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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.

Vision Statement

The School of Theology and Missions helps students know, love, and serve God—informing minds, enflaming hearts, and equipping hands.

Ethos Statement

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 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
GRK 211 and HBR 311 are pre-requisites for minors in Biblical 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
V. Minor in Christian Ministry—18 hours
A. CHR 113, 243, 338
B. Christian Ministry Electives—9 hours
VI. Minor in Christian Studies—18 hours
A. CHR 113, 334, and 338—9 hours
B. Electives from CHR/GRK/HBR/LAT/PHL—9 hours
VII. Minor in Missions—18 hours
A. CHR 338 and 367—6 hours
B. Choose 12 hours from: CHR 245, 299, 308, 322, 349, 367, and ICS 320—12 hours
VIII. Minor in Philosophy—18 hours
A. PHL 240, 346, and 347—9 hours
B. Philosophy Electives—9 hours
IX. Minor in Theological Studies—18 hours
A. PHL 240 and CHR 243—6 hours
B. CHR 305 and 338—6 hours
C. Theological Studies Electives—6 hours

Major in Theology and Missions with Discipline-Specific Honors

The Honors Program in the School of Theology and Missions is intended to offer the student an opportunity to establish a deeper and richer understanding of the theological disciplines (e.g., biblical studies, biblical languages, theology, philosophy, and ministry preparation) than is typically gained in the undergraduate curriculum of the School of Theology and Missions.

Twelve hours of honors credit must be earned in Theology

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. The thesis review committee will be responsible for assigning a grade for CHR-498 in consultation with the course professor. Unless the CHR-498 course professor serves as a student's thesis advisor or on the thesis review committee, apart from reporting the student's performance on the ordinary expectations of the course, the honors program has no expectations of the CHR-498 course professor beyond what would normally be expected with respect to a non-honors student.
- Successful defense of the project before an honor thesis review committee consisting of three faculty members. The honor thesis review committee will be composed of the faculty who taught the three contracted honors courses plus the thesis advisor. If this number does not total three faculty, the School of Theology and Missions administration will appoint additional faculty to the thesis review committee. The review committee is responsible to read the final draft of the thesis and interact with the student regarding their work during the defense.

Assessment of Majors

Students with a major in the School of Theology and Missions (except Philosophy) are required to take CHR 498, Senior Seminar, as part of their graduation requirement. The seminar must be taken during the student's senior year.

Student Organizations

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