

LUTHER RICE UNIVERSITY

Luther Rice University has designed the Bachelor of Arts in Religion (BAR) with a balanced emphasis between biblical and theological subjects, ministry topics, and general education requirements (academic courses which are considered core to a college or university education), the student's entire college education will be functional and practical. There are three tracks available, Biblical Counseling, Christian Worldview, and Ministry.

Degree Program Objectives

Purpose: The purpose of the **Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Biblical Counseling** is to introduce students to the essentials of biblical counseling. Students who complete this degree will be equipped to serve as biblical counselors in local churches or in biblical counseling centers. **This degree is not intended nor is it adequate to prepare individuals for a professional counseling career or for state licensure.**

Graduates of the BAR/Biblical Counseling program will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate effectiveness in oral and written communication.
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Bible, Christian theology, and Church History.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of modern society and culture.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts in algebra and physical science.
5. Apply knowledge of the Bible and Christian heritage to a lifelong pattern of spiritual growth and personal development.
6. Demonstrate an understanding of counseling principles and techniques required to meet individual needs.
7. Master the essentials necessary for the pursuit of a graduate degree in biblical counseling.
8. Utilize a biblical counseling process model in the practice of interpersonal ministry.
9. Practice biblical counseling that is ethically and legally informed.
10. Empathically and skillfully assess spiritually needy people for pastoral care, biblical counseling, or referral.

Purpose: The purpose of the **Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Christian Worldview** is to prepare students to serve in local churches or other forms of Christian work and ministry with a special focus on interpreting culture and advancing the Christian faith.

Graduates of the BAR/Christian Worldview program will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate effectiveness in oral and written communication.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of World civilizations.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of modern society and culture.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts in algebra and physical science.
5. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Bible and Christian theology, and Church history.
6. Apply knowledge of the Bible and Christian heritage to a lifelong pattern of spiritual growth and personal development.

7. Evaluate and develop ministries in light of the Great Commission and Great Commandment.
8. Develop appropriate apologetical and exegetical studies defending the truth of Christianity from reason and Scripture.

Purpose: The purpose of the **Bachelor of Arts in Religion/Ministry** is to prepare students to serve in local churches or other forms of Christian work and ministry.

Graduates of the BAR/Ministry program will be prepared to:

1. Demonstrate effectiveness in oral and written communication.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of world civilizations.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of modern society and culture.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of basic concepts in algebra and physical science.
5. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the Bible and Christian theology, and Church history.
6. Apply knowledge of the Bible and Christian heritage to a lifelong pattern of spiritual growth and personal development.
7. Evaluate and develop ministries in light of the Great Commission and Great Commandment.
8. Develop appropriate exegetical and expository messages and lessons from Scripture.
9. Organize and administer the ministries of the local church.
10. Demonstrate an understanding of counseling principles and techniques required to meet individual needs.

General Education Electives

Students may choose from a number of options at Luther Rice University. General Education Electives - 15 semester hours (unduplicated) in addition to the other General Education requirements from any of the following courses:

- BU 101 (3 hours)
- BU 102 (3 hours)
- CS 101 (3 hours)
- HI 401 (3 hours)
- SO 102 (3 hours)
- SO 201 (3 hours)
- SO 204 (3 hours)
- SO 302 (3 hours)
- SO 401 (3 hours)
- SO 333 (3 hours)

Students who reside in Florida are required to complete 45 hours of General Education. In order to meet this state requirement, Florida students will take 15 hours of General Education electives and only 18 hours of regular electives.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION DEGREE - Four-Year Program
Biblical Studies (non-language)/Biblical Counseling Concentration**

Area	Semester Hours
General Education Requirements36
RW 100 Intro to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
English	9
EN 101 English Composition I	(3)
EN 102 English Composition II	(3)
EN 201 Public Speech	(3)
History	6
HI 101 World Civilizations I	(3)
HI 102 World Civilizations II	(3)
Math	3
MA 201 College Algebra	(3)
Science	3
SC 103 Physical Science	(3)
Social Science	6
SO 201 Principles of Psychology and Counseling	(3)
Social Science Elective	(3)
MU 102 Music	3
General Education Electives	6
Bible/Theology/Evangelism Requirements39
OT 101 Old Testament Survey	(3)
NT 102 New Testament Survey	(3)
OT 303 Genesis	(3)
NT 470 Revelation or TH 402 Eschatology	(3)
TH 321 Christology	(3)
NT 401 Life of Christ	(3)
NT 402 Acts	(3)
TH 201 Theology Survey I	(3)
TH 202 Theology Survey II	(3)
TH 441 Hermeneutics	(3)
HI 202 Church History	(3)
EV 101 Personal Evangelism	(3)
EV 203 Spiritual Formation	(3)
Biblical Counseling Requirements18
SO 333 Marriage and Family Counseling	(3)
BC 320 Introduction to Biblical Counseling	(3)
BC 360 Methodology in Biblical Counseling	(3)
BC 421 Theological Foundations in Biblical Counseling	(3)
BC 460 Biblical Counseling in Ministry	(3)
BC 490 Biblical Counseling Practicum Modular	(3)
Electives27
TOTAL120

PROGRAM OF STUDY

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION DEGREE - Four-Year Program
Biblical Studies (non-language)/Christian Worldview (Apologetics)
Concentration**

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General Education Requirements36
RW 100 Intro to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
English	9
EN 101 English Composition I	(3)
EN 102 English Composition II	(3)
EN 201 Public Speech	(3)
History	6
HI 101 World Civilizations I	(3)
HI 102 World Civilizations II	(3)
Math	3
MA 201 College Algebra	(3)
Science	3
SC 103 Physical Science	(3)
Social Science	6
SO 102 Contemporary Ethics	(3)
Social Science Elective	(3)
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NT 402 Acts	(3)
TH 201 Theology Survey I	(3)
TH 202 Theology Survey II	(3)
TH 441 Hermeneutics	(3)
HI 202 Church History	(3)
EV 101 Personal Evangelism	(3)
EV 203 Spiritual Formation	(3)
Christian Worldview (Apologetics) Requirements18
PH 101 Logic	(3)
PH 301 Worldviews	(3)
TH 310 Creationism	(3)
PH 302 Principles of Philosophy	(3)
PH 201 Philosophy of Religions	(3)
PH 431 Apologetics	(3)
Electives27
TOTAL120

PROGRAM OF STUDY

**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN RELIGION DEGREE - Four-Year Program
Biblical Studies (non-language)/Ministry Concentration**

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EV 101 Personal Evangelism	(3)
EV 203 Spiritual Formation	(3)
Ministry Requirements18
PA 301 Leadership	(3)
PA 302 Pastoral Work	(3)
PA 310 Principles of Biblical Exposition or	(3)
PA 312 Christian Rhetoric	
BC 320 Biblical Counseling	(3)
PA 401 Principles of Church Administration	(3)
MI 202 Survey of Christian Missions	(3)
Electives27
TOTAL120

BACHELOR-LEVEL COURSE CYCLE

With two modes of study, LRSU students have unparalleled flexibility in scheduling their courses. Campus and online courses are scheduled to begin and end at fixed times and are offered on a cyclical schedule so that students can plan ahead as they map out their course of study. **The courses listed in this schedule are a minimum of what is planned. Courses may be added or deleted and the mode of delivery may be changed at the discretion of the university.** The two-year recurring cycle is anticipated as follows:

FALL 2010

On-Campus Classes

BC 360 Methodology in Bib Couns
EN 101 English Composition I
EV 101 Personal Evangelism
EV 203 Spiritual Formation
HI 101 World Civilization I
HI 202 Church History
MI 202 Survey of Christian Missions
NT 103 Biblical Research Methods
NT 402 Acts
NT 431 Gospel of John
NT 460 Hebrews
OT 101 OT Survey
PA 401 Principles of Church Admin
SC 102 Physical Science
SO 333 Marriage & Family Counseling
SO 401 World Religions
TH 201 Survey of Theology I
TH 431 Apologetics

Online Courses

BC 460 Bib Couns for Ministers
EN 101 English Composition I
EV 101 Personal Evangelism
EV 203 Spiritual Formation
MU 102 Music Appreciation
NT 401 Life of Christ
NT 470 Revelation
OT 332 Minor Prophets
PA 301 Leadership
PA 302 Pastoral Work
TH 202 Survey of Theology II
TH 401 Ecclesiology

SUMMER 2011

Online Courses

BC 430 Advanced Couns Issues
BC 460 Bib Couns for Ministers
ED 201 Survey of Christian Ed
HI 202 Church History
NT 101 NT Survey
NT 401 Life of Christ

SPRING 2011

On-Campus Classes

BC 430 Adv Counseling Issues
ED 201 Survey of Christian Ed
EN 102 English Composition II
EN 201 Speech
EV 210 Church Growth Principles
HI 102 World Civilization II
NT 102 NT Survey
NT 401 Life of Christ
NT 435 Romans
OT 303 Genesis
PA 301 Leadership
PA 302 Pastoral Work
PH 202 Contemporary Ethics
TH 202 Survey of Theology II
TH 402 Eschatology

Online Courses

BC 320 Biblical Counseling
BC 360 Methodology in Bib Couns
BC 421 Theo Found in Bib Couns
EN 102 English Composition II
EN 201 Public Speech
MA 201 College Algebra
NT 460 Hebrews
OT 101 Old Testament Survey
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TH 202 Survey of Theology II

FALL 2011

On-Campus Classes

BC 450 Leg & Eth Issues in Bib Couns
EN 201 Public Speech
EV 210 Church Growth Principles
MI 202 Survey of Christian Missions
MU 102 Music Appreciation
NT 102 NT Survey
NT 431 Gospel of John
NT 435 Romans
NT 437 Corinthian Epistles
NT 421 Pastoral Epistles
NT 470 Revelation
OT 101 OT Survey
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PA 312 Christian Rhetoric
PA 313 Principles of Bib Comm
PA 401 Principles of Church Admin
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BC 450 Leg & Eth Issues in Bib Co
EV 101 Personal Evangelism
MI 202 Survey of Missions
NT 421 Pastoral Epistles
OT 101 Old Testament Survey
OT 303 Genesis

SPRING 2012

On-Campus Classes

BC 320 Intro to Biblical Counseling
BC 490 Bib Couns Pract Modular
ED 201 Survey of Christian Ed
EV 101 Personal Evangelism
HI 202 Church History
MA 201 College Algebra
NT 401 Life of Christ
OT 303 Genesis
PA 302 Pastoral Work
PA 313 Principles of Biblical Comm
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TH 321 Christology
TH 441 Hermeneutics



Online students visiting campus with Dr. Mapes



Students meet Dr. Flanagan during New Student Orientation

UNIVERSITY
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BC: BIBLICAL COUNSELING AREA

BC 320 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING (*Required*)

Three hours

This course introduces the concept of biblically based, Christ-centered counseling. Course distinctives include: (1) a thorough explanation of biblical counseling; (2) the role and character of the counselor; (3) the relationship of counseling to the local church; and (4) a comparison of the biblical counseling model with secular counseling models.

BC 360 METHODOLOGY IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING *Three hours*

This course outlines a biblical counseling process model. Course distinctives include: (1) initiating a counseling relationship; (2) gathering and interpreting data; (3) how biblically based life change occurs; and (4) maintaining lasting life change.

BC 421 THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Three hours

This course consists of a study of the key theological concepts that form the foundation of a biblical counseling process model. Course distinctives include: (1) the nature of God; (2) the nature of man; (3) the image of God in man; (4) the nature of sin; (5) regeneration and progressive sanctification; (6) the biblical concept of "flesh;" (7) the definition of essential biblical concepts including "soul, spirit, heart, mind, and conscience;" and (8) an overview of key biblical passages such as Romans 5-8.

BC 430 ADVANCED COUNSELING ISSUES

Three hours

This course presents an overview of the traumas that must be managed in counseling from a biblical perspective. Course distinctives include: (1) crisis intervention models; (2) basic interviewing techniques; (3) assessment strategies for the crises of depression, suicide, substance abuse, child abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, sexual assault, abortion, and death and dying issues.

BC 450 LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES IN BIBLICAL COUNSELING

Three hours

An overview of the crucial ethical concepts and legal issues that are likely to be confronted in the implementation of the biblical counseling model in the church, community, and society. Course distinctives include: (1) biblical/ethical decision-making; (2) confidentiality; (3) privileged communication; (4) privacy; (5) the duty to warn and protect; and (6) the management of dual and multiple relationships.

BC 460 BIBLICAL COUNSELING IN MINISTRY

Three hours

This course provides an overview of the strategies for implementing a biblical counseling ministry in the church and/or community. Specific skills and techniques essential to helping individuals and families in the context of church, community, and society will be evaluated. The training of competent lay counselors is a vital component of this course.

BC 490 BIBLICAL COUNSELING PRACTICUM *Three hours*
Prerequisites: SO 201, SO 204, SO 333, BC 320, BC 360

This unique course will present the counseling major with the opportunity to practice the skills, techniques, and methodologies discussed in previous classes in a live setting. Role-playing, group dynamics, learning labs, and videos will all be used as a part of this learning experience. Topics covered include: (1) helping skills; (2) the presenting problem; (3) taking a personal (social) history; (4) determining and diagramming a counselee's fleshly coping mechanisms; (5) conducting the active counseling stage; and (6) managing a forgiveness exercise.

BU: BUSINESS - PERSONAL FINANCE AREA

BU 101 PERSONAL FINANCE *Three hours*

Personal Finance is a Biblically-based survey course designed to introduce the student to concepts, tools, and applications of personal finance and investments. Major topics include the process of financial planning, insurance, money management, investments, and estate planning.

BU 102 BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH *Three hours*

Business of the Church is a Biblically-based survey course designed to introduce the student to the practical aspects of church administration. Major topics of the course include basic accounting, economics and finance of the church; management of staff and volunteers; marketing and communication; and skills such as time management and personal financial management and other topics relevant to managing the business of the church.

BU 301 GROWING THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH *Three hours*

This course teaches students to fulfill the Great Commission by planning, staffing, and scheduling for growth; understanding their demographic environment; and using printed materials, media relations, and the Internet to communicate the church's message.

CS: COMPUTER SCIENCE AREA

CS 101 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTER MANAGEMENT *Three hours*

This is a study of the use of software, such as Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Emphasis will not be on the mechanics of the software but the use of the software to present ideas, for persuasion, and for analysis. Class size is limited.

ED: EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES AREA

ED 201 SURVEY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *Three hours*

This is a study of what Christian education is and its philosophical and historical backgrounds with an overview of the local church's total educational program.

EN: ENGLISH AREA

EN 099 REMEDIAL ENGLISH *Non-credit*

This course is designed to help a student who needs additional work in English grammar prior to taking EN 101, as determined by academic background and the English placement test. The course will emphasize a basic review of grammar necessary to successful college level work. No credit will be awarded for this course, but the student will be billed a fee listed in "Tuition and Fees."

EN 101 ENGLISH COMPOSITION I (*Required*) *Three hours*

Prerequisite: Exit or exemption from Remedial English

This course involves the use of English for written communication, including exposition, analysis, and argumentation. Topics include grammar, proper sentence structure, paragraph development, word usage, and essay preparation.

EN 102 ENGLISH COMPOSITION II (*Required*) *Three hours*

Prerequisite: EN 101

This course emphasizes effective writing in a variety of contexts with attention to critical analysis, interpretation, evaluation, and research. Literature such as novels, short stories, and poetry will be used.

EN 201 PUBLIC SPEECH (*Required*) *Three hours*

Public speech is a study of the requirements for effective oral communication. Topics will include selecting a speech topic, researching the topic, outlining, and organizing the speech, use of visual aids, persuasion, analyzing the audience, and critiquing the speech.

EN 333 WORLD LITERATURE *Three hours*

This course is a study of the foundations of world literature.

EV: EVANGELISM AREA

EV 101 PERSONAL EVANGELISM (*Required*) *Three hours*

This course is a study designed to prepare students for involvement in witnessing for the Lord. Importance is attached to the memorization of Scripture and actually engaging in personal work.

EV 203 SPIRITUAL FORMATION (*Required*) *Three hours*

Spiritual Formation is a practical study of the theology of life in the image of Christ and some Biblical principles that guide the development and maintenance of that Christlike life, in the lives of Christians. The study will include consideration of the Biblical directions for appropriating the spirituality and victory that Jesus Christ gives for faithful Christian living.

EV 210 CHURCH GROWTH PRINCIPLES *Three hours*

This course is an introductory study of Church Growth beginning with the Biblical teachings on the subject. In addition, it is a consideration of the history and characteristics of the Church Growth Movement begun by Donald McGavran. The course also looks at how theology relates to the Church Growth concept with an application of the study to the local church.

GR: GREEK

Greek courses are now being offered at the graduate level only. Undergraduate students who have completed at least 60 hours of coursework may enroll in them for elective credit.

HI: HISTORY AREA

HI 101 WORLD CIVILIZATIONS I (*Required*) *Three hours*

World Civilizations I is a study of the development of civilization from the beginning of recorded history to the Reformation. Emphasis will be placed on the historical contributions from Egypt, Babylonia, China, India, Persia, Palestine, Greece, and Rome.

HI 102 WORLD CIVILIZATIONS II (*Required*) *Three hours*

World Civilizations II is a study of the development of civilization from the Reformation to present day. Emphasis will include the development of Europe, the U.S., the World Wars, and the fall of Communism.

HI 202 CHURCH HISTORY (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is an overview of the history of the Church from the first century AD to the present.

HI 401 AMERICAN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT *Three hours*

This is a study of the political, social, and economic development of the U.S., with emphasis on the growth of the democratic tradition. Topics will include the founding fathers, voting behaviors, the judicial branch, civil rights, civil liberties, the legislative branch, the presidency, and the role of religion.

MA: MATHEMATICS AREA

MA 099 PREALGEBRA *Non-credit*

This course provides a transition from arithmetic to algebra. Emphasis is on the use of mathematics to analyze and solve real-life problems. No credit will be awarded for this course, but the student will be billed a fee listed in "Tuition and Fees."

MA 201 COLLEGE ALGEBRA (*Required*) *Three hours*

Prerequisite: Exit or Exemption from MA 099

This is a study of algebraic concepts, including linear functions, systems of linear equations, scientific notation, exponential functions, functional notation, and graphing.

MI: MISSIONS AREA

MI 202 SURVEY OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is an introductory course dealing with the philosophy of world evangelization. Attention is given to what missions is, the qualifications of the missionary, his call, and methodology.

MI 430 MISSIONS PRACTICUM *Three hours*
This is an exposure in selected world areas for the purpose of acquainting students firsthand with some of the problems, needs, duties, conflicts, and cultural barriers of the missionary as he works with the national church.

MU: MUSIC

MU 102 MUSIC APPRECIATION (*Required*) *Three hours*
This is a study of the development of music as revealed in major compositions of representative composers from each major period. This course is designed for students who desire to expand their appreciation and understanding of music. Prior knowledge of music is not required.

NT: NEW TESTAMENT AREA

NT 102 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY (*Required*) *Three hours*
This is an introductory survey of the historical setting and contents of the New Testament.

NT 103 BIBLICAL RESEARCH METHODS *Three hours*
This course is designed to acquaint the student with various Bible-study procedures and methods. Various aspects of Bible research will be introduced. As this course will also deal with the topics of how to study and time management, the student is advised to take this course early in the degree program.

NT 401 LIFE OF CHRIST (*Required*) *Three hours*
This is an examination of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

NT 402 ACTS (*Required*) *Three hours*
This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament book of Acts. Acts records the formation and expansion of the early church.

NT 421 PASTORAL EPISTLES *Three hours*
This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament epistles to Timothy and Titus. First and Second Timothy and Titus address doctrinal issues concerning church leadership, administration, and ministry.

NT 431 GOSPEL OF JOHN *Three hours*
This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament Gospel of John. John presents Jesus as Son of God and describes God's plan of salvation.

NT 435 ROMANS *Three hours*
This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament epistle to the Romans. Romans comprises Paul's fullest theological treatment of the salvation-historical implications of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

NT 437 CORINTHIAN EPISTLES *Three hours*
This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament epistles of Paul to the Corinthians. First and Second Corinthians identify the kinds of problems faced by the first century church and Paul's solutions to them.

NT 460 HEBREWS *Three hours*

This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament epistle of Hebrews. Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the believer's high priest who is superior to angels, Moses, the Levitical priesthood, and the sacrificial system of the Old Testament.

NT 470 REVELATION (*Required or TH 402*) *Three hours*

This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament book of Revelation. Revelation unveils Jesus Christ as the central figure in the culmination of God's redemptive program.

OT: OLD TESTAMENT AREA

OT 101 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is an examination of the contents of the Old Testament with attention given to background, general analysis, and brief exposition of each book. Each book will be examined in its relation to the other canonical writings.

OT 303 GENESIS (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is an expository study of the first book of the Bible with an emphasis upon a literal, six day creation.

OT 332 MINOR PROPHETS (Hosea - Malachi) *Three hours*

This is the background and analysis of the twelve Minor Prophets.

PA: MINISTRY AREA

PA 301 LEADERSHIP (*Required or PA 302*) *Three hours*

This is a study of the life and service of the minister with emphasis on the personal, family, and professional life of the pastor.

PA 302 PASTORAL WORK (*Required or PA 301*) *Three hours*

This is a study of the call, qualifications, and duties of the minister with emphasis on the duties of preaching, teaching, evangelism, counseling, visitation, and administration. Administering the ordinances of the church and funeral and wedding services are covered.

PA 310 PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL EXPOSITION (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is a study of the nature of biblical exposition and principles of message construction. Attention is given to the basic materials of the message, methods of preparation, and delivery, and problems of exposition.

PA 312 CHRISTIAN RHETORIC *Three hours*

The purpose of this course is to train students who do not sense a call to the pastorate in the elementary exercises of relating biblical concepts and utilizing Christian persuasion and exhortation for a variety of ministry settings. Aspects and principles of hermeneutics, homiletics (preaching), and delivery will be studied. This course is designed to be an alternative to Essentials of Biblical Exposition (PA 310).

PA 313 PRINCIPLES OF BIBLICAL COMMUNICATION *Three hours*

Prerequisite: PA 310 or PA 312

Basic principles of voice, articulation, oral interpretation of Scripture, and expository delivery are considered. Opportunity for practice is given in each of these areas and constitutes the basis for additional study in sermon content, structure, and delivery.

PA 401 PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION *Three hours*

(Required)

This is a study of the responsibilities of the church staff members and their relationship to lay leaders in the church. Attention is given to the concepts of team ministries, a mutual understanding of role responsibilities, training, counseling, and church doctrine as it relates to church administration.

PA 405-406 INTERN PRACTICUM I & II *Three hours each*

The Intern Practicums are practical applications of ministry goals and skills through Ministry Action Assignments under field supervision.

PH: PHILOSOPHY

PH 101 CRITICAL THINKING *Three hours*

This course is an introduction to the disciplined mental processes of discernment, analysis, and evaluation that transcend subject matter divisions. Specific attention is given to rhetorical devices, informal fallacies, and propaganda techniques. This course includes an introduction to deductive and inductive reasoning processes.

PH 201 PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION *Three hours*

This is an introduction to the major issues of philosophy of religion, including the existence and attributes of God, religious epistemology, religious experience, and the problem of evil.

PH 301 WORLD VIEWS *Three hours*

This is an introduction to the major world views including theism, deism, atheism, pantheism, panentheism, finite godism, and polytheism.

PH 302 PRINCIPLES OF PHILOSOPHY *Three hours*

This is a study of the contributions, from antiquity to the 21st Century, from writers in philosophy. Topics include reality, knowledge, science, ethics, politics, art, and the mind.

PH 401 NON-TRADITIONAL BELIEFS *Three hours*

This is a study of the theology of contemporary religious groups in contrast with biblical Christianity.

PH 431 APOLOGETICS *Three hours*

This is a study of the defense of the Christian faith against counter-claimants to truth. Specific objections are dealt with and general methodology questions are discussed. The student is equipped to follow Peter's injunction, "be ready to give an answer (*apologia*) to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you." (I Pe 3.15)

RW: RESEARCH AND WRITING

RW 100 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING *(Required)* *No hours*

This is an introductory survey of basic research and writing skills that are required of undergraduate students. Topics include: Library research, theological tools, internet research, Turabian formatting, writing a term paper, documenting sources, and common writing errors. This course is taken independently online and offered monthly. Students must take the course prior to their second semester of classes.

SC: SCIENCE AREA

SC 103 GENERAL PHYSICAL SCIENCE *(Required)* *Three hours*

This is a study of the concepts, laws and theories of physics and astronomy. Topics include motion, gravity, temperature, electricity, the solar system, nuclear physics and their application to the modern world.

SO: SOCIAL SCIENCES AREA

SO 102 CONTEMPORARY ETHICS *Three hours*

This is a study of the complex moral issues faced by contemporary society with emphasis on relevant theories and their application to ethical dilemmas. Topics include war, euthanasia, divorce, capital punishment, ethical decision making by leaders, and civil disobedience.

SO 201 PRINCIPLES OF PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING *Three hours*

This is a study of the major elements of psychology, including theories and applications. Topics will include human development, emotions, learning, perception, memory, personality, and behavior. The concept of the integration of biblical counseling and psychology is a major consideration of this course.

SO 204 PRINCIPLES OF SOCIOLOGY *Three hours*

This is a study of theories, methods, and concepts of sociology, focusing on the critical issues of society. Topics will include poverty, inequality, aging, violence, sexuality, work, technology, and drug abuse.

SO 333 MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING *Three hours*

This course examines the relationship dynamics inherent in the premarital couple, the married couple, and the functioning family unit. Course distinctions include: (1) premarital counseling; (2) the biblical basis of marriage; (3) roles of the husband and wife; (4) parent and child relationships; and (5) communication and conflict resolution in marriage.

SO 401 WORLD RELIGIONS *Three hours*

This is a study of the major world religions, including their impact on the culture where they began and upon the world. Religions covered include Christianity, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam.

TH: THEOLOGY AREA

TH 201 THEOLOGY SURVEY I (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is a general survey of Bible doctrine dealing with five of the ten major areas of systematic theology including Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology. Also covered is an introduction to and the value of the study of systematic theology.

TH 202 THEOLOGY SURVEY II (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is a general survey of Bible doctrine dealing with five of the ten major areas of systematic theology including Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. This course, although a logical extension of TH 201, does not require TH 201 as a prerequisite.

TH 310 CREATIONISM *Three hours*

This is a study of origins from the perspective of scientific creationism and biblical theology.

TH 321 CHRISTOLOGY (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is a study concentrating on the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Particular consideration is given to the deity and the humanity of Christ, messianic prophecy, His work in the Old Testament, His salvific work on the cross, His literal resurrection, His ascension and present work in Heaven, and His future coming again. Attention is also given to modern assaults on the biblical portrayal of Christ.

TH 401 ECCLESIOLOGY *Three hours*

This is an examination of the New Testament church with particular attention given to its origin, distinctive nature, mission, government, offices, ordinances, and destiny.

TH 402 ESCHATOLOGY (*May substitute for NT 470*) *Three hours*

This is a study of the prophetic revelation of the plan and purpose of God. Intensive study is given to the rapture of the Church, the tribulation, the second coming of Christ, and the millennium.

TH 441 HERMENEUTICS (*Required*) *Three hours*

This is a study of the basic principles and specific guidelines of biblical interpretation. Some attention is given to the historical schools of interpretation, but the focus of the course is on historical-grammatical interpretation and legitimate application of the Scriptures. General principles, such as reliance on the Holy Spirit; paying attention to context; knowing the ancient culture; and recognizing the different types of literary genre, are covered. Specific rules regarding the interpretation of types, symbols, poetry, proverbs, parables, and prophecy are also given.



*Online students and missionaries in Austria, Brian and Pearl Williams,
with Dr. Guthrie*

Pearl and I have been able to work and minister to the parents and students here at International Vienna Christian School for the past four years. Although we graduated with our bachelors degrees from a school in the United States, the depth of the biblical teaching that we have received from Luther Rice has kept us rooted and grounded in truth in a post-Christian society that is antagonistic towards God and Christian values.

As faith based missionaries in Europe, we would have had a tremendous financial burden added to our budget if we had to uproot and move to attend seminary. Our online education experience with LRSU has been both easy to manage and very rewarding, academically and spiritually.

Brian and Pearl Williams
Missionary Educators in Vienna, Austria



Luther Rice students on a mission trip to Jamaica receive instructions from Dr. Long



Students interact with missionaries from all over the world during the Annual World Missions Conference



Dr. Ricketson leads discussion during Leadership Conference



Faculty and students at the ancient city of Dan, the northern most city of Israel, on educational trip



Luther Rice student soldiers study in combat zones



New Student Orientation is held twice a year



Students on campus in front of library building



*Masai Tribal Warrior and Luther Rice D.Min. Graduate,
Dr. Elijah Koske -- now on the mission field in Africa*