## Dean

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- 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

#### **M**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 Ancient Languages-18 hours

One year in GRK, HBR, or LAT is prerequisite for Ancient Languages minor.

A. Elective hours in GRK, HBR, LAT (at least 12 at 200+;

at least 6 at 300+)-18 hours

## II.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

#### III. Minor in Biblical Languages-18 hours

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Languages.

- 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 Biblical Studies-18 hours

- A. CHR 113 and 338
- B. Biblical Studies/Languages Electives-12 hours

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## **Honors Thesis Requirements:**

Selection and approval of a thesis advisor. Students will
approach faculty members that would be appropriate
supervisors for their general area of research interest.
When an agreement has been reached for a faculty
member to serve as a thesis advisor, the faculty

#### Greek (GRK) 310. erk

## GRK 211. Elementary Greek I (3) F and

#### 212. Elementary Greek II (3) S

A course sequence to study of the basic forms, syntax, vocabulary and pronunciation of the Greek New Testament. Three hours lecture and one hour lab per week.

## GRK 311. Intermediate Greek I (3) F and 312. Intermediate Greek II (3) S

Prerequisite: GRK 212.

A two-semester study of the grammar and syntax of the Greek New Testament. Reading in the New Testament.

# GRK 411. Advanced Greek I (3) F and 412. Advanced Greek II (3) S

Prerequisite: GRK 312.

Extensive reading courses in the Greek New Testament with emphasis upon careful, accurate exegesis.

#### Hebrew (HBR)

## HBR 311. Elementary Hebrew I (3) F and

#### 312. Elementary Hebrew II (3) S

The course sequence is designed to introduce students to the verb forms, vocabulary, and syntax of biblical Hebrew.

## HBR 411. Advanced Hebrew I (3) F and

### 412. Advanced Hebrew II (3) S

Extensive reading courses in the Hebrew Bible, emphasizing translation, verb parsing, accents, critical notes and exegesis

## **Biblical Studies Division (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) F-Even Years

Prerequisite: CHR 111, CHR 112.

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

# 324. Contemporary Issues in Christian Ethics (3) S—Even years

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.

#### 344. History of Christian Ethics (3) As Needed

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.

#### 424. Bioethics (3) As Needed

Prerequisite: CHR 243 or other ethics course.

A survey of the Hippocratic/Judeo-Christian tradition in medical ethics against the background of biblical-theological discussions of human nature, medicine, healing, and biotechnology, as a context understanding the rise of contemporary bioethics.

## 440. Thinkers and Movements in Christian Ethics (3) As Needed

Prerequisite: CHR 243.

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

#### 444. Intensive Issues in Ethics Seminar (3) As Needed

Pre- or corequisites: CHR 243, CHR 324.

An intensive analysis of one major issue or cluster of issues

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#### 438. Science and Faith (3) S-Even 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) As Needed

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.

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#### 363. Biblical Preaching (3) F-Odd Years

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) 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.

#### 438. Science and Faith (3) S-Even Years

Reciprocal credit: PHL 438.