

# LUTHER RICE SEMINARY GRADUATE DIVISION

## MASTER PROGRAMS

Students enrolling in a Master-level degree program will experience a different kind of educational approach than what is typically found in an undergraduate program. Undergraduate programs provide a broad foundation of general knowledge. Although no particular undergraduate major is required for entrance into a graduate program, graduate studies build upon the undergraduate foundation by providing a higher level of knowledge, understanding, skills, and application. Such education is developed by challenging the student's intellectual and emotional capabilities in analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and judgment.

There are five Master programs of study: The Master of Arts in Apologetics, The Master of Arts in Christian Studies, the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling, the Master of Arts in Leadership, and the Master of Divinity. The MA degrees are designed to train students in a limited field of study based on the students' interests or needs.

The Master of Divinity degree is designed to provide a broader base of knowledge to fit the needs of students preparing for a lifetime of ministry. The curriculum is representative of those areas considered essential for effective Christian service in a broad range of contexts. There are two tracks available, Christian Ministry and Apologetics.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### *Master of Arts in Apologetics*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Master of Arts in Apologetics (MAA) is to equip students with knowledge in issues related to the rational and biblical defense of the truth of the Christian faith.

**OBJECTIVES:** Graduates of the MAA program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Utilize the Church's theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
3. Articulate a comprehensive rational and biblical defense of the truth of Christianity, including (a) philosophical foundations for truth and the knowability of reality, (b) the existence and attributes of God, and (c) the truth of Christianity.
4. Articulate thorough responses to major objections to Christianity, including skepticism, the problem of evil, attacks on the integrity and trustworthiness of the Scriptures.
5. Articulate thorough refutations of non-Christian views including postmodernism, non-traditional belief systems, world religions, atheism, and secular world views.
6. Serve with Christian character in their personal and professional lives.

*CORE .....	18
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
 APOLOGETICS .....	 18
TH 561 Values and Ethics	(3)
TH 562 Issues in Ethics	(3)
PH 520 Logic	(3)
MI 620 World Religions	(3)
MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs	(3)
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>	
TH 536 Seminar in Apologetics I	(3)
TH 537 Seminar in Apologetics II	(3)
 TOTAL .....	 36

\* When any of the above CORE courses have been waived or granted Advanced Standing due to previous or transferred work, the following courses will take priority as substitutions (in this order): TH 545-Spiritual Formation, BE 521-Essentials of Biblical Exposition, and EV 520-Theology and Practice of Evangelism.

### *Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC) program is to train students to serve as counselors in local churches and other ministry settings. This program provides the biblical, theological, and practical education required to provide leadership in a church counseling center or in an independent lay counseling ministry. **This degree is not intended, nor is it adequate, to prepare individuals for a professional counseling vocation or state licensure.**

**OBJECTIVES:** Graduates of the MABC program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Utilize the Church's theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
3. Articulate a biblical philosophy counseling.
4. Communicate biblical and theological truths through counseling and other appropriate means.
5. Evaluate and develop ministries in light of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
6. Accurately and empathetically evaluate people and their personal circumstances and provide appropriate pastoral care or referral.
7. Serve with Christian character in their personal and professional lives.
8. Demonstrate a general knowledge of the Bible in the application of the Biblical Counseling Process.

9. To apply empathic interpersonal skills in the context of the counseling environment to help people resolve spiritual, relational, and behavioral issues and problems.
10. To implement ethically and legally informed counseling practices.

*CORE . . . . .	18
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)
BIBLICAL COUNSELING . . . . .	18
CO 526 Foundations of Biblical Counseling	(3)
CO 528 Biblical Counseling and Helping Skills	(3)
CO 620 Biblical Counseling in Marriage and Family	(3)
CO 628 Biblical Counseling Methodology	(3)
CO 700 Practicum/Internship	(3)
<b>Choose one of the following:</b>	
CO 626 Issues, Ethics, and Legal Concerns	(3)
CO 629 Biblical Crisis Counseling	(3)
TOTAL . . . . .	36

\* When any of the above CORE courses have been waived or granted Advanced Standing due to previous or transferred work, the following courses will take priority as substitutions (in this order): TH 545-Spiritual Formation, BE 521-Essentials of Biblical Exposition, and TH 561-Values and Ethics.

### *Master of Arts in Christian Studies*

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Master of Arts in Christian Studies (MACS) program is to equip students with knowledge in biblical, theological, historical and ethical studies that will increase their Christian faith and witness.

**OBJECTIVES:** Graduates of the MACS program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Utilize the Church’s historical and theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
3. Communicate biblical and theological truths through preaching, teaching, writing, or in such other ways as may be appropriate.
4. Serve with Christian character in their personal and professional lives.

* CORE .....	18
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)
CHRISTIAN STUDIES .....	18
Old Testament Intensive	(3)
New Testament Intensive	(6)
Theology Intensive	(3)
HI 522 Church History	(3)
TH 561 Values and Ethics	(3)
TOTAL .....	36

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### *Master of Arts in Leadership*

**PURPOSE:** The Master of Arts in Leadership (MAL) program provides biblical, theoretical, and practical instruction that prepares men and women to assume positions of influence in churches, ministries, and other organizations. By addressing the follower and the leader perspectives from a biblical approach, the MAL offers a fresh Christian viewpoint to the leader/follower relationship.

**OBJECTIVES:** Graduates of the MAL program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Articulate a biblical philosophy of leading/following consistent with their vocation.
3. Apply Christian leader/follower principles with excellence.
4. Utilize leader/follower theory and the Bible to diagnose and/or design organizations that glorify God.

*CORE .....	18
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)

LEADERSHIP STUDIES . . . . .	18
**LD 511 Leader/Follower Theories and Practice (3)	
**LD 512 Theological Foundations of Leading and Following (3) (formerly LD 501)	
<b>Choose four of the following:</b>	
LD 513 Leader/Follower Values and Ethics (3) (formerly LD 502)	
LD 514 Leader/Follower Development (formerly LD 506) (3)	
LD 515 Principles of Strategic Planning (formerly LD 503) (3)	
LD 516 Conflict Resolution (formerly LD 505) (3)	
LD 517 Servant Leadership (formerly LD 504) (3)	
LD 518 Becoming a Following-Leader (3)	
 TOTAL . . . . .	 36

\* When any of the above CORE courses have been waived or granted Advanced Standing due to previous or transferred work, the following courses will take priority as substitutions (in this order): TH 545-Spiritual Formation, BE 521-Essentials of Biblical Exposition, and EV 520-Theology and Practice of Evangelism.

\*\* These courses are required and are a prerequisite for taking further electives

### *Master of Divinity*

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program is to provide for those pursuing vocational Christian ministry a wide variety of knowledge and skills including biblical, theological, historical, and practical studies. **The student may choose between two tracks of study: 1) Christian Ministry and 2) Apologetics.**

#### **MINISTRY TRACK**

OBJECTIVES: Graduates of the MDIV in Ministry program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Utilize the Church’s historical and theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
3. Articulate a biblical philosophy of ministry consistent with their vocation.
4. Communicate biblical and theological truths through preaching, teaching, writing, or in such other ways as may be appropriate.
5. Evaluate and develop ministries in light of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
6. Accurately and empathetically evaluate people and their personal circumstances and provide appropriate pastoral care or referral.
7. Lead in developing goals and designing and implementing ministry.
8. Serve with Christian character in their personal and professional lives.

CORE .....	27
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 545 Spiritual Formation	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)
EV 520 Theology and Practice of Evangelism	(3)
BE 521 Essentials of Biblical Exposition or	
BE 523 Christian Rhetoric	(3)
 HISTORICAL STUDIES .....	 6
HI 522 Church History	(3)
HI 622 American Christianity	(3)
 CHURCH MINISTRIES .....	 27
CM 701 Church Ministry and Management	(3)
CM 520 Ministerial Duties	(3)
CM 530 Educational Ministries	(3)
MI 520 Missions Perspectives	(3)
BE 522 Practical Biblical Communication	(3)
TH 561 Values and Ethics	(3)
EV 710 Principles of Church Growth	(3)
CO 620 Biblical Counseling in Marriage and Family	(3)
LD 503 Principles of Strategic Planning	(3)
 ELECTIVES .....	 30
 TOTAL .....	 90

## **APOLOGETICS TRACK**

**OBJECTIVES:** Graduates of the MDIV in Apologetics program will be prepared to:

1. Accurately interpret the Bible in light of its historical-grammatical context.
2. Utilize the Church's historical and theological heritage as an important resource in their personal spiritual development and ministry.
3. Articulate a biblical philosophy of ministry consistent with their vocation.
4. Communicate biblical and theological truths through preaching, teaching, writing, or in such other ways as may be appropriate.
5. Evaluate and develop ministries in light of the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
6. Accurately and empathetically evaluate people and their personal circumstances and provide appropriate pastoral care or referral.
7. Lead in developing goals and designing and implementing ministry.
8. Serve with Christian character in their personal and professional lives.
9. Articulate a comprehensive rational and biblical defense of the truth of Christianity, including (a) philosophical foundations for truth and the knowability of reality, (b) the existence and attributes of God, and (c) the truth of Christianity.

10. Articulate thorough responses to major objections to Christianity including skepticism, the problem of evil, attacks on the integrity and trustworthiness of the Scriptures.
11. Articulate thorough refutations of non-Christian views including postmodernism, non-traditional belief systems, world religions, atheism, and secular world views.

CORE .....	27
RW 500 Introduction to Theological Research and Writing	(0)
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction	(3)
NT 520 New Testament Introduction	(3)
TH 525 Systematic Theology I	(3)
TH 526 Systematic Theology II	(3)
TH 545 Spiritual Formation	(3)
TH 530 Hermeneutics	(3)
TH 535 Apologetics	(3)
EV 520 Theology and Practice of Evangelism	(3)
BE 521 Essentials of Biblical Exposition or	
BE 523 Christian Rhetoric	(3)
HISTORICAL STUDIES.....	6
HI 522 Church History	(3)
HI 622 American Christianity	(3)
CHURCH MINISTRIES .....	27
CM 701 Church Ministry and Management	(3)
CM 520 Ministerial Duties	(3)
CM 530 Educational Ministries	(3)
MI 520 Missions Perspectives	(3)
BE 522 Practical Biblical Communication	(3)
TH 561 Values and Ethics	(3)
EV 710 Principles of Church Growth	(3)
CO 620 Biblical Counseling in Marriage and Family	(3)
LD 503 Principles of Strategic Planning	(3)
APOLOGETICS .....	18
TH 562 Issues in Ethics	(3)
PH 520 Logic	(3)
MI 620 World Religions	(3)
MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs	(3)
TH 536 Seminar in Apologetics	(3)
TH 537 Seminar in Apologetics	(3)
ELECTIVES .....	12
TOTAL .....	90

## MASTER-LEVEL COURSE CYCLE

With three modes of study, LRSU students have unparalleled flexibility in scheduling their coursework. Campus, online, and modular 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 three-year recurring cycle is as follows. MI 630—Missions Practicum—is offered as available in connection with LRSU mission trips; RW 500—Introduction to Theological Research & Writing is offered every month. **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.**

### 2010-2011

#### FALL

##### August Modules

- CM 711 Intern Practicum
- MI 630 Missions Practicum
- TH 525 Systematic Theology I

##### On-Campus Classes

- BE 521 Essentials of Bib Exposition
- CO 526 Foundations of Bib Counseling
- CO 626 Bib Coun Iss, Eth, Leg Concerns
- HI 522 Church History
- LD 512 Theo Found of Leading & Follow
- LD 516 Conflict Resolution
- MI 520 Missions Perspectives
- NT 523 Jesus and the Gospels
- NT 701 Revelation
- OT 520 Old Testament Introduction
- TH 525 Systematic Theology I
- TH 535 Apologetics
- TH 561 Values and Ethics

##### Online Courses

- RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writing
- BE 522 Practical Biblical Communication
- CM 520 Ministerial Duties
- CM 530 Educational Ministries
- CO 528 Bib Coun and Helping Skills
- CO 620 Bib Coun in Marriage and Family
- EV 520 Theology and Practice of Evang
- GR 531 Greek Grammar I
- LD 517 Servant Leadership
- MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs
- NT 530 New Testament Theology
- OT 615 Minor Prophets
- OT 624 Daniel
- TH 530 Hermeneutics
- TH 562 Issues in Ethics

#### SPRING

##### January Modules

- MI 630 Missions Practicum
- NT 701 Revelation
- TH 526 Systematic Theology II
- TH 536 Seminary in Apologetics

##### On-Campus Classes

- BE 522 Practical Biblical Comm
- CO 528 Bib Coun and Helping Skills
- CO 620 Bib Coun in Marr and Fam
- EV 520 Theo and Prac of Evangelism
- HI 622 American Christianity
- LD 513 Leader/Follower Val and Eth
- LD 514 Leader/Follower Dev
- NT 520 New Testament Intro
- NT 610 Romans
- OT 624 Daniel
- TH 526 Systematic Theology II
- TH 530 Hermeneutics
- TH 545 Spiritual Formation
- TH 562 Issues in Ethics

##### Online Courses

- RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writ
- BE 521 Ess of Biblical Exposition
- CO 626 Bib Coun Iss, Eth, Leg Con
- CO 628 Bib Counseling Method
- GR 532 Greek Grammar II
- HI 522 Church History
- LD 516 Conflict Resolution
- MI 520 Missions Perspectives
- NT 524 I Corinthians
- OT 530 Old Testament Theology
- PH 520 Logic
- TH 535 Apologetics
- TH 561 Values and Ethics
- TH 710 Ecclesiology

## **SUMMER**

### Online Courses

BE 521	Essentials of Biblical Exposition	NT 605	John
CM 520	Ministerial Duties	NT 606	Acts
CM 701	Church Min and Management	NT 520	New Testament Introduction
CO 526	Found of Bib Counseling	NT 523	Jesus and the Gospels
ED 520	Methods of Teaching	OT 624	Daniel
EV 520	Theo and Practice of Evangelism	RW 500	Intro to Theo Res and Writ
EV 710	Prin of Church Growth	TH 730	Worldviews and Origins
HI 522	Church History		
LD 514	Leader/Follower Dev		
MI 620	World Religions		
MI 630	Missions Perspectives		



*Excited Graduate*

## 2011-2012

### **FALL**

#### August Modules

CM 711 Intern Practicum

#### On-Campus Classes

BE 521 Essentials of Biblical Exposition  
CM 520 Ministerial Duties  
CM 530 Educational Ministries  
CO 626 Bib Coun Iss, Eth, & Leg Con  
EV 710 Principles of Church Growth  
HI 622 American Christianity  
LD 515 Principles of Strategic Planning  
NT 520 New Testament Introduction  
NT 610 Romans  
TH 526 Systematic Theology II  
TH 530 Hermeneutics  
TH 561 Values and Ethics  
TH 710 Ecclesiology

#### Online Courses

RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writing  
BE 523 Christian Rhetoric  
CM 701 Church Ministry and Mgmt  
CO 526 Foundations of Bib Counseling  
CO 628 Bib Couns Methodology  
GR 531 Greek Grammar I  
HI 522 Church History  
LD 512 Theo Found of Leading & Follow  
MI 520 Missions Perspectives  
NT 530 New Testament Theology  
NT 610 Romans  
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction  
OT 620 Genesis  
TH 525 Systematic Theology I  
TH 535 Apologetics  
TH 545 Spiritual Formation

### **SUMMER**

#### Online Courses

BE 522 Prac Biblical Comm  
LD 515 Prin of Strategic Planning  
MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs  
PH 520 Logic  
RW 500 Intro to Res and Writing  
TH 535 Apologetics  
TH 536 Seminar in Apologetics

### **SPRING**

#### January Modules

NT 525 Life of Paul

#### On-Campus Classes

BE 522 Practical Biblical Comm  
CO 628 Bib Counseling Method  
HI 522 Church History  
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction  
NT 701 Revelation  
TH 525 Systematic Theology I  
TH 720 Eschatology

#### Online Courses

RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writ  
BE 521 Essentials of Bib Exposition  
CM 520 Ministerial Duties  
CO 528 Bib Coun and Helping Skills  
CO 620 Bib Coun in Marr and Fam  
GR 532 Greek Grammar II  
HI 622 American Christianity  
LD 513 Leader/Follower Val and Eth  
LD 515 Prin of Strategic Planning  
NT 520 New Testament Introduction  
NT 523 Jesus and the Gospels  
OT 624 Daniel  
TH 526 Systematic Theology II  
TH 561 Values and Ethics  
TH 710 Ecclesiology  
CO 629 Bib Cris Coun/Pastoral Care  
LD 517 Servant Leadership  
TH 530 Hermeneutics

TH 545 Spiritual Formation  
TH 526 Systematic Theology II  
TH 730 Worldviews and Origins  
TH 720 Eschatology

## 2012-2013

### FALL

#### August Modules

CM 520 Ministerial Duties  
CM 711 Intern Practicum  
CO 528 Bib Coun and Helping Skills  
MI 630 Missions Practicum

#### On-Campus Classes

BE 521 Essentials of Biblical Exposition  
CM 520 Ministerial Duties  
CM 530 Education Ministries  
CM 701 Church Ministry and Man  
CO 620 Bib Counseling in Marr and Fam  
EV 520 Theo and Practice of Evangelism  
LD 512 Theo Foun of Leading & Follow  
LD 513 Leader/Follower Values & Ethics  
NT 605 John  
NT 520 New Testament Introduction  
OT 620 Genesis  
TH 526 Systematic Theology II  
TH 530 Hermeneutics

#### Online Courses

BE 522 Practical Bib Communication  
CO 526 Found of Biblical Counseling  
HE 530 Hebrew Grammar I  
HI 522 Church History  
LD 515 Prin of Strategic Planning  
MI 520 Missions Perspectives  
NT 530 New Testament Theology  
NT 610 Romans  
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction  
OT 615 Minor Prophets  
PH 520 Logic  
RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writing  
TH 525 Systemic Theology I  
TH 545 Spiritual Formation  
TH 730 Worldviews and Origins  
TH 562 Issues in Ethics

### SUMMER

#### Online Courses

BE 550 Pastoral Preaching  
BE 523 Christian Rhetoric  
CS 501 Prin of Computer Mgmt  
CM 705 Financial Planning  
CO 626 Bib Coun Iss, Eth, & Leg Con  
CO 629 Bib Cris Couns/Pastoral Care  
ED 520 Methods of Teaching  
EV 710 Prin of Church Growth  
HE 620 Hebrew Syntax  
LD 512 Theo Found of Lead & Follow  
LD 516 Conflict Resolution  
MI 520 Missions Perspectives  
MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs  
NT 520 New Testament Introduction

### SPRING

#### January Modules

CO 620 Bib Coun in Marr and Fam  
MI 625 Non-Traditional Beliefs  
MI 630 Missions Practicum  
TH 536 Seminar in Apologetics

#### On-Campus Classes

BE 522 Prac Biblical Comm  
CM 725 Family Education Ministries  
CO 526 Foundations of Bib Coun  
CO 628 Biblical Counseling Meth  
ED 520 Methods of Teaching  
EV 710 Prin of Church Growth  
HI 522 Church History  
LD 515 Prin of Strategic Planning  
LD 517 Servant Leadership  
NT 606 Acts  
OT 520 Old Testament Introduction  
TH 525 Systematic Theology I  
TH 535 Apologetics

#### Online Courses

BE 521 Essentials of Bib Exposition  
CM 520 Ministerial Duties  
CM 701 Church Min and Management  
CO 528 Bib Coun and Helping Skills  
HE 531 Hebrew Grammar II  
HI 622 American Christianity  
LD 513 Leader/Follower Val & Eth  
MI 620 World Religions  
NT 520 New Testament Intro  
NT 523 Jesus and the Gospels  
OT 620 Genesis  
RW 500 Intro to Theo Res and Writ  
TH 526 Systematic Theology II  
TH 710 Ecclesiology  
TH 561 Values and Ethics

NT 524 First Corinthians  
NT 701 Revelation  
OT 520 Old Testament Intro  
OT 530 Old Testament Theology  
OT 622 Isaiah  
RW 500 Intro to Th Res and Writing  
TH 525 Systematic Theology I  
TH 535 Apologetics  
TH 536 Seminar in Apologetics  
TH 561 Values and Ethics  
TH 720 Eschatology

## MASTER LEVEL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### BIBLICAL EXPOSITION

**BE 521 ESSENTIALS OF BIBLICAL EXPOSITION** *Three hours*

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, effective delivery, and problems of exposition. Emphasis is upon the accurate interpretation of the text and its relevant application to a contemporary audience.

**BE 522 PRACTICAL BIBLICAL COMMUNICATION** *Three hours*

*Prerequisite: BE 521 or BE 523*

*BE 522 Online requires the student to possess or have access to a digital camcorder and a high-speed internet connection to submit preaching videos via email attachment.*

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 content, structure, and delivery.

**BE 523 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 Preaching (BE 521).

**BE 550 PASTORAL PREACHING** *Three hours*

*Prerequisite: BE 521 or BE 523*

A study of the role of preaching as it relates to the office and ministry of the local church pastor. Course material and discussions will focus on the selection of Bible texts/books and the preparation of sermons to meet the needs of the contemporary church family. Topics studied will include understanding the congregation for pastoral preaching and biblical exposition with the role of the Holy Spirit in sermon planning and development as an effective means of extending the ministry of the pastor. A planned preaching program will be devised.

### CHURCH MINISTRIES

**CM 520 MINISTERIAL DUTIES** *Three hours*

A study of the various administrative, pastoral, and ministerial roles of those who provide spiritual leadership to a local congregation. Practical methodologies of those serving in such roles, whether as senior pastors or staff ministers, will be explored. This study also looks at practical matters of the servant's day-to-day personal, social, and professional life, how a declining moral culture can adversely affect these, and how such negative influence can be countered.

**CM 530 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES** *(formerly ED 530) Three hours*

A general overview of Church Christian Education. The primary focus will be on the church and its organizations; however, related fields of biblical education and church ministry will also be examined.

CM 701 CHURCH MINISTRY AND MANAGEMENT *Three hours*  
(formerly ED 710)

A study of the officers of the church--both staff and lay personnel. Specific duties of church officers and staff will be closely examined. The concept of team ministries will be studied along with a view of the role of individual responsibilities within the team. The role of the pastor will be examined in relationship to other members of the staff as well as to lay workers in the church. The place of church doctrine within the church administration and ministry will also be emphasized.

CM 705 FINANCIAL PLANNING (formerly ED 705) *Three hours*

A study of church stewardship planning based on biblical principles. It is a study of what God has to say about financial practices coupled with standard bookkeeping methodology. It defines the work of the church treasurer, financial secretary, budget, finance committee, and other church financial officers and terms.

CM 725 FAMILY EDUCATION MINISTRIES *Three hours*  
(formerly ED 725)

A course designed to teach the scope and purpose of the multiple ministries of the local church to the family. Some church-related family ministries which may reach beyond the confines of the church will also be discussed. The Christian school and other avenues of ministry to children and youth will also be treated.

CM 711 INTERN PRACTICUM *Three hours each*  
*Prerequisites: TH 530, BE 521, OT 520, NT 520, TH 525, TH 526, TH 545, EV 520*

The Intern Practicum is a practical application of ministry goals and skills through Ministry Action Assignments under field supervision.

CM 712 MILITARY CHAPLAINCY PRACTICUM *Three hours*

Students who are engaged in military chaplaincy may receive course credit for these activities. In order to receive credit students must document 180 hours of supervised "course" work. Documentation shall consist of the student submitting a time log indicating the amount of time spent in chaplaincy activities (classroom instruction, group activities, supervised ministry, video-based learning, reading assignments, co-supervision duties, written assignments, audio-based learning, counseling, and interpersonal ministry). The student shall also submit an evaluation letter from his or her immediate supervisor. The letter should include the student's name, the dates of the student's practicum/internship activities, the number of hours for which the student received supervision, a description of the student's practicum/internship activities, a general evaluation of the student's ministry potential, and an evaluation of the student's overall practicum/internship experience based on the following scale: superior, good, average, poor.

CM 713 PRISON MINISTRY PRACTICUM *Three hours*

Students who are engaged in prison ministry may receive course credit for these activities. In order to receive credit students must document 180 hours of supervised "course" work. Documentation shall consist of the student submitting a time log indicating the amount of time spent in chaplaincy activities (classroom instruction, group activities, supervised ministry, video-based learning, reading assignments, co-supervision duties, written assignments, audio-based learning, counseling, and interpersonal ministry). The student shall also submit an evaluation letter from his or her immediate supervisor. The letter should include the student's name, the dates

of the student's practicum/internship activities, the number of hours for which the student received supervision, a description of the student's practicum/internship activities, a general evaluation of the student's ministry potential, and an evaluation of the student's overall practicum/internship experience based on the following scale: superior, good, average, poor.

**CM 714 HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY PRACTICUM** *Three hours*

Students who are engaged in hospital chaplaincy may receive course credit for these activities. In order to receive credit students must document 180 hours of supervised "course" work. Documentation shall consist of the student submitting a time log indicating the amount of time spent in chaplaincy activities (classroom instruction, group activities, supervised ministry, video-based learning, reading assignments, co-supervision duties, written assignments, audio-based learning, counseling, and interpersonal ministry). The student shall also submit an evaluation letter from his or her immediate supervisor. The letter should include the student's name, the dates of the student's practicum/internship activities, the number of hours for which the student received supervision, a description of the student's practicum/internship activities, a general evaluation of the student's ministry potential, and an evaluation of the student's overall practicum/internship experience based on the following scale: superior, good, average, poor.

**BIBLICAL COUNSELING**

**CO 526 FOUNDATIONS OF BIBLICAL COUNSELING** *Three hours*

This course introduces the student to the principles of Biblical counseling. The course includes a study of the counseling process, the believer's new identity, the nature of the flesh, characteristics of the flesh, journey to the cross, the believer's victory, the Exchanged Life, Spirituotherapy, living in dependence on Christ, and growing in grace.

**CO 528 BIBLICAL COUNSELING AND HELPING SKILLS** *Three hours*

This is a practical course designed to improve your counseling listening and helping skills. Subjects studied include active listening, empathy, advanced empathy, concreteness, confrontation, self-disclosure and other techniques designed to facilitate the counseling process. In addition, you will study specific techniques and skills related to the broad categories of attending, listening, responding, values clarification, decision-making, and action planning. The course is both didactic and experiential - we will practice many of the skills with each other during the learning labs.

**CO 620 BIBLICAL COUNSELING IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

*Three hours*

This course introduces the student to marriage and family counseling. The student will be introduced to an analysis of marriage, family, and parenting dynamics from a biblical perspective. Eight Christian approaches to counseling couples are surveyed. The foundations of a godly family and the structure of the counseling process are also examined. The importance of living the Christian life as a husband, wife, or counselor -- as empowered by God's grace will be emphasized throughout.

**CO 626 BIBLICAL COUNSELING ISSUES, ETHICS, AND LEGAL CONCERNS** *Three hours*

A survey of the professional, ethical, and legal issues related to the practice of Christian individual, marital, and family counseling. Topics covered include ethical decision-making, multiculturalism, confidentiality, multiple relationships, boundaries, and codes of ethics.

**CO 628 BIBLICAL COUNSELING METHODOLOGY** *Three hours*  
*Prerequisite: CO 526*

The course is designed to introduce the student to and familiarize the student with the specific methodological techniques used in the biblical counseling process. After examining some of the techniques used by those who are under the broad umbrella of psychotherapy the focus will be narrowed to the methodologies used in the biblical counseling process model. Some of the methodologies examined include the presenting problem, taking a personal (social) history, identifying and diagramming fleshly living patterns, the use of Scripture, visual aids, and homework in the active counseling stage, the forgiveness exercise, and the need for continuing education in the discipleship process.

**CO 629 BIBLICAL CRISIS COUNSELING AND PASTORAL CARE** *Three hours*

This course introduces the student to the interpersonal dynamics of crisis counseling from a biblically-based and Christ-centered perspective. The student will be presented with an overview of the crises that can impact the individual and the family and will be given practical ministry guidelines to promote pastoral care and healing. The course will include instruction on the application of biblical principles to crisis situations, practical guidance in helping others recover from the losses of life, the phases of a crisis, and the process of crisis intervention. Topics will include trauma, death, suicide, loss, and grief and their impact on the family unit including children and adolescents.

**CO 700 BIBLICAL COUNSELING PRACTICUM** *Three hours*  
*Prerequisites: CO 526, CO 528, and CO 628*

Prior to enrollment in the practicum, the student must secure permission from the LRSU Counseling Department. Practicums may be completed by means of either an eight-week full-time internship, an extended part-time internship, or a combination two-week on site and resource based curriculum. All practicums are based on 180 documented hours. Students, who have already completed an AELM internship or AELM Advanced Training may receive credit for this practicum. For more information, the prospective or enrolled MABC student should consult the CO 700 Guidesheet/Syllabus available through the Biblical Counseling Department. The CO 700 Practicum can sometimes take up to one year or longer to complete. Students in the MABC degree program should contact the chairman of the Biblical Counseling Department for a consultation at least one year prior to their anticipated graduation date.

**COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**CS 501 PRINCIPLES OF COMPUTER MANAGEMENT** *Three hours*

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.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### ED 520 METHODS OF TEACHING

*Three hours*

A survey course covering general methodology of instruction within the classroom. The methods considered will be appropriate for both church education and Christian day school classes. Attention will be given to aims and objectives, unit organization and preparation, study habits, and measuring the results of instruction. The course is designed to improve the ability of the Christian worker in the preparation and presentation of lesson materials. Emphasis will be given to creative and practical work, and age/grade differences will be considered. The use of the Bible in teaching all subjects will be strongly emphasized.

## EVANGELISM

### EV 520 THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE OF EVANGELISM

*Three hours*

A study of the supreme task of evangelism. The theology of evangelism, methods of evangelism for personal witnessing and for church outreach, and contemporary challenges to evangelism are discussed. A practical component of the course contributes to the cultivation of an evangelistic mindset and lifestyle, moving the study from theology to praxis.

### EV 710 PRINCIPLES OF CHURCH GROWTH

*Three hours*

A study of various means which promote church growth.

## GREEK/HEBREW

### GR 531 GREEK GRAMMAR I

*Three hours*

This is an introduction to basic Greek grammar, vocabulary, and translation.

### GR 532 GREEK GRAMMAR II

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: GR 531*

This course is a continuation of GR 531, emphasizing third declension nouns, secondary tenses, moods, and irregular verbs.

### GR 620 INTERMEDIATE GREEK GRAMMAR

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: GR 532*

This is an advanced study introducing Greek syntax that emphasizes noun cases and verb moods.

### GR 621 GREEK EXEGESIS

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: GR 620*

This continues GR 620, emphasizing verb tenses, participles, infinitives, and clauses.

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HE 530 HEBREW GRAMMAR I *Three hours*  
An introduction to the fundamentals of Hebrew grammar and syntax. In this course, the student will develop basic skills in translation and will assimilate a vocabulary of the most common biblical Hebrew words.

HE 531 HEBREW GRAMMAR II *Three hours*  
*Prerequisite: HE 530*  
A continuation of Hebrew I with an increased emphasis upon efficiency in the use of lexical and exegetical tools.

HE 620 HEBREW SYNTAX *Three hours*  
*Prerequisite: HE 531*  
A study of advanced grammar and syntax designed to increase the student's ability in the translation and analysis of the Old Testament Hebrew text.

## **CHURCH HISTORY**

HI 522 CHURCH HISTORY *Three hours*  
An overview of church history from the Apostolic Age to the present, noting doctrinal developments, major movements, and key figures in the history of the church.

HI 622 AMERICAN CHRISTIANITY *Three hours*  
A study of the origin, growth, and contributions of Christianity in America.

## **LEADERSHIP**

LD 511 LEADER/FOLLOWER THEORIES AND PRACTICE *Three hours*  
This course is a prerequisite to leadership electives and involves the study of the historical development of leader theory and follower theory. With an understanding of leader/follower theory, the student is able to integrate a biblical worldview that clarifies the application of leader/follower theory within organizations.

LD 512 THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF LEADING AND FOLLOWING *Three hours*  
*(formerly LD 501)*  
This course is a prerequisite to leadership electives and involves the study of foundational theological principles related to the development and exercise of Christian leading and following. Combining the use of proper biblical exposition and an understanding of leading from the New Testament, students will learn fundamental concepts that distinguish biblical leading/following from secular models. TH 530 is highly recommended before taking this course.

LD 513 LEADER/FOLLOWER VALUES AND ETHICS *Three hours*  
*(formerly LD 502)*  
*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

This course focuses on how values and ethics are established and managed in ministry and how they are influenced by the personal beliefs, values and ethical standards of the individual leader/follower. This study examines how churches or Christian organizations can induce change that impacts the cultural values of the organization.

LD 514 LEADER/FOLLOWER DEVELOPMENT *Three hours*  
(formerly LD 506)

*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

This course helps students understand the internal, external, and divine influences impacting leader and follower development. Various components of leader/follower development are explored with an emphasis on personal development through spiritual formation and transformational processes.

LD 515 PRINCIPLES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING *Three hours*  
(formerly LD 503)

*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

This course examines the critical elements involved in strategic thinking and planning, particularly as it relates to the mission of the organization. Students will learn to apply the principles of systemic thinking and action to move churches, organizations, ministries, departments, and other groups toward the fulfillment of their God-given mission. Attention is given to the development of organizational core values and vision.

LD 516 CONFLICT RESOLUTION (formerly LD 505) *Three hours*

*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

Change is considered inevitable; however, it remains a major source of conflict within organizations. This course equips students to apply biblical principles to personal, ministry, and group conflict and considers effective models for leading congregational change with minimal conflict. Attention is given to the processes of implementing change within an organization and decision-making processes.

LD 517 SERVANT LEADERSHIP (formerly LD 504) *Three hours*

*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

This course involves a study of biblical “servanthood” and spiritual formation as the essence of Christian leading. Students will examine biblical models of this transformational approach to leading and develop a ministry philosophy for practicing and applying this leader style within the organization.

LD 518 BECOMING A FOLLOWING-LEADER *Three hours*

*Prerequisites: LD 511, LD 512*

As a Christian, understanding one’s call to lead is predicated upon one’s initial call to follow the person and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. This course will enable the student to identify key areas of following in his or her own life, and provide the necessary tools to embed a culture of following in organizations resulting in greater service and impact. Maintaining a follower first philosophy allows the student to serve more effectively and with greater personal fulfillment.

## **MISSIONS**

MI 520 MISSIONS PERSPECTIVES *Three hours*

A survey of the theology, history, problems, and strategies of the Christian missionary movement.

MI 620 WORLD RELIGIONS *Three hours*

An analysis of the world’s major religions and their contrast with biblical Christianity, including Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and others.

MI 625 NON-TRADITIONAL BELIEFS *Three hours*  
A study of the history and theology of contemporary aberrant religious movements in comparison with biblical Christianity. Strategies for reaching members of such groups with the true Gospel are discussed.

MI 630 MISSIONS PRACTICUM *Three hours*  
A mission trip to a foreign country to acquaint the student with missionary life and work. Assignments include detailing the history and culture of the target people group and a variety of practical hands-on ministries, depending on the needs of the mission team.

## NEW TESTAMENT

NT 520 NEW TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION *Three hours*  
An examination of the elements related to the composition of the New Testament writings (authorship, date, setting, purpose, critical issues, etc.) and an evaluation of various views and methods in biblical scholarship today.

NT 523 JESUS AND THE GOSPELS *Three hours*  
A careful examination of the canonical witness to Jesus Christ and a critique of contemporary Jesus studies.

NT 524 FIRST CORINTHIANS *Three hours*  
An in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the New Testament epistle of 1 Corinthians. First Corinthians identifies the kinds of problems faced by the first century church and Paul's solutions to them.

NT 525 LIFE OF PAUL *Three hours*  
An in-depth study of the life of the apostle Paul, giving attention to his historical and cultural roots, conversion, personal experiences, writings, and missionary journeys.

NT 530 NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY *Three hours*  
An analysis of the unique theological perspectives of each of the New Testament authors and their writings. The complementary contributions of each author contribute to a unified theology of the New Testament canon.

NT 605 GOSPEL OF JOHN *Three hours*  
An in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the Gospel of John. John presents Jesus as Son of God and God's plan of salvation.

NT 606 ACTS *Three hours*  
An in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the New Testament book of Acts. Acts records the formation and expansion of the early church.

**NT 610 ROMANS**

*Three hours*

An in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis 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 701 REVELATION**

*Three hours*

An in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the prophetic and apocalyptic epistle of Revelation. Revelation unveils Jesus Christ as the central figure in the culmination of God's redemptive program.

**OLD TESTAMENT**

**OT 520 OLD TESTAMENT INTRODUCTION**

*Three hours*

An examination of the canon, text, and interpretation of the Old Testament, including an introduction to various critical approaches to biblical studies. The study refutes naturalistic, higher critical understandings of the text and defends the historic Christian view of the Old Testament Scriptures (2 Tim 3:16).

**OT 530 OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY**

*Three hours*

An examination of the dominant themes and the development of theological concepts of the Old Testament. The unique marks of each period and author are seen as complementary, contributing to a unified theology of the Old Testament canon. Emphasis is upon the progressive revelation of God.

**OT 615 MINOR PROPHETS**

*Three hours*

A general survey of the Old Testament minor prophets focusing on the historical background, authorship, analysis, and expositional value of each book.

**OT 620 GENESIS**

*Three hours*

A study of the historical background, authorship, and analysis of the first book of the Bible with a special emphasis being given to the expository treatment of the text. This course also will deal with many of the critical issues pertaining to this historical book.

**OT 622 ISAIAH**

*Three hours*

An analytical and expository survey emphasizing the historical setting, authorship, and prophetic nature of the book of Isaiah.

**OT 624 DANIEL**

*Three hours*

An analytical study of Daniel from the premillennial standpoint, noting the historical and cultural context of the book and its relationship to the Book of Revelation. Emphasis will be given to the prophetic sections of the book.

## **PHILOSOPHY**

### **PH 520 LOGIC**

*Three hours*

A study of the major divisions of traditional logic: Categorical (categorical syllogisms with proofs of validity), Truth-Functional (truth tables, rules of replacement and inference and formal proofs), and Informal (induction, scientific reasoning, informal fallacies).

## **RESEARCH AND WRITING**

### **RW 500 INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WRITING**

*No credit*

An introductory survey of basic research and writing skills that are required of graduate 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 is offered monthly. Students must take the course prior to their second semester of classes.

## **THEOLOGY**

### **TH 525 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY I**

*Three hours*

A systematic study of the following doctrines: Bibliology, Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology and Angelology.

### **TH 526 SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY II**

*Three hours*

A systematic study of the following doctrines: Anthropology, Hamartiology, Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.

### **TH 530 HERMENEUTICS**

*Three hours*

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.

### **TH 535 APOLOGETICS**

*Three hours*

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" (1 Pe 3.15).

### **TH 536 SEMINAR IN APOLOGETICS**

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: TH 535*

An analysis of a particular issue or figure relevant to apologetics including Contemporary Atheism, the evolution/creation debate, biblical Inerrancy, truth and postmodern thought, and others. May be taken more than once as topics vary.

TH 537 SEMINAR IN APOLOGETICS

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: TH 535*

An analysis of a particular issue or figure relevant to apologetics including Contemporary Atheism, the evolution/creation debate, biblical Inerrancy, truth and postmodern thought, and others. May be taken more than once as topics vary.

TH 545 SPIRITUAL FORMATION

*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.

TH 561 VALUES AND ETHICS

*Three hours*

A study of Christian morality from a biblical perspective. This course surveys the complex moral issues faced by modern men and women and provides Bible-based solutions to the ethical dilemmas of contemporary life in a post-modern age.

TH 562 ISSUES IN ETHICS

*Three hours*

*Prerequisite: TH 561*

An analysis of a particular issue or figure relevant to contemporary ethics including Moral Relativism, the Legislation of Morality, Gender Roles and the Bible, Truth and Postmodern Thought, Sanctity of Life in Modern Society, and others. May be taken more than once as topics vary.

TH 710 ECCLESIOLOGY

*Three hours*

An examination of the distinctive nature of the church--its origin, mission, and destiny. Contemporary understandings and challenges are considered from a biblical perspective.

TH 720 ESCHATOLOGY

*Three hours*

An examination of the foundations of premillennialism; Israel, the nations, and the church in prophecy; the rapture; the tribulation; the millennium; the judgments; and the eternal state.

TH 730 WORLD VIEWS AND ORIGINS

*Three hours*

A study of the evidences for and implications of competing views of origins. Scientific creationism, intelligent design, theistic evolution, and naturalism are considered.