

Graduate Studies

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

BIBLE AND BIBLE RELATED

Old Testament

Old Testament Themes

This course offers a critical introduction to the themes found in the major books of the Old Testament: the Torah, the prophetic literature, Psalms, and the Wisdom literature. It will evaluate the strengths and difficulties of biblical criticism as it has developed in recent centuries. The Old Testament will be explored as the foundation for the Judeo-Christian tradition.

Pentateuch

This study of the content of the first five books of the Bible with special emphasis on the foundational nature of these books for the rest of the Bible

Historical Books

The composition and content of Joshua through Esther is studied within their chronological, political, and geographical settings. The class will examine important theological themes and areas of criticism related to these books.

Paul (Living for the Call of Christ)

This course examines the powerful life and ministry of the apostle Paul and reveals how his example illuminates our Christian walk today. From his sudden conversion to his many years of molding the early Church, the stores of Paul's tireless ministry amid relentless persecution are still as important and inspiring as they ever were.

Pre-Exilic Prophets

Introduces the Pre-Exilic prophets against their ancient near Eastern background and provides a critical and historical analysis of the books of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah 1-39, and Micah. Significant theological themes, events, and personalities of these books will be considered.

The Books of Ruth and Esther

The Book of Ruth by our founder deals with the cameo story of love, devotion, and redemption set in the black contest of the days of the judges. Emphasis is given to the faithfulness of Ruth in a time of national faithlessness. Esther is likened to Christ in that she puts herself in the place of death for her people, and receives the approval of the king. This study also demonstrates how she portrays Christ's work as advocate on our behalf.

The Judges of Israel

This course is an overview of Moses and Joshua before and after the occupation. Then with the leaders of Israel after the time of the elders who outlived Joshua until the time of the Monarch. Their purpose is expressed in Judges 2:16 "Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them."

Nehemiah

As a personal cupbearer to the great Persian King Artaxerxes, Nehemiah lived a life of luxury. Yet, despite his pagan environment, he never forsook the Lord. He took on the seemingly impossible task of rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. This course reminds us that even in our moments of greatest pain and helplessness, we still have access to God.