

Program Directors

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Faculty

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Mark Dubis (2002). Professor of Biblical Studies. B.S.,

- 5. Elective from Theological Studies—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/Languages—3 hours
 - E. Elective from Theological Studies—3 hours
 - F. Elective from Christian Ministry and Missions—3 hours
- V. Major in Theological Studies—40 hours
 - A. Core Requirements for all majors—18 hours
 - B. CHR 231 and 498—4 hours
 - C. Electives from Theological Studies—12 hours
 - D. Elective from Biblical Studies/Languages—3 hours
 - E. Elective 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
- VII. Major in Sport Management with Sport Ministry Emphasis
See the Department of Physical Education, Wellness and Sport for details.

Minors Offered by the School

- I. Minor in Apologetics—18 hours
 - A. CHR 339 and PHL 240
 - B. Choose 12 hours from: CHR 213, 324, 348; CHR/PHL 243, 349, 350, 351, 438, 448
- II. Minor in Biblical Studies—18 hours
 - A. CHR 113 and 338
 - B. Biblical Studies/Languages Electives—12 hours
- III. Minor in Biblical Languages—18 hours
 - A. CHR 113
 - B. GRK 212 and HBR 312
 - C. Either GRK 311/312 or HBR 411/412 sequence
 - D. Biblical Studies/Languages Electives—3 hours
- IV. Minor in Christian Ministry—18 hours
 - A. CHR 113, 243, 338
 - B. Christian Ministry Electives—9 hours
- V. Minor in Christian Studies—23 hours
 - A. CHR 113, 231, 243, 305, 333, 338, and PHL 240—20 hours
 - B. Elective from CHR courses—3 hours
- VI. Minor in Missions—18 hours
 - A. CHR 338 and 377—6 hours
 - B. Choose 12 hours from: CHR 245, 299, 308, 322, 349,

When an agreement has been reached for a faculty member to serve as a thesis advisor, the faculty member will notify the associate dean or dean of this arrangement. Students may also approach the associate dean or dean for suggestions with respect to potential thesis advisors.

- Completion of the multiple steps involved in preparing a thesis.
 - Thesis Prospectus
 - Annotated bibliography that serves as a literature survey
 - Draft process for thesis contents: introduction, chapters, and conclusion
 - Final thesis of between 35–50pp.
- Students will complete their honors thesis while enrolled in CHR-498. Students must meet all deadlines and all other expectations that the course professor requires of non-honors students in CHR-498. Students should closely consult with their thesis advisor during the writing of their honors thesis. Upon completion of the thesis, the students will submit the thesis to their thesis advisor and, as a courtesy, to the course professor.

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

Biblical Literature and Theology (CHR)

111. Old Testament Survey (3)

344. History of Christian Ethics (3) F—Odd 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. Ethics in Professional Life (3) As Needed

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.

347. Family Ethics (3) As Needed

A study of the family in the context of normative biblical, theological and ethical perspectives. Attention will also be given to contemporary challenges to the family including cohabitation, divorce, civil unions and polygamy.

400. Ethics in Sport (3) S—Odd Years

Reciprocal credit: PEWS 400. See PEWS 400 for course description.

<p>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.</p>	<p>Philosophy (PHL) 240. Introduction to Philosophy (3) An introductory course in philosophy designed to acquaint the student with the major fields of philosophical study.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>243. Introduction to Christian Ethics (3) F, S 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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>319. Virtue and Vice in the Christian Tradition (3) Reciprocal Credit: CHR 319 An examination of the nature of virtue and vice in the history of philosophy and Christian moral theology with special attention given to the tradition of the seven capital vices.</p>
<p>Church History (CHR)</p>	
<p>300. American Church History (3) F—Even Years Reciprocal credit: HIS 300. See HIS 300 for course description.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>305. History of Christianity (3) F, S Prerequisite: HIS 101 and 102. Reciprocal credit: HIS 305. See HIS 305 for course description.</p>	
<p>306. Early and Medieval Christianity (3) As Needed A survey of the history of Christianity from the post-apostolic period through the 15th century.</p>	<p>339. Apologetics (3) S—Even Years Prerequisite: PHL 240. Reciprocal credit: CHR 339. A rational defense for the truth claims of the Christian faith. The course covers questions that both skeptics and inquirers pose to Christianity, and consideration of responses from the Christian intellectual tradition.</p>
<p>313. Modern Christianity (3) As Needed A survey of the history of Christianity from the 17th century to the present.</p>	
<p>316. Renaissance and Reformation (3) F—Odd Years Reciprocal credit: HIS 316. See HIS 316 for course description.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>331. Early Christian Political Thought (3) F—Odd Years Reciprocal Credit: PSC 331. See PSC 331 for course description.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>335. Modern Christian Political Thought (3) S—Even Years Reciprocal credit: PSC 335. See PSC 335 for course description.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>349. Christ and Other Faiths (3) S—Odd Years Prerequisite: six hours in Christian Studies. Reciprocal credit: CHR 349. A survey of the world's major religions.</p>
	<p>350. C. S. Lewis: His Life and Work (3) S—Odd 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.</p>

438. Science and Faith (3) S—Even 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)

245. Cross-Cultural Life and Ministry (3) S—Odd Years

Reciprocal Credit: ICS 246.

This course explores various dimensions of the life of one who may be called by God to spend a significant portion of his/her life in a cross-cultural context.

271. Youth Ministry Strategies (3) As Needed

A study of youth ministry focusing on the various approaches, methods, and strategies with practical applications fca319.2 ()1wit(3) As Needed1 (c)-1sl context.

363. Biblical Preaching (3) F
A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation and delivery. Recommended for all ministerial students.
365. Pastoral Ministries (3) S—Even Years
A course designed to deal with the practical work of the pastor.
367. Introduction to Christian Evangelism (3) F, S
The Biblical and doctrinal basis for evangelistic preaching, planning, and programming.
372. Youth Ministry Administration (3) As Needed
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.
375. Youth Ministry Issues (3) As Needed
A study of the issues facing youth as well as the developmental nature of youth and the issues affecting them and their families.
377. Introduction to Missions (3) F
Reciprocal credit: ICS 377.
An introduction to Christian missions, with special attention to the history of missions, the theology of missions, and practical outreach in evangelical missions today, with particular reference to Southern Baptist missions.
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Reciprocal credit: PHL 438.
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481. Christian Ministries Mentorship (3) As Needed
Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing
A practical ministry experience in a local church, non-profit ministry, or organization approved by the professor. This course