

# School of Christian Studies

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## College of Arts and Sciences

### Faculty

(1999). Professor of Christian Studies and Associate Dean of the School of Christian Studies. B.A., Rutgers University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Princeton Theological Seminary.

(1990). Benjamin W. Perry Associate Professor of Bible and Department Chair. B.A., Union University; Th.M., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

(1996). Instructor of Christian Studies and Minister to the University. B.S., Union University; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

(1991). Professor of Christian Studies and Philosophy and Director of the Interdisciplinary Honors Program. B.A., Howard Payne University; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; D. Phil., University of Oxford.

(1996). Professor of Christian Studies and President of the University. B.S., University of Alabama at Birmingham; M.Div., Grace Theological Seminary; M.Div., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; M.A., Texas Christian University;





- A. Required major core
  - 1. ECF 211, 212, 425—9 hours
  - 2. GEO 215, 216—6 hours
  - 3. PHL 240, 346, 347, 349—12 hours
  - 4. PSC 211, 214, 332—9 hours
  - 5. Senior Seminar 498 in either PSC, PHL, or ECF—4 hours
- B. Elective course pool—select 18 hours with at least one from each group
  - 1. ECF 355, 411, 412, 430
  - 2. PHL 345; HON 210, 220, 320, 340
  - 3. PSC 318, 324, 325, 344, 360, 411
- C. PPE majors are exempt from the requirement of completing a minor
  - A. PHL 240, 346, 347—9 hours
  - B. Twelve hours from PHL: 243, 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
  - C. CHR 338—3 hours
  - D. PHL Electives—6 hours
  - E. In this major, HON 210 and 220 together may substitute for PHL 240 but may not count toward the major and an Interdisciplinary Honors Minor or an Interdisciplinary Studies Minor.

### Assessment of Majors

Students with a major in the School of Christian Studies are required to take CHR 498, Senior Seminar, as part of their graduation requirement. The seminar is offered every semester and must be taken during the student's senior year.

### Advanced Standing Programs for Majors

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Students who major in the School of Christian Studies may be eligible for advanced standing in certain seminaries, thus shortening the requirements for master's degrees at those seminaries. Please see the "Affiliations With Other Agencies and Institutions" section of this *Catalogue*.

### Minors Offered by the School

Students who wish to minor in the School are given the following opportunities for satisfying their interests and meeting the specified requirements.

- A. Required courses: CHR 113, 231, 305, 333, 338, PHL 240.
  - B. Elective, select 3 hours from CHR courses.
  - C. CHR 243 or 244
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- A. PHL 240, 346, 347—9 hours
  - B. Select 9 hours from: PHL 243, 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
  - C. HON 210 and 220 together may substitute for PHL 240 but by university policy may not be duplicated in another major/minor.
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- CHR 113, 231; GRK 211, 212, 311, 312, 411; HBR 311, 312
- A. CHR 271, 372, 375, 471, 481—15 hours
  - B. Select two from: CHR 113, 333, 338, 369, 373
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- A. Core: CHR 231, 243, 244
  - B. Electives—select 12 hours in Christian ethics
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- A. CHR 231, 330, 338, 382, 383—14 hours

- B. Select 2 from: CHR 482, 483, 499—6 hours
- C. CHR 339 or 366—3 hours

### **Student Organizations**

A is available for students entering the preaching/pastoral ministry. This association meets monthly for the purpose of strengthening the ties of fellowship among those on campus who are committed to the gospel ministry.

### **Student Awards**

is awarded to the graduating senior with the highest average in the major provided the average is not less than 3.5. Before Awards Day, the student must have completed at least 15 credit hours in the major at Union University, exclusive of pass/fail courses. If no major is eligible, the medal will be given to the minor meeting the minimum requirements.

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

The Department also presents the following awards:

- A. T. Robertson Advanced Greek Award, H. E. Dana Intermediate Greek Award, Curtis

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
An exegetical study of selected Pauline epistles.

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
An exegetical study of Hebrews, Revelation, and selected General Epistles.

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
See Christian Theology for course description.

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
An intensive study of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature as religious literature and as literary forms. An exegetical study of selected poetry and wisdom literature ( Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes).

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
A study of the origin and development of Hebrew prophecy; an exegetical study of some of the major prophetic books of the Old Testament.

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.  
An intensive study of the Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles.

## 86 Christian Ethics (CHR)

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

Prerequisite: Recommended: CHR 243.  
An examination of the most significant contemporary moral issues facing the church and American society, with emphasis on Christian response both in terms of moral conviction and moral engagement.

An exploration of the heritage of Christian moral reflection, from the early church through the modern era, with attention to a wide range of Christian traditions, thinkers, and movements.

An examination of the moral dimensions of the Christian ministry and the moral issues facing ministers in their day-to-day work. Attention is given to the minister's personal, professional, and collegial relationships and moral responsibilities.

Prerequisite: CHR 243 or 244.  
An exploration of the character and actions of a number of significant moral leaders in recent world history for the purpose of developing and enhancing gifts, commitments and skills in Christian moral leadership.

A study of the development of a code of ethics in sport management including the effect of relativism and rationalism on ethical behavior, personal moral development levels, and the effects of personal ethics on organizational responsibility. Reciprocal with PEWS.

Prerequisite: CHR 243.

A thorough examination of a major movement or thinker in either historic or contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style.

An intensive interdisciplinary examination of the Holocaust and its significance for Christianity. Attention is given to the Holocaust itself, its intellectual and ideological origins, the behavior of Christians during the Holocaust, and postwar theological, moral, literary, and artistic responses to the Holocaust.

Pre- or corequisites: CHR 243, CHR 244.

An intensive analysis of one major issue or cluster of issues in contemporary Christian ethics, taught in seminar style.

### **Christian Ministries (CHR)**

A study of youth ministry focusing on the various approaches, methods, and strategies with practical applications for programming, goals and desired outcomes.

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A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery. Recommended for all ministerial students. 87

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Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231.

A course designed to deal with the practical work of the pastor.

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Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231.

The Biblical and doctrinal basis for evangelistic preaching, planning, and programming.

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Prerequisite: CHR 261.

Curriculum for preschoolers and children and focusing on issues relating to children and their parents.

An examination of the various aspects of administering the work of the youth minister focusing on roles, relationships, resources and responsibilities, and practical application to the local church.

Prerequisite: CHR 261.

A course study of adult ministry, its curriculum and the church's responsibility to minister with families and marriages.

Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231

A study of the issues facing youth as well as the developmental nature of youth and the issues affecting them and their families.

Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231.

A survey of missions and missions outreach with a particular focus on Southern Baptist missions.

An examination of the demands upon the schedule, priorities, family and other aspects of the youth minister's life focusing on personal habits, family involvement, calling, career opportunities and continuing development.

Prerequisites: Application to the Department Chair by midterm of the semester before placement, and completion of Major Core and Track Core. Graded: Pass/Fail

A course of applied church ministry. Students will spend 3 weeks in the classroom and at least 115 hours in a church or Christian related organization.

### **Christian Theology (CHR)**

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231

An exegetically-oriented presentation of the theological teachings of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis will be placed on the student understanding the main teachings of the faith in their original contexts, the historical development of those teachings throughout biblical history, and the implications of biblical theology for modern Christian life and practice.

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Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231.

Major theological doctrines of Christianity such as the Trinity, revelation, God, creation, sin, the fall of man, Christology, the Atonement, the Holy Spirit, the church, the Christian life, and eschatology, with special attention being given to biblical, historical, philosophical, and cultural influences upon theological development and methods that are used in doing constructive theology.

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

An in-depth study of God as Trinity, as well as a study of the attributes of God. The student will be introduced to the key theological struggles of the Church as she has grappled with the reality of God.

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

This course will cover the Person of Christ, the work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation.

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

A primary texts course in which students work through the writings of key theologians from ancient and medieval Christian thought.



A primary texts course in which students work through the writings of key theologians from Reformation and post-Reformation eras.

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

An introduction to a contemporary issue in the world of theology by means of intensive research in a seminar format.

### **Church History (CHR)**

Reciprocal credit: HIS 300.

See HIS 300 for course description.

Prerequisite: HIS 101 and 102. Reciprocal credit: HIS 305.

See HIS 305 for course description.

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A survey of the history of Christianity from the post-apostolic period through the 15th century.

A survey of the history of Christianity from the 17th century to the present.

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See HIS 316 for description.

An interpretive survey of the history of Baptists in England and America from the 17th century to the present with emphasis on the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

### **General Studies (CHR)**

Prerequisite: CHR 111, 112.

A corequisite of all upper-level courses in the major taken in the sophomore year or at program entry. Introduces the student to basic research methodologies, writing styles, and expectations in ministry.

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A study of the biblical mandate and God's global purpose with focus on one's particular circumstances, aptitudes and God-given aspirations.

Pre- or corequisite: CHR 231.

Contemporary issues as they relate to practical and ethical issues from a Christian perspective. Topics include vocation, time and resource management, marriage relationships, conflict resolution, evangelism, church involvement, Christian world view, devotional life, and practical ethics.

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 339

A rational defense for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course covers ques-



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Lower-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

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Upper-level group studies which do not appear in the regular departmental offerings.

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Individual research under the guidance of a faculty member(s).

Required of Department majors. Must be taken during senior year.

To be used at the discretion of the department for majors only. Senior standing in the department required.

Prerequisite: CHR 338

The capstone course to the theology major in which the student will explore a contemporary figure(s) or contemporary theological movement(s).