

# PROGRAMS OF THE R.G. LEE CENTERS

## ADULT STUDIES/CHRISTIAN STUDIES

### Program Leadership

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### Program Specific Policies

During the first year the diploma program is offered at a Center, a student may transfer a maximum of 18 semester hours of approved credit into the diploma program. Up to 12 of these 18 hours may be earned through the Seminary Extension (SE) Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. During the first year the associate degree is offered at a Center, students may transfer as many as 39 semester hours of approved credit toward the A.Div. Up to 24 of these 39 may be earned through the SE Department. All SE credits are restricted to those approved by the American Council on Education.

### Program Admission

Applicants must be at least 25 years of age and have served in some capacity in their church for at least 3 years. In addition to the application for admission, applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from their church and meet university admission requirements.

### Calendar

Calendars for the programs offered through the R.G. Lee Center are tailored to meet the needs of adult, evening students as well as the ministerial schedules of the faculty and the students. For this reason schedules of course offerings do not follow the traditional calendars presented in the Catalogue and vary by center. Calendars are available at: [www.uu.edu/academics/adultstudies/ad/](http://www.uu.edu/academics/adultstudies/ad/) and [www.uu.edu/academics/adultstudies/dcm/](http://www.uu.edu/academics/adultstudies/dcm/)

### Curriculum

The Center offers two programs at various sites throughout West Tennessee and Southeast Missouri. The diploma program is designed for adult education incorporating an exposure to the liberal arts. Credit earned through the Diploma of Christian Ministry program is applicable to the Associate of Divinity degree. The Associate of Divinity is a professional program offered to the non-traditional student.

### Degree Requirements: Diploma in Christian Ministry—30 hours

- I. General Education Requirements  
Two courses (6 hours) from CHR 111, 112; PHL 240; HIS 101; MAT .
- II. Christian Ministries Requirements—24 hours
  - A. Old Testament courses, 2: RGL 314, 317, 415, 416, one from RGL 320-358.
  - B. New Testament courses, 2: RGL 300, 301, 302, 423, one of RGL 359-378.
  - C. Theological courses, 2: RGL 113, 342, 304.
  - D. Ministry Studies courses, 2: RGL 261, 263, 307, 454.

### Degree Requirements: Associate of Divinity—66 hours

- I. General Education requirements
  - A. ENG 111 and 112—6 hours
  - B. PHL 240; HIS 101; MAT (3 hours)—9 hours
- II. Associate of Divinity Requirements—51 hours
  - A. Old Testament courses, 3: RGL 314, 317, 415, 416, one of RGL 320-358.
  - B. New Testament courses, 3: RGL 300, 301, 302, 423, one of RGL 359-378.
  - C. Theological courses: RGL 113, 243, 304.
  - D. General Studies: RGL 303.
  - E. Ministry Studies: RGL 261, 263, 305.
  - F. Three Electives from: RGL 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 454.
  - G. Practicum: RGL 481

### Program Assessment

Students pursuing the Associate of Divinity are required to take RGL 481, Christian Ministries Internship as the capstone course.

### Course Offerings through the R.G. Lee Centers (RGL)

- 113. Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation (3)  
The study of the process of hermeneutics or interpretation. Special emphasis is given to the methodology of step-by-step Bible study.
- 243. Approaches to Moral Decision Making (3)  
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.
- 261. Introduction to Christian Education (3)  
The origin, purposes, officers and curriculum of the organizations of the local church.

**263. Homiletics (3)**

A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery.

**300. The Life of Christ (3)**

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

**301. Pauline Epistles (3)**

An exegetical study of selected Pauline epistles.

**302. Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation (3)**

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

**303. Contemporary Christian Life and Practice (3)**

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

**304. Christian Doctrine (3)**

Major theological doctrines of Christianity: the Trinity, revelation, God, creation, sin, the fall of man, Christology, the Atonement, the Holy Spirit, the church, the Christian life, and eschatology.

**305. Pastoral Ministries (3)**

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

**306. Introduction to Christian Evangelism (3)**

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

**307. Church Ministry with Preschool and Children (3)**

Curriculum focusing on issues relating to children and their parents.

**308. Church Ministry with Youth (3)**

Youth ministry within the church focusing on organizations, practical aspects of ministry, meeting the needs of youth, and the unique role of the minister with youth.

**309. Church Ministry with Adults (3)**

The church's curriculum and responsibility to minister with families and marriages.

**310. Youth Ministry Issues (3)**

Issues facing youth as they deal with developmental and those affecting youth and their families.

**311. Survey of Missions (3)**

A survey of missions and outreach with a particular focus on Southern Baptist missions.

**314. Studies in the Pentateuch (3)**

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

**317. Minor Prophets (3)**

A study of the minor prophets.

**415. Poetry & Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (3)**

An intensive study of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes).

**416. Major Prophets (3)**

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)**

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

**331. Early Christian Political Thought (3)**

Reciprocal credit: PSC 331.

See PSC 331 for the course description.

**335. Modern Christian Political Thought (3)**

Reciprocal credit: PSC 335.

See PSC 332 for the course description.

**454. Southern Baptist Life (3)**

A survey of the history, structure, and activities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**481. Christian Ministries Internship (3)**

Applied church ministry. Students will spend 3 weeks in the classroom followed by a minimum of 115 hours in a church or Christian related organization.

**320-378.**

Study of the book(s) indicated with attention to its exposition, historical setting, the meaning for Christians today, and an emphasis on how to teach the book in a local church.

320. Genesis (3)

321. Exodus (3)

322. Leviticus (3)

323. Numbers (3)

324. Deuteronomy (3)

325. Joshua (3)

326. Judges (3)

327. Ruth (3)

328. I Samuel (3)

329. II Samuel (3)

330. I Kings (3)

331. II Kings (3)

332. I Chronicles (3)

333. II Chronicles (3)

334. Ezra (3)

335. Nehemiah (3)

336. Esther (3)

337. Job (3)

338. Psalms (3)

339. Proverbs (3)

340. Ecclesiastes (3)

341. Song of Songs (3)

342. Isaiah (3)

343. Jeremiah (3)

344. Lamentations (3)

345. Ezekiel (3)

346. Daniel (3)

347. Hosea (3)

348. Joel (3)

349. Amos (3)

350. Obadiah (3)

351. Jonah (3)

352. Micah (3)  
 353. Nahum (3)  
 354. Habakkuk (3)  
 355. Zephaniah (3)  
 356. Haggai (3)  
 357. Zechariah (3)  
 358. Malachi (3)  
 359. Matthew (3)  
 360. Mark (3)  
 361. Luke (3)  
 362. John (3)  
 363. Acts (3)  
 364. Romans (3)  
 365. I Corinthians (3)

366. II Corinthians (3)  
 367. Galatians (3)  
 368. Ephesians (3)  
 369. Philippians (3)  
 370. Colossians (3)  
 371. I Thessalonians (3)  
 372. II Thessalonians (3)  
 373. The Pastoral Epistles: I, II Timothy;  
       Titus; Philemon (3)  
 374. Hebrews (3)  
 375. James and Jude (3)  
 376. I, II Peter (3)  
 377. I, II, III John (3)  
 378. Revelation (3)

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

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

**395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4)**

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

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

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

**498-9. Seminar (1-3)**

To be used at the discretion of the department for A.Div. students only.