

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

Dean

Gregory A. Thornbury (1999). Dean of the School of Theology and Missions, Vice President for Spiritual Life and Professor of Philosophy. B.A., Messiah College; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Additional study, Oxford University.

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Mission Statement

The School of Theology and Missions exists to advance the Kingdom of God through theological education by integrating rigorous academics, skill in teaching, deep devotion to Christ and His Church, and a commitment to reaching the nations with the gospel.

Ethos Statement

The School of Theology and Missions Ethos Statement, which details ethical and lifestyle expectations of majors, is presented in CHR 231 and is also available at www.uu.edu/programs/theology/ethos.cfm.

Faculty

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Frank Anderson(2010). Associate Professor of Ministry and Missions and Director of the A.Div., Program--Germantown. B.B.A., University of Memphis; M.Div. and Ph.D., Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hayward Armstrong (2012). Professor of Missions and Director of Online Programming. B.A., Samford University; M.Div. and Ed.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; M.D.E., University of Maryland University College; Ph.D., New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary / Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Randall B. Bush (1991). Professor of Philosophy. B.A., Howard Payne University; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; D. Phil., University of Oxford.

Kevin Chen (2010). Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies. B.S., University of California, Berkley; M.S., Stanford University; M.Div., Western Seminary; Ph.D., Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

David S. Dockery(1996). University Professor of Christian Thought and Tradition 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; Ph.D., University of Texas at Arlington; Additional study, Drew University.

Mark Dubis (2002). Professor of Biblical Studies. B.S., Clemson University; M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; Th.M., Calvin Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary-Virginia.

Ken Easley(2006). Professor of Biblical Studies and Director of the School of Theology and Missions Programs—Olford Center. B.A., John Brown University; M.Div., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bradley Green(1998). Associate Professor of Christian Thought and Tradition. B.A., Northeast Louisiana University; M.Div., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; Ph.D., Baylor University.

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

Paul N. Jackson(1993). Professor of Biblical Studies. B.A., Hardin-Simmons University; M.Div. and Ph.D., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

C. Ben Mitchell

- I. Core Requirements for All Majors in the School except Philosophy—18 hours
 - A. CHR 113, 305, 333, 338—12 hours
 - B. CHR/PHL 243—3 hours
 - C. PHL 240—3 hours
- II. Major in Biblical Studies—Languages—52 hours
 - A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
 - B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
 - C. Biblical Languages Electives (also meets B.A. Specific Core Requirements)—12 hours
 - D. Electives from Biblical Studies—12 hours
 - E. Elective from Christian Thought and Tradition—3 hours
 - F. Elective from Christian Ministry and Missions—3 hours
- III. Major in Christian Ministry and Missions—40 hours
 - A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
 - B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
 - C. Elective hours from Christian Ministry and Missions—12 hours
 - D. Elective hours from Biblical Studies—3 hours
 - E. Elective hours from Christian Thought and Tradition—3 hours
- IV. Major in Christian Studies—40 hours
 - A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
 - B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
 - C. Electives from Christian Studies—9 hours
 - D. Elective from Biblical Studies—3 hours
 - E. Elective from Christian Thought and Tradition—3 hours
 - F. Elective from Ministry and Missions—3 hours
- V. Major in Christian Thought and Tradition—40 hours
 - A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
 - B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
 - C. Electives from Christian Thought and Tradition—12 hours
 - D. Electives from Biblical Studies—3 hours
 - E. Electives from Christian Ministry and Missions—3 hours
- VI. Major in Philosophy—30 hours
 - A. PHL 240, 331, 345, 346, and 347—15 hours
 - B. Elective from Ethics—3 hours
 - C. Electives from upper level Philosophy—12 hours

Course Offerings in the School of Theology and Missions

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

Biblical Studies and Languages Division Including Biblical Literature and Theology and Biblical Languages

Biblical Literature and Theology (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.

310. History of the Bible in Translation (3) F or S— Alternate Years

Historical survey of translation work on the Bible, from the time of the Old Greek translations of the Hebrew Bible until the present. The course deals with key historical figures, important events, philosophies, the motivations for translation work, and the role of translation in Christian mission.

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.

328. Hebrews (3) F—Even Years

Pre- or Corequisite: CHR 231.

An exegetical study of Hebrews.

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.

438. Science and Faith (3) F or S--Alternate Years
Reciprocal Credit: PHL 438.

Exploration of the major scientific concepts guiding modern science in relationship to the major faith commitments of the Christian faith as expressed in the gospel and the creeds in an effort to produce constructive dialogue that will mutually inform the two ways of knowing. Concepts explored include cosmology, evolution, quantum physics, and chaos theory; Doctrines explored include: creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, exaltation, and eschatology as they relate to specific scientific concerns.

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.

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.

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.

415. History of Spiritual Awakenings (3) F or S—Alternate Years

A study of spiritual awakenings that examines the historical, theological and cultural milieu from which they have emerged.

Philosophy (PHL)

240. Introduction to Philosophy (3)

An introductory course in philosophy designed to acquaint the student with the major fields of philosophical study.

243. Introduction to Christian Ethics (3)

Reciprocal credit: CHR 243.

An introduction to Christian ethics, focusing on methodology with a survey and comparison of philosophical, secular, and theistic perspectives on the moral life, then moves on to develop a comprehensive evangelical approach.

331. Epistemology and Metaphysics (3) F or S—Alternate Years

This course helps students understand the world better by studying significant interpretations of knowledge, belief, being, and the world that have been offered by thinkers, both past and present—the major concerns of epistemology and metaphysics.

345. Logic (3) S—Odd Years

Examination of methods of critical thinking with attention given to the Socratic method, inductive and deductive reasoning, and the identification of logical fallacies.

346. History of Philosophy I (3) F—Odd Years

A survey of the history of philosophy from the time of Thales to the Renaissance and Reformation, examining the philosophical background in which Christianity emerged.

347. History of Philosophy II (3) S—Even Years

A survey from the Reformation to the modern period. Particular attention will be given to the dialogue between philosophy and the Christian faith in Western thought.

349. World Religions (3) S—Odd Years

Prerequisite: six hours in Christian Studies. Reciprocal credit: CHR 349.

A survey of the world's major religions.

350. C. S. Lewis: His Life and Work (3) F or S—Alternate Years

Reciprocal Credit: CHR 350.

Exploring the breadth of the writing of C. S. Lewis; including his fiction, apologetics, literary criticism, devotional writings, and essays in their historical setting. Attention will be given to how the theology of Lewis informed his scholarship and how his scholarship informed all of his writing.

438. Science and Faith (3) F or S—Alternate Years

Reciprocal credit: CHR 438.

Exploration of the major scientific concepts guiding modern science in relationship to the major faith commitments of the Christian faith as expressed in the gospel and the creeds in an effort to produce constructive dialogue that will mutually inform the two ways of knowing. Concepts explored include cosmology, evolution, quantum physics, and chaos theory; Doctrines explored include: creation, revelation, incarnation, salvation, exaltation, and eschatology as they relate to specific scientific concerns.

448. Philosophy of Film (3) S—Odd Years

Reciprocal Credit: CHR 448.

An examination of philosophical themes as developed in film with special attention given to existentialism, nihilism, pragmatism, phenomenism, and postmodernism.

450. Philosophy of Religion (3) F—Even Years

Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit in CHR 450.

A study of the philosophical attempt to understand the nature of God and the significance of religion in the life of man. An investigation as to the validity of the claim to a type of knowledge called “religious” and the methods whereby such is gained.

Christian Ministry and Missions Division (CHR)

271. Youth Ministry Strategies (3) F—Even Years

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

307. Faith-Based Social Services (3) F—Odd Years

PROGRAMS OF THE R.G. LEE CENTERS

ADULT STUDIES/THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS

Program Leadership

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Program Admission

Applicants must be at least 25 years of age and have served in some capacity in their church for at least 3 years.

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).
416. Major Prophets (3)
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)
An intensive study of the Gospel of John and the Johannine Epistles.
331. Early Christian Political Thought (3)
Reciprocal credit: PSC 331.
See PSC 331 for the course description.
335. Modern Christian Political Thought (3)
Reciprocal credit: PSC 335.
See PSC 332 for the course description.
454. Southern Baptist Life (3)
A survey of the history, structure, and activities of the Southern Baptist Convention.
481. Christian Ministries Internship (3)
Applied church ministry. Students will spend 3 weeks in the classroom followed by a minimum of 115 hours in a church or Christian related organization.
- 320-378.
Study of the book(s) indicated with attention to its exposition, historical setting, the meaning for Christians today, and an emphasis on how to teach the book in a local church.
320. Genesis (3)
321. Exodus (3)
322. Leviticus (3)
323. Numbers (3)
324. Deuteronomy (3)
325. Joshua (3)
326. Judges (3)
327. Ruth (3)
328. I Samuel (3)
329. II Samuel (3)
330. I Kings (3)
331. II Kings (3)
332. I Chronicles (3)
333. II Chronicles (3)
334. Ezra (3)
335. Nehemiah (3)
336. Esther (3)
337. Job (3)
338. Psalms (3)
339. Proverbs (3)
340. Ecclesiastes (3)
341. Song of Songs (3)
342. Isaiah (3)
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)
355. Zephaniah (3)
356. Haggai (3)
357. Zechariah (3)
358. Malachi (3)

359. Matthew (3)
 360. Mark (3)
 361. Luke (3)
 362. John (3)
 363. Acts (3)
 364. Romans (3)
 365. I Corinthians (3)
 366. II Corinthians (3)
 367. Galatians (3)
 368. Ephesians (3)

369. Philippians (3)
 370. Colossians (3)
 371. I Thessalonians (3)
 372. II Thessalonians (3)
 373. The Pastoral Epistles: I, II Timothy;
 Titus; Philemon (3)
 374. Hebrews (3)
 375. James and Jude (3)
 376. I, II Peter (3)
 377. I, II, III John (3)
 378. Revelation (3)

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

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

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

395-6-7. Special Studies (1-4)

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

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

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

498-9. Seminar (1-3)

To be used at the discretion of the department for A.Div. students only.