

BACHELOR-LEVEL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all courses are calculated at three (3) credit hours.

AP: Apologetics

AP 3901—World Views

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

AP 3902—Introduction to Christian Thought

This course is an introduction to the intellectual underpinnings of Western Christian thought, with an emphasis on Hebraic, Roman, and Greek influences, and how certain cultural trends are eroding those foundations.

AP 3903—Apologetic Methods

This course examines various Christian apologetic methods including classical, evidential, presuppositional, reformed, and cumulative case with the goal of providing a comparative analysis for determining each method's merits and demerits.

AP 4904—Defending the Christian Faith

This course is a study of the rational defense of the Christian faith, in response to various contemporary objections, with an emphasis on the biblical justification for defending the faith.

AP 4905—Christianity and Culture

This course serves as an introduction to the relationship between the Christian worldview and contemporary society, with a primary emphasis on providing students the theoretical foundation for integrating their faith into every sphere of their lives, with a view toward exploring the various apologetic implications.

BH: Biblical Hermeneutics

BH 1200—Biblical Interpretation

This course examines the basic principles and specific guidelines of biblical interpretation with a focus on the historical-grammatical interpretation and 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.

BU: Business

BU 2500—Personal Finance

This course consists of a Biblically-based survey 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.

CO: Counseling

CO 2700—Introduction to Biblical Counseling

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.

CO 2701—Theological Foundations in Biblical Counseling

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.

CO 3702—Methodology in Biblical Counseling

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.

CO 4703—Marriage and Family Counseling

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

CO 4704—Biblical Counseling in Ministry

This course provides an overview of common counseling issues that arise when working with children, adolescents, and adults. Specific skills and techniques essential to helping individuals and families in the context of church, community, and society will be evaluated. This course is designed to provide practical information for the biblical counselor working with people in a variety of age groups in a church or community ministry setting.

EN: English

EN 1101—English Composition I

Required in first semester for all incoming bachelor students who have no transfer credit. 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 1102—English Composition II

Prerequisite: EN 1101

Required in second semester for all incoming bachelor students who have no transfer credit. 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 2103—Public Speech

This course 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 2104—World Literature

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

EN 2105—British Literature

This course introduces the major periods, genres, and works of British literature, and initiates students in literary interpretation and scholarship. This course will also encourage students to consider the overlap of literature and faith, specifically the ways that Church history and the Christian worldview have shaped English literature.

EV: Evangelism

EV 3402—Personal Evangelism

This course introduces students to theological and practical issues related to the Great Commission. Special attention is given in this course to understanding: 1) the nature of the gospel and the Great Commission; 2) effective means of sharing the gospel in contemporary cultural contexts; and 3) effective responses to challenges to the gospel.

HI: History

HI 1101—World Civilizations I

This course 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 1102—World Civilizations II

This course is a study of the economic, cultural, and political developments of world civilization from the Renaissance to the present day. Secondary emphasis is placed upon the role of belief systems and their effects on civilization.

HI 2300—Church History

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

MA: Mathematics

MA 1600—College Algebra

This course is an introductory course in algebra. The course introduces fundamental topics in algebra such as linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, polynomials, and functions.

MI: Missions

MI 2400—Survey of Christian Missions

This course is an introductory study dealing with the philosophy of world evangelism. Special emphasis is given to introducing the biblical, theological, historical, and methodological issues related to Christian missions.

MP: Ministry Preparation

MP 1401—Preparing for Christian Service

All bachelor students are required to take MP 1401 in their first year. This course helps students identify where their area of interest in Christian service intersects with their area of giftedness. Special emphasis is giving to the practical and biblical study of the theology of life in the image of Christ. This course will include biblical directions for faithful Christian living and service. Active involvement in a ministry setting, whether paid or volunteer, is expected.

MP 4403—Christian Service Practicum

Prerequisites: MP 1401; PA 3401; PA 4402; PA 4403

This ministry practicum involves the practical application of ministry goals and skills through ministry assignments overseen by a field supervisor. Please note: Students are encouraged to begin their research for a practicum location prior to enrolling in this courses, so that, when the semester begins, they will be able to start their practicum/internship immediately.

MP 4404—Christian Service Practicum for Biblical Counseling

Prerequisites: PY 2703; CO 2700; CO 2701; CO 3702; CO 4703; CO 4704

This practicum presents those students in the counseling minor with the opportunity to practice the skills, techniques, and methodologies discussed in previous classes. 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. Please note: Students are encouraged to begin their research for a practicum location prior to enrolling in this course, so that, when the semester begins, they will be able to start their practicum/internship immediately.

NT: New Testament

NT 1200—New Testament Survey

This course provides an introductory survey of the historical setting and contents of the New Testament.

NT 2201—Life of Christ

This course is an examination of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

NT 2204—Gospel of John

This course 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 2205—Acts of the Apostles

This course 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 3206—Romans

This course 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 3207—Corinthian Epistles

This is a careful examination of the contents of the New Testament epistles of Paul to the Corinthians and the problems faced by the first century church.

NT 3215—Pastoral Epistles

This course 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 4219—Hebrews

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 4227—Revelation

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

OT 1200—Old Testament Survey

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 2201—Genesis

This course is a study of the first book of the Bible, giving attention to introductory matters, teaching, and development of the book. Special emphasis is given to Genesis 1-11 and the Abrahamic Covenant.

OT 2206—Joshua-Judges

This course examines the backgrounds of and interprets selected passages in the Old Testament books of Joshua and Judges. Special attention is given to the development of themes within the books.

OT 3228—Minor Prophets (Hosea-Malachi)

This course provides the background and analysis of the twelve Minor Prophets.

OT 4214—Chronicles

This course is a study of selected passages from First and Second Chronicles. As the last word of the entire Hebrew Bible, attention will be devoted to the historical, theological, and literary aspects of the books.

PA: Pastoral

PA 3401—Foundations of Pastoral Ministry

This course is an introduction to the theological and practical foundations of Christian ministry. Special attention is given in this course to discussing the servant-like nature of Christian ministry, the qualifications of a Christian minister, and the various services and ordinances performed by a Christian minister.

PA 3404—Leadership

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 4402—Principles of Biblical Exposition

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 4403—Principles of Church Administration

This course is an introduction to the processes by which a pastor should utilize the human, physical, and financial resources of a local church in order to meet the church's specific objectives and goals. Attention is given to how a pastor should steward a local church's: 1) staff and lay leaders; 2) property, plan, and equipment; and 3) financial holdings and investments towards the successful accomplishment of its mission.

PH: Philosophy

PH 1900—Critical Thinking

It is recommended that all incoming bachelor students without transfer credit enroll in PH 1900 in their first year. This course is an introduction to the principles of good reasoning and effective argumentation, with an emphasis on their relationship to the Christian faith and their relevance for higher education. Specific attention will also be given to the historical and cultural trends that discourage the use of critical thinking skills today, with a view to equipping the student to resist those trends.

PH 2901—Contemporary Ethics

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.

PY: Psychology

PY 2703—Principles of Psychology

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

SC: Science

SC 1501—Physical Science

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: Sociology

SO 2603—Principles of Sociology

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

TH: Theology

TH 3301—Survey of Theology I

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. The course also includes an introduction to and the value of the study of systematic theology.

TH 3302—Survey of Theology II

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 3301, does not require TH 3301 as a prerequisite.

TH 4303—Christology

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 also is given to modern assaults on the biblical portrayal of Christ.

TH 4305—The Doctrine of Creation

This course critically examines different models and aspects of the Christian doctrine of creation. This includes study of biblical texts such as Genesis 1-3, other Old Testament texts, the Letter to the Ephesians and Colossians, the Prologue of John's Gospel, and Revelation. Specific topics addressed will include creation ex nihilo, the goodness of creation and the problem of evil, the image of God, and the idea of stewardship.

MASTER-LEVEL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all courses are calculated at three (3) credit hours.

AP: Apologetics

AP 5901—Foundations of Apologetics

This course consists of laying a foundation for a systematic and rational defense of the Christian faith. Various strategies, tactics, and issues are surveyed with the goal of providing an overall argument for the basic elements of the Christian Faith.

AP 5902—Faith and Reason

This course examines the relation of faith and reason from a classical Christian perspective, with a focus on the role of reason in Christian apologetics.

AP 5903—Science and Faith

This course examines the relation of science and faith and consists of a defense of the Christian faith in view of several of the current challenges to it expressed in contemporary science.

AP 5905—Biblical Apologetics

This course provides a study and defense of the veracity of the Bible. Archeological, historical, geographical, linguistic, and cultural issues are examined with the goal of answering specific claims of critics and skeptics of the Bible.

AP 5906—Theological Apologetics

This course focuses on specific challenges to traditional conservative theology from within and outside of Christianity. The nature of the triune God, the dual nature of Christ, and the relation of God to the world are some of the topics explored in defense of classic orthodoxy.

AP 6908—God, Evil, and Miracles

This course provides an in-depth analysis of the challenges posed by evil and the nature of miracles to classical Christianity, including responses, both classic and contemporary.

AP 6909—Major World Religions

This course examines the origins, practices, and teachings of the major world religions including Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. Apologetic and evangelistic strategies for reaching persons from these groups are discussed.

AP 6910—Modern Religious Sects

This course examines the histories, teachings, and influence of modern religious sects, including Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Scientology, Baha'i, and Christian Science. Apologetic and evangelistic strategies for reaching persons from these groups are discussed.

AP 6911—Apologetics Capstone

This course serves as the culminating academic, intellectual, and ministerial experience for students in the graduate apologetics program. Students shall create a product demonstrating their learning acquisition of the program outcomes during their final semester of their degree program. Capstone projects are generally the result of activity

performed in a ministry setting. Students should contact the program coordinator to discuss options prior to the final semester of study. The capstone course should not be taken with more than two additional courses.

BE: Biblical Exposition

BE 7404—Preparing an Expository Message

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

BE 7405—Delivering an Expository Message

Prerequisite: BE 7404

This course examines the basic principles of voice, articulation, oral interpretation of Scripture, and expository delivery. Opportunity for practice is given in each of these areas and constitutes the basis for additional study in content, structure, and delivery. The online version of this course requires the student to have access to a digital camcorder and a high-speed internet connection to submit preaching videos via the Internet.

BH: Biblical Hermeneutics

BH 5201—Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics

This course introduces the student to principles and guidelines for interpreting the Old and New Testaments.

CM: Church Ministry

CM 7402—The Work of Ministry

This course examines 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 7406—Church Administration

This course examines the specific duties of the officers of the church—both staff and lay personnel. The concept of team ministries is studied along with a view of the role of individual responsibilities within the team. The role of the pastor in relationship to other members of the staff as well as to lay workers in the church is examined. The place of church doctrine within the church administration and ministry is also emphasized.

CM 7407—Ministry Practicum

The Intern Practicum is a practical application of ministry goals and skills through ministry assignments overseen by a field supervisor.

CO: Counseling

CO 5701—Introduction to Psychology and Counseling

This course introduces the student to commonly accepted principles of psychology and counseling. Topics include the biology of the mind, life-span development, learning, memory, personality, and psychological disorders.

CO 5702—Foundations of Biblical Counseling

This course introduces the student to the foundational principles of biblical counseling. Students will study and apply the biblical, theological, and philosophical bases of the Biblical Counseling Process Model.

CO 5703—Helping Skills

This course equips students with the interpersonal skills necessary for effectiveness in the counseling process. Student interactions actively apply people helping skills to real-life situations.

CO 5704—Marriage and Family Counseling

In this course, students investigate the critical dynamics of marriage and family counseling from a Christ-Centered perspective. Roles in marriage and family are applied from a complementarian viewpoint.

CO 6705—Issues, Ethics, and Legal Concerns for Counselors

This course trains students in professional, ethical, and legal issues related to the practice of individual, marital, and family counseling. Topics covered include ethical decision making, multiculturalism, informed consent, confidentiality, multiple relationships, boundaries, and codes of ethics.

CO 6706—Crisis Counseling and Pastoral Care

Counselors need to be prepared for crisis situations that significantly impact individuals and families. This course empowers students with intervention techniques that will assist recovery from trauma.

CO 6707—Methodology for Biblical Counseling

The five stages of the Biblical Counseling Process Model form the heart of this course. Students learn to assess the counslee's presenting problem, how to take a personal history, how to identify and diagram sinful living patterns, how to conduct active counseling, and how to facilitate a forgiveness exercise.

CO 6708—Biblical Counseling Practicum

This practicum is designed to be the capstone experience for the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling degree program. This course may be completed as a practicum or as an internship. Since the completion of requirements for the internship may take a year or longer, students should consult with the program coordinator at least one year prior to their anticipated graduation date. All students must obtain approval from the program coordinator before registering for this course.

EV: Evangelism

EV 7401—Personal and Church Evangelism

This course studies 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.

GR: Greek

GR 5201—Greek Grammar I

This course introduces the student to basic Greek grammar, vocabulary, and translation. GR 5201 and GR 5202 together provide a full introduction to the elements of New Testament Greek grammar.

GR 5202—Greek Grammar II

Prerequisite: GR 5201

This course builds upon Greek Grammar I (GR 5201) as an introduction to basic Greek grammar, vocabulary, and translation. GR 5201 and GR 5202 together provide a full introduction to the elements of New Testament Greek grammar.

GR 6203—Intermediate Greek

Prerequisite: GR 5202

This course introduces the student to Greek syntax and exegesis by analyzing selected passages from the Greek New Testament.

GR 6204—Greek Exegesis

Prerequisite: GR 6203

This course trains the student to apply a complete cycle of exegetical procedures to selected portions of the Greek New Testament.

HE: Hebrew

HE 5201—Hebrew Grammar I

This course is 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 5202—Hebrew Grammar II

Prerequisite: HE 5201

This course is a continuation of Hebrew Grammar I with an increased emphasis upon efficiency in the use of lexical and exegetical tools.

HE 6203—Intermediate Hebrew

Prerequisite: HE 5202

This course studies advanced grammar and syntax in order to increase the student's ability in the translation and analysis of the Old Testament Hebrew text.

HE 6204—Hebrew Exegesis

Prerequisite: HE 6203

This course trains the student to apply a complete cycle of exegetical procedures to selected portions of the Hebrew Old Testament.

HI: History

HI 5311—Church History I: Early and Medieval

This course provides an overview of church history from the Apostolic Age through the Medieval Period, noting doctrinal developments, major movements, and key figures in the history of the church.

HI 5312—Church History II: Reformation and Modern

This course provides an overview of church history from the Reformation Period to the present, noting doctrinal developments, major movements, and key figures in the history of the church.

LD: Leadership

LD 5801 – Theories of Organizational Leadership

This course examines various definitions of leadership and the historical development of leadership theories from the early 1900's to the present. Understanding leadership as a process between leaders and followers, the course highlights how these definitions and theories apply within church organizations, as well as, how Christians might influence others within business organizations.

LD 5802 – Organizational Communication

A major cause of conflict within churches and businesses is the breakdown of communication within the organization. This course explores the theoretical concepts of organizational communication and how applying them creates open lines of communication within various organizational contexts.

LD 5803 – Foundations of Leadership

The foundation of Christian leadership is the person of Jesus Christ. This course examines the foundational underpinnings of the processes of leading within an organization. Guided by a biblical worldview, the course investigates the biblical, ethical, and practical dimensions of leadership that must be present in churches and can influence others in various organizational contexts.

LD 5804 – Organizational Culture

All organizations, including the church, have an organizational culture. Understanding how organizational cultures develop and how to embed a new organizational culture enables the leader to facilitate change with minimal conflict.

LD 5805 – Leadership Development

This course examines the various developmental processes available for those who wish to lead within an organizational context. The course emphasizes developing an organizational structure that encourages human resource development and lifelong learning in the church and values-based businesses.

LD 5806 – Assessing Organizations

One mean by which church organizations, and others, can facilitate change is by assessing the current state of the organization. By developing a research design and understanding the processes of collecting quantitative and qualitative data and then analyzing that data with basic statistical analysis, organizations can discover their strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

LD 6807 – Strategic Planning

Once the organization has been assessed, (It is recommended that LD 5806 be taken prior to this course.) it can begin the process of creating a strategic plan. Unfortunately, this process is rarely implemented in the church. By understanding strategic thinking and the critical elements of planning, particularly as they relate to the mission of the organization, leaders will be able to develop specific processes that will help achieve the organizational mission.

LD 6808 – Conflict Resolution

Leaders need to be prepared to handle conflict. This course equips students with biblical principles to resolve personal, group, and organizational conflict. Attention is given to identifying the sources of conflict, the stages of conflict, and applying the biblically based processes necessary to resolve conflict.

LD 6809 – Teams Development

The Bible refers to the church as a body with individual parts functioning together as a whole. By understanding the theory of team development and the processes of team work, churches and other organizations can create a synergy that accomplishes more as a whole than as individual members.

LD 6810 – Coaching and Mentoring

The Great Commission states that Christians should “make disciples.” This process can be accomplished by understanding how to coach or mentor others. This course focuses on equipping ministers in specific coaching and mentoring skills in order to be able to influence others.

LD 6811 – Leading in Global Contexts

The church has a global responsibility. This course investigates the process and personal development necessary to lead in both cross-cultural and global environments. Addressing the complexity of leading within these dynamic contexts will enable the student to gain an understanding of and build their capacities for leading in cross-cultural and global contexts.

LD 6812 – Leadership Practicum

This is the capstone learning experience for the Master of Arts in Leadership program. Employing the knowledge and skills acquired in previous courses, students will investigate and analyze leadership processes within the context of selected church and/or work environments. Students will also conduct research within an organization and develop creative, practical, processes that address the needs uncovered through the research to help develop processes and persons within the organization. For a detailed explanation view the Practicum Preview video and syllabus on the Luther Rice website: <https://www.lutherrice.edu/degree-programs/ma-in-leadership.cms>.

MI: Missions

MI 7403—Christian Missions

This course surveys the theology, history, challenges, and strategies of the Christian missionary movement.

NT: New Testament

NT 5200—Introduction to the New Testament

This course is a comprehensive overview of the historical background, introductory issues (author, provenance, date, destination, and purpose), literary structures, major themes, and select critical issues relevant to the study of New Testament documents.

NT 6202—Gospel of Mark

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the Gospel of Mark. This course also offers a critique of contemporary Jesus studies.

NT 6204—Gospel of John

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of the contents of the Gospel of John. John presents God's plan of salvation and demonstrates the identity of Jesus as Son of God.

NT 6205—Acts of the Apostles

This course is 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 6206—Romans

This course is 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 6207—1 Corinthians

This course is 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 the Apostle Paul's solutions to them.

NT 6227—Revelation

This course is 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.

OT: Old Testament

OT 5200—Introduction to the Old Testament

This course is a comprehensive overview of the historical background, introductory issues, literary structures, major themes, and select critical issues relevant to the study of the Old Testament. The course also offers an assessment of various critical approaches to Old Testament studies and how the Old Testament relates to the New Testament.

OT 6201—Genesis

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of selected texts from the book of Genesis. The book of Genesis provides foundational material for understanding the character of God and his direction for humanity.

OT 6218—Job

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of selected texts from the book of Job. The book of Job explores how God governs the world and how one should rely on his wisdom in the midst of life's difficulties.

OT 6219—Psalms

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of selected texts from the book of Psalms. The book of Psalms offers a theological perspective on the history of the Davidic Covenant and the kingship of the Lord.

OT 6223—Isaiah

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of selected texts from the book of Isaiah. The book of Isaiah demonstrates the trustworthiness of God and the coming restoration of his people through his Messiah.

OT 6227—Daniel

This course is an in-depth analysis of the background and a careful exegesis of selected texts from the book of Daniel. The book of Daniel concerns the work of God in preserving his people throughout the course of human history.

PH: Philosophy

PH 5904—Foundations of Ethics

This course studies the foundational issues in ethics by examining the various ethical theories and methods that have provided the framework for understanding and interpreting what is moral and immoral, as well as addressing various applied ethical issues facing the church specifically and society in general.

PH 6907—Issues in Ethics

This course carefully analyzes specific issues and figures relevant to contemporary ethics, such as matters related to the beginning and end of life.

TH: Theology

TH 5300—Spiritual Formation

This course 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 Christ-like 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 6301—Systematic Theology I

This course covers theology proper, bibliology, and angelology. Within theology proper, the course addresses the existence of God, His attributes, and the Trinity. Within bibliology, the course encompasses such topics as general and special revelation, inspiration, and inerrancy. The discussion on the Trinity also includes an explanation of the incarnation.

TH 6302—Systematic Theology II

This course covers creation, anthropology (man), hamartiology (sin), soteriology (salvation), and aspects of pneumatology (Holy Spirit). The main focus of the course is on the doctrine of salvation especially what God has done through Christ to provide salvation for humankind.

TH 6303—Systematic Theology III

This course examines ecclesiology (church) and eschatology (last things) within a biblical theology framework. The biblical theology framework will be constructed from Scripture's teaching on the Kingdom of God and covenants. Ecclesiology and eschatology will be subsumed under this framework and be presented as God's unfolding work in His kingdom.



"I simply love Luther Rice College and Seminary! President Flanagan, the professors and the entire staff are very caring, encouraging and supportive of students. While rigorous and intensive, the courses were so very insightful, educational, inspiring and rewarding.

When the Holy Spirit led me to this wonderful seminary, I had no idea what immense blessings God had in store for me! Luther Rice provided so many tools to equip me in the ministry of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Working with my husband in our busy restaurants, as well as my freelance writing, the seminary helped me understand what is expected of me as a Christian in my daily walk with Him."

***Leslie E. Royal, Master of Arts in Christian Studies and
Master of Divinity Graduate***

DOCTORAL-LEVEL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Unless otherwise noted, all courses are calculated at three (3) credit hours.

On-campus Modules (12 hours)

DM 8000 — Research and Writing for Ministry (Offered in August)

This course examines the methods of theological research and academic writing, with special reference to the fields of ministry. Topics include: thinking logically and theologically, writing a thesis statement, researching biblical and theological topics and writing style.

DM 8100—Evangelism in Contemporary Culture (Offered in August)

This course investigates the various methodologies and philosophies being espoused throughout the world by which churches mobilize for evangelistic purposes. Strengths and weaknesses are discussed with a view to developing a church evangelistic methodology within the student's ministry culture and context.

DM 8300—Contemporary Preaching (Offered in January)

This course is an intensive investigation into trends and debates in homiletical theory as it relates to modern views of the church and expressions of worship. Various techniques of exposition and delivery are analyzed. An analysis of historical preaching theory is conducted as a means to assess contemporary approaches to homiletics and modern preaching theory.

DM 9000—Critical Issues in Ministry (Offered in June)

This course examines the theological and ministerial challenges pastors and church leaders face in their contemporary context. Students will research problems and seek solutions for application to the ministry of the church. Emphasis will be placed on how church leaders can articulate a defensible biblical position and how they may lead their congregations into deeper knowledge of biblical truth.

Online Courses (12 hours)

DM 8200—Issues in Biblical Counseling (Offered in the Summer Semester)

This course teaches the student the advanced principles of biblical counseling. Included is a study of advanced counseling processes, the impact of spiritual identity on the sanctification process, assessing human sinfulness, achieving victory over defeating behavior patterns, living in the freedom of spiritual abundance.

DM 8400—Contemporary Leadership Development (Offered in the Spring Semester)

This course explores the biblical basis for leadership and the interdependent relationships between leaders and followers in the context of the local church. Emphasis is placed on the leadership challenges ministers face in the contemporary church including new developments in the culture, philosophy, and models of ministry, as well as the student's personal challenges and character development.

DM 9100—Ethics in Ministry (Offered in the Spring Semester)

This course is a study of Christian values from a biblical perspective. This course addresses selected moral issues in which the student researches the competing views within the issue and discerns Bible-based solutions to the ethical dilemmas.

DM 9200—Relationships in Ministry (Offered in the Fall Semester)

This course examines the dynamics of building relationships in the church with the goal of precluding conflicts. Leader style, personality traits, and relational skills are given special consideration. Causes of conflict are examined and processes are developed to help moderate the potential harm that conflict poses to the health of the church.

Doctoral Ministry Project (6 hours)

DM 8500—Doctoral Ministry Project Design (Offered in the Fall and Spring Semesters)

Prerequisite: DM 8000 – Research and Writing for Ministry

This course prepares the student to design an acceptable Doctoral Ministry Project Proposal. The goal for this course is to mentor the student in the development of a Doctoral Ministry Project Proposal that may be approved by a committee of three faculty members.

DM 9500—Doctoral Ministry Project (Offered Every Semester)

Prerequisite: DM 8500 – Doctoral Ministry Project Design

This is a supervised project addressing a specific concern in the student’s present ministry context. The project must have measurable objectives, be biblically and theologically informed, be transferable to other ministries in similar contexts, and reflect knowledge and skills gained through the Doctor of Ministry studies.



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Ron E. Barefoot, Master of Divinity Graduate