

B.A. IN BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Biblical and Theological Studies (B.A.)		
Biblical Studies Requirements (15 credits)²		
BIB 321	Issues in Biblical Studies	3
Old Testament courses³		
Choose one of the following Text courses: ⁴		
BIB 212	Reading the Hebrew Bible	
BIB 220	The Pentateuch	
BIB 240	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
BIB 326	The Prophets of Israel	
BIB 336	Poetic Books of the Old Testament	
BIB 440	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
Choose one of the following Context courses: ⁴		
BIB 210	History of Ancient Israel	
BIB 230Z	Israel Study Tour ⁴	
BIB 236	Archaeology of the Southern Levant	
BIB 240	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
BIB 334G	Cultural World of the Old Testament	
BIB 440	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
New Testament Courses:		6
Choose one of the following Jesus courses: ⁴		
BIB 230Z	Israel Study Tour ⁴	
BIB 240	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
BIB 260	The Life and Teachings of Jesus	
BIB 440	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
Choose one of the following Paul courses: ⁴		
BIB 240	Topics in Biblical Studies ¹	
BIB 264Z	Greece-Italy Study Tour	
BIB 265	The Life and Teachings of Paul	
BIB 370	Romans	
BIB 375	First Corinthians	
Theological Studies Requirements (15 credits)		
THE 263	Christian Social Ethics	3
THE 311	Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective	3
THE 315	Contemporary Theological Issues	3
Elective from 200 level theology course (not including THE 201) ⁴		3
Elective from 300-400 level theology course ⁴		3
Religious Studies Requirement (3 credits)		
REL 202	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
Seminar Requirement (3 credits)		
Choose one of the following Senior Seminar courses:		3

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BIB/THE 499	Seminar: Biblical Studies
THE/BIB 499	Seminar: Theology
Elective Requirements (6 credits)	
Choose one from 200 level biblical or theological studies courses or MIN 310Z ¹	3
Choose one from 300 or 400 level biblical or theological studies courses	3
Or choose one spiritual formation course from the following: ¹	
BIB 305J	Sleep, Surrender, and Sabbath
BIB 310J	Holiness in Biblical Perspective
GES 413P	Women's Spiritual Experience
GES 433P	Biblical Spirituality: Experiencing God

Code	Title	Credits
Major		42
General Education		49-50
Electives		30-31
Total Credits		122

- ¹ Courses may be used in this category only when the topic is relevant.
- ² In addition to BIB 321, students must take at least one of the biblical studies required courses at the 300-400 level.
- ³ A student may use HEB 102S to meet one of the OT course requirements.
- ⁴ Course may only be applied in one category.
 Courses whose number is followed by a letter fulfill a General Education requirement.
 Students may not declare a B.A. in Biblical and Theological Studies and a Minor in Biblical and Theological Studies.

BIB 101 • Introduction to the Bible 3 Credits

Traces the journey of God's people from Abraham and Sarah through the New Testament church, highlighting the unifying self-disclosure of God in the various cultures and types of writing of the Old and New Testaments. A holistic approach is used to introduce students to both historical and thematic content as well as broad but basic exegetical principles.
Offered: Fall, Interim, Spring.

BIB 102 • Introducción a la Biblia 3 Credits

Traces the journey of God's people from Abraham and Sarah through the New Testament church, highlighting the unifying self-disclosure of God in the various cultures and types of writing of the Old and New Testaments. A holistic approach is used to introduce students to both historical and thematic content as well as broad but basic exegetical principles.
Prerequisites: SPA290 or Consent of instructor. Offered: Fall. Special Notes: Instruction is in Spanish.

BIB 205 • Introduction to Spiritual Formation 3 Credits

Examines key Old and New Testament texts undergirding Christian spirituality, differentiating it from other forms of spirituality. The study and practice of historic spiritual disciplines and readings of classic and contemporary works in Christian spirituality, including African, Asian, Hispanic, and European perspectives.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Spring, even # years

BIB 210 • History of Ancient Israel 3 Credits

Focus on the history of the coastlands along the southern half of the eastern Mediterranean from the Early Bronze through the Maccabean eras, with an emphasis on the rise and history of ancient Israel.
Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 212 • Reading the Hebrew Bible 3 Credits

Study of select foundational themes and difficult areas for Christians reading the Hebrew Bible today, with an introduction to a range of methods in interpretation. Topics discussed may include: creation, capital punishment, social justice, violence and holy war, and the status of women.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 220 • The Pentateuch 3 Credits

Study of mosaic books of the Old Testament, with particular interest in the Genesis account of world beginnings, the Patriarchs, the Exodus and founding of the nation of Israel, and the faith and religion of the Hebrews.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or spring.

BIB 230Z • Israel Study Tour 3 Credits

Historical geography and onsite investigation of the Holy Land with emphasis on sites from the Early Bronze through Byzantine eras. Particular emphasis on sites that underlie the Hebrew Bible, the intertestamental period, and the New Testament.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally interim.

BIB 236 • Archaeology of the Southern Levant 3 Credits

Explores the objectives, history, methodology, and results of archaeology of the coastlands along the southern half of the eastern Mediterranean from the Early Bronze through Early Roman eras.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or spring.

BIB 240 • Topics in Biblical Studies 3 Credits

Study of a biblical area or topic. The specific subject is announced when the course is offered.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall, interim, spring.

BIB 260 • The Life and Teachings of Jesus 3 Credits

Main events of the life of Jesus and the form and message of His teaching in the light of first century Jewish culture. Use of the Old Testament in the gospels, the structure of the gospels, and their literary genre.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 264Z • Greece-Italy Study Tour 3 Credits

Onsite investigation of the sites and regions that underlie the people, movements, and events of the Early Christian era. The area is examined in light of the historical, geographical, and rich cultural context of the classical Greek and Roman worlds.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Occasionally interim.

BIB 265 • The Life and Teachings of Paul 3 Credits

Life of Paul, his strategic role in the expansion of Christianity, and the contribution of his theology and thought as reflected in his writings.

Prerequisites: BIB 101. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 301J • The Faith of Abraham in Genesis, Paul and James 3 Credits

The faith of Abraham as reflected in biblical and extra-canonical traditions, with emphasis on Genesis, Romans, Galatians, and the book of James. Attention to the theological and exegetical perspectives of the various documents, unity and diversity within the canon, and contemporary application.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 302J • Biblical Law in Christian Belief and Practice 3 Credits

Biblical law as an expression of the character and will of God; the form, content, and use of law throughout Scripture; and the relationship of law and grace. Modern viewpoints on the abiding relevance of biblical law for individuals and societies.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 304J • Messianic Concepts 3 Credits

Development of such terms as "Son of Man," "Son of God," and "Messiah" is traced from origins in Old Testament texts of poetry and prophecy to New Testament fulfillment in the Gospels and Epistles.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 305J • Sleep, Surrender, and Sabbath 3 Credits

The theology and ethics of rest from a biblical perspective. Focus on key passages in Scripture regarding sleep, dreams, and Sabbath. Explores topics such as creation, the human condition, divine relationality, human dependency, prayer, and social responsibility. Interdisciplinary approach, utilizing historical records of Sabbath practices, scientific research, and sociological analyses.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 306J • Covenant, Promise, and Fulfillment 3 Credits

Major covenants between God and humans in both the Old and New Testaments. Relationships between these covenants, especially regarding the theme of promise and fulfillment.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 308J • Biblical Theology of Reconciliation 3 Credits

The goal of reconciliation in personal and socio-political conflicts is examined in light of biblical texts relating to liberation from oppression, establishment of justice, practice of forgiveness, and promotion of peace.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 309J • A Biblical Theology of Poverty 3 Credits

Responses to poverty in the Old Testament, intertestamental literature, and the New Testament in light of the socioeconomic setting of these records. Construction of a biblical perspective and implications for Christian communities in North America.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 310J • Holiness in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits

Exegetical and theological foundations underlying the biblical notion of holiness in both the Old and New Testaments. Biblical texts in their historical-cultural context, with a view to uncovering biblical understandings of holiness and integrating them into a Christian worldview.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 311J • Worship in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits

Exegetical and theological foundations of worship. Old Testament and New Testament patterns of worship and their relevance for the church today.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 312J • Female and Male in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits

Significant Old and New Testament passages related to past and current discussions of gender, roles, and ministry in the church.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 313J • A Biblical Theology of Justice 3 Credits

Justice, in the full biblical sense, is employed as an integrating focus for the task of God on earth for restoring humankind. Elements of continuity and discontinuity between the Old Testament and New Testament. Location of each major block of biblical data in historical, literary, and social context.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 314J • The "Word" in Biblical Tradition 3 Credits

"Word" in its creative, redemptive, active, prophetic, and prescriptive significance in the Christian canon. Beginning with the concept of "word" in creation through "The Word as Law" and "The Prophetic Word," and ending with emphasis on "The Incarnate Word" and the words of the cross, the preacher, and the sacraments.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 315J • God, Evil, and Spiritual Warfare 3 Credits

Study of God's ongoing battle with spiritual forces from Genesis to Revelation. Origin, power, activity, and end of Satan and evil angels are traced throughout Scripture. Discussion of implications of these concepts for the problem of evil, a theology of providence, and spiritual formation.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 316J • Vocation and Calling: A Biblical Perspective 3 Credits

An investigation of the biblical understandings of vocation and calling in both Old and New Testaments. Examination of foundational issues such as definitions of ministry, personal and spiritual gifting, the role of the church in contemporary context, and calling and vocation as they relate to being Christ-followers.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 317J • Family in Biblical Perspective 3 Credits

Biblical perspective of family developed through an examination of family in ancient biblical cultures and a study of family in the Old and New Testaments. A biblical perspective integrated with an exploration of the cultural and historical influences on our contemporary understanding of family.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 319J • Eschatology: The Last Things in the Church's Scriptures 3 Credits

Examines "the last things" in the Pentateuch, historical works, poetry, gospels, letters, and apocalypse. Exegesis of the Bible's statements regarding the last things in order to learn how they functioned in their original setting, how they function in Scripture, and how they function in living out a Christian worldview today.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; GES 160 or GES 244; Sophomore standing. Offered: Occasionally.

BIB 321 • Issues in Biblical Studies 3 Credits

Theoretical and practical introduction to academic study in biblical disciplines. Major theories that influence current study along with methods for research and investigation in these fields.

Prerequisites: 200-level course in biblical studies; THE 201; Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course. Offered: Fall.

BIB 326 • The Prophets of Israel 3 Credits

The basic meaning of prophecy and the function of the prophets in Israel; analysis of the context and message of the great Hebrew prophets. Inductive studies bring out theological truths and relate them to the New Testament as well as Christian life as experienced today.

Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, even # years.

BIB 331G • Cultural World of the New Testament 3 Credits

Historical and cultural backgrounds of the New Testament in their Jewish, Greek, and Roman contexts.

Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course]. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 334G • Cultural World of the Old Testament 3 Credits

Historical, cultural, and archaeological backgrounds of the Old Testament in their Ancient Near Eastern contexts.

Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course]. Offered: Fall or Spring.

BIB 336 • Poetic Books of the Old Testament 3 Credits

Doctrinal and devotional themes of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. The literary structure of these books and of individual psalms, the nature of Hebrew poetry, and its use in the New Testament and the church.

Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, odd # years.

BIB 370 • Romans 3 Credits

A widely influential letter of Paul with emphasis on the themes of justification by faith, ethics (good works), and life in the Spirit. Discussion of the letter's significance for original and contemporary readers.

Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, odd # years.

BIB 375 • First Corinthians 3 Credits

Paul's letter to the Corinthian church in its first century setting. Topics include sexuality, divorce, spiritual gifts, the Christian ministry, resurrection, and the contemporary application of these.

Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Spring, even # years.

BIB 440 • Topics in Biblical Studies 3 Credits

Advanced course on a biblical area or topic. The specific subject is announced when the course is offered.

Prerequisites: Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course or a 200-level biblical studies course. Offered: Fall or spring.

BIB 499 • Seminar: Biblical Studies 3 Credits

A selected topic in biblical studies related to a course theme. A major research project is followed by an oral and written presentation of its results.

Prerequisites: BIB 321; Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; Major in biblical and theological studies. Offered: Spring. Special Notes: Carries cross-credit with theological studies.

GRK 101 • Introductory Biblical Greek I 4 Credits

Study of New Testament Greek for beginning students. Use of the New Testament to build a basic vocabulary and understand the elements of grammar and syntax.

Offered: Fall.

GRK 102S • Introductory Biblical Greek II 4 Credits

Continuation of the study of New Testament Greek for beginning students. Use of the New Testament to build a basic vocabulary and understand the elements of grammar and syntax.

Prerequisites: GRK 101. Offered: Spring.

GRK 103 • Introduction to Biblical Greek 1A for Spanish Speakers 2 Credits

Provides Spanish-speaking students (or non-native speakers or Spanish majors who have gained proficiency in the language) with a basic introduction to New Testament (Koine) Greek. Focus on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical concepts and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament.

Prerequisites: Consent of instructor. Offered: Fall.

GRK 104 • Introduction to Biblical Greek 1B for Spanish Speakers 2 Credits

Provides Spanish-speaking students (or non-native speakers or Spanish majors who have gained proficiency in the language) with a basic introduction to New Testament (Koine) Greek. Focus on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical concepts and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament.

Prerequisites: GRK 103 or Consent of instructor. Offered: Spring.

GRK 105 • Introduction to Biblical Greek IIA for Spanish Speakers 2 Credits

Second half of a two-part introduction to NT (Koine) Greek. Greek II focuses on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical concepts, and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament, with special focus on the latter.

Prerequisites: GRK 104 or Consent of instructor. Offered: Fall.

GRK 106 • Introduction to Biblical Greek IIB for Spanish Speakers 2 Credits

Second half of a two-part introduction to NT (Koine) Greek. Greek II focuses on vocabulary building, the comprehension of basic grammatical concepts, and practice in translating passages from the Greek New Testament, with special focus on the latter.

Prerequisites: GRK 105 or Consent of instructor. Offered: Spring.

HEB 101 • Introductory Biblical Hebrew I 4 Credits

Study of the Hebrew of the Old Testament. Designed for the beginning student. The Old Testament is used to build a basic vocabulary and to understand the language's phonology, morphology, basic syntax, and semantics.

Offered: Occasionally.

HEB 102S • Introductory Biblical Hebrew II 4 Credits

Further study of the Hebrew of the Old Testament. Designed for the beginning student. The Old Testament is used to build a basic vocabulary and to understand the language's phonology, morphology, basic syntax, and semantics.

Prerequisites: HEB 101. Offered: Spring.

MIN 200 • Foundations of Ministry 3 Credits

Introduction to the theology and practice of ministry. Presents a conceptual, theological, and biblical understanding of ministry. Opportunity to develop a usable, working philosophy of ministry and a model for critical thinking about the practice of contemporary ministry.

Prerequisites: BIB 101 (may be taken concurrently). Offered: Fall.

MIN 210 • Adolescent Development and the Family 3 Credits

Understanding child/adolescent development in the physical, cognitive, moral, psycho-social, cultural, and spiritual arenas, along with examining family social systems and family dynamics. Focus on application to practical ministry.

Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Fall, odd # years.

MIN 310Z • Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church 3 Credits

Ministry in an urban, multicultural context. Emphasizes biblical, theological, and historical themes of reconciliation, diversity, poverty, and justice. Experiences include homeless shelters, youth ministry centers, spiritually formative practices, and the religious and cultural life of a major city.

Prerequisites: THE 201; Junior standing. Special Notes: Carries cross listing in Biblical and Theological Studies. Offered: Interim.

MIN 320 • Spiritual and Faith Formation 3 Credits

Dynamics of spiritual development and faith formation. Review of biblical, historical, and theological models as well as contemporary social science research. Emphasizes the spiritual and faith formation of both ministers and those to whom they minister, and the interrelatedness of evangelism and discipleship as well as counseling and referral.

Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Spring.

MIN 328 • Missional Theology 3 Credits

Explores the doctrine of the Trinity and its connections to the *missio Dei* (mission of God) and how God's mission influences our thinking and practice as the church, with a special emphasis on the context of North America.

Prerequisites: BIB 101 or THE 201; Junior standing. Offered: Spring.

MIN 330 • Teaching in Ministry Contexts 3 Credits

Preparation and delivery of presentations enabling students to teach effectively in various settings. Students develop their theology and philosophy of teaching and learning. Improving skills in teaching small and large groups, facilitating discussion, adapting curriculum to audiences and contexts, and self-analysis. Emphasis on biblical themes of reconciliation, diversity, and justice.

Prerequisites: MIN 200. Offered: Fall, even # years.

MIN 350 • Ministry Practicum I 1 Credit

Explores ministry as a career through discipleship and job shadowing. Development as a disciple, and reflection on personal call to ministry as a career.

Prerequisites: MIN 200. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Fall.

MIN 355 • Ministry Practicum II 1 Credit

Explores ministry as a career through discipleship and job shadowing. Development as a discipler, and reflection on personal call to ministry as a career.

Prerequisites: MIN 200 and MIN 350. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Spring.

MIN 483 • Ministry Internship I 3 Credits

Explores ministry as a career through a supervised ministry internship, seminars, readings, and reflections. Students reflect especially on defining their current sense of calling.

Prerequisites: MIN 200; MIN 350; MIN 355. Grade exceptions: Graded on an S/U basis. Offered: Fall.

MIN 484 • Ministry Internship II 3 Credits

Explores ministry as a career through a supervised ministry internship, seminars, readings, and reflections. Students integrate various components of their missional ministries major.

Prerequisites: MIN 200; MIN 350; MIN 355; MIN 483. *Grade exceptions:* Graded on an S/U basis. *Offered:* Spring.

MIN 499 • Senior Seminar 3 Credits

Selected topics in ministry leadership with emphasis on preparation for ministry, culminating with a professional portfolio. A major research project is followed by an oral presentation of its results.

Prerequisites: *Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course;* MIN 200; *missional ministries major;* *Senior standing.* *Offered:* Spring.

THE 201 • Christian Theology 3 Credits

Investigates central themes of the Christian faith from a primarily systematic perspective. Topics include Scripture, God, the person and work of Jesus Christ, salvation, and last things. Emphasis on the unity and diversity of theological beliefs within Christianity, and on the interrelationships among theological understanding, culture, and discipleship.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; *Sophomore standing.* *Offered:* Fall, Interim, Spring.

THE 235 • Current Theological Controversies 3 Credits

Study of a number of theological topics of contemporary interest or debate such as the Calvinism/Arminianism debate, the inerrancy of Scripture, the nature of divine foreknowledge, spiritual gifts, and end times controversies.

Prerequisites: THE 201. *Offered:* Fall or spring.

THE 240 • Topics in Theology 3 Credits

Study of a theological area or topic. The specific topic is announced when the course is offered.

Prerequisites: THE 201. *Offered:* Fall or spring.

THE 256L • Christian Apologetics 3 Credits

Study of the intellectual viability of the Christian faith. Topics include the nature of apologetics and apologetic method, theological and philosophical arguments for and against the existence of God, and historical and philosophical arguments for and against the central beliefs of Christianity.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or GES 246; GES 130 and GES 160 (may be taken concurrently) or GES 244 (may be taken concurrently). *Offered:* Fall, Interim, Spring.

THE 263 • Christian Social Ethics 3 Credits

Christian approaches to ethical problems within today's society, such as the morality of war, poverty and welfare, homelessness, racism, and human sexuality. Roles of Christians and churches in response to these issues. Classical ethical approaches of utilitarianism, Kant, and social contract ethics.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; THE 201. *Offered:* Fall.

THE 310Z • Conflict, Reconciliation, and the Church 3 Credits

Ministry in an urban, multicultural context. Emphasizes biblical, theological, and historical themes of reconciliation, diversity, poverty, and justice. Experiences include homeless shelters, youth ministry centers, spiritually formative practices, and the religious and cultural life of a major city.

Prerequisites: THE 201; *Junior standing.* *Special Notes:* Carries cross listing in *Biblical and Theological Studies.* *Offered:* Interim.

THE 311 • Early Church to Reformation Theology in Global Perspective 3 Credits

Explores the global historical development of Christian thought from the Early Church to the Reformation. Includes assessment of major figures such as Augustine and Aquinas, and developments such as early North African, Syriac, Byzantine, medieval Asian, and European theologies.

Prerequisites: BIB 101; THE 201 or *Consent of instructor.* *Offered:* Fall.

THE 312L • Post-Reformation to Contemporary Theology in Trans-Atlantic Perspective 3 Credits

Explores the global historical development of Christian thought from the Post-Reformation era to the present. Includes assessment of major figures such as Barth, Bonhoeffer, Schleiermacher, and Wesley and developments including African American, Feminist and Womanist theology, and Pietism.

Prerequisites: GES 130 and GES 160 (may be taken concurrently) or GES 244 (may be taken concurrently).

Offered: Spring.

THE 315 • Contemporary Theological Issues 3 Credits

Theoretical and practical engagement with the academic disciplines of theology. Considers contemporary theological issues facing the 21st century church and explores current research and writing in the fields of theology.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or Consent of the instructor. *Offered:* Spring.

THE 326G • Christian Theology in Africa, Asia, and Latin America 3 Credits

Introduces major theological themes and theories that have emerged in the socio-political and cultural contexts of sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Offers critical and constructive dialogue with key theological themes and issues in Black, Feminist, Liberation, Dalit, and African theologies.

Prerequisites: [GES 130; GES 160; Contemporary Western Life and Thought (L) course; World Cultures (U) course] or [GES 244; World Cultures (U) course]. *Offered:* Occasionally fall.

THE 401 • Christianity and the World's Religions 3 Credits

Exploration of the historical and contemporary relationships of Christianity and various world religions, specifically focused at the theological level. Focus rotates from year to year, emphasizing the interfaith dialogue between Christianity and one other world religious tradition.

Prerequisites: BIB 101 and THE 201. *Offered:* Fall or spring. *Special Notes:* Carries cross-credit in religious studies.

THE 431 • Advanced Topics in Systematic Theology 3 Credits

Research on a topic in the area of systematic theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Past offerings include Doctrine of God, Christology, Ecclesiology, and Pneumatology.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall.

THE 432 • Advanced Topics in Historical Theology 3 Credits

Research on a topic in the area of historical theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Past offerings include Barth and Bonhoeffer and History and Theology of Pietism.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall or spring.

THE 433 • Advanced Topics in Philosophical Theology 3 Credits

Research on a topic in the area of philosophical theology. The specific topic will be announced when the course is offered. Potential topics include Arguments for God's Existence, The Problems of Evil and Hell, and Science and Theology.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall or spring.

THE 440 • Topics in Theology 3 Credits

Research course in a topic in theology. Content determined by the professor in conjunction with students majoring in biblical and theological studies. Usually, the course entails an advanced study of one of the major doctrines of the Christian faith.

Prerequisites: THE 201 or Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall or spring.

THE 499 • Seminar: Theology 3 Credits

A selected topic in theology related to a course theme. A major research project is followed by an oral and written presentation of its results.

Prerequisites: BIB 321; THE 315; Interpreting Biblical Themes (J) course; or Consent of instructor. *Offered:* Fall. *Special Notes:* Carries cross credit with biblical studies.