In keeping with the intent of the university’s founders, the College of Bible and Ministry serves the entire campus community by teaching the Bible to each student. Faith-based learning is common to all of our academic programs. Christian education at Lipscomb also includes a direct exposure to the message of Scripture and its call to the fullness of life available to a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Those who desire to be further equipped for a life of ministry may major in Bible and add one or more areas of concentration as detailed in this section. Students who pursue this path will receive more extensive training in interpreting Scripture, thinking theologically and nurturing the faith of others as well as their own.

Off-site learning experiences (i.e. clinical, practicum, internship, etc.) are required in many courses of study at Lipscomb. Successful completion of these experiential courses is required for graduation and/or licensure. Students should be aware that many experiential sites require satisfactory documentation of personal identification in the form of driver’s licenses, social security cards, passports, drug screening and background checks. Students should make sure that they are aware of and can meet all documentation requirements well in advance of the timeframe for admission into the respective program and placement into these sites. Failure to provide required documentation for successful entry into these experiential courses will result in failure to complete the desired program of study.
The Bible program at Lipscomb plays a vital role in the school's Christian identity and mission. Some students at Lipscomb are preparing themselves for ministry in areas such as preaching or youth ministry. In keeping with the intention of the school's founders, however, all students study the Bible as an integral part of their curriculum. The hope is that each graduate of Lipscomb University will go into the world to pursue a vocation, not simply a career. “Vocation” in this context implies a sense of Christian mission that can find expression in any legitimate pursuit, such as nursing, business or education.

The first three Bible courses a student takes at Lipscomb cover the entire Bible. The purpose of these courses is not only to provide a basic foundation of biblical knowledge, but also to encourage students to see the big picture of God’s mission in the world and to see themselves as part of that mission. The fourth course helps students face the challenges of living out that mission in today’s world. Beyond this point, students may choose among a variety of textual and topical courses, including courses that are integrated into their chosen discipline.

The Bible program works in conjunction with other dimensions of the Lipscomb experience to encourage the spiritual formation of our students. The study of the Bible must not be seen as an end in itself, but as the basis of living out one’s faith. Lipscomb provides a wide variety of opportunities for students to express their faith in worship and service. The goal is for all Lipscomb graduates to develop a biblical perspective and to nurture habits that they will take with them for the rest of their lives.

Distinctives of the Bible Department

Ministry today assumes a variety of forms. In addition to more traditional paths such as youth ministry, preaching or foreign missions, many desire to pursue domestic church planting, urban ministry or life in an intentional community. The core Theology and Ministry major at Lipscomb provides a foundation of knowledge, tools and skills that are critical for any type of ministry. The courses in the major focus on the following areas:

1. Scripture – Students learn not only the content of the Bible, but also how to interpret, communicate and live out its message.

2. Spiritual formation – Through the resources of Lipscomb’s newly established Institute for Christian Spirituality, students learn the habits and practices that deepen and sustain their relationship with God through the demands of ministry. They also learn how these habits and practices can help those to whom they minister experience God’s transformative power.

3. Missional perspective – God’s people are called not only to enjoy God’s blessings, but also to participate with God as his agents of extending those blessings to others. The focus on this perspective begins with a student’s first Bible course at Lipscomb, calling attention to God’s mission in his creation and humanity’s privilege to play a vital role in that mission.

4. Contextual ministry – This focus refers both to the world in which ministry takes place and the nature of preparation for ministry in that world. Based on a strong foundation of Scripture and an understanding of the church’s history of interaction with culture, students explore the wisest and most faithful ways to engage the contemporary world with the gospel. In the face of the rapidity and magnitude of change in today’s world, Lipscomb’s highly regarded Institute for Conflict Management provides invaluable resources to help students lead most effectively through especially challenging times.
The classroom plays a vital role in a minister’s education, especially with a faculty like Lipscomb’s that possesses extensive and varied personal experiences. In order to prepare to minister in the contemporary context, however, students need opportunities to learn through direct engagement with churches, service agencies and a community that reflects the diversity of today’s world. Lipscomb’s location in Nashville provides abundant opportunities for such engagement to play a significant role in its students’ education.

Vocational Ministry Major
This unique major is available to students who have declared a major in another academic discipline but want to be thoroughly prepared to participate in kingdom ministry. This major prepares the student to pursue any vocation as a platform for living out their lives in partnership with God in his work in the world. This final course in this major allows the student to research individually how that life of ministry might be lived out in the particular vocation the student chooses to pursue. Students who choose this major must have a declared major in another academic area. The student’s degree (B.A., B.S., etc.) and general education degree requirements will be determined by the student’s first major.

Interdisciplinary Major in Worship Ministry
One of the crucial aspects of the church’s life is its worship of God. Worship involves the interrelationship of scripture, song, prayer, communion at the table and their impact on the lives of the members of the body. It is a challenge to coordinate these varied aspects of worship in a way that is cohesive, pleasing to God and effective in touching the hearts and minds of the worshipers.

In light of this challenge, the College of Bible and Ministry and the Department of Music have joined together to develop an interdisciplinary major in worship ministry. The goal of this major is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills to assist congregations in meaningful, purposeful times of worship. This preparation includes biblical studies, as well as historical and theological aspects of worship, and the musical skills necessary to adapt songs for use in worship. In order to reach these goals, students who choose this major must complete the core Bible major plus the course Theology of Worship and a core of key courses in the Department of Music. This major has a built-in minor.

Minors
A variety of minors is offered by the Bible department. In addition to the built-in minors described below as concentrations, stand-alone minors are available in Bible, biblical languages, Greek, Hebrew and missions. A diversified minor, composed of 18 approved hours of additional 3000 and/or 4000 level courses outside the student’s major field of study is an added option. Students who choose a major outside the Bible department may find one of the department’s minors exciting and useful.

A student who takes only the core theology and ministry major, without a concentration, must also have a minor. Some Bible majors may find minors in other departments appropriate to their specific goals. Psychology, for example, is a popular choice. A minor in education would be helpful for Bible majors who have an interest in teaching Bible at a Christian school. This minor does not qualify the student for licensure as a teacher, but licensure is not typically a requirement for teaching Bible in a private school.

Requirements for Majors
Theology and Ministry Major
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required— 42
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4793, 4973
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Three sections (9 hours) of this course are required, including at least one Old Testament text and at least one New Testament text.

The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213

Theology and Ministry Major - Children’s Ministry Concentration
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required— 63
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3273, 3543, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4553, 4793, 4973
Theatre 3413
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Three sections (9 hours) of this course are required, including at least one Old Testament text and at least one New Testament text.

Three hours of Bible 479V or two hours of Bible 479V plus Family and Consumer Science 3451
Choose two of three courses: Family and Consumer Science 2413, Family and Consumer Science 4423, Psychology 3243

The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525.

Note: A distributive minor is built into this major.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213
Theology and Ministry Major -
Language Concentration
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required — 61
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4793, 4973
Greek 1515, 1525
Hebrew 1515, 1525
Six hours selected from:
Greek 3013, 3023, 3033, 4013, 4023, 4033, 450V
Six hours selected from:
Hebrew 3013, 3023, 3033, 450V
Six additional hours of Greek readings or Hebrew readings

Note: A distributive minor is built into this major.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213

Theology and Ministry Major -
Missions Concentration
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required — 63
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2313, 2323, 2333, 2713, 3203, 3333, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 470V, 4793, 4973
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Three sections (9 hours) of this course are required, including at least one Old Testament text and at least one New Testament text.
Six hours selected from:
Bible 3803, 4303, 4323, 4363, 4393, 487V
The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525.

Note: A distributive minor is built into this major.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213

Theology and Ministry Major -
Preaching Concentration
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required — 54
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3333, 3653, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4553, 475V, 4793, 4973
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Three sections (9 hours) of this course are required, including at least one Old Testament text and at least one New Testament text.
The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525.

Note: A distributive minor is built into this major.
* Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213

Theology and Ministry Major -
Youth Ministry Concentration
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required — 63
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3673, 3763, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4553, 477V (3 hours), 4793, 4973
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Three sections (9 hours) of this course are required, including at least one Old Testament text and at least one New Testament text.
One course selected from: Family and Consumer Sciences 3433, 3503, 3523 or Sociology 2103
The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525.

Note: A distributive minor is built into this major.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213

Second Major in Vocational Ministry
Degree determined by first major
Total hours required — 39
Specific courses required—
Bible – Bible 4503, 4513
Theology – Bible 3433 or 3823, Bible 3213, 3203, 4213
Ministry and Missions – Bible 2283, 2313, 4123, either Bible 2713 or 3763
Nine hours selected from – Bible 2323, 2333, 3123, 3273, 3333, 3513, 3523, 3533, 3543, 3673, 4303, 4393, 4553, Engineering 3122
The general education degree requirements will be determined by the student’s first major.

Interdisciplinary Major in Worship Ministry
B.A. degree program only
Total hours required — 68
Specific courses required—
Bible 2283, 2713, 3203, 3673, 3763, 3803, 3813, 3823*, 4503, 4513, 4793, 497V, 4973
Theatre 3413
Music 1000 or 1010, 1111, 1121, 1133, 1143, 1511, 3303, 3313, 3403, 4020, 4612
Bible 4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive – Two sections (6 hours) of this course are required, with one Old Testament text and one New Testament text.
The general education language requirement must be satisfied with either Greek 1515, 1525 or Hebrew 1515, 1525. Participation in Music 1000 or Music 1010 for two semesters is required. Participation in Music 1511 for two semesters is required.

Note: A distributive minor or minor in music is built into this major.
*Meets requirement for Bible 3213, 3433, 4213
Requirements for Minors

Bible Minor
(Not open to theology and ministry majors)
Total hours required—18
Specific courses required—
- Bible 3203, 4503, 4513, 4793
- Two additional three-hour bible courses from Bible (BI)
  Primarily for Bible majors and minors

Biblical Languages Minor
Total hours required—26
Specific courses required—
- Greek 1515, 1525
- Hebrew 1515, 1525
- One Greek readings course
- One Hebrew readings course

Greek Minor
Total hours required—19
Specific courses required—
- Greek 1515, 1525
- Three courses selected from:
  - Greek 3013, 3023, 3033, 4013, 4023, 4033

Hebrew Minor
Total hours required—19
Specific courses required—
- Hebrew 1515, 1525, 3013, 3023, 3033

Missions Minor
Total hours required—18
Specific courses required—
- Bible 2313, 2323, 3203, 3333,
  either 4503 or 4513
- One course selected from:
  - Bible 2333, 3823, 4303

Course Descriptions

Bible (BI) General Education Bible Courses

1003 Introduction to the Bible and Christianity (3) F, SU
This course is intended for incoming students at Lipscomb who have limited exposure to the Bible and the Christian faith. It is designed to help these students acquire the general information and background that will prepare them for the rest of their Bible courses. Topics to be covered include the books of the Bible, the key events and people in the Bible, the overall storyline of the Bible and the background of the various expressions of Christianity today. This course is only open to students in their first year at Lipscomb.

1053 Early Hebrew History (3) F, SP
Adult Degree Program students only
A historical survey of the Old Testament period, with special emphasis on God's redemptive purpose in relation to the coming of Christ. Students who have taken Bible 1512 cannot take this course.

Adult Degree Program students only

1073 The Story of Jesus (3) F
A study of what the four Gospels, with an emphasis on the Gospel of Luke, reveal about the life and message of Jesus, the significance of his redemptive work in God's larger purpose and how disciples live out the story of Jesus in their own lives.

1083 The Story of the Church (3) SP
A study of the development of the early church from Jesus' ascension to the end of the New Testament period in order to understand the beliefs and practices of the early church, as well as their relevance for the life of the church today.

1093 The Story of Israel (3) F
A historical survey of the Old Testament period, with special emphasis on God's redemptive purpose in relation to the coming of Christ. Students who have taken Bible 1512 cannot take this course.

Old Testament: Narrative History, F, SP
A detailed study of the text of the selected Old Testament book(s) which recounts the story of God's redemptive purpose.

2013 Genesis (3)
2023 Joshua (3)
2043 Samuel (3)
2053 Kings (3)

Old Testament: Law F, SP
A detailed study of the text of selected Old Testament books which give God's guidance for the lives of his covenant people.

2113 Exodus (3)
2143 Deuteronomy (3)

2223 Marriage and the Christian Home (3) F, SP
An analysis of the Scriptures relating to marriage and the home, with special emphasis on areas of adjustment necessary for a strong marriage.

2313 Introduction to Intercultural Mission (3) F, SP
An introductory study of the Christian's mission to the world. The course studies God's mission in world history, with a special focus on the ministry of Jesus as the commission for our participation in world mission. This study challenges students to see themselves within the context of God's purpose for their life. This course also serves as the introduction to Christian missions for the student wanting to pursue missions as an emphasis. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

2323 Principles and Methods of Intercultural Mission (3) SP
A practical study of the principles upon which the Christian mission of ministry must be pursued throughout the world. Methodology will be discussed based on the biblical principles identified. This course not only serves the future missionary, but everyone interested in effectively reaching the world around them with the good news of Jesus.
Old Testament: Psalms/Wisdom F, SP
A detailed study of the text of selected Old Testament books which record the reflections of devout believers on life as it relates to God.
2423  Job and Ecclesiastes (3)
2433  Proverbs, Song of Solomon (3)
3563  Psalms (3)

Old Testament: Prophets F, SP
A detailed study of the text of selected Old Testament books which contain the prophets’ exhortations to the covenant people based on God’s actions in the past and promises for the future.
2513  Isaiah (3)
2523  Jeremiah, Lamentations (3)

2611  Reflections: Old Testament (1) SU
Discussion of select Old Testament passages, with special effort to show relevance for the contemporary student. Student is required to participate in discussion and class activities.

2621  Reflections: New Testament (1) SU
Discussion of select New Testament passages, with special effort to show relevance for the contemporary student. Student is required to participate in discussion and class activities.

2813  The Gospel of Matthew (3) F, SP
An analysis of the life and teachings of Jesus as described in the Gospel according to Matthew.

2823  The Gospel of Mark (3) F, SP
An analysis of the life and ministry of Jesus as described in the Gospel according to Mark.

2833  The Gospel of John (3) F, SP
An analysis of the life and ministry of Jesus as described in the Gospel according to John.

Epistles F, SP
An analysis of one or more of the letters in the New Testament.
2913  Corinthians (3)
2923  Prison Epistles (3)
2943  Hebrews, James (3)
2983  Romans (3)

2973  Revelation (3) F, SP
An analysis of the Apocalypse.

3103  Missional Christian Living (3) F
This seminar-style class is intended to deepen the student’s understanding of biblical teaching on a missional lifestyle and provide opportunities for students to live out these teachings in service to the community through partnership with nonprofit and community service organizations. This course will utilize the service-learning method of teaching and learning, in which students participate in important service work to strengthen the community as they apply the concepts they are learning in the classroom. Classroom discussion will center around missional ideas and personal experiences. Significant service work outside of the classroom is required for this course. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

3123  Engineering Ethics: Redemption and Technology (3) SP
An examination of the philosophical and (implicit) theological framework undergirding the use and development of technology, as it particularly relates to the engineering sciences. The course will pay significant attention both to questions of “the good,” and to more concrete questions of application. The course will also have a component that requires students to become familiar with codes of professional ethics in their respective fields of study.

3153  Nursing as Kingdom Vocation (3) F
This course introduces those on a nursing career path to the theological and ethical significance of their chosen profession. By locating the nursing profession within the redemptive story of Scripture and integrating the practical and professional dimensions of nursing with faith, students will explore the process and content of ethical reflection in the context of the nursing profession.

3213  Faith and Culture (3) SP
Beginning with the question, “Who are we?,” we consider what it means to fully participate in God’s kingdom. Out of this identity (kingdom world view) we will enter into conversation with contemporary philosophy, science, social theory and world religions. The purpose of the course is to assist the student in forming a deeper Christian faith and to equip him/her to engage in meaningful dialog with those of other ideologies. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

3223  Worldviews (3) SU Adult Degree Program students only
A survey of secular and religious worldviews and their relationship to the Christian world view. Students will become familiar with major views in the world today and examine them in light of biblical principles.

3433  Disciplines for Christian Living (3) F, SP
This course gives students resources, encouragement, and experience in the regular practices that deepen their awareness of relationship with God. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

4043  Selected Texts, Old Testament (3) F, SP
A study of selected biblical texts in the Old Testament that are not addressed in other courses.

4133  Selected Texts, New Testament (3) F, SP
A study of selected biblical texts in the New Testament that are not addressed in other courses.

4213  Biblical Ethics (3) F, SP; Adult Degree program students only: SP, SU
The ethical teachings of the Bible, including the basis and content of Christian ethics and an evaluation of modern challenges.

4223  The Holy Spirit (3) SP
An analysis of the Scriptures relating to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, with an evaluation of Pentecostalism.
4323 World Religions (3) F
The nature of religion as illustrated in the tribal and ancient religions and then in living world religions. Special emphasis will be given to the contrast between one of the living world religions and Christianity.

4363 New Religious Movements (3) F, SP
A study and critique of representative groups of cults which have either developed in America or which have become influential in America after being founded elsewhere.

4xnV Special Studies (1, 2, 3) F, SP, SU
Topics of special interest to students and faculty which do not fit one of the current classifications. Students may repeat this course when course numbers are different. These courses are advanced and are intended for students genuinely interested in their content. Specific titles will be announced in the course schedule. Prerequisite: Junior standing. Permission of the instructor may be required.

Bible (BI) Primarily for Bible Majors and Minors
2283 Explorations in Ministry (3) SP
This introductory exposure to the life and work of a minister will consider issues such as a minister's family relations, spiritual life and ethics. Students will also engage with effective practitioners from a variety of ministry experiences. Recommended as a first course in ministry for all Bible majors during the freshman year.

2333 Theology and Anthropology of Intercultural Ministry and Mission (3) F Offered odd-numbered years
A consideration of the biblical principles of mission throughout the world combined with a careful study of the interplay of theology and mission throughout the Christian era with the intent of building contemporary applications for mission to a postmodern world. This course is designed to help the student identify the good news and consider how it can most effectively be presented within a particular culture.

2713 The Story of Global Christianity (3) F
This overview of Christianity throughout the world spans the time from the church’s beginning to the contemporary period. It focuses on the church's response to the internal and external challenges of various times and cultures.

3203 God, Creation, and New Creation (3) F
This examination of Christian theology places doctrines such as the nature of God, sin, salvation, etc. in the broader context of the Bible’s overarching narrative.

3273 Children’s Ministry (3) SP Offered even-numbered years
This course introduces the student to the church’s ministry to children. It will focus on faith development in children, the organization and management of church programs for children, as well as how to work with parents of the children.

3333 Intercultural Communication (3) SP Offered odd-numbered years
In a rapidly diversifying world, this study provides the student with an opportunity to consider how to effectively communicate the good news across cultural boundaries and in diverse multicultural settings. The course is designed to be an intensely practical study of communication, both verbal and non-verbal.

3513 Introduction to Youth and Family Ministry (3) F
An introduction to the purpose and theology of youth and family ministry in the local church. This course will investigate the world of adolescence and adolescent culture, noting trends and factors important to those who minister to teenagers. Strongly recommended as a first course for youth ministry majors. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

3523 The Youth Ministry Program (3) SP
A holistic approach to the planning and management of ministry to adolescents. Special attention will be given to multiple staff relationships, finance/budget, personal preparation and planning ministry events. Outside resource personnel will be utilized.

3533 Educating Adolescents in the Church (3) F
A study of various teaching methods that can be used in the instruction of adolescents in the local church. Students will be involved in the planning of teenage curriculum and in the design of actual lesson plans. Not recommended as a first course in youth ministry. Prerequisite: Junior or senior standing.

3653 Expository Preaching (3) SP Offered even-numbered years
Building competence in interpreting and presenting Biblical texts, with application to life. Prerequisites: Bible 3673, 4503, 4513.

3673 Communicating the Gospel (3) F, SP
This course helps students move from their own understanding of the message of the Bible to communicating it to others in a way that helps them understand, receive and respond to it. Should be taken as the first course in preaching. Prerequisites: Bible 4503, 4513.

3753 Religion and American Culture (3) F
See History 4013.

3763 The Story of the Restoration Movement in America (3) SP
The story of the movement which shaped the contemporary Christian church (Disciples of Christ), independent Christian churches and Church of Christ within the context of American church history.

3803 Theology of Worship (3) SP Offered even-numbered years
This course explores the historical, biblical and theological foundations of Christian worship as a forum for discussing contemporary trends in corporate worship. The contemporary tension over worship is set against the historic traditions of Christian worship from the early church through the present. Biblical materials are surveyed, and a theology of Christian worship is developed and applied.
3813 A Theology of the Church (3) F
This course is intended to deepen the student’s understanding of biblical teaching on the nature and importance of the church as the extension of the saving incarnation of Christ.

3823 Spiritual Formation for Ministry (3) F, SP
This course provides instruction and guidance for the spiritual life of students who plan to be ministers. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

3833 The Biblical World (3) F, SP
Literary, political and religious backgrounds of the Old and New Testaments. This would include the thought patterns of the Ancient Near East and also cover material from the Apocrypha, Pseudepigrapha, Dead Sea Scrolls, Philo, Josephus, Greek and Roman hellenistic sources and Rabbinic writings.

4123 Seminar in Vocational Ministry (3) F, SP
An independent study course to be taken the last semester of a student’s undergraduate experience. This course is available only to students pursuing a second major in ministry. The course will assist a student in researching the possibilities of ministry within the specific vocation of his or her primary major. The course will include required readings, mentoring by professors of both ministry and the student’s primary major, interviews with those already working in the student’s desired profession, along with other forms of research.

4303 Incarnational/Medical Missions (3) SP
Offered even-numbered years
Building on passages which speak of compassion and those which describe Jesus’ teaching and healing ministry, this course looks at Christian “missions” from a holistic point of view that includes the spiritual, mental, social and physical needs of humanity.

4393 Current Issues in Missiology (3) F
Offered even-numbered years
An examination of the prevailing issues in missiology that are influenced and shaped by the political, social, spiritual and theological dynamics of our world. This course will also explore avenues of response through the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the establishment of God’s kingdom.

4503 Old Testament Interpretation (3) SP
Principles, resources and methods essential for understanding what Old Testament texts said to their original audiences and for making application to modern audiences. Special attention will be given to an examination of significant sections of the Old Testament text which are illustrative of each genre of Old Testament literature.

4513 New Testament Interpretation (3) F
Principles, resources and methods essential for understanding what New Testament texts said to their original audiences and for making application to modern audiences. Special attention will be given to an examination of significant sections of the New Testament text which are illustrative of each genre of New Testament literature.

4553 Ministerial Care (3) F
A study of the minister’s role as a care-giver in a congregation. This course will give a minister insight in how to listen to and help people who are struggling with issues in their lives, as well as insight into some of the typical kinds of problems that people discuss with a minister. Not recommended as a first course in ministry. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement. Prerequisite: junior standing.

470V Internship in Missions (1, 2, 3) Offered on demand
Participation in mission trips or other cross-cultural contact and teaching. Supervision in the activity and subsequent evaluation will be provided. Includes psychological testing and analysis. Prerequisite: Bible 2313. Repeatable for a maximum of six hours. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

475V Internship in Preaching (1, 2, 3) Offered on demand
Supervised field work with a church in which the student observes and contributes to the evangelistic program. Prerequisite: Bible 3673. Repeatable for a maximum of six hours. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

477V Internship in Youth Ministry (1, 2, 3)
Offered on demand
Closely supervised ministry experience under a mentor. Attention will be given to the practical application of youth and family ministry. Prerequisites: Bible 3513, 3523. Repeatable for a maximum of six hours. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

479V Internship in Ministry (1,2,3) Offered on demand
Supervised field work in some aspect of ministry other than preaching or youth ministry (e.g. campus ministry, benevolence ministry). Prerequisite: 7 hours in Bible including one ministry course. Repeatable for a maximum of six hours. This course may satisfy the SALT Tier II requirement.

4793 The Bible and Scholarly Study (3) SP
The Bible has been the object of academic inquiry for centuries. The results of this inquiry, which sometimes challenge the Bible’s integrity, have increasingly entered into popular media. This course helps students to place biblical scholarship in context and to recognize the difference between fair and unfair approaches to the text. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

486V Readings in Church History (1, 2, 3)
Offered on demand
Selected readings in an area of church history. Prerequisite: Bible 2713 or 2723. Repeatable for a maximum of three hours.

487V Readings in Missions (1,2,3) Offered on demand
Selected readings tracing the historic development of the Christian mission from William Carey (1793) through the 20th century, with special emphasis on the theological perspectives which shaped the dynamic mission movements and achievements of the past with the prospects for the future. Can be repeated for a maximum of five hours.
**490V Biblical Studies Travel (1,2,3) Offered on demand**
A study tour providing experiential analysis of sites of importance for biblical studies (Holy Land, Greece, Turkey and sites of importance for church history). A written project will be required. Course may be repeated for a total of 6 semester hours when location varies.

**4973 Senior Seminar (3) SP**
A capstone, integrative seminar for Bible majors to be taken in the senior year. The course consists of a seminar format, including extensive use of case studies, a major paper and oral presentation. Students combine Christian theology, biblical studies and ethics in order to understand Christian ministry today.

**4Dn3 Bible Text Intensive (3) F (Old Testament), SP (New Testament)**
An in-depth study of various Old and New Testament texts. Emphasis will be placed on the historical and cultural background of the given text, as well as its literary features. Students will be expected to research and write on these texts. This course may be repeated, as long as the text being studied differs. This course is only open to Bible majors and minors, and students in the honors program. Other students may be admitted with permission of the instructor.

**Greek (GR)**

**1515, Introduction to Greek I, II (5, 5) F, SP**
A study of Greek grammar. Careful drill in forms, pronunciation and translation. Prerequisite to 1525: Greek 1515 with a minimum grade of “C.”

**1525**
Emphasis on Hebrew vowel points, vocabulary, verb conjugation, practice in translation, syntax and other grammatical phenomena. Prerequisite to 1525: Hebrew 1515 with a minimum grade of “C.”

Prerequisite: Greek 1525 with a minimum grade of “C.” Greek 3013 must be taken first.

**3023, Readings in Old Testament books with emphasis**

**3033** on building vocabulary, reviewing verb forms and making occasional comparative studies in the Septuagint and New Testament. Prerequisite: Hebrew 1525 with a minimum grade of “C.” Hebrew 3013 must be taken first.

**4013, Advanced New Testament Greek I, II, III (3,3,3) F,SP, SU**

**4023, Advanced study of selected portions of the New Testament together with readings from Hellenistic Greek. Prerequisite: Greek 1525 with a minimum grade of “C.”**

**450V Independent Study in Greek (1, 2, 3) Offered on demand**
Independent study in Greek with translation, grammatical and exegetical exercises as approved by supervising professor. Limit: six hours.

**Hebrew (HB)**

**1515, Introduction to Hebrew I, II (5, 5) F*, SP**

**1525** Emphasis on Hebrew vowel points, vocabulary, verb conjugation, practice in translation, syntax and other grammatical phenomena. Prerequisite to 1525: Hebrew 1515 with a minimum grade of “C.”

**3013, The Hebrew Old Testament I, II, III (3, 3, 3) F*, SP*, SU**

**3023, Readings in Old Testament books with emphasis**

**3033** on building vocabulary, reviewing verb forms and making occasional comparative studies in the Septuagint and New Testament. Prerequisite: Hebrew 1525 with a minimum grade of “C.” Hebrew 3013 must be taken first.

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*Offered in alternate years