

Cummins Memorial Theological Seminary

Bachelor of Theology in Pastoral Ministry

120 Credits

Purpose: To develop in student's foundational knowledge and analytical skills within a Christian worldview that will equip them for ministry and community service.

Educational Competencies:

1. Students will develop the basic skills of observation, interpretation, and application in the study of the Bible.
2. Students will be able to develop skills of critical thinking in their reading, researching, writing, and speaking.
3. Students will be able to identify and describe the main contributors, theories, and practices of their major area of study.

This curriculum is divided into three major areas: Bible Core Courses (30 credits), Major Core Courses (30 credits), and General Courses (60 credits)

Bible Core Courses—30 credits

Old Testament

BCOT 101 Readings in Torah
BCOT 102 Readings in the Historical Books
BCOT 201 Readings in the Poetic and Wisdom Writings
BCOT 202 Readings in the Major Prophets
BCOT 301 Readings in the Minor Prophets

New Testament

BCNT 101 Readings in the Synoptic Authors
BCNT 102 Readings in Johannine Literature
BCNT 201 Readings in Pauline Literature I
BCNT 202 Readings in Pauline Literature II (**Pre-requisite: BCNT 201**)
BCNT 301 Readings in General Epistles

Major Core Courses—60 credits

Biblical Doctrine

MCBD 202 Introduction to the Doctrine of Christ
MCBD 301 Bible Doctrine I
MCBD 302 Bible Doctrine II—**Prerequisite: CMD 302**

Biblical Languages

MCGL 201 Introduction to Biblical Greek I
MCGL 202 Introduction to Biblical Greek II—**Prerequisite: MCGL 201**
MCHL 301 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I
MCHL 302 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II—**Prerequisite: MCHL 301**

Biblical Skills

MCBS 101 Bible Backgrounds
MCBS 102 Bible Study Methods

Biblical Theology

MCBT 401 Introduction to Old Testament Theology
MCBT 402 Introduction to New Testament Theology

Practical Ministry

MCPM 401 Introduction to Accountability and Discipleship
MCPM 402 Introduction to Strategic Planning for the Church
MCPM 403 Introduction to Leadership Development for Ministry

Personal Development

MCPD 101 Introduction to Prayer and Personal Holiness
MCPD 201 Fundamentals of Personal Evangelism
MCPD 402 Internship

Preaching

MCP 201 Introduction to Homiletics
MCP 202 Introduction to Contemporary Preaching
MCP 302 Foundations of Evangelistic Preaching

General Core Courses—30 credits

English

GCE 101 English Composition I
GCE 102 English Composition II **Prerequisite: GCE 101**
GCE 104 Public Speaking in Ministry
GCE 201 Research and Technical Writing in Ministry I **Prerequisite: GCE 102**
GCE 201 Research and Technical Writing in Ministry II **Prerequisite: GCE 201**

Church History

GCCH 201 Introduction to Church History—Apostles to Pre-Reformation
GCCH 202 Introduction to Church History—Reformation to Modern Times
GCCH 402 African American Christianity

Enrichment Courses

GCEC 401 Introduction to Ethics
GCEC 402 Marriage and the Family in Modern Society

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Bible Core Courses

Old Testament

BCOT 101 Readings in Torah (3 credits): This course gives the student a synopsis of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course involves of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

BCOT 102 Readings in the Historical Books (3 credits): Students receive an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

BCOT 201 Readings in the Poetic and Wisdom Writings (3 credits): This course gives the student an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon.

BCOT 202 Readings in the Major Prophets (3 credits): This course gives students an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

BCOT 301 Readings in the Minor Prophets (3 credits): The student receives an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

New Testament

BCNT 101 Readings in the Synoptic Authors (3 credits): This course gives the student an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Matthew, Mark, Luke, and Acts.

BCNT 102 Readings in Johannine Literature (3 credits): Students receive an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation.

BCNT 201 Readings in Pauline Literature I (3 credits): The student receives an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Romans, 1 Corinthians, and 2 Corinthians.

BCNT 202 Readings in Pauline Literature II (3 credits): This course gives the student an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Galatians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. **Prerequisite: BNT 201**

BCNT 302 Readings in General Epistles (3 credits): This course gives the student an overview of the history, contents, and theology of the assigned books of the Bible. This course includes Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude.

Major Core Courses—60 credits

Biblical Doctrine

MCBD 202 Introduction to the Doctrine of Christ (3 credits): This course guides students in summarization and analysis of issues, problems, and questions pertaining to the doctrine of the person and work of Christ.

MCBD 301 Bible Doctrine I (3 credits): This course guides students in surveying the basic doctrines of the Bible in the following areas: the doctrine of Scripture, theology proper, angels, man, and sin.

MCBD 302 Bible Doctrine II (3 credits): This course surveys the basic doctrines of the Bible in the following areas: Christ, the Holy Spirit, salvation, the church, and last things. **Prerequisite: CMD 302**

Biblical Languages

MCGL 201 Introduction to Biblical Greek I (3 credits): This course introduces students to the vocabulary and grammar of Biblical Greek. Students will learn the complete grammar of Biblical Greek and will acquire a substantial vocabulary by studying the Greek New Testament.

MCGL 202 Introduction to Biblical Greek II (3 credits): Students will acquire a substantial vocabulary by studying the Greek New Testament and by translating passages from the Greek New Testament with the aid of a lexicon. **Prerequisite: CML 201**

MCHL 301 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew I (3 credits): This course introduces students to the vocabulary and grammar of language of the Old Testament—Hebrew. Students are introduced to the grammar of Hebrew and will acquire a substantial vocabulary studying the Old Testament.

MCHL 302 Introduction to Biblical Hebrew II (3 credits): Students will acquire a substantial vocabulary by studying the Hebrew Bible and by translating passages from the Hebrew Bible with the aid of a lexicon. **Prerequisite: CM301**

Biblical Skills

MCBS 101 Bible Backgrounds (3 credits): This course introduces students to the essential background material of the Bible. This includes examining the relevant historical, cultural, and literary settings of the Scriptures.

MCBS 102 Bible Study Methods (3 credits): This course teaches students to master the tools and techniques of Bible study, focusing upon observation, interpretation, and application.

Biblical Theology

MCBT 301 Introduction to Old Testament Theology (3 credits): This course guides students in the summarization and analysis of the theological themes in the Old Testament.

MCBT 302 Introduction to New Testament Theology (3 credits): This course guides students in the summarization and analysis of the theological themes of the New Testament.

Practical Ministry

MCPM 401 Introduction to Accountability and Discipleship (3 credits): This course introduces students to the biblical concepts and models of accountability and discipleship for personal and corporate spiritual growth and development.

MCPM 402 Introduction to Strategic Planning for the Church (3 credits): This course introduces students to strategic planning for ministry leadership positions in the church.

MCPM 403 Introduction to Leadership Development for Ministry (3 credits): This course introduces students to the fundamental principles for ministry leadership positions in the church.

MCPM 405 Contemporary Christian Issues (3 credits): This course allows students to investigate important social, cultural, and theological issues facing the modern church.

Personal Development

MCPD 101 Introduction to Prayer and Personal Holiness (3 credits): This course provides students a foundation for understanding personal holiness, including its roots in Scripture and their benefit for developing Christian maturity.

MCPD 401 Fundamentals of Personal Evangelism (3 credits): This course introduces and exposes students to the concept of personal evangelism so they can acquire a basic and introductory knowledge of how to lead others to faith in Christ using a variety of techniques.

MCPD 402 Internship (3 credits): An internship experience provides students with opportunities to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom in a work setting. Students gain a more definite sense of what they still need to learn while gaining opportunities to build professional networks.

Preaching

MCP 201 Introduction to Homiletics (3 credits): This course introduces students to theories and practices of preaching in pastoral and liturgical settings.

MCP 202 Introduction to Contemporary Preaching (3 credits): This course introduces and exposes students to the elements and principles of preaching so they can acquire a basic and introductory knowledge of how to prepare and deliver biblical messages using a variety of homiletical techniques and designs.

MCP 301 Foundations of Evangelistic Preaching (3 credits): Students are introduced and exposed to the concept of evangelistic preaching so they can acquire a basic and introductory knowledge of how to lead others to faith in Christ by using a variety of homiletic techniques.

General Core Courses—30 Credits

English

GCE 101 English Composition I (3 credits): This course reviews English grammar and basic writing skills and explores the use of written language to communicate ideas effectively.

GCE 102 English Composition II (3 credits): This course introduces students to college level research writing and extends the skills acquired in English Composition I. Areas of emphasis are critical reading, informed responses to readings, and effective uses of research techniques that enable students to write well-reasoned, appropriately documented research papers using the Turabian Writing Style.
Prerequisite: GCE 101

GCE 104 Public Speaking in Ministry (3 credits): This course familiarizes students with the fundamentals of oral communication for the purpose of Christian ministry. It gives special attention to developing the skill of public communication, speech composition and delivery, and the special nature of communication in the context of ministry settings.

GCE 201 Research and Writing I (3 credits): This course is an introduction to research in Biblical and theological disciplines. Students will learn how to write research papers developing and maintaining sound religious methods using library research, the Internet, and other sources for argument development. **Prerequisite: GCE 102**

GCE 202 Research and Writing II (3 credits): In this course students will research and write papers using inductive and exegetical methods to formulate the main theological themes and to interpret Biblical writings. **Prerequisite: GCE 201**

Church History

GCCH 301 Introduction to Church History—Apostles to Pre-Reformation (3 credits): This course will give students an overview of Church History from the Apostles through the Medieval Period (30 AD through 1600 AD).

GCCH 302 Introduction to Church History—Reformation to Modern Times (3 credits): This course gives students an overview of Church History from the Protestant Reformation to the present day.

GCCH 402 African American Christianity (3 credits): African-American religious beliefs and practices from the formation of the Colonial Period to the present is the primary focus of this course. This course examines the spiritual life and experiences of African-American individuals and groups.

Enrichment Courses

GCEC 401 Introduction to Ethics (3 credits): This course surveys some of the most important fundamental concepts, theories, issues and problems in ethics and to think rationally and critically about these matters.

GCEC 402 Marriage and the Family in Modern Society (3 credits): Students are introduced to the social implications of marriage and family. This course exposes students to the history of the family, roles, and interpersonal relationships within the confines of today's society to examine issues such as dating, sexual behavior, childbirth, children, the middle aged, the elderly, and step parenting.