



Course Catalog

BIBLE

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Acts	A chapter-by-chapter, subject-by-subject exposition of the book of Acts including its biblical theology, historical background of events, and the theological emphasis of the speeches. Special focus is given to the development, doctrines, and practices of the early church, especially its relevance as a pattern for today. The life and missionary journeys of Paul are studied with particular attention given to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.	2
Apocalyptic Literature	A study of the books, Revelation and Daniel. The class presents an exposition of both books and a survey of the major systems of eschatology and their key elements.	3
Life of Christ	The purpose of this course is to survey the earthly life, ministry, and teaching of The Lord Jesus Christ as recorded in the four canonical gospels.	2
New Testament Survey	A survey of the history, literature, and basic content of the New Testament, including major figures, events, and issues. Attention will be given to the character, background, and central themes of the New Testament as a whole, and to the authorship, date, setting, theme, purpose, structure, and general content of its individual books. Each book is also highlighted for its special contribution to the rest of Scripture, and its relationship to the other books.	2
Old Testament History	Old Testament History is a study of the books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and I & II Samuel, placing an emphasis on historical content and spiritual application. This course will allow the key characters of the nation of Israel to come to life. Students will gain insight in interpreting Bible stories, understanding God's purposes and making current day practical application of God's unchanging principles into their daily lives.	2
Old Testament Survey	A survey of the 39 Old Testament books, emphasizing their historic settings and thematic content. Students will be exposed to the foundation that the Old Testament lays for the New Testament and will also help the student answer the question, "What does the Old Testament mean for us today?"	2
Pauline Epistles	An in-depth study of the ministry and teachings of the Apostle Paul as recorded in the books of I & II Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Colossians and 1-2 Timothy. Special attention is given to the theological and practical aspects of these letters. Students will learn how to think, value, and live biblically by learning how to apply Scripture to life and ministry.	3
Romans	A study of the Epistle to the Romans, focusing on its theological significance and relevance to Christian life.	2
Writings of John	An in-depth study of John's Gospel and three epistles, including introductory material on the life and theology of John.	2

THEOLOGY

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Basic Doctrine	This is an introductory course in systematic theology from an evangelical perspective, with an emphasis on the practical application of the doctrines, that seeks to give students a clear foundation in Christian doctrine to further their personal discipleship and enable them to minister with theological integrity and biblical faithfulness. Topics include the doctrines of revelation, inspiration, God, the Holy Spirit, angels, Satan & demonology, man, and sin.	3
Covenants	An in depth study of the nine successive Biblical covenants that God made with men, from a redemptive historical perspective, and with emphasis on the progressive revelation of the eternal purposes of God.	3
Doctrine of the Church	A systematic study of the church in relation to the eternal purpose of God and what this implies for this present generation. Students will learn the biblical basis and importance for the existence and purpose of the local church including practical application for each believer's role in the church today. Particular care is taken to give scriptural analysis of what God is saying to the church today.	2
Holy Spirit	The purpose of this course is to provide an introduction to the Person and work of Holy Spirit. We will explore the purpose, functions, nature, and work of the Holy Spirit throughout the Word of God and in the life of believers today with the focus of creating in students a desire to know the Person of Holy Spirit more intimately.	2
Worship in the Bible	Worship in the Bible provides a biblical overview of worship. It is designed to establish a strong scriptural foundation of the topic of worship for the student. It will develop different worship themes from Genesis to Revelation; touching on the high points of worship expressed in various sacred structures of the Old Testament and practices in the Early Church and today.	2

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Apprenticeship	For Year 2 - a minimum of 144 hours of advisor directed areas of practical ministry and service opportunities intended to help strengthen and release spiritual giftings in the student.	3
City Church DNA	The goal of The City Church DNA is to help the student know and own the City Church vision as well as become passionate about taking next steps in our church. This course will also help activate the student to live out the values of the City Church in every environment.	1
Introduction to Bible Study	Students will learn about the inspiration, origin and the translations of Scripture. Students will be familiarized with the basic resources and tools useful for conducting studies on Bible words, characters and passages. These skills will be developed through practical class assignments.	1
Passions & Values	The purpose of this series is to help students identify, understand, then set a solid foundation for the underlying passions and values that should be guiding each of our individual and ministry lives.	1

Personal Discipline	This course is designed to be a practical and personal journey in developing the kind of spiritual and life disciplines that carry a person to a productive and fulfilling life.	2
Personal Finance	This course is designed to impart the most important financial principles that should guide the individual and ministry lives of every Christian. It will inspire and challenge students to incorporate a solid financial plan and strategy into their personal life. Core topics include: Biblical principles about finances, stewardship, generosity, savings, consumer awareness, budgeting, debt, investing, and retirement.	1
Practicum	For Year 1 - a minimum of 144 hours of advisor directed areas of practical ministry and service opportunities intended to help strengthen and release spiritual giftings in the student.	3

PASTORAL STUDIES

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Decision Making	A study in the principles and practices of making decisions. Emphasis will be placed on the principles of biblical decision-making, the basis for sound judgment, the dynamics of decision-making, and various applications of decision-making skills. Students will explore both personal and leadership decision-making.	1
Leading People	A study of the qualities and practices of the effective Christian leader based on principles in Scripture and related literature, with attention to devising a biblical philosophy of spiritual leadership. Emphasis will be placed on the call and preparation of a leader, the nature of leadership influence, leadership skills, and safeguarding leadership.	2

SOCIOLOGY

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Human Development & Relationships	Human Development deals with the roles of men and women in society and how the individual functions within the group. Strong emphasis is placed upon the necessity and dynamics of strong interpersonal relationships in all areas of life.	3
Marriage & Family	This course examines the nature and needs of various family systems with a focus on both marriage and parenting issues. Students will learn family structures, roles, problems, and dynamics in order to develop a theology of the family. An examination of the Christian family will be considered, including the biblical basis, distinctives, and functions for the family; preparing for Christian marriage; sexuality; family roles and relationships; and parenting and child training.	2
Worldviews	This course will give a brief overview regarding worldviews and how and why they are formed in all cultures around the world. Worldviews is an examination of science, the arts, government, gender, and history using the lenses provided by the biblical storyline of Creation, Fall, Redemption to encourage students to make positive and distinctively Christian contributions in God's world. A faith-centered approach focuses on developing a Christian worldview rather than critiquing false worldviews.	2

PSYCHOLOGY

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Introduction to Counseling	The purpose of this course is to set a solid foundation for sound Christian counseling. This course will introduce the student to the idea that all Christians can provide counsel and to help the student understand how to do that within the context of his/her world. This course will help prepare students to engage their culture through sound Christian counsel. As you progress through the course, you will grow in understanding and spiritual wisdom, as well as in confidence and skill in helping others.	1

COMMUNICATIONS

Course Name	Course Description	Credits
Introduction to Preaching	An introduction to the fundamentals of preaching. The student is taught a biblical perspective on preaching. Special attention is given to the purpose behind preaching, the character of the preacher, and the quality of message.	1
Speech Communication	An orientation to the dynamics of speech communication, including both verbal and nonverbal elements. Students will be involved in the design, delivery and evaluation of speeches in a variety of different contexts including public speaking, interpersonal, and group communication. Special attention is given to the principles of effective public speaking, offering students perspectives and skills to put together an outstanding speech. It is primarily a practical course centered on improving public speaking skills.	2