen subject area. Papers from this class will be presented in a public colloquium toward the end of the semester and submitted for publication.

Prerequisite: WJST-110, WJST-212

WJST-420 Country Study Abroad: [Topical Area] 3 Credits

Country study abroad opportunities provide intensive examinations of human trafficking in specific countries. The course requires a brief survey of the region with a focus on contemporary human trafficking and slavery as well as a review of relevant causes of exploitation specific to nations. Course work will be completed online and with in-country practicum designed to reinforce learning objectives. This course may be repeated for credit in new contexts. Additional fees will be required.

WJST-430 Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children 3 Credits

While discussing the theories of child development, early childhood trauma, and the stages of change, a key of the CSEC curriculum will be to identify strategies for early intervention with at-risk and vulnerable youth.

Prerequisite: WJST-345 or consent of instructor

WJST-432 Sex Trafficking 3 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding sex trafficking and its dynamics, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases using laws and policies regarding sex trafficking.

WJST-434 Human Trafficking and Demand 3 Credits

Topics examines will include understanding types of demand, how demand impacts the extent of human trafficking, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases and policies regarding those who demand various kinds of human trafficking.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-435 Human Trafficking Survivor Care 3 Credits

In light of best practices, this course seeks to equip students with the knowledge needed to understand the holistic needs of human trafficking survivors as they begin their aftercare and restoration process.

Prerequisite: WJST-345 or consent of instructor

WJST-437 Human Trafficking and Collaborations 3 Credits

Students will investigate different types of collaborative strategies, and how to build effective partnerships to enhance anti-trafficking efforts, both domestically and internationally.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-439 Human Trafficking Prevention 3 Credits

Students will explore different types of prevention challenges and models and determine which prevention activities and processes may enhance anti-trafficking efforts in their locations and areas of expertise.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-440 Ethics & Human Trafficking 3 Credits

Students will investigate the responsibility of business, consumers and media through the lens of a biblical ethics framework related to Human Dignity and Purpose in relation to trafficking.

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-442 Faith-Based Response to Human Trafficking 3 Credits

Students will explore faith-based organizations' (FBOs) roles in anti-human trafficking collaborations, how they can contribute to prevention, protection of survivors and human trafficking investigations and prosecutions at local and global levels.

WJST-444 HT Investigations 3 Credits

Topics examined will include understanding investigations, how they can impact human trafficking efforts, protection and interviewing of victims, how investigations inform effective prosecution of cases and policies regarding investigating human trafficking situations.

Prerequisite: WJST-345

WJST-445 Labor Trafficking 3 Credits

The issues around labor trafficking will be explored. Both domestic and international labor trafficking will be discussed. Topics examined will include the extent of the problem and its relation to other forms of human trafficking, prevention strategies, protection of victims, investigation and prosecution of cases, policies regarding labor trafficking, and partnerships and collaborations impacting labor trafficking locally and globally.

Prerequisite: WJST-345 or consent of instructor

Terms Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

WJST-447 Human Trafficking/Smuggling of Migrants 3 Credits

The issues around human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants will be explored and discussed. Risk factors and circumstances leading to populations being vulnerable to being exploited while attempting to migrate to other countries and internally displaced will be explored. The course will review how the smuggling of migrants can lead to human trafficking and propose alternate strategies for identifying smuggled migrants and preventing them from being exploited in human trafficking and other transnational crime.

Prerequisite: WJST-345



WJST-449 Human Trafficking Grant Management 3 Credits

The issues around human trafficking grant writing and management will be addressed. Federal, State and Foundation grant opportunities will be discussed. Topics explored will include finding grant opportunities, how to effectively write grants that address the topics solicited, submission of grants, and how to manage grants received for anti-trafficking efforts. Students will determine different types of collaborative strategies to enhance grant submissions and how to build effective partnerships to enhance grant writing and management efforts.

Prerequisite: WJST-435

WJST-450 Global Center for Women and Justice Internship 1-3 Credits

Students select an internship from the repertoire of projects the Global Center for Women and Justice is currently working on. Students may alternatively choose an externship with one of GCWJ's partner organizations. Students earn one course of credit for every 30 hours of interning. Course credit also requires short readings and reflection papers. Course may be repeated once. Students need to be on the WJST Minor track.

WJST-452 Women's Studies Teaching Internship 1-3 Credits

Regular hours each week for classes and/or meetings are established at the beginning of the semester. The intern will assist the instructor in course-related activities. May be repeated for a maximum of 3 units. Open to juniors or seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or above with the permission of the instructor.

Prerequisite: WJST-110

WJST-455 Research Assistantship 1-3 Credits

The undergraduate research assistantship engages students in original research projects of the faculty or student's own design. Its aim is to apply those skills learned in prior research design and methodology coursework and/or expand on these as appropriate to the student's skill set. The student assistant will be assigned to work on various steps of the research process from the formulation of the problem through the analysis of the data and preparation of the research report in written and/or oral formats. A research agenda will be developed with each student, which then becomes the guide for the class. Students will meet with instructor weekly to discuss findings and progress. May be repeated for credit up to 6 units.

Prerequisite: WMST-110 and consent of instructor

WJST-470 Special Topic: 3 Credits

This course concentrates on a particular issue relevant to Women's Studies students such as gender theory, gender pedagogy, women's health, women and patriarchy, women in business, or motherhood. May be repeated for credit as new course topics are developed.

Prerequisite: WJST-110

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.

