

Course descriptions

A Biblical view of Sexuality: this course will equip the student with a foundational understanding of the wholeness of sexuality which God intends in Genesis 1 and 2; its brokenness which results from sin in Genesis 3 and 4, and teaches the scriptural ideal of relational health as this is portrayed in the courtship, marriage and sex of the Song of Solomon.

African Theology: shows how theology has been approached by Africans. The course exposes the student to African Traditional Religion and the role it and Western theology have played in the development of African theology.

Apologetics: a fairly detailed introduction to apologetics as a Christian discipline, and the various models of presentation and context. The modern contexts of apologetics (Postmodernism and the New Atheism) are also carefully considered.

Biblical Greek 1

Biblical Greek 1 and 2 provides the student with a basic working knowledge in the Greek of the New Testament.

Biblical Greek 2

Biblical Greek 2 continues on from Biblical Greek 1.

Biblical Worldviews: The worldviews course answers the major philosophical and practical questions of life from a biblical perspective. The course defines, explains and examines the consequences of a worldview.

Christian Ethics: a module that deals with the moral implications of the gospel, introducing today's Christian worker to skills and tools that will help them engage post-modern society with clear Christian motives and persuasion.

Christian Foundations: covers the basic beliefs and spiritual practices of the Christian faith. Selective major themes including repentance, faith towards God, how to study the Bible, water baptism, the Lord's Supper, prayer, true worship and many more.

Christian Relationships: an introduction to the primacy of our relationship with God, and an overview of topics such as investigating difference modes of worship, applying Parrett's principles of worship, reviewing the impact of the book, *Power through Prayer* by E. M. Bounds, and the biblical approach to family.

Church History: the course is a holistic view of church history periods, paying particular attention to major movements, leaders and their contributions to Christianity, and the origin and distinctiveness of prominent Christian denominations.

Church Management: this course is part of a series of courses designed to equip you with the necessary skills needed for ministry, especially for the successful management of a church.

Church Planting and Church Growth: this course examines the basis for current church growth theory and practice and to compare them with Biblical principles. Students will also evaluate the theories and research findings of the main proponents within the church growth movement, and seek to find suitable applications of these concepts to church planting and church renewal.

Christian Leadership: this course spells out the dangers of poor leadership, and challenges readers with the opportunity to lead well. A key figure in the exposition of leadership will be the life of David.

Conflict and Reconciliation: this course is an in-depth study of *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*, bringing the Biblical principles of conflict management together in an extremely practical way.

Connecting with Children: this course is about the observation of children, relationship building, their agenda, and the importance of play, story-telling and boundaries.

Contemporary Issues in Missions: this course is a study of the issues that are critical in missions today, helping you not only to see what is happening in our world today, but will also help you in developing a passion for missions in the 21st century.

Counselling 1: this course introduces the student to the field of pastoral care including its basis, goals, terminology, concepts and techniques. The student will learn how to use the Bible appropriately as a counselling tool for people struggling with personal issues such as anxiety, unforgiveness, depression, and illness. The course also teaches how to help people to cope better with child rearing, violence, abuse, crisis and grief.

Counselling 2: The general themes covered in this module are group and youth counselling singleness, pre-marital and marital counselling. The course is practically orientated and students will learn how to design a pre-marital counselling and marriage enrichment course and how to effectively counsel relating to themes such as divorce remarriage and blended families.

Doctrine of the Church: examines the nature, purpose, organisation and ordinances of the church. It also surveys the important aspects of church life, together with exploring various other views of the church and its structures.

Doctrine of the Holy Spirit: helps students understand who the Holy Spirit is and the significant role He plays in both the Old and New Testament.

Doctrine of the Kingdom: helps students to comprehend the nature of the Kingdom of God; discern Satan's actual present rights and status and survey the main categories of end-time doctrine.

Doctrine of Man and Sin: a subject exploring who man is in relation to God, and the cause and consequences of our sin.

Doctrine of Reality: an introduction to some modern ideas of reality, including an understanding of the material and immaterial aspects of Creation, including Angels.

Doctrine of Revelation: highlights the importance of understanding general and special revelation, including an appreciation of the various theories of inspiration, inerrancy, and authority of the Scriptures.

Doctrine of Salvation: covers Jesus' humanity and deity, his death, resurrection and glorification. It also deals with our conversion, justification, regeneration, sanctification and perseverance.

Ephesians: provides a background to Ephesians and explores Paul's theology specific to this epistle.

Essential Bible Study Principles: provides an introduction to and overview of the New Testament. It also includes a vital and practical introduction to the fundamental principles of Biblical interpretation.

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Hermeneutics: the very nature of Scripture as the Word of God is communication, and thus, requires interpretation. To grow in these skill, students need to learn the appropriate tools and processes of interpretation, and to practice the use of such tools and processes.

Historical perspective on Missions: is a reflection on the history of missions, briefly discussing the expansion of Christianity throughout the last 2000 years.

Homiletics: addresses the need for preparation of the preacher as a necessary prerequisite to the preparation and delivery of the sermon, so both the preacher and the spoken message will have authority.

Introduction to Biblical Languages: without intensive study of the Biblical languages, this subject provides the student with an invaluable skill for exegesis and sermon preparation.

Introduction to Missions: a basic introduction to the theology of Missions in the Bible, and lays down a challenge to Christians to consider becoming more involved in missions.

Introduction to Youth and Children's Ministry: the course touches on issues such as a child-friendly church, guidance for parents and inclusion of child evangelism in a mission's conference, youth trends, and the various models of youth ministry and as they are applied in different youth groups.

Leading with Purpose: introduces the topic of leadership in youth ministry, with a specific purpose and direction. In this subject effective Bible-based leadership principles are highlighted and applied in real ministry contexts.

MIN subjects: requires the long-term ministry involvement in youth or children's ministry or mission (minimum 6 months).

Pastoral Ministry: the student is familiarised with the pastoral responsibilities preaching, teaching, leading, equipping, administrating, and many other tasks. The module also introduces the student to the important task of pastoral care and counselling in the context of the local church.

Paul's Letters: a study of the Apostle Paul within the first century Greco-Roman context, survey of his thirteen letters and summary of his historical, theological and pastoral contribution to the Christian faith.

Relationships, Marriage and Family: relates counselling skills through reliable empirical methods learned in the previous three modules to relationships, marriage and family related concerns from a biblical perspective.

Survey of the Old Testament: provides an overview of the Old Testament, helping the student to appreciate its significance and relevance for Christians today.

The Book of Acts: an in-depth study of the exhilarating Acts of the Apostles, the Early Church and of the Holy Spirit. This subject paints a portrait of how Christianity burst onto scenes of the Judea-Greco-Roman world.

Book of Revelation: This course is a detailed study of the various interpretive methods used in understanding the Book of Revelation, as well as a detailed study of the text itself.

The General Letters: provides an overview and thematic study of James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1 – 3 John, and Jude. This course is aimed at introducing themes, purposes, and historical background to these Epistles.

The Historical Books: provides an overview of the twelve Old Testament books from Joshua to Esther. This preliminary study of the Old Testament is aimed at introducing themes, purposes and historical background to the historical books.

Theological Research Methodology: the subject is designed to help students learn how to conduct theological research at the Bachelor of Theology (BTh) level. It includes a thorough study of how to identify a valid research question, and consequently, how to put together a valid research proposal.

The Pentateuch: covers the historical background and authorship of the Pentateuch and the literary structure, major themes and theological implications of each book in the Pentateuch.

The Prophetic Books: presents a survey of the Old Testament prophetic books and shows the importance of understanding them in their original context and to

appreciate the Abrahamic, Davidic and Mosaic covenants as preparation for the New Covenant.

The Wisdom Books: covers the origin, nature and theological purpose of the Old Testament wisdom literature (Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Psalms and Song of Songs) and brings out the relevance of these biblical books for the faith and life of the church today.

The Words and Works of Jesus: a closer look at the life and ministry of Jesus that inform the church and Christian workers witness.

Walking with Wounded Children: touched on issues of peace, healing, case study of abused child, counselling with understanding, debriefing after trauma, a healing community.

World Religions: provides an introductory level overview of the five major world religions, namely, African Traditional Religions, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism.