

# School of Christian Studies

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## College of Arts and Sciences

### Faculty

**James A. Patterson** (1999). Professor of Christian Studies and Associate Dean of the School of Christian Studies. B.A., Rutgers University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.

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**Todd Brady** (1996). Instructor of Christian Studies and Minister to the University. B.S., Union University; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Randall B. Bush** (1991). Professor of Christian Studies and Philosophy and Director of the Interdisciplinary Honors Program. B.A., Howard Payne University; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; D. Phil., University of Oxford.

**David S. Dockery** (1996). Professor of Christian Studies and President of the University. B.S., University of Alabama at Birmingham; M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; M.A., Texas Christian University; Ph.D., University of Texas at Arlington; Additional study, Drew University.

**Mark Dubis** (2002). Associate Professor of Christian Studies. B.S.E., Clemson University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Th.M., Calvin Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary-Virginia.

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**Paul N. Jackson** (1993). Associate Professor of Christian Studies. B.A., Hardin-Simmons University; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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**Hal L. Poe** (1996). Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture and Special Assistant to the President. B.A., University of South Carolina; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Additional study, University of Oxford.

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**Ray F. Van Neste** (1997-98, 2001). Instructor of Christian Studies and Director of the R. C. Ryan Center for Biblical Studies. B.A., Union University; M.A., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; Ph.D., University of Aberdeen.

## Mission Statement

The School of Christian Studies exists to advance the Kingdom of God through theological education by integrating rigorous academics, deep devotion to Christ and His Church, skill in teaching, and attention to students as individuals.

## Majors Offered by the School

Majors in the Christian Studies School cannot minor in the Christian Studies School except in the selection of Philosophy. Specifically, Philosophy (General Studies) majors may select a minor in the School other than PHL; the student minoring in PHL may select any major other than Philosophy (General or Christian Studies).

### I. Core Requirements for All Majors in the School—18 hours

- A. CHR 113, 305, 333, 338—12 hours
- B. CHR 243 or CHR 244—3 hours
- C. PHL 240 (3 hours) or HON 210 and HON 220 (6 hours)

### II. Major in Christian Studies—40 hours

Designed for students who want a general introduction to biblical, theological, or ministry studies, the program is recommended for students who have yet to choose a specific direction in ministry and wish to explore various areas in which they might specialize in ministry or graduate school.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. Biblical Studies Courses—6 hours; 3 hours each Old and New Testament
- D. Electives—12 hours in Christian Studies (CHR)

### III. Major in Philosophy (Christian Studies)—40 hours

Designed for students who wish to pursue a greater understanding of the general study of philosophy and Christian theology toward studying these disciplines on the graduate level, the program also serves as an appropriate foundation for those who plan to specialize in biblical and ministry studies in seminary.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. Philosophy Courses—18 hours
  - 1. PHL 346, 347—6 hours
  - 2. Select 12 hours from PHL 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
- C. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours

### IV. Major in Biblical Studies—40 hours

Highly recommended for students pursuing ministry areas, including the pastorate, missionary service. Since biblical knowledge is foundational to any area of ministry, this area is also recommended to those who wish to teach and plan to pursue graduate work in New or Old Testament or any theological discipline.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. Biblical Studies Courses—18 hours
  - 1. CHR 213 and 330
  - 2. Electives in Biblical Studies—12 hours

### V. Major in Biblical Studies-Languages—52 hours

The major is designed for those who wish to pursue biblical knowledge and study skill with a strong foundation in Greek and Hebrew, or who wish to enhance their personal Bible study and be able to move into advanced, language-oriented exegesis courses at seminary. This major is recommended for anyone who will be

teaching the Bible in a church context or who plans a ministry of teaching New or Old Testament on the college level.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. Biblical Studies—12 hours
  - 1. CHR 213, CHR 330—6 hours
  - 2. Biblical Studies Electives, select 6 hours
- D. Languages—18 hours
  - 1. BA Core requirements, GRK 211, 212, 311, 312—12 hours
  - 2. Choose one track—6 hours:
    - a. GRK 411 & HBR 311
    - b. HBR 311 & HBR 312

**VI. Major in Sport Management with Sport Ministry Emphasis**

- A. Major Core, modified: CHR 113, 231, 243, 333; PEWS 201, 343, 419, 421, 435 (4 hours); MGT 250, 348; COM 120, 323—39 hours
- B. Prerequisites: MAT 114, MGT 318
- C. Emphasis: PEWS 251, 300, 400—9 hours
- D. Choose one: PEWS 231, 250, 317, 331, 425

**VII. Major in Youth Ministry—38 hours**

Crafted for students called to youth ministry, this major blends theological foundation with practical information and mentoring relationships.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231—2 hours
- C. CHR 271, 372, 375, 471, 481
- D. Select 3 upper-level hours from the department.

**VIII. Major in Christian Ethics—37 hours**

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The major will provide opportunity to experience growth in Christian character as well as deeper knowledge of contemporary issues facing the church and the nation. Majors will grow in critical thinking and research skills, preparing themselves for further seminary/graduate study in ethics or for a more thoughtful, informed approach to Christian discipleship, church membership, and citizenship.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. CHR 243 and 244—select alternate not used in Major Core—3 hours
- D. Select 12 hours in Christian Ethics

**IX. Major in Theology—43 hours**

- A. Christian Studies Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 330, 382, 383, 482, 483, 499—18 hours
- C. CHR 339 or 366—3 hours
- D. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours

**X. Major in Church History—37 hours**

- A. Christian Studies Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. CHR 405 and HIS 245—6 hours
- D. Select 2 from: HIS/CHR 300; CHR 306, 313, 344; HIS/CHR 316
- E. Select 1 from: HIS/CHR 397; CHR 482, 483

**XI. Major in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics—58 hours**

- A. Required major core
  - 1. ECF 211, 212, 425—9 hours
  - 2. GEO 215, 216—6 hours
  - 3. PHL 240, 346, 347, 349—12 hours
  - 4. PSC 211, 214, 332—9 hours

5. Senior Seminar 498 in either PSC, PHL, or ECF—4 hours
  - B. Elective course pool—select 18 hours with at least one from each group
    1. ECF 355, 411, 412, 430
    2. PHL 345; HON 210, 220, 320, 340
    3. PSC 318, 324, 325, 344, 360, 411
  - C. PPE majors are exempt from the requirement of completing a minor
- XII. Major in Philosophy (General Studies)—30 hours**
- A. PHL 240, 346, 347—9 hours
  - B. Twelve hours from PHL: 243, 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
  - C. CHR 338—3 hours
  - D. PHL Electives—6 hours
  - E. In this major, HON 210 and 220 together may substitute for PHL 240 but may not count toward both the major and an Interdisciplinary Honors Minor or an Interdisciplinary Studies Minor.

### Assessment of Majors

Students with a major in the School of Christian Studies are required to take CHR 498, Senior Seminar, as part of their graduation requirement. The seminar is offered every semester and must be taken during the student's senior year.

### Advanced Standing Programs for Majors

Students who major in the School of Christian Studies may be eligible for advanced standing in certain seminaries, thus shortening the requirements for master's degrees at those seminaries. Please see department chair for details.

### Minors Offered by the School

Students who wish to minor in the School are given the following opportunities for satisfying their interests and meeting the specified requirements.

- I. Minor in Christian Studies—23 hours**
  - A. Required courses: CHR 113, 231, 305, 333, 338, PHL 240.
  - B. Elective, select 3 hours from CHR courses.
  - C. CHR 243 or 244
- II. Minor in Philosophy—18 hours**
  - A. PHL 240, 346, 347—9 hours
  - B. Select 9 hours from: PHL 243, 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
  - C. HON 210 and 220 together may substitute for PHL 240 but by university policy may not be duplicated in another major/minor.
- III. Minor in Biblical Languages—26 hours**  
CHR 113, 231; GRK 211, 212, 311, 312, 411; HBR 311, 312
- IV. Minor in Youth Ministry—21 hours**
  - A. CHR 271, 372, 375, 471, 481—15 hours
  - B. Select two from: CHR 113, 333, 338, 369, 373
- V. Minor in Christian Ethics—20 hours**
  - A. Core: CHR 231, 243, 244
  - B. Electives—select 12 hours in Christian ethics
- VI. Minor in Theology—23 hours**
  - A. CHR 231, 330, 338, 382, 383—14 hours
  - B. Select 2 from: CHR 482, 483, 499—6 hours
  - C. CHR 339 or 366—3 hours

## Student Organizations

A **Ministerial Association** is available for students entering the preaching/pastoral ministry. This association meets monthly for the purpose of strengthening the ties of fellowship among those on campus who are committed to the gospel ministry.

## Student Awards

The **Academic Excellence Medal** is awarded to the graduating senior with the highest average in the major provided the average is not less than 3.5. Before Awards Day, the student must have completed at least 15 credit hours in the major at Union University, exclusive of pass/fail courses. If no major is eligible, the medal will be given to the minor meeting the minimum requirements.

The **Zondervan Greek Award** is presented to the student who shows the greatest achievement in Biblical Studies with a background in Greek.

The Department also presents the following awards:

A. T. Robertson Advanced Greek Award, H. E. Dana Intermediate Greek Award, Curtis Vaughan Elementary Greek Award, Mark Hatfield Ethics Award, R. G. Lee Christian Ministry Award, J. P. Boyce Theology and Philosophy Award, Billy Graham Christian Character Award, George Savage Hebrew and Old Testament Award, the Perseverance Award, and the Broadman and Holman Award.

## Course Offerings in Christian Studies

( ) Hours Credit; F-Fall; W-Winter; S-Spring; Su-Summer

### Biblical Studies (CHR)

#### 111. Old Testament Survey (3) F, W, S, Su

74 A survey of the Old Testament with emphasis on historical, theological, and literary development. Does not apply to any of the Department's majors/minors.

#### 112. New Testament Survey (3) F, W, S, Su

Recommended prerequisite: CHR 111.

A survey of the New Testament with emphasis on historical, theological, and literary development. Does not apply to any of the Department's majors/minors.

#### 113. Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation (3) F, S

The study of the process of hermeneutics or interpretation. Special emphasis is given to the methodology of step-by-step Bible study.

#### 213. Biblical Backgrounds (3) S

Prerequisite: CHR 111, CHR 112.

A survey of the history, literature, archaeology, geography, and culture of biblical times.

#### 314. Studies in the Pentateuch (3) S—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study in the first five books of the Old Testament.

#### 317. Minor Prophets (3) F—Even Years

Prerequisite or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of selected minor prophets.

#### 321. The Life of Christ (3) S—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

A study of the life of Christ as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels.

**325. Pauline Epistles (3) F—Odd Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of selected Pauline epistles.

**327. Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation (3) F—Even Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of Hebrews, Revelation, and selected General Epistles.

**330. Biblical Theology (3) F—Even Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

See Christian Theology for course description.

**415. Poetry and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (3) S—Odd Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature as religious literature and as literary forms. An exegetical study of selected poetry and wisdom literature ( Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes).

**416. Major Prophets (3) F—Odd Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

A study of the origin and development of Hebrew prophecy; an exegetical study of some of the major prophetic books of the Old Testament.

**423. The Johannine Literature (3) S—Odd Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study of the Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles.

**Christian Ethics (CHR)****243. Approaches to Moral Decision Making (3) F**

Reciprocal credit: PHL 243.

See PHL 243 for course description.

**244. Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (3) S**

Prerequisite: Recommended: CHR 243.

An examination of the most significant contemporary moral issues facing the church and American society, with emphasis on Christian response both in terms of moral conviction and moral engagement.

**344. History of Christian Ethics (3) F—Even Years**

Exploration of the heritage of Christian moral reflection, from early church through the modern era, with attention to a wide range of traditions, thinkers, and movements.

**345. Ministerial Ethics (3) As Needed**

An examination of the moral dimensions of the Christian ministry and the moral issues facing ministers in their day-to-day work. Attention is given to the minister's personal, professional, and collegial relationships and moral responsibilities.

**346. Moral Leaders: Case Studies (3) F—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: CHR 243 or 244.

An exploration of the character and actions of a number of significant moral leaders in recent world history for the purpose of developing and enhancing gifts, commitments and skills in Christian moral leadership.

**400. Ethics in Sport (3) As Needed**

A study of the development of a code of ethics in sport management including the effect of relativism and rationalism on ethical behavior, personal moral development levels, and the effects of personal ethics on organizational responsibility. Reciprocal with PEWS.

**440. Thinkers and Movements in Christian Ethics (3) F—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: CHR 243.

A thorough examination of a major movement or thinker in either historic or contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style.

**441. Christianity and the Holocaust (3) S—Odd Years**

An intensive interdisciplinary examination of the Holocaust and its significance for Christianity. Attention is given to the Holocaust itself, its intellectual and ideological origins, the behavior of Christians during the Holocaust, and postwar theological, moral, literary, and artistic responses to the Holocaust.

**444. Intensive Issue Seminar (3) S—Even Years**

Pre- or corequisites: CHR 243, CHR 244.

An intensive analysis of one major issue or cluster of issues in contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style.

**Christian Ministries (CHR)****271. Youth Ministry Strategies (3) F—Even Years**

A study of youth ministry focusing on the various approaches, methods, and strategies with practical applications for programming, goals and desired outcomes.

**363. Biblical Preaching (3) As Needed**

**76** A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery. Recommended for all ministerial students.

**365. Pastoral Ministries (3) As Needed**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

A course designed to deal with the practical work of the pastor.

**367. Introduction to Christian Evangelism (3) As Needed**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

The Biblical and doctrinal basis for evangelistic preaching, planning, and programming.

**372. Youth Ministry Administration (3) S—Even Years**

An examination of the various aspects of administering the work of the youth minister focusing on roles, relationships, resources and responsibilities, and practical application to the local church.

**375. Youth Ministry Issues (3) S—Odd Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231

A study of the issues facing youth as well as the developmental nature of youth and the issues affecting them and their families.

**377. Survey of Missions (3) S**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

Survey of missions and outreach with particular focus on Southern Baptist missions.

**471. Youth Minister's Personal and Professional Worlds (3) F—Odd Years**

An examination of the demands upon the schedule, priorities, family and other aspects of the youth minister's life focusing on personal habits, family involvement, calling, career opportunities and continuing development.

**481. Christian Ministries Mentorship (3) F, Su**

Prerequisites: Application to the Department Chair by midterm of the semester before placement, and completion of Major Core and Track Core. Graded: Pass/Fail  
A course of applied church ministry. Students will spend 3 weeks in the classroom and at least 115 hours in a church or Christian related organization.

**Christian Theology (CHR)****330. Biblical Theology (3) F—Even Years**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231

An exegetically-oriented presentation of the theological teachings of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis on the student understanding the main teachings of the faith in their original contexts, historical development of those teachings throughout biblical history, and implications of biblical theology for modern Christian life and practice.

**338. Christian Doctrine (3) F, S**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

Major theological doctrines of Christianity such as the Trinity, revelation, God, creation, sin, the fall of man, Christology, the Atonement, the Holy Spirit, the church, the Christian life, and eschatology, with special attention being given to biblical, historical, philosophical, and cultural influences upon theological development and methods that are used in doing constructive theology.

**382. The Doctrine of God (3) F—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

An in-depth study of God as Trinity, as well as a study of the attributes of God. The student will be introduced to the key theological struggles of the Church as she has grappled with the reality of God.

**383. Christ and Salvation (3) S—Even Years**

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

The Person of Christ, the work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation.

**482. Great Texts and Theologians I (3) F—Even Years**

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

A primary texts course in which students work through the writings of key theologians from ancient and medieval Christian thought.

**483. Great Texts and Theologians II (3) S—Odd Years**

A primary texts course in which students work through the writings of key theologians from Reformation and post-Reformation eras.

**485. Critical Issues in Theology (3) As Needed**

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

An introduction to a contemporary issue in the world of theology by means of intensive research in a seminar format.

**Church History (CHR)****300. American Church History (3) S—Odd Years**

Reciprocal credit: HIS 300.

See HIS 300 for course description.

**305. History of Christianity (3) F, S**

Prerequisite: HIS 101 and 102. Reciprocal credit: HIS 305.

See HIS 305 for course description.

**306. Early and Medieval Christianity (3) As Needed**

A survey of the history of Christianity from the post-apostolic period through the 15th century.

**313. Modern Christianity (3) As Needed**

A survey of the history of Christianity from the 17th century to the present.

**316. Renaissance and Reformation (3) S—Even Years**

See HIS 316 for description.

**405. History of the Baptists (3) F—Even Years**

Interpretive survey of the history of Baptists in England and America from the 17th century to present with emphasis on the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**General Studies (CHR)****231. Sophomore Seminar (2) F, S**

Prerequisite: CHR 111, 112.

A Corequisite of all upper-level courses in the major taken in the sophomore year or at program entry. Introduces the student to basic research methodologies, writing styles, and expectations in ministry.

**265. Becoming a Global Christian (3) S**

A study of the biblical mandate and God's global purpose with focus on one's particular circumstances, aptitudes and God-given aspirations.

**333. Contemporary Christian Life and Practice (3) F, S**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

78 Contemporary issues as they relate to practical and ethical issues from a Christian perspective. Topics include vocation, time and resource management, marriage relationships, conflict resolution, evangelism, church involvement, Christian world view, devotional life, and practical ethics.

**339. Apologetics (3) F—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 339

A rational defense for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course covers questions which both skeptics and inquirers pose to Christianity, and consideration of responses from the Christian tradition.

**348. Faith and Culture in Film (3)**

An examination of how films as stories convey faith or alternative responses to God as latent aspects of the total film experience. Includes an exploration of how explicit a film may be about faith or another ideological position without losing its credibility as a film.

**349. World Religions (3) S—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: 6 hours in CHR. Reciprocal credit: PHL 349.

See PHL 349 for course description.

**366. Developing a Christian Worldview (3) S—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 366.

A study of the concept of worldview in general and the content of the Christian worldview in particular as contrasted with non-Christian worldviews.

**452. Philosophy of Religion (3) F—Even Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 452.

See PHL 452 for course description.

## Biblical Languages (GRK and HBR)

### GRK 211. Elementary Greek I (3) F and 212. Elementary Greek II (3) S

A course sequence to study of the basic forms, syntax, vocabulary and pronunciation of the Greek New Testament. Three hours lecture and one hour lab per week.

### GRK 311. Intermediate Greek I (3) F and 312. Intermediate Greek II (3) S

Prerequisite: GRK 212.

A two-semester study of the grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament. Reading in the New Testament.

### GRK 411. Advanced Greek I (3) F and 412. Advanced Greek II (3) S

Prerequisite: GRK 312.

Extensive reading courses in the Greek New Testament with emphasis upon careful, accurate exegesis.

### HBR 311. Elementary Hebrew I (3) F and 312. Elementary Hebrew II (3) S

The course sequence is designed to introduce students to the verb forms, vocabulary, and syntax of biblical Hebrew.

### HBR 411. Advanced Hebrew I (3) F and 412. Advanced Hebrew II (3) S

Extensive reading courses in the Hebrew Bible, emphasizing translation, verb parsing, accents, critical notes and exegesis.

## Philosophy (PHL)

### 240. Introduction to Philosophy (3) F, S

An introductory course in philosophy designed to acquaint the student with the major fields of philosophical study.

### 243. Approaches to Moral Decision Making (3) F

Reciprocal credit: CHR 243.

An introduction to Christian ethics, focusing on methodology with a survey and comparison of philosophical, secular, and theistic perspectives on the moral life, then moves on to develop a comprehensive evangelical approach.

### 339. Apologetics (3) F—Odd Years

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: CHR 339.

See CHR 339 for course description.

### 345. Critical Thinking (3) S—Odd Years

Examination of methods of critical thinking with attention given to the Socratic method, inductive and deductive reasoning, and the identification of logical fallacies.

### 346. History of Philosophy I (3) F—Odd Years

A survey of the history of philosophy from the time of Thales to the Renaissance and Reformation, examining the philosophical background in which Christianity emerged.

### 347. History of Philosophy II (3) S—Even Years

A survey from the Reformation to the modern period. Particular attention will be given to the dialogue between philosophy and the Christian faith in Western thought.

### 349. World Religions (3) S—Odd Years

Prerequisite: six hours in Christian Studies. Reciprocal credit: CHR 349.

A survey of the world's major religions.

**366. Developing a Christian Worldview (3) S—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: CHR 366.

See CHR 366 for course description.

**448. Philosophy of Film (3)**

An examination of philosophical themes as developed in film with special attention given to existentialism, nihilism, pragmatism, phenomenism and postmodernism.

**452. Philosophy of Religion (3) F—Even Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit in CHR 452.

A study of the philosophical attempt to understand the nature of God and the significance of religion in the life of man. An investigation as to the validity of the claim to a type of knowledge called “religious” and the methods whereby such is gained.

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Available in each departmental prefix:

**180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed**

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

**195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand**

Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

**395-6. Special Studies (1-4) On Demand**

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

**397. Special Studies in Church History (1-4) On Demand**

Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

**495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) On Demand**

Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

**498. Senior Seminar (2) F, S**

Required of Department majors. Must be taken during senior year.

**499. Seminar (1-3) On Demand**

To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only. Senior standing in the department required.

**499. Theology Seminar (3) S**

Prerequisite: CHR 338

The capstone course to the theology major in which the student will explore a contemporary figure(s) or contemporary theological movement(s).