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## Curriculum

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 the dean for details.

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). All majors must complete at least 12 hours of foreign language regardless of the B.A. Core Option chosen. Study of biblical languages is strongly encouraged.

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

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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

See the Department of Physical Education, Wellness and Sport for details.

#### 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. Majors have the option of taking all Youth Ministry courses (C. and D.) in one semester of off-campus study at the Institute for Global Youth Studies, Chatsworth, GA.

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

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. Critical thinking and research skills, prepares students 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

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#### 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 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.

### Minors Offered by the School

#### 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

#### 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

### **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.

### **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 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, Phil Briggs Youth Ministry Award, M. E. Dodd Perseverance Award, and Broadman and Holman Award.

### **Course Offerings in Christian Studies**

( ) Hours Credit; F—Fall, W—Winter; S—Spring; Su—Summer. Unless noted, courses are offered every year.

#### **Biblical Studies (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.

##### **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)**

Reciprocal credit: PHL 243. See PHL 243 for course description.

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

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**

134 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) S—Odd Years**

Reciprocal credit: PEWS 400. See PEWS 400 for course description.

**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 intellectual and ideological origins of the Holocaust, behavior of Christians during the Holocaust, and postwar theological, moral, literary, and artistic responses to it.

**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.

**307. Faith-Based Social Services (3) F—Odd Years**

Reciprocal credit: SW 307. See SW 307 for course description.

**363. Biblical Preaching (3)**

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)**

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. 135

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

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.

**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)**

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.

**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**

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.

**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 description.

**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.

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) 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.

**Philosophy (PHL)****240. Introduction to Philosophy (3)**

An introductory course in philosophy designed to acquaint the student with the major fields of philosophical study. 137

**243. Approaches to Moral Decision Making (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.

**339. Apologetics (3) F—Odd Years**

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: CHR 339. See CHR 339 for 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.Ht.6(er)1717.6(0iT6(ersosophy 82 TD(HBR 31)36.6(1





**Adult Studies** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Programs of the R. G. Lee Centers**

Program Leadership

## 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.

**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)****295-6-7. 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.