

Bible**B110 Intro to the Old Testament**

This course is a general introduction of the content and theology of the Old Testament (Hebrew Bible) in light of the ancient near east environment where it originated. Though commonly referred to as “Old,” the writings and reflections contained within the Hebrew Bible were in fact quite novel for the ancient Israelites who first read and heard them. Accordingly, this course will seek to unpack the novelty of these texts by reading them in light of the scholarly understanding of the social, religious, and literary dynamics of the Old Testament world and highlighting relevant insights and implications for Christian life, doctrine, and ministry in the 21st century. (University transferable course)

B115 Intro to the New Testament

A foundational course introducing students to the literature, content, theology and historical and social backgrounds of the New Testament. The course also introduces students to the processes behind the NT’s composition, preservation and canonization. (University transferable course)

B119 Bible Study Methods

This is a three credit-hour course that encompasses both Bibliology and Hermeneutics. Bibliology deals with the questions of how the Bible came into being, as well as the claims people make about the Bible (inspiration, inerrancy, authority). Hermeneutics deals with the questions of how people go about reading, understanding, interpreting, and applying the Bible.

B120 Pentateuch

The originary, ethical, and theological content of the first five books of the Hebrew Bible—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—has provided many of the formative underpinnings of Judaism, Christianity, and Western culture. Accordingly, this course will seek to unpack the novelty of these texts by reading them in light of the scholarly understanding of the social, religious, and literary dynamics of the Ancient Near East and highlighting relevant insights and implications for religious life and faith in the 21st century.

B130 Psalms

An introduction to the Psalms of Israel in light of the broader social, cultural, religious, and literary dynamics of the Ancient Near East. The course will include discussion of Hebrew poetry, genre, interpretation, and theological themes. Consideration will also be given to the relevance and implications of this material for religious life and faith in the contemporary period.

B212 Old Testament History

An introduction to biblical Israel (and Judah) in light of the broader social, cultural, religious, political, and literary dynamics of the Ancient Near East. Emphasis will be given to the OT Historical Books, but will also include a discussion of the subsequent interval up to and including the Maccabean Period. Consideration will also be given to the relevance and implications of this material for religious life and faith in the contemporary period.

B220 Old Testament Prophets

An introduction to the method and message of the Old Testament prophets in light of the scholarly understanding of the social, religious, and political dynamics of Israel and Judah during the Assyrian, Babylonian, and Persian periods. Consideration will also be given to the relevance and implications of the Old Testament prophetic books for religious life and faith in the contemporary period.

B224 Apocalyptic Literature

An introduction to the apocalyptic literature of the Bible within the broader context of Second Temple Judaism and Early Christianity. General topics discussed in the course include: origins and definitions of apocalyptic, methods for use in the study of apocalyptic, the broader phenomenon of apocalyptic within the context of other ancient Mediterranean revelatory discourse, the place of biblical texts within this larger phenomenon, and the relevance of the biblical apocalyptic literature for the contemporary period.

B223 Wisdom Literature

An introduction to Hebrew Wisdom Literature with Job, Proverbs and Ecclesiastes studied in detail for their doctrinal content and practical teaching.

B260 Synoptic Gospels

This course examines the life, ministry, and teaching of Jesus as presented in the Synoptic Gospels. We will consider the social and historical setting of Jesus in the Synoptics, “gospel” as a literary genre, and ways of comparing canonical (and non-canonical) gospels, learning to appreciate each gospel-writer’s distinct voice. We will reflect on the Synoptic Gospels’ demands for Christian faith and practice. We will in particular this semester examine the Synoptic Gospels through the lens of Luke. Using a synopsis, we will follow Luke’s narrative pausing as necessary to consider the other Evangelists’ perspectives. (University Transferable Course)

B261 Acts

The book of Acts is an account of the origin and advancement of the early Christian church. Integral concerns of this course are the mission, methodology, dynamics and key personalities of the Church (e.g. Peter and Paul) along with the problems and persecution encountered in the spread of the Gospel.

B290 Biblical Communication**B291 Hellenistic Philosophy in the New Testament****B362 Romans and Galatians****Theology****T146 Spiritual Formation**

An exploration of the personal and corporate experience of Christian spiritual formation, focusing on classic spiritual disciplines and making specific application to the life of scholarship.

T211 Holy Spirit and the Church

An in-depth study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit, with particular attention to a Pentecostal interpretation. Included are the gifts and fruit of the Spirit, and the doctrine of Divine Healing.

T320 Theology I

An examination of theological methodology followed by study of the Christian doctrines of revelation, God, creation, providence, humanity, and sin. .

T321 Theology II

A study of the Christian doctrines of Christ, salvation, the church, and eschatology.

T410 Doctrine of God

Reflection upon the doctrine of the divine attributes as understood in Christian history and especially contemporary theology. Consideration is also given to the implications our understanding of God has for our understanding of godliness and for Christian ministry and Christian living in general. *Prerequisites* for this course are (T320) Theology I and (T321) Theology II.

Professional (Practical Studies and Development)

D095-D096 Ministry Development

An opportunity to pursue personal, corporate and public spiritual development by being involved in hands-on ministry. This course may be repeated. (Non-credit; required for all full time students.)

P101/P203 Preaching Practicum I and II

During their internship year students preach three times each semester in their local church setting. The pastor/mentor evaluates and provides feedback for each sermon. Videotape is also used for the student to view and self-critique for growth.

P091; P092; P093 Practical Ministry

1, 2, or 3 credit hours per semester. This course provides the student with the opportunity to become involved in supervised ministry. Written reports and evaluations by both the student and the ministry supervisor are required upon completion of the responsibilities. This course may be repeated for academic credit.

Prerequisite: Permission from the Academic Dean.

P111-P411 Worship Ministry Practicum

An opportunity to be involved in preparing and leading worship services.

P202 Homiletics

The purpose of the Homiletics course is to introduce you to the theory and practice of preaching. Your development as a preacher will continue during the Internship year where you fulfil the speaking requirements for Preaching Practicum 1 and 2. In your Senior year, Preaching 3 adds further theory and practice to your homiletical awareness and ability.

P222 Leadership Theory and Practice

This course examines biblical teaching as well as secular models for leadership theory with particular attention to application in the local church.

P223 Ministry Training in the Local Church

This course deals with the principles and strategies for training people to develop and use their ministry giftings. It addresses the need for effective structures that promote team ministry and the continuous personal growth of the participants in the local church.

P260 Children's Ministry

This course is designed to develop the understanding and skills necessary to be an effective communicator with children. Students will learn how to evaluate programs and curriculum, utilize their resources, and adjust their methods to meet the needs within their setting.

P290 Technology for Ministry

An examination of how computers and other electronic components can be utilized to enhance effective ministry in the church.

P304 Advanced Preaching

This practicum occurs during the final year before graduation. Students preach several sermons (depending on the size of the class) using different forms or styles to demonstrate their awareness of effective homiletical theory as well as the development of their distinctly individual approach to the preaching task. They receive feedback from class members as well as self-critique through videotape.

P320 Pastoral Theology

A study of the nature of the pastoral ministry with emphasis on the person and role of the pastor. Attention is given through lectures and students' reports to the principles and practice of various aspects of pastoral service. Prerequisites are: G241 Contemporary Issues in Leadership & Administration, T320 Theology I and T321 Theology II

P325 Pastoral Counselling

A study of counselling techniques with special emphasis on biblical principles of counselling. Specific problem areas are discussed and principles are considered in light of their application within pastoral settings. Prerequisites are: T320 Theology I and T321 Theology II

P370 Contemporary Issues in Youth Ministries

This course is designed to help prepare students to gain a deeper understanding of some of the struggles faced by today's adolescents. We will look at specific behavioral, emotional and relational issues of teens and will also look at the influence of the media culture. This course will equip the student to better address contemporary issues and effectively deal with them as they minister to the students in their sphere of influence.

P397/P398/P399 Internships

A church-based study of the philosophy and practice of a local church with ministry as a leader in a congregation under the teaching and counsel of an experienced Pastor/supervisor. The student's participation in the services and ceremonies of a local church (funerals, baptisms, board meetings, communion, filing systems, legal matters, youth, Sunday School, etc.) is designed to supplement the prescribed courses in Pastoral Ministries. Special emphasis in the areas of Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry, etc. are possible.

P471 Adolescent Development and Spirituality

This course focuses on the physical, social, emotional, and spiritual development of youth and discusses the principles involved in assisting youth to develop maturity in these areas.

P490 Church Planting

A study of the principles and practices of church planting. The course includes a biblical and theological foundation as well as an examination of contemporary factors in culture, demographics, etc., which are essential for effective church planting.

P491 Team Leadership**P492 Mentorship Practicum****Evangelism and Missions****M101 Intro to Missions**

This course is an introduction to the study of Christian mission as presented in the Bible and practiced by followers of Christ in Church history, particularly over the past two centuries up to the present time. Selected Old and New Testament passages will be studied to understand God's mandate for His Church. Special attention will be given to the critical importance of culture in human societies and its relevance for communicating the Christian message to other people groups. Basic issues of anthropology and sociology will be discussed in this context. As time allows, current trends and developments in missions will be discussed.

M102 Evangelism

An overview of the more effective methods of communicating the gospel message on a personal basis, with opportunities for practical application.

M201 History of Missions

A survey of the biblical and historical development of missions. Particular emphasis is placed on current strategies and issues. The philosophy and work of PAOC world missions is discussed in detail.

M210 Contemporary Issues in Missions

This course informs and prepares students for critical thinking and proactive responses in current missiological issues before the church. The historical development and future implications of relevant issues and trends are studied in relationship to biblically sound responses.

M211 Cross Cultural Communication

A study of the challenge, need, and methodology for attempting to understand and bridge various cross cultural differences. Attention is given to the theory of communication, the dynamics of culture and various worldviews, and the contemporary missiological approaches for communicating the Gospel message. Also included are the ethics and dynamics of behavioural change.

Christian Education**E210 Principles of Teaching**

An in-depth study of the principles and methods of teaching as they apply to the overall Christian Education program of the church.

General Studies**G102 Orientation and Research**

An introduction to the researching, writing and study methods that enable a student not only to produce effective written work but also to develop the necessary skills to become an independent learner.

G105 English Literature I

This course considers the works of selected major English authors of the sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Attention is given to how authors deal with social issues, interpersonal relationships, and attitudes towards women, power structures and religious concerns. (University Transferable Course when taken with G106)

G106 English Literature II

This course focuses on the major genres of poetry, drama, narrative and non-fiction. It will include poems by British authors from the eighteenth to the twentieth century as well as works by women and Canadian authors. Students will continue to study and practice writing. (University Transferable Course when taken with G105)

G110 History of the Christian Era

This course provides an overview of the general history of Christianity from apostolic times to the present. Both external factors, such as names, dates, and movements, and internal factors, such as theological controversies, will be studied. (University Transferable Course) Prerequisites are: G105 English Literature I

G140 Understanding Human Behaviour

A helpful reflection on your personal life/issues, through lectures, personality tests and class discussion. The intent is to identify personal strengths and weaknesses that are significant for both your personal and professional development.

G141 Introduction to Counselling

This course will increase the students' awareness of themselves as individuals and in their role as counsellors, of how ethics codes are used within the field of counselling, and of basic counselling skills.

This will be achieved by understanding how God created us as human beings, how we can relate to and connect with others in a God honouring manner, and a critical exploration of various counselling skills both inside and outside of the church.

G142 Counselling Issues

This course will enable students to formulate a counselling case. It will increase the students' awareness of many of the more common presenting problems in the counselling world. As well, it will introduce the subjects, tools and skills for the students to pass on to future clients.

G191 Theology of Worship

This course will introduce a biblical perspective on worship and examine themes such as the biblical foundations, theological perspectives and personal/community transformation that results from worship.

G192 Worship & the Arts

The arts have always been central to worship expression. This continues to be true in the evangelical church today; however, in many cases there seems to be an unhealthy and unbiblical equation of music and worship. This is often to the exclusion of other historical and biblical worship expression. During this course, students will develop a philosophy of the arts (including music), as they relate to corporate worship practice and church ministry.

G201 History of Christian Thought

The purpose of this course is to enable students to become familiar with selected important thinkers and themes in the history of Christian thought from the post-apostolic era to the present. It's the Christian faith in their particular contexts. From their experiences, both positive and negative, we learn valuable information to bring to our particular

situation, so that when we try to build our own views in systematic and practical theology, we will benefit from this wealth of experience developed over two thousand years of the Christian church's existence. (University transferable course)

G220/G221 Introductory Greek I and II

An introduction to New Testament Greek continued over two semesters. The student is introduced to basic grammar and vocabulary sufficient to cover simpler passages of the New Testament.

G230 Ethics and Morality

A survey of ethical systems with an emphasis on the development of an adequate Christian approach, followed by a discussion of current ethical and moral issues. Prerequisites are: G105 English Literature

G243 Models of Psychology

This course provides a foundation for the student's understanding of humankind's nature as expressed through behavior. Theological, philosophical, psychological and developmental aspects of the subject are reviewed to affirm a holistic approach to understanding human nature and behaviour.

G280 Technology for Ministry

Virtually every church in the 21st century uses technology to enhance its ministry. This course will provide crucial information, and practical skill training through hands-on learning, on how to effectively use technology, especially in the areas of sound reinforcement, graphic design, and video production. Ethical and philosophical issues related to the influence of technology in culture and the church will also be discussed.

G310 Pentecostalism and the Church in Canada

This course provides an overview of the history of Pentecostalism, including the historical antecedents of Pentecostalism, the early growth of Pentecostalism in North America, and global developments in Pentecostalism. The course also situates Pentecostalism within the broader historical and sociological context of the Pentecostalism and the Church in Canada. Prerequisites: G110 History of Christian Era

G330 Reason and Christian Belief

A study of philosophical issues arising from religious belief and practice, such as: the relation between faith and reason, arguments for the existence of God, the problem of evil, the relation between religion and science, and religious pluralism.

Music**G162-G462/G163-463 Special Ensemble**

These teams are selected by audition at the beginning of first semester. They may specialize in congregational, youth, or children's ministry. The groups may be involved in chapel ministry, representing the College on several weekend trips to churches, as well as a tour at the end of the school year.

Prerequisite: Successful audition

Research and Community Placement

Diploma and degree students in Christian studies streams must complete one of: thesis, projects, or practicum as described below. Other students may enroll in these courses only with permission from the Academic Dean.

R380 Ministry Project

R381 Youth Ministry Project

R382 Worship Ministry Project

R479 Community Practicum

A community-based practicum serving in such programs as: a food bank; seniors' care homes; youth support/outreach; or minorities' assistance programs. A required course for diploma and degree students in Christian Studies streams who do not write a thesis.