

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Dean

Gregory A. Thornbury (1999). Dean of the School of Christian Studies, Associate Professor of Christian Studies and Director of the Carl F. H. Henry Center for Christian Leadership. B.A., Messiah College; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Additional study, Oxford University.

James A. Patterson (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.

Mission Statement

The School of Christian Studies exists to advance the Kingdom of God through theological education by integrating rigorous academics, deep devotion to Christ and His Church, skill in teaching, and attention to students as individuals.

Ethos Statement

The School of Christian Studies Ethos Statement, which details ethical and lifestyle expectations of majors, is presented in CHR 231 and is also available at www.uu.edu/dept/christud.

Faculty

Justin Barnard (2007). Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director, the Carl F. H. Henry Institute for Intellectual Discipleship. B.A., Palm Beach Atlantic College; M.A. and Ph.D., Florida State University.

Randall B. Bush (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.

David S. Dockery (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;

1. PHL 346, 347—6 hours
 2. Select 12 hours from PHL 339, 345, 349, 366, 452
- C. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours

IV. Major in Biblical Studies—40 hours

Highly recommended for students pursuing ministry areas, including the pastorate, missionary service. As foundational to any ministry, this area is also recommended to those who wish to teach and plan to pursue graduate work in New or Old Testament or any theological discipline.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. Biblical Studies Courses—18 hours
 1. CHR 213 and 330
 2. Electives in Biblical Studies—12 hours

V. Major in Biblical Studies-Languages—52 hours

The major is designed for those who wish to pursue biblical knowledge and study skill with a strong foundation in Greek and Hebrew, or who wish to enhance personal Bible study and move into advanced, language-oriented courses at seminary. This major is recommended for those wishing to teach the Bible in a church context or the college level.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
- C. Biblical Studies—12 hours
 1. CHR 213, CHR 330—6 hours
 2. Biblical Studies Electives, select 6 hours
- D. Languages—18 hours
 1. BA Core requirements, GRK 211, 212, 311, 312—12 hours
 2. Choose one track—6 hours:
 - a. GRK 411 & HBR 311
 - b. HBR 311 & HBR 312

VI. Major in Sport Management with Sport Ministry Emphasis

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

VII. Major in Youth Ministry—38 hours

Crafted for students called to youth ministry, this major blends theological foundation with practical information and mentoring relationships. Majors have the option of taking all Youth Ministry courses (C. and D.) in one semester of off-campus study at the Institute for Global Youth Studies, Chatsworth, GA.

- A. Core—18 hours
- B. CHR 231—2 hours
- C. CHR 271, 372, 375, 471, 481
- D. Select 3 upper-level hours from the department.

VIII. Major in Christian Ethics—37 hours

The major will provide opportunity to experience

Student Organizations

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

Student Awards

The **Zondervan Greek Award** is presented to the student who shows the greatest achievement in Biblical

Studies with a background in Greek.

The Department also presents the following awards: A. T. Robertson Advanced Greek Award, H. E. Dana Intermediate Greek Award, Curtis Vaughan Elementary Greek Award, Mark Hatfield Ethics Award, R. G. Lee Christian Ministry Award, J. P. Boyce Theology and Philosophy Award, Billy Graham Christian Character Award, George Savage Hebrew and Old Testament Award, Phil Briggs Youth Ministry Award, M. E. Dodd Perseverance Award, and Broadman and Holman Award.

Course Offerings in Christian Studies

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

Biblical Studies (CHR)

111. Old Testament Survey (3)

A survey of the Old Testament with emphasis on historical, theological, and literary development. Does not apply to any of the Department's majors/minors.

112. New Testament Survey (3)

Recommended prerequisite: CHR 111.

A survey of the New Testament with emphasis on historical, theological, and literary development. Does not apply to any of the Department's majors/minors.

113. Introduction to Bible Study and Interpretation (3)

The study of the process of hermeneutics or interpretation. Special emphasis is given to the methodology of step-by-step Bible study.

213. Biblical Backgrounds (3)

Prerequisite: CHR 111, CHR 112.

A survey of the history, literature, archaeology, geography, and culture of biblical times.

314. Studies in the Pentateuch (3) S—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study in the first five books of the Old Testament.

317. Minor Prophets (3) F—Even Years

Prerequisite or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of selected minor prophets.

321. The Life of Christ (3) S—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

A study of the life of Christ as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels.

325. Pauline Epistles (3) F—Odd Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of selected Pauline epistles.

327. Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation (3) F—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of Hebrews, Revelation, and selected General Epistles.

330. Biblical Theology (3) F—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

See Christian Theology for course description.

415. Poetry and Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (3) S—Odd Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature as religious literature and as literary forms. An exegetical study of selected poetry and wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes).

416. Major Prophets (3) F—Odd Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

A study of the origin and development of Hebrew prophecy; an exegetical study of some of the major prophetic books of the Old Testament.

423. The Johannine Literature (3) S—Odd Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An intensive study of the Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles.

Christian Ethics (CHR)

243. Approaches to Moral Decision Making (3)

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

244. Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (3)

Prerequisite: Recommended: CHR 243.

344. History of Christian Ethics (3) F—Even Years

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

345. Ministerial Ethics (3) As Needed

An examination of the moral dimensions of the Christian

338. Christian Doctrine (3)

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

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

382. The Doctrine of God (3) F—Odd Years

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

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

383. Christ and Salvation (3) S—Even Years

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

The Person of Christ, the work of Christ, and the doctrine of salvation.

482. Great Texts and Theologians I (3) F—Even Years

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

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

483. Great Texts and Theologians II (3) S—Odd Years

Prerequisite: CHR 338

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

485. Critical Issues in Theology (3) As Needed

Prerequisite: CHR 338.

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

Church History (CHR)**300. American Church History (3) F—Even Years**

Reciprocal credit: HIS 300. See HIS 300 for course description.

305. History of Christianity (3)

Prerequisite: HIS 101 and 102. Reciprocal credit: HIS 305. See HIS 305 for description.

306. Early and Medieval Christianity (3) As Needed

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

313. Modern Christianity (3) As Needed

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

316. Renaissance and Reformation (3) F—Odd Years

Reciprocal credit: HIS 316. See HIS 316 for description.

405. History of the Baptists (3) S—Odd Years

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

General Studies (CHR)**231. Sophomore Seminar (2)**

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.

265. Becoming a Global Christian (3) As Needed

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

331. Early Christian Political Thought (3)

Reciprocal Credit: PSC 331.

See PSC 331 for description.

335. Modern Christian Political Thought (3)

Reciprocal credit: PSC 335.

See PSC 335 for description.

333. Contemporary Christian Life and Practice (3)

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

Contemporary issues related to practical and ethical issues from a Christian perspective. Topics: vocation, time/resource management, marriage relationships, conflict resolution, evangelism, church involvement, Christian worldview, devotional life, and practical ethics.

339. Apologetics (3) F—Odd Years

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: PHL 339

A rational defense for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course covers questions which both skeptics and inquirers pose to Christianity, and consideration of responses from the Christian tradition.

348. Faith and Culture in Film (3) F—Even Years

An examination of how films as stories convey faith or alternative responses to God as latent aspects of the total film experience. Includes an exploration of how explicit a film may be about faith or another ideological position without losing its credibility as a film.

Available in each departmental prefix:

179-279-379-479. External Domestic Study Programs (1-3) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

180-280-380-480. Study Abroad Programs (1-4) As Needed

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

195-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed

295-6-7. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed

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

395-6. Special Studies (1-4) As Needed

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

397. Special Studies in Church History (1-4) As Needed

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

495-6-7. Independent Study (1-4) As Needed

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

498. Senior Seminar (2)

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

499. Seminar (1-3) As Needed

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

499. Theology Seminar (3)

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).



261. Introduction to Christian Education (3)

The origin, purposes, officers and curriculum of the organizations of the local church.

263. Homiletics (3)

A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery.

300. The Life of Christ (3)

A study of the life of Christ as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels.

301. Pauline Epistles (3)

An exegetical study of selected Pauline epistles.

302. Hebrews, General Epistles, Revelation (3)

An exegetical study of Hebrews, Revelation, and selected General Epistles.

303. Contemporary Christian Life and Practice (3)

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

304. Christian Doctrine (3)

Major theological doctrines of Christianity: the Trinity, revelation, God, creation, sin, the fall of man, Christology, the Atonement, the Holy Spirit, the church, the Christian life, and eschatology.

305. Pastoral Ministries (3)

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

306. Introduction to Christian Evangelism (3)

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

307. Church Ministry with Preschool and Children (3)

Curriculum focusing on issues relating to children and their parents.

308. Church Ministry with Youth (3)

Youth ministry within the church focusing on organizations, practical aspects of ministry, meeting the needs of youth, and the unique role of the minister with youth.

309. Church Ministry with Adults (3)

The church's curriculum and responsibility to minister with families and marriages.

310. Youth Ministry Issues (3)

Issues facing youth as they deal with developmental and those affecting youth and their families.

311. Survey of Missions (3)

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

314. Studies in the Pentateuch (3)

An intensive study in the first five books of the Old Testament.

317. Minor Prophets (3)

A study of the minor prophets.

415. Poetry & Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (3)

An intensive study of Hebrew poetry and wisdom literature (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes).

- 343. Jeremiah (3)
 - 344. Lamentations (3)
 - 345. Ezekiel (3)
 - 346. Daniel (3)
 - 347. Hosea (3)
 - 348. Joel (3)
 - 349. Amos (3)
 - 350. Obadiah (3)
 - 351. Jonah (3)
 - 352. Micah (3)
 - 353. Nahum (3)
 - 354. Habakkuk (3)
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