SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

Dean

Nathan Finn (2015). Dean, School of Theology and Missions and Professor of Christian Thought and Tradition. B.A., Brewton-Parker College; M.Div., Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Mission Statement

The School of Theology and Missions exists to advance the Kingdom of God through theological education by integrating rigorous academics, skill in teaching, deep devotion to Christ and His Church, and a commitment to reaching the nations with the gospel.

Ethos Statement

The School of Theology and Missions Ethos Statement, which details ethical and lifestyle expectations of majors, is presented in CHR 231 and is also available at www.uu.edu/programs/stm/ethos.cfm.
Program Directors
Frank Anderson (2010). Associate Professor of Ministry and Missions and Director of the A.C.S., Program—Germantown. B.B.A., University of Memphis; M.Div. and Ph.D., Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Curriculum
Students who major in the School of Theology and Missions may be eligible for advanced standing in certain seminaries, thus shortening the requirements for master’s degrees at those seminaries. Please see the dean for details.

Majors in the Theology and Missions School cannot minor in the School except in the selection of Philosophy. Specifically, Philosophy majors may select a minor in the School other than PHL; the student minoring in PHL may select any major other than Philosophy. All majors must complete one language for two years or two languages for one year each regardless of the B.A. Core Option chosen. Study of biblical languages is strongly encouraged for all majors. First-year Greek and first-year Hebrew (GRK 211-212 and HBR 311-312) are pre-requisites for majors in Biblical Studies-Languages.

I. Core Requirements for All Majors in the School except Philosophy—18 hours
A. CHR 113, 305, 333, 338—12 hours
B. CHR/PHL 243—3 hours
C. PHL 240—3 hours

II. Major in Biblical Studies—Languages—40 hours
A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
C. Biblical Languages Requirements: either GRK 311/312 or HBR 411/412 sequence—6 hours
D. Electives from Biblical Studies/Languages—6 hours
E. Elective from Christian Thought and Tradition—3 hours
F. Elective from Christian Ministry and Missions—3 hours
Minors Offered by the School

I. Minor in Biblical Studies—18 hours
   A. CHR 113 and 338
   B. Biblical Studies/Languages Electives—12 hours

II. Minor in Biblical Languages—18 hours
   A. CHR 113
   B. GRK 212 and HBR 312
   C. Either GRK 311/312 or HBR 411/412 sequence
   D. Biblical Studies/Languages Electives—3 hours

III. Minor in Christian Ministry and Missions—18 hours
   A. CHR 113, 243, 338
   B. Christian Ministry and Missions Electives—9 hours

IV. Minor in Christian Studies—23 hours
   A. CHR 113, 231, 243, 305, 333, 338, and PHL 240—20 hours
   B. Elective from CHR courses—3 hours

V. Minor in Christian Thought and Tradition—18 hours
   A. PHL 240 and CHR 243—6 hours
   B. CHR 305 and 330—6 hours
   C. Christian Thought and Tradition Electives—6 hours

VI. Minor in Philosophy—18 hours
   A. PHL 240, 346, and 347—9 hours
   B. Philosophy Electives—9 hours

Major in Theology and Missions with Discipline-Specific Honors

The Honors Program in the School of Theology and Missions is intended to offer the student an opportunity to establish a deeper and richer understanding of the theological disciplines (e.g., biblical studies, biblical languages, theology, philosophy, and ministry preparation) than is typically gained in the undergraduate curriculum of the School of Theology and Missions.

Twelve hours of honors credit must be earned in Theology and Missions for the student to graduate with honors in Theology and Missions. As part of their 12 hours of honors coursework, students are required to take CHR-498 Senior Seminar for 3 hours credit and to contract for honors in three upper-level CHR/GRK/HBR/PHL electives (9 hrs. credit total). Students will choose which courses to contract for honors in consultation with their thesis advisor, giving consideration to how they might shape their contract in order to contribute to their thesis research. Students will complete their honors thesis while enrolled in CHR-498.

Admission Requirements

- Students must have a 3.50 GPA in Theology and Missions. Transfer students must have a cumulative 3.5 GPA after completing or transferring at least 15 credit hours into Union.
- Students must have completed at least one semester as a Theology and Missions major prior to applying for discipline-specific honors.
- Students must have completed CHR-231 Sophomore Seminar prior to application to discipline-specific honors.

Progression Requirements

- Students must maintain a 3.50 GPA overall.
- Students must maintain a 3.50 GPA in Theology and Missions.
- Students must submit applications for any honors contract courses for that semester prior to the final add date of that semester. Contract must be approved by student, course professor, and thesis advisor.
- Students must complete each honors contract course with a grade of B or higher.
- Students must complete the Library’s Research Methods and Strategies training for Theology and Missions.
- Students must attend four honors colloquia in each of the junior and senior years
- Students are expected to participate in the activities of the J. H. Eaton Society.

If, for whatever reason, a student fails to meet the program requirements, the thesis advisor will recommend to the dean and associate dean of the School of Theology and Missions that the student’s program be placed on a semester-long probation. If after that probationary period, the student has met the program requirements, the student will be reinstated to full standing in the program. If the student fails to meet the program requirements, the dean or associate dean of the School of Theology and Missions will be responsible for either extending the student’s probation for another semester or dismissing the student from the discipline-specific honors program.
Honors Thesis Requirements:

• Selection and approval of a thesis advisor. Students will approach faculty members that would be appropriate supervisors for their general area of research interest. When an agreement has been reached for a faculty member to serve as a thesis advisor, the faculty member will notify the associate dean or dean of this arrangement. Students may also approach the associate dean or dean for suggestions with respect to potential thesis advisors.

• Completion of the multiple steps involved in preparing a thesis.
  – Thesis Prospectus
  – Annotated bibliography that serves as a literature survey
  – Draft process for thesis contents: introduction, chapters, and conclusion

• Students will complete their honors thesis while enrolled in CHR-498. Students must meet all deadlines and all other expectations that the course professor requires of non-honors students in CHR-498. Students should closely consult with their thesis advisor during the writing of their honors thesis. Upon completion of the thesis, the students will submit the thesis to their thesis advisor and, as a courtesy, to the course professor. The thesis review committee will be responsible for assigning a grade for CHR-498 in consultation with the course professor. Unless the CHR-498 course professor serves as a student’s thesis advisor or on the thesis review committee, apart from reporting the student’s performance on the ordinary expectations of the course, the honors program has no expectations of the CHR-498 course professor beyond what would normally be expected with respect to a non-honors student.

• Successful defense of the project before an honor thesis review committee consisting of three faculty members. The honor thesis review committee will be composed of the faculty who taught the three contracted honors courses plus the thesis advisor. If this number does not total three faculty, the School of Theology and Missions administration will appoint additional faculty to the thesis review committee. The review committee is responsible to read the final draft of the thesis and interact with the student regarding their work during the defense.

Assessment of Majors

Students with a major in the School of Theology and Missions (except Philosophy) 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.

Student Organizations

A Ministry Leadership Program is available for students entering the preaching/pastoral ministry. This organization meets monthly for the purpose of equipping students to grow in an understanding of God-given calling and to participate in ministry practices with a view toward service to church and society.

The J.H. Eaton Society, named after a 19th-century Union president, seeks to facilitate fellowship and ministry opportunities in the School of Theology and Missions. All students majoring or minoring in the School of Theology and Missions are welcome to participate.

Student Awards

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

The School also presents the following awards: H. E. Dana Intermediate Greek Award, Curtis Vaughan Elementary Greek Award, R. G. Lee Christian Ministry Award, George Savage Hebrew and Old Testament Award, Dallas Willard Philosophy Award, Carl F. H. Henry Christian Thought and Tradition Award, and Broadman and Holman Award.

Course Offerings in the School of Theology and Missions

( ) Hours Credit; F–Fall, W–Winter, S–Spring, Su–Summer.

Unless noted, courses are offered every year.

Biblical Studies and Languages Division

Including Biblical Literature and Theology and Biblical Languages

Biblical Literature and Theology (CHR)

111. Old Testament Survey (3)
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)
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)
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)
Prerequisite: CHR 111, CHR 112.
A survey of the history, literature, archaeology, geography, and culture of biblical times.
310. History of the Bible in Translation (3) F or S—Alternate Years
Historical survey of translation work on the Bible, from the time of the Old Greek translations of the Hebrew Bible until the present. The course deals with key historical figures, important events, philosophies, the motivations for translation work, and the role of translation in Christian mission.

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.

328. Hebrews (3) F—Even Years
Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.
An exegetical study of Hebrews.

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.

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Biblical Languages (GRK and HBR)

GRK 211. Elementary Greek I (3) and
212. Elementary Greek II (3)
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) and
312. Intermediate Greek II (3)
Prerequisite: GRK 212.

GRK 411. Advanced Greek I (3) and
412. Advanced Greek II (3)
Prerequisite: GRK 312.
Extensive reading courses in the Greek New Testament with emphasis upon careful, accurate exegesis.

HBR 311. Elementary Hebrew I (3) and
312. Elementary Hebrew II (3)
The course sequence is designed to introduce students to the verb forms, vocabulary, and syntax of biblical Hebrew.

HBR 411. Advanced Hebrew I (3) and
412. Advanced Hebrew II (3) As Needed
Extensive reading courses in the Hebrew Bible, emphasizing translation, verb parsing, accents, critical notes and exegesis.

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Christian Thought and Tradition Division
Including Christian Ethics, Christian Theology, Church History, and Philosophy

Christian Ethics (CHR)

243. Introduction to Christian Ethics (3)
Reciprocal credit: PHL 243. See PHL 243 for course description.

324. Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (3) As Needed
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) As Needed
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. Ethics in Professional Life (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.

347. Family Ethics (3) As Needed
A study of the family in the context of normative biblical, theological and ethical perspectives. Attention will also be given to contemporary challenges to the family including cohabitation, divorce, civil unions and polygamy.
400. Ethics in Sport (3) As Needed
Reciprocal credit: PEWS 400. See PEWS 400 for course description.

424. Bioethics (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: CHR 243 or other ethics course.
A survey of the Hippocratic/Judeo-Christian tradition in medical ethics against the background of biblical-theological discussions of human nature, medicine, healing, and biotechnology, as a context understanding the rise of contemporary bioethics.

440. Thinkers and Movements in Christian Ethics (3)
As Needed
Prerequisite: CHR 243.
A thorough examination of a major movement or thinker in either historic or contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style.

444. Intensive Issues in Ethics Seminar (3) As Needed
Pre- or corequisites: CHR 243, CHR 324.
An intensive analysis of one major issue or cluster of issues in contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style. Repeatable for additional credit as topics are varied.

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**Christian Theology (CHR)**

319. Virtue and Vice in the Christian Tradition (3) W
An examination of the nature of virtue and vice in the history of philosophy and Christian moral theology with special attention given to the tradition of the seven capital vices.

330. Biblical Theology (3) F—Even Years
Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 319
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)
Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.
Major theological doctrines of Christianity; the Trinity, revelation, God, creation, sin, Christology, the Atonement, the Holy Spirit, the church, Christian life, and eschatology; with special attention to biblical, historical, philosophical, and cultural influences upon theological development and methods used in doing constructive theology.

348. Faith and Culture in Film (3) F—Even Years
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.

350. C. S. Lewis: His Life and Work (3) F or S—Alternate Years
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 350.
Exploring the breadth of the writing of C. S. Lewis; including his fiction, apologetics, literary criticism, devotional writings, and essays in their historical setting. Attention will be given to how the theology of Lewis informed his scholarship and how his scholarship informed all of his writing.

360. The Gospel and Its Meaning (3) As Needed
An examination of the gospel in its biblical, historical and theological expression with attention to how it crosses cultures and addresses the ultimate questions of life.

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) As Needed
Prerequisite: CHR 338.
The Person of Christ, the work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation.

388. Science and Faith (3) As Needed
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 438.
Exploration of the major scientific concepts guiding modern science in relationship to the major faith commitments of the Christian faith as expressed in the gospel and the creeds in an effort to produce constructive dialogue that will mutually inform the two ways of knowing. Concepts explored include cosmology, evolution, quantum physics, and chaos theory; Doctrines explored include: creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, exaltation, and eschatology as they relate to specific scientific concerns.

482. Great Texts and Theologians I (3) As Needed
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) As Needed
Prerequisite: CHR 338.
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) F—Even Years  
Reciprocal credit: HIS 300. See HIS 300 for course description.

305. History of Christianity (3)  
Prerequisite: HIS 101 and 102. Reciprocal credit: HIS 305.  
See HIS 305 for 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) F—Odd Years  
Reciprocal credit: HIS 316. See HIS 316 for description.

331. Early Christian Political Thought (3)  
Reciprocal Credit: PSC 331.  
See PSC 331 for description.

335. Modern Christian Political Thought (3)  
Reciprocal credit: PSC 335.  
See PSC 335 for description.

405. History of the Baptists (3) S—Odd 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.

415. History of Spiritual Awakenings (3) As Needed  
A study of spiritual awakenings that examines the historical,  
theological and cultural milieu from which they have emerged.

**Philosophy (PHL)**

240. Introduction to Philosophy (3)  
An introductory course in philosophy designed to acquaint  
the student with the major fields of philosophical study.

243. Introduction to Christian Ethics (3)  
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.

319. Virtue and Vice in the Christian Tradition (3) W  
Reciprocal Credit: CHR 319  
An examination of the nature of virtue and vice in the history  
of philosophy and Christian moral theology with special  
attention given to the tradition of the seven capital vices.

331. Epistemology and Metaphysics (3) F or S—  
Alternate Years  
This course helps students understand the world better by  
studying significant interpretations of knowledge, belief,  
being, and the world that have been offered by thinkers,  
both past and present—the major concerns of epistemology  
and metaphysics.

345. Logic (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.

350. C. S. Lewis: His Life and Work (3) F or S—  
Alternate Years  
Reciprocal Credit: CHR 350.  
Exploring the breadth of the writing of C. S. Lewis; including  
his fiction, apologetics, literary criticism, devotional writings,  
and essays in their historical setting. Attention will be given  
to how the theology of Lewis informed his scholarship and  
how his scholarship informed all of his writing.

438. Science and Faith (3) As Needed  
Reciprocal credit: CHR 438.  
Exploration of the major scientific concepts guiding modern  
science in relationship to the major faith commitments of the  
Christian faith as expressed in the gospel and the creeds in  
an effort to produce constructive dialogue that will mutually  
inform the two ways of knowing. Concepts explored include  
cosmology, evolution, quantum physics, and chaos theory;  
Doctrines explored include: creation, revelation, incarnation,  
salvation, exaltation, and eschatology as they relate to specific  
scientific concerns.

448. Philosophy of Film (3) S—Odd Years  
Reciprocal Credit: CHR 448.  
An examination of philosophical themes as developed in  
film with special attention given to existentialism, nihilism,  
pragmatism, phenomenalism, and postmodernism.

450. Philosophy of Religion (3) F—Even Years  
Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit in CHR 450.  
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.
Christian Ministry and Missions Division (CHR)

271. Youth Ministry Strategies (3) As Needed
A study of youth ministry focusing on the various approaches, methods, and strategies with practical applications for programming, goals and desired outcomes.

307. Faith-Based Social Services (3) F—Odd Years
Reciprocal credit: SW 307. See SW 307 for course description.

320. Sport Ministry and Recreation Management (3)
Reciprocal Credit: PEWS 320
A course which focuses on the Great Commission and how Sports/Recreation activities can be used as a bridge to fulfill such. This course will provide students with the foundational knowledge to plan, implement, and evaluate a Sports Ministry program within various settings. This course includes a 15 hour internship with Englewood Baptist Church and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

333. Contemporary Christian Life and Practice (3)
Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

345. Ethics in Professional Life (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.

348. Faith and Culture in Film (3) F—Even Years
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.
A survey of the world’s major religions.

350. C. S. Lewis: His Life and Work (3) F or S—Alternate Years
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 350.
Exploring the breadth of the writing of C. S. Lewis; including his fiction, apologetics, literary criticism, devotional writings, and essays in their historical setting. Attention will be given to how the theology of Lewis informed his scholarship and how his scholarship informed all of his writing.

360. The Gospel and Its Meaning (3) As Needed
An examination of the gospel in its biblical, historical and theological expression with attention to how it crosses cultures and addresses the ultimate questions of life.

363. Biblical Preaching (3) As Needed
A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery. Recommended for all ministerial students.

365. Pastoral Ministries (3) S—Even Years
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) As Needed
An examination of the various aspects of administering the work of the youth minister focusing on roles, relationships, responsibilities, and practical application to the local church.

375. Youth Ministry Issues (3) As Needed
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.

415. History of Spiritual Awakenings (3) As Needed
A study of spiritual awakenings that examines the historical, theological and cultural milieu from which they have emerged.

438. Science and Faith (3) As Needed
Reciprocal credit: CHR 438.
Exploration of the major scientific concepts guiding modern science in relationship to the major faith commitments of the Christian faith as expressed in the gospel and the creeds in an effort to produce constructive dialogue that will mutually inform the two ways of knowing. Concepts explored include cosmology, evolution, quantum physics, and chaos theory; Doctrines explored include: creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, eschatology as they relate to specific scientific concerns.

448. Philosophy of Film (3) S—Odd Years
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 448.
An examination of philosophical themes as developed in film with special attention given to existentialism, nihilism, pragmatism, phenomenализm, and postmodernism.

450. Philosophy of Religion (3) F—Even Years
Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 450. See PHL 450 for description.

481. Christian Ministries Mentorship (3) As Needed
Prerequisites: Application to the 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 clock hours in a church or Christian related organization.
Available in each departmental prefix:

179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed
All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

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) As Needed

231. Sophomore Seminar (2)
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.

295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed
Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

395-6. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed
Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

397. Special Studies in Church History (1-4) As Needed
Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) As Needed
Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

498. Senior Seminar (2-3)
Functions as a required capstone or exit seminar for majors in the School of Theology and Missions (except Philosophy). Focuses on competencies in the following areas: defining one’s mission and values; understanding the church’s relationship to contemporary culture and the global context; and academic research and writing. In the final half of the course, the students will present research papers in the theological discipline of their choice. Must be taken during senior year. Majors in the Honors Program must take a 3 hour Senior Seminar.

499. Seminar (1-3) As Needed
To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only. Senior standing in the department required.
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Program Leadership

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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 this program and 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 location. Calendars are available at: www.uu.edu/academics/schedules.

Curriculum

The Associate of Christian Studies is offered in Hendersonville and Memphis and through the R.G. Lee Center. The Associate of Christian Studies is a professional program offered to the non-traditional student.

Associate of Christian Studies—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 Christian Studies Requirements—51 hours
   B. New Testament courses, CHR 112 and 6 hours from: RGL 300, 301, 302, 423.
   C. Theological courses: RGL 113, 243, 304.
   D. General Studies: RGL 303.
   E. Ministry Studies: RGL 261, 263, 305.

Financial Information

Tuition ........................................ $285/hour
General Student Fee ......................... 20/hour

Course Offerings

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. Introduction to Christian Ethics (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 and 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)

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