

Graduate Studies

Course Descriptions: Each course is worth 3 credit hours. Credit hours are non-transferrable.

GENERAL

Developmental Psychology

This course explores current theories, methodology, and relevant findings in the study of human development from conception through late life. An ecological perspective is used to examine and understand complex factors in all domains of development across the life-span: the “Womb to the Tomb” (e.g., physical, motor, neural, perceptual, cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and moral, etc.). These complex factors include, but are not limited to genetics, environmental and historical influences, ethnicity, culture, gender, and socioeconomic status.

Effective Counseling Skills

This course is designed to help you develop effective counseling skills. Through readings, discussions, practical exercises and homework assignments, you will learn therapeutic skills.

Critical Analytical Thinking

This course addresses issues that transcend any single discipline or function of management. You will analyze, write about, and debate fundamental issues, questions, and phenomena that arise in management. This course will enhance your ability to identify critical questions when exploring a new business issue, to parse issue, to develop reasoned positions, and to make compelling arguments.

Research and Writing for Graduate Studies

A study of the methodologies of research and writing, including form and style for papers required in graduate courses and master theses. This course is recommended to be taken in the first semester of your graduate work.

Thesis/Thesis Project

The thesis is a formal academic research paper on an approved subject. The thesis project is a practical ministry project actually conducted in the context of a local church or a para-church ministry, with a formally written overview of the project.

Qualitative Research Methods (Prerequisite: World Cultures)

This course studies qualitative methodologies in the social sciences, with a particular focus in ethnographic field technologies. Interview and observation skills through field work in the Twin Cities area. Prerequisite: World Cultures (U) course.

Quantitative Research Methods

This course is a study of quantifying social life to answer research questions. Focus on structuring of inquiry (research design, conceptualization, measurement, sampling), modes of quantitative observation (experiments, survey research, content analysis, evaluation research), analysis of data (univariate, bivariate, and multivariate statistics), and research ethics. You will participate in actual quantitative research.

DMin Ministry Dissertation

This document incorporates original study and research using historical, critical Biblical and theological tools, and analysis. You will focus on an issue or topic in a Biblical or theological discipline. You must fulfill all DMin course requirements (core and specialty track), submission of an integration essay and successful completion of an oral examination. (Pass/No Pass)

DMin Ministry Project

You must identify a problem in ministry that needs solving. It is a specialized application of the curriculum to your ministry context. You must fulfill all DMin course requirements (core and specialty track), submission of an integration essay and successful completion of an oral examination. (Pass/No Pass)