

Course Numbering System

Prefix	Nature of Course Study
CS	Christian Studies
GN	General Studies
NT	New Testament Studies
OT	Old Testament Studies
TH	Theological Studies

Christian Studies Courses (CS)

The Christian Studies Courses (CS) are designed to complement the New Testament, Old Testament and Theological Studies Courses by providing introduction to important areas of study which impact the Christian in their life and ministry. Many of these courses are required for completion of the Biblical Studies program.

Christian Studies Courses

Designations, Courses and Credits:

Number	Course Name	Credits
CS102	Biblical Geography	3
CS 407	Church Growth Principles	3
CS 401	Church History	3
Cs 406	Homiletics	3
CS 403	Introduction to Biblical Counseling	3
CS 409	Missions Practicum	3
CS 410	Pastoral Practicum	3
CS 201	Personal Evangelism	3
CS 408	Perspectives of Christian Missions	3
CS 404	Principles of Biblical Exposition	3
CS 101	Principles of Biblical Research Methods	3
CS 405	Principles of Church Administration	3
CS 104	Spiritual Formation	3
CS 402	Survey of Christian Education	3

Christian Studies Course Descriptions

CS 101 PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL RESEARCH METHODS

This course is designed to acquaint the student with various Bible-study procedures and methods. Various aspects of Bible research will be introduced. As this course will also deal with the topics of how to study and time management, the student is advised to take this course early in the degree program.

CS 102 BIBLICAL GEOGRAPHY

Biblical Geography is a study of the important geographical landmarks, cities, governments, travel routes and other important geographical aspects impacting the people and times throughout the Bible.

CS 104 SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Spiritual Formation is a practical study of the theology of life in the image of Christ and some Biblical principles that guide the development and maintenance of that Christ-like life, in the lives of Christians. The study will include consideration of the Biblical directions for appropriating the spirituality and victory that Jesus Christ gives for faithful Christian living.

CS 201 PERSONAL EVANGELISM

A study designed to prepare students for involvement in witnessing for the Lord. Importance is attached to the memorization of Scripture and actually engaging in personal work.

CS 401 CHURCH HISTORY

An overview of the history of the Church from the first century AD to the present.

CS 402 SURVEY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

This course will provide an opportunity to study the field of what Christian education is and its philosophical and historical backgrounds with an overview of the local church's total educational program.

CS 403 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING

This course introduces the concept of biblically based, Christ-centered counseling. Course distinctives include: (1) a thorough explanation of biblical counseling; (2) the role and character of the counselor; (3) the relationship of counseling to the local church; and (4) a comparison of the biblical counseling model with secular counseling models.

CS 404 PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL EXPOSITION

Principles of Biblical Exposition study of the nature of biblical exposition and principles of message construction. Attention is given to the basic materials of the message, methods of preparation, and delivery, and problems of exposition.

CS 405 PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Principles of Church Administration study of the responsibilities of the church staff members and their relationship to lay leaders in the church. Attention is given to the concepts of team ministries, a mutual understanding of role responsibilities, training, counseling, and church doctrine as it relates to church administration.

CS 406 HOMILETICS

This is a course in beginning proficiencies and finer points of sermon preparation and delivery; doctrinal and topical preaching; and evangelistic and situational witnessing. Students will explore and practice presenting different types of sermons including exegetical Scripture analysis, expositional context and expository style, and word study and topical presentation. Students will be required to present actual sermons of differing lengths and before different audiences.

CS 407 CHURCH GROWTH PRINCIPLES

This course is an introductory study of Church Growth beginning with the Biblical teachings on the subject. Students will review different philosophies related to church growth. Research related to church growth will be presented and students will investigate the difference between effective church growth in terms of quality and quantity. The essential quality characteristics necessary for healthy church growth will be discovered. Finally, students will participate in an exercise assessing the current status of their individual home churches, and will develop methods for communicating and educating their local churches towards healthy growth based on their assessment results

CS 408 PERSPECTIVES OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

Perspectives is an introductory survey course dealing with the philosophy of world evangelization. Attention is given to what missions is, the qualifications of the missionary, his call, and methodology.

CS 409 MISSIONS PRACTICUM

Students will gain an exposure to the missionary life through participating on a missionary team in selected world areas for the purpose of acquainting students firsthand with some of the problems, needs, duties, conflicts, and cultural barriers of the missionary as he works with the national church.

CS 410 PASTORAL PRACTICUM

Students will gain an understanding of the life and responsibilities of the pastor through participating in actual pastoral work under one of the colleges Partner Church pastors. The mentoring and study of the call, qualifications, and duties of the minister, with emphasis on the duties of preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling, visitation, and administration will provide valuable life experience. Administering the ordinances of the church and funeral and wedding services are covered.

General Studies Courses (GN)

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General Studies Courses

Designations, Courses and Credits:

Number	Course Name	Credits
GN 201	College Algebra	3
GN 404	Contemporary Ethics	3
GN 101	English Composition I	3
GN 102	English Composition II	3
GN 302	General Physical Science	3
GN 303	Leadership	3
GN 407	Marriage and Family Counseling	3
GN 401	Music Appreciation	3
GN 403	Personal Finance Management	3
GN 402	Principles of Computer Management	3
GN 405	Principles of Psychology and Counseling	3
GN 406	Principles of Sociology	3
GN 301	Public Speech	3
GN 103	World Civilization I	3
GN 104	World Civilization II	3
GN 408	World Religions	3

General Studies Course Descriptions

GN 101 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I

This course involves the use of English for written communication, including exposition, analysis, and argumentation. Topics include grammar, proper sentence structure, paragraph development, word usage, and essay preparation.

GN 102 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II

Prerequisite: EN 101. This course emphasizes effective writing in a variety of contexts with attention to critical analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and research. Literature such as novels, short stories, and poetry will be used.

GN 103 WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I

World Civilizations I will study the development of civilization from the beginning of recorded history to the Reformation. Emphasis will be placed on the historical contributions from Egypt, Babylonia, China, India, Persia, Palestine, Greece, and Rome.

GN 104 WORLD CIVILIZATIONS II

World Civilizations II continues the study of World Civilizations I from the development of civilization from the Reformation to present day. Emphasis will include the development of Europe, the U.S., the World Wars, and the fall of Communism.

GN 201 COLLEGE ALGEBRA

College Algebra is a study of algebraic concepts, including linear functions, systems of linear equations, scientific notation, exponential functions, functional notation, and graphing.

GN 301 PUBLIC SPEECH

This course is a study of the requirements for effective oral communication. Topics will include selecting a speech topic, researching the topic, outlining, and organizing the speech, use of visual aids, persuasion, analyzing the audience, and critiquing the speech.

GN 302 GENERAL PHYSICAL SCIENCE

The concepts, laws and theories of physics and astronomy are explored in General Physical Science. Topics include motion, gravity, temperature, electricity, the solar system, nuclear physics and their application to the modern world.

CS 303 LEADERSHIP

Effective leadership is important to successfully accomplish tasks involving others. In terms of the work of the Church, leadership is an essential skill, be it at an administrative level, teaching children, or leading a small discussion group. This course will highlight the key aspects of leadership as discovered in the Word of God. Different philosophies of leadership will be presented, including leadership by directive versus leadership by service. Students will learn the characteristics of Biblical leadership and will practice leadership through different course projects.

GN 401 MUSIC APPRECIATION

This course will study the development of music as revealed in major compositions of representative composers from each major period. This course is designed for students who desire to expand their appreciation and understanding of music. Prior knowledge of music is not required.

GN 402 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTER MANAGEMENT

A study of the use of software, such as Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Emphasis will not be on the mechanics of the software but the use of the software to present ideas, for persuasion, and for analysis. Class size is limited.

GN 403 PERSONAL FINANCE MANAGEMENT

This course is designed to expose students to important aspects of personal finance. Students will learn to balance a checking account, to do monthly and annual budgeting, and accounting basics. Students will also experiment with personal standard accounting methods and newer personal software accounting programs. In addition, students will be exposed to on line banking. Students will be required to develop a monthly budget, to keep track of all income and expenses through the course, and to present their progress during the course.

GN 404 CONTEMPORARY ETHICS

Contemporary Ethics is a study of the complex moral issues faced by contemporary society with emphasis on relevant theories and their application to ethical dilemmas. Topics include war, euthanasia, divorce, capital punishment, ethical decision making by leaders, and civil disobedience.

GN 405 PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING

This course will study the major elements of psychology, including theories and applications. Topics will include human development, emotions, learning, perception, memory, personality, and behavior. The concept of the integration of biblical counseling and psychology is a major consideration of this course.

GN 406 PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY

Principles of Sociology is a study of theories, methods, and concepts of sociology, focusing on the critical issues of society. Topics will include poverty, inequality, aging, violence, sexuality, work, technology, and drug abuse.

GN 407 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING

This course examines the relationship dynamics inherent in the premarital couple, the married couple, and the functioning family unit. Course distinctions include: (1) premarital counseling; (2) the biblical basis of marriage; (3) roles of the husband and wife; (4) parent and child relationships; and (5) communication and conflict resolution in marriage.

GN 408 WORLD RELIGIONS

World Religions is a course that will study the major world religions, including their impact on the culture where they began and upon the world. Religions covered include Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam.

New Testament Studies Courses (NT)

The New Testament Studies Courses (NT) are designed to provide the student with a thorough in-depth examination of the New Testament church writings, the life of Jesus Christ and to provide a basis for theological study. Many of these courses are required for completion of the Biblical Studies program

New Testament Studies Courses

Designations, Courses and Credits:

Number	Course Name	Credits
NT 204	Acts	3
NT 404	General Epistles	3
NT 201	Greek Grammar I	3
NT 202	Greek Grammar II	3
NT 301	Greek Syntax I	3
NT 302	Greek Syntax II	3
NT 403	Gospel of John, John I – III	3
NT 304	Hebrews	3
NT 203	Life of Christ	3
NT 102	New Testament Survey	3
NT 402	Pastoral Epistles	3
NT 405	Pauline Epistles	3
NT 401	Revelation	3
NT 303	Romans	3

New Testament Studies Course Descriptions

NT 102 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

New Testament Survey is an introductory survey of the contents of the New Testament, including its background, the Gospels, Acts, the Epistles and Revelation. The development of the central theme, general contents, purpose, historical setting, and spiritual value of each book will be examined. Students will read through the New Testament, highlighting the unique Scriptures, messages, and doctrines found in each book. The course will review the authors, context, purposes and intentions of each book. In addition, the New Testament will be examined as a whole in its historical, geographical and political contents. The place, work and message of Jesus Christ will be emphasized.

NT 201 – GREEK GRAMMAR I

Prerequisite GN100. This class is the first of a two-semester introduction to the study of Biblical Greek. Students will be acquainted with the basic formation of sentence structure and grammar of the New Testament. Students will learn a minimum of 400 New Testament Greek vocabulary words and comprehend verb tenses along with prepositions and articles.

NT 202 – GREEK GRAMMAR II

Prerequisite BS300. This class is the second of a two-semester introduction into the study of Biblical Greek. Using the Bible as their text, students continue working with sentence structure, but the major emphasis is with verb morphology: tense, voice, mood, person, number. Students learn an increasing list of New Testament Greek vocabulary words.

NT 203 LIFE OF CHRIST

A chronological and thematic study of the life, times, and teachings of Christ as presented in a harmony of the four Gospels with a view to application in the life and ministry of the student.

NT 204 ACTS

Students will thoroughly study the book of Acts contextually, doctrinally, analytically, homiletically and practically in the correlation of the history and context of Paul's writings. Key themes, progressions and doctrines will be identified. Cultural versus doctrinal teachings will be discussed. The progression and development from the dispensation of the Law to the dispensation of grace, as well as the transition in development of the first century Christian Church will also be highlighted.

NT 301 – GREEK SYNTAX I

Prerequisite NT 301 and NT 302. Using the Greek New Testament as their text, this class is the first of a two-semester second year study of Biblical Greek will concentrate on sentence structure, exegetical methods and syntax. Students will learn to use different study tools to aid in translation and interpretation. Students will also continue learning additional New Testament Greek vocabulary words.

NT 302 GREEK SYNTAX II

Prerequisite NT 401. This class is the second semester class of the two-semester course completing the second year study of New Testament Biblical Greek.

NT 303 ROMANS

A review and understanding of the Epistle from Paul to the Romans is essential in understanding the gospel of salvation by grace through faith apart from works. This course will examine the text analytically, textually, contextually and doctrinally. Particular attention will be given to the comparisons Paul makes between the law and grace. Students will gain an appreciation for the Finished Work of Christ, the dispensation of grace, and the call of all people to a relationship with God through Christ.

NT 304 HEBREWS

This course is intended to allow thoughtful, careful study of the book of Hebrews. Old Testament background pertaining to themes and subjects in Hebrews will be reviewed. Special attention will be given to the significance of the supremacy of Christ, the Work of Christ, and the new Covenant. Students will participate in the application of the general principles that arise from the interpretation of Hebrews for today. In addition, the course will review important hermeneutical rules and applications as they pertain to Hebrews. An analytical and expository study of Hebrews, this course stresses a discussion of Christ as the believers' high priest and a challenge to "go out to him outside the camp."

NT 401 REVELATION

This course is designed to study the book of Revelation and its messages for the Church and in terms of its prophecies for the future. Christ will return. This claim will be validated during the course through the systematic examination of the book analytically, textually, contextually, doctrinally, and prophetically. Both Old and New Testament prophecies related to the text of Revelation will also be reviewed. Students will gain an understanding of the triumphant coming return of Jesus Christ as King and Lord, His purpose, work and judgment that will follow. Lastly, the location and activity of the Church throughout the book of Revelation will be detailed.

NT 402 PASTORAL EPISTLES

Covering I and II Timothy and Titus, this is an expository study that examines doctrinal issues concerning church leadership, administration and ministry. As the only part of the New Testament which deals with church problems from an administrative viewpoint, this section of Scripture is studied with a view of practical application.

NT 403 GOSPEL OF JOHN, JOHN I - III

A study of the Gospel of John with emphasis on the two themes: 1) Proofs that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God, and 2) God's plan of salvation through the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Attention is given to John's narrative techniques, theology, and history.

NT 404 GENERAL EPISTLES

This course will focus on the letters of James, Peter and Jude; giving special attention to their occasions, distinctive messages and contributions to New Testament theology and the church today.

NT 405 PAULINE EPISTLES

This course will survey the epistles of Paul to the Corinthian, Galatian, Ephesian, Phillipian, Colossian and Thessalonian Churches. The writings will be examined for context, purpose, and unique messages. Pauline doctrines will be developed from these epistles and explored for their important applications for today's Christian and Church.

Old Testament Studies Courses (OT)

The Old Testament Studies Courses (OT) are designed to provide the student with a thorough in-depth examination of the Old Testament books, writings, poetry, and history of the Nation of Israel. Many of these courses are required for completion of the Biblical Studies program

New Testament Studies Courses

Designations, Courses and Credits:

Number	Course Name	Credits
OT 201	Pentateuch	3
OT 401	Old Testament Historical Books	3
OT 403	Old Testament Poetic Books	3
OT 402	Old Testament Prophets	3
OT 101	Old Testament Survey	3

Old Testament Studies Course Descriptions

OT 101 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

The books of the Old Testament will be reviewed, emphasizing prominent historical events, such as creation, the fall of man, and the history of the nation of Israel and God's covenants with them. The Old Testament geographical, cultural, political, and theological aspects will be highlighted. In addition, students will gain an understanding of God's redemptive plan and purpose as it was developed throughout the Old Testament, pointing toward the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would provide the final and permanent atonement for sins and redemption of mankind.

OT 201 PENTATEUCH

This course will review the first 5 books of the Bible; Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. The history and events recorded in these books will be examined, with a particular focus on the foundational revelations as they relate to the nature and attributes of God, the status of mankind, dispensations, and ultimately the plan of redemption. Important conditional and unconditional covenants will also be identified and explored.

OT 401 OLD TESTAMENT HISTORICAL BOOKS

The books of Joshua through Esther covering the period of the history of Israel and Judah will be studied for their context, historical, doctrinal, spiritual and practical perspectives. General principles will be identified and discussed relative to their application for today's Christian.

OT 402 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

Students explore Old Testament Prophets in relation to their historical contexts, the development of Biblical truth and prophecy, as well as analytical, doctrinal, homiletical, and practical aspects of the prophet's writings. The background, ministry, and message of each of the prophets will be considered. Messianic content and principles of interpretation will be emphasized.

OT 403 OLD TESTAMENT POETIC BOOKS

A significant portion of the Old Testament is written in poetic genre. This course will review the poetic books, including Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon. Students will read and study these poetic writings in view of the New Testament. The text will be studied analytically, doctrinally, homiletically and practically.

Theological Studies Courses (TH)

The Theological Studies Courses (TH) are designed to provide the student with a thorough in-depth examination of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith through a systematic approach to major biblical themes. The Bible will be used as the primary objective basis of truth by which theological arguments are reached. Students will also review different opinions and views expressed by theologians through church history. Many of these courses are required for completion of the Biblical Studies program

Theological Studies Courses

Designations, Courses and Credits:

Number	Course Name	Credits
TH 301	Christology	3
TH 401	Ecclesiology	3
TH 402	Eschatology	3
TH 102	Hermeneutics	3
TH 201	Theology Survey I	3
TH 202	Theology Survey II	3

Theological Studies Course Descriptions

TH 102 HERMENEUTICS

Hermeneutics is a study of the basic principles and specific guidelines of biblical interpretation. Some attention is given to the historical schools of interpretation, but the focus of the course is on historical-grammatical interpretation and legitimate application of the Scriptures. General principles, such as reliance on the Holy Spirit; paying attention to context; knowing the ancient culture; and recognizing the different types of literary genre, are covered. Specific rules regarding the interpretation of types, symbols, poetry, proverbs, parables, and prophecy are also given.

TH 201 THEOLOGY SURVEY I

Theology Survey I is the first of two semesters of a general survey of Bible doctrine dealing with five of the ten major areas of systematic theology including Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology. Also covered is an introduction to and the value of the study of systematic theology.

TH 202 THEOLOGY SURVEY II

Theology Survey II continues the general survey of Bible doctrine dealing with five of the ten major areas of systematic theology including Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. This course, although a logical extension of TH 201, does not require TH 201 as a prerequisite.

TH 301 CHRISTOLOGY

Christology is a study concentrating on the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Particular consideration is given to the deity and the humanity of Christ, messianic prophecy, His work in the Old Testament, His salvific work on the cross, His literal resurrection, His ascension and present work in Heaven, and His future coming again. Attention is also given to modern assaults on the biblical portrayal of Christ.

TH 401 ECCLESIOLOGY

This course is an examination of the New Testament church with particular attention given to its origin, distinctive nature, mission, government, offices, ordinances, and destiny.

TH 402 ESCHATOLOGY

Eschatology is the study of the prophetic revelation of the plan and purpose of God. Intensive study is given to the rapture of the Church, the tribulation, the second coming of Christ, and the millennium.