

# CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

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**BIBL 205 • Old Testament Survey 3 Credits**

Survey of the journey of God's people throughout the Old Testament biblical books, highlighting the unifying self-disclosure of God in the various cultures and types of writing in the Old Testament. Application of intertextual theological themes to personal spiritual life.

**BIBL 210 • New Testament Survey 3 Credits**

Survey of the New Testament books that reveal Jesus Christ and the emergence of early Christianity through specific people, events, cultures, and types of writing. Application of intertextual theological themes to personal spiritual life.

**BIBL 230 • The Bible in Real Life 4 Credits**

Exploration of key portions of the Bible, including personal reflection in regard to its purpose in the world today. Draws connections with the broad arc of the biblical narrative, tracing God's self-disclosure through the biblical text. Consideration of how the Scripture might intersect with daily life in the 21st century.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6.*

**BIBL 294 • Topics in Bible 1-4 Credits**

An in-depth study of a particular Bible theme.

*Special Notes: Topics courses should serve as elective courses.*

**BIBL 360 • Making Sense of the Bible 4 Credits**

Introduction to biblical hermeneutics and exegesis including interpretive issues of genre and literary context, historical context, communicative intention, presuppositions, and metanarrative. Exploration of biblical inspiration, canonicity, and authority in light of Scripture as communication. Development of skills necessary for understanding the Bible in its original contexts and contextualizing its messages today.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6. Special Notes: Students are recommended to take their R course prior to taking this course.*

**BIBL 379PT • Portfolio in Bible 0.5-6 Credits**

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of Bible.

*Special Notes: Portfolio courses are created upon request with permission by an overseeing Program Director.*

**CHMN 200 • Foundations for Vocation and Christian Ministry 2 Credits**

Exploration of the Christian gospel and how it is applied through a wide range of ministry expressions today. Comparison of the ministry of Jesus with contemporary ministry practices. Reflection on personal strengths and how they apply in ministry settings, and identification of steps to continue to discern vocation and calling.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6.*

**CHMN 210 • Christian Formation 2 Credits**

An exploration of self in the world, based on personal experience and Christian spiritual practices. Students are challenged to think systemically about contexts of family, faith community, workplace, and broader culture as they plan for lifelong Christian formation and contribution to the well-being of others.

**CHMN 240 • Paul's Letters & Church Today 3 Credits**

Examination of the people, practices, and mission of the early church, with attention to the relevance and application to current church practice and mission.

**CHMN 294 • Topics in Christian Ministries 1-4 Credits**

An in-depth study of a particular Christian Ministries theme.

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## Christian Ministries 2

### **CHMN 300 • Foundations for Christian Ministry** 3 Credits

Exploration of the Christian gospel and how it is applied through a wide range of ministry expressions today. Comparison of the ministry of Jesus with contemporary ministry practices. Reflection on personal strengths and how they apply in ministry settings, and identification of steps to continue to discern vocation and calling.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6. Special Notes: Enrollment is open to students with sophomore class standing and above.*

### **CHMN 320 • Personal Spiritual Formation** 3 Credits

Introduction to the process of spiritual and personal formation. Exploration of models and themes for formation and faith development, with attention to cultural and gender dimensions of formation models and traditions. Examination of both individual and communal spiritual journeys, practices, and connections to God.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6. Special Notes: Enrollment is open to students with sophomore class standing and above.*

### **CHMN 379PT • Portfolio in Christian Ministries** 0.5-6 Credits

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of Christian Ministries.

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### **CHMN 410 • Dynamics of Interpersonal Relationships** 4 Credits

Development of a framework for leadership in ministry contexts. Evaluation of personal strengths, blindspots and interpersonal skills within leadership. Incorporation of leadership vocabulary in personal leadership practice and examination of scriptural definitions and examples of leadership. Understanding of collaborative leadership models.

### **CHMN 451 • Communication in Ministry** 3 Credits

Introduction to the essential communication skills needed in ministry, including effective listening, storytelling, and public speaking skills. Application and evaluation of effective communication to present the gospel and its relevance in various contexts.

*Prerequisites: General Education Category R course. Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 1.*

### **CHMN 452 • Christian Perspectives on Leadership** 2 Credits

Development of a framework for leadership in ministry contexts. Evaluation of personal strengths, blindspots and interpersonal skills within leadership. Incorporation of leadership vocabulary in personal leadership practice and examination of scriptural definitions and examples of leadership. Understanding of collaborative leadership models.

### **CHMN 477 • Practical Experience Extension** 0 Credit

Extension course for continued enrollment following the term in which an undergraduate level CHMN internship, practicum, clinical or other experiential course was taken, required when there are outstanding hours to be completed.

### **CHMN 481 • Ministry Practicum** 3 Credits

Practical integration of Christian ministries knowledge and skills under the direct supervision of an experienced mentor. Development of a working philosophy of ministry through reflection on personal and professional responses in ministry situations. Assessment of personal ministry skills and lifelong leadership development.

*Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis.*

### **THEO 230 • Theology for the Church** 2 Credits

Exploration of the roles of scripture, tradition, reason, and experience as they form convictions related to theological and ethical issues. Application of theological concepts to real life situations, with an emphasis on practical application in church ministry contexts.

### **THEO 294 • Topics in Theology** 1-4 Credits

An in-depth study of a particular Theology theme.

*Special Notes: Topics courses should serve as elective courses.*

**THEO 341 • Gospel in Cross-Cultural Perspective** 3 Credits

Examination of one's own cultural framework in relation to other cultures. Analysis of cross-cultural ministry examples in scripture and how the gospel is influenced, expressed, and experienced through social and cultural systems. Understanding of the ministry of reconciliation. Interaction with individuals and environments in cross-cultural contexts, and development of capacity to communicate the gospel with cultural sensitivity.

*Fulfills: CAPS Goal Areas 5, 6. Special Notes: Enrollment is open to students with sophomore class standing and above.*

**THEO 379PT • Portfolio in Theology** 0.5-6 Credits

Portfolio course of preselected topics within an existing course in the field of Theology.

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**THEO 441 • Christian Theology** 4 Credits

Systematic examination of the foundational doctrines of the Christian faith, including, but not limited to, the triune God, the person and work of Jesus Christ (incarnation and atonement), and salvation. Evaluation of the unity and diversity of Christian belief as a backdrop for subjects covered. Identification of the role of scripture and other sources in the development of theological beliefs.

*Prerequisites: CAPS General Education Category R course. Fulfills: CAPS Goal Area 6.*