COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Legend

# ................................................................. Traditional Undergraduate course offered through Dual Enrollment venue
A suffix ................................................................................. Traditional Undergraduate course offered through Adult Undergraduate venue
Cr ........................................................................................................ Credits
EQ ............................................................................................................ Equivalent (see Traditional Undergraduate Catalog)
PQ ............................................................................................................ Prerequisite

Undergraduate Courses

Biblical Arts

BIA1005 Spiritual Formation# .................................................... 2 cr
This course explores spiritual formation by examining the Scriptures, historic spiritual practices of the Christian faith, and contemporary Christian writings. In doing so, the course provides a foundation for growth in personal discipleship through intellectual engagement and practical application (EQ: BIA1009).

BIA1009 Spiritual Living and Discipleship ..................................... 2 cr
A study of spiritual formation and the role of discipleship in the believer’s transformation toward Christ-likeness. Attention is given to the disciplines of spiritual living and the process of discipleship (EQ: BIA1005).

BIA2119 Bible Study Methods ..................................................... 2 cr
Development of inductive Bible study skills. Attention is given to historical and cultural factors of the text that relate to understanding biblical passages as well as to methods for application of biblical principles (EQ: MIN2016).

BIA2129 World Evangelism Theory and Methods ...................... 2 cr
This course lays a biblical foundation for the examination of personal evangelism and world missions. Attention is given to the roles of the individual, the ministry organization, and the local church in evangelism and missions. Strategies for organizing outreach are considered (EQ: BIA2125).

Bible

BIB1006 Old Testament History and Literature:
Law and History# ................................................................. 2 cr
A synthetic study of the overall purpose and message of the Old Testament (OT) Law and History and how each part fits into the whole. Each book in the Pentateuch and Historical sections of the OT is examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, genre, literary structure, and theology (EQ: Credit from BIB1009 can substitute for BIB1006 or BIB1007).

BIB1007 Old Testament History and Literature:
Poetry and Prophecy# ............................................................. 2 cr
A continuation of BIB1006 as a synthetic study of the overall purpose and message of the Old Testament (OT) Poetry and Prophets and how each part fits into the whole. Each book in the Poetic and Prophetic sections of the OT is examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, genre, literary structure, and theology (EQ: Credit from BIB1009 can substitute for BIB1006 or BIB1007).

BIB1009 Old Testament Studies ............................................... 2 cr
A survey of critical passages of the Old Testament that tie together God’s plan as manifested through the covenants. Attention is given to the role of Israel as God’s agent on earth and the prophetic references to Jesus Christ as the fulfillment of God’s plan. Important principles for ministry and Christian living are identified (EQ: BIB1006 or BIB1007 can substitute).

BIB1019 New Testament Studies ............................................. 2 cr
A survey of critical passages of the New Testament, focusing on the work of Christ and showing the place of the church and Israel in God’s plan. Attention is given to the extension of Christ’s work through the Apostles and local churches as a basis for formulating biblical principles of ministry (EQ: BIB2008).

BIB2008 New Testament History and Literature# ..................... 2 cr
A synthetic study of the purpose and message of the New Testament (NT) and how each part of the testament contributes to the whole. All 27 NT books are examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, literary structure, and distinctive (EQ: BIB1019).

BIB2229 Jesus in the Gospels ................................................... 4 cr
A study of the socio-historical background of the gospels, the various interpretative methods applied to the gospels, the portraits of Jesus found in the four gospels, and a survey of the life of Christ (NOTE: Credit from BIB3020 cannot substitute).

BIB4360 Systematic Theology# ................................................. 4 cr
(PQ: Junior standing or consent of instructor) The study of theology that summarizes and organizes the teaching of Scripture by relevant categories: God’s revelation in Scripture, the trinitarian God, God’s creation and redemption through Christ, the purpose of the church and the consummation of God’s plan.

BIB4460 Biblical Theology# ..................................................... 4 cr
(PQ: Junior standing or consent of instructor) The study of theology that identifies the themes emerging from the various books of the Bible and explains their contribution to the progress of divine revelation.

General Education

ANT2049 Anthropology ......................................................... 3 cr
A study of selected individual societies ranging from bands to states, representing a wide range of geographical environments. Students conduct an in-depth study of one particular society (EQ: ANT2045).
ART1009 Art Appreciation .................................................. 3 cr
An introductory study in the field of art, covering the elements and principles of design and representational and creative expression. The course is designed to develop the student’s appreciation of art (EQ: ART1005).

ECO2209 Concepts of Economics ........................................ 3 cr
This course provides a general overview of macroeconomics and microeconomics. Topics covered include product markets, resource markets, environmental problems, unemployment, inflation, fiscal policy, monetary policy, international trade, and economic growth (EQ: Credit from both ECO2201 and ECO2202 can substitute).

ENG1109 Composition and Editing ..................................... 3 cr
(PQ: Writing Lab) A writing course designed to prepare students for college-level thinking and writing. Emphasis will be placed on the writing process, including editing skills (EQ: ENG1105).

ENG2209 Argumentative Research Writing ......................... 3 cr
(PQ: C- or better in ENG1109) A writing course designed to improve students’ skills in source analysis, critical thinking, and argumentation as they create research papers. Students will develop skills in research by using reference materials, journals, and databases used by scholars in their disciplines (EQ: ENG2205).

HIS1009 History of the Western World ............................... 4 cr
A study of world civilization with emphasis upon the development of Western cultural traditions from ancient to modern times. Special attention is given to the Bible as a historical document and to the concepts of institutional development and cultural diffusion. Emphasis is on the interaction of Western institutions and ideas with the forces of absolutism, enlightenment, revolution, industrialism, nationalism, liberalism, imperialism, Darwinism, and materialism (EQ: HIS1005).

LIT1109 Introduction to Literary Genres ............................ 3 cr
A study of the literary genres of fiction, poetry, and drama. Emphasis is placed on literary conventions and textual analysis (EQ: LIT1100).

MAT1009 Liberal Arts Mathematics .................................... 4 cr
A course designed for non-mathematics majors to spark interest in everyday mathematics and develop the mathematics needed to thrive in society. Contemporary topics may be chosen from mathematical fields such as: voting theory, apportionment, fair division, graph theory, scheduling, sequences, geometry, growth models, personal finance, probability, statistics, fractals, and cryptography (EQ: MAT1005).

PHI2009 Survey of Philosophy .......................................... 3 cr
A survey of the principal problems and systems in Western philosophy. Attention is given to methodology, ethics, terminology, and the leading figures in philosophy (EQ: PHI2005).

PHI3057 Christian Apologetics* ......................................... 2 cr
This course takes a theological and philosophical approach to Christian apologetics and explores topics such as the myth of neutrality, the existence of God, the reliability of Scripture, miracles, the problem of evil, science and the Bible, and secular ideologies. Students will be introduced to those approaches to apologetics that are most often endorsed by evangelical apologists, and they will learn how advocates of those approaches conceive of the relationship between apologetics and the genesis of saving faith.

PSY1009 General Psychology ............................................. 4 cr
A study of human behavior. Attention is given to methodology and concepts in the areas of learning, motivation, emotions, perception, intelligence, and personality (EQ: PSY1005).

PSY2108 Lifespan Psychology* ......................................... 4 cr
A study of the nature and implications of development from conception through death. Emphasis is upon cognitive, moral, spiritual, emotional, interpersonal and self-development. Topics to be addressed include stages of development from birth through adolescence; maturation during the college years; critical periods of adulthood; marriage and parenting; ageism and physiological processes of aging; death and dying.

SCI1029 Environmental Science ....................................... 4 cr
The focus of this course is the interrelationship between organisms and the environment. Course topics include the role of science in understanding the background of many issues, such as global warming, water pollution, and energy resources, that confront Americans and the global community. Various strategies for natural resource management will be discussed, including Christian stewardship of God’s creation. Laboratory activities will also be included (EQ: Credit from SCI1010 can substitute).

SOC1039 Sociology .......................................................... 4 cr
A scientific study of the relationship between society, social groups, and human behavior. Consideration is given to the sociological perspective, socialization and group dynamics, deviance, inequality, social change, and various social institutions (EQ: SOC1035).

SPE1079 Public Speaking and Communication Fundamentals .......................................................... 3 cr
An introductory study and analysis of basic principles of effective communication with emphasis on public address, interpersonal communication, and group communication. Class activities provide opportunities to develop skills in speech preparation and delivery and in interpersonal and group communication (EQ: SPE1075).

STS1019 Adult Learner Success Strategies ............................. 2 cr
This course provides students with skills for managing their lives as they pursue an academic degree and future goals. Students will study time management strategies, learning styles, techniques for studying, and experiential learning as a framework for a possible future prior learning portfolio.

Business Management

BSM4007 Professional Skills in Business .............................. 2 cr
Students study professional skills with a strong emphasis on written and oral communication used in the business setting.

BSM4025 Business Ethics .................................................. 2 cr
Students will learn how to apply biblical principles and standards to ethical problems within business. Additionally, students will gain experience and confidence in making ethical decisions through a structured decision-making process. Knowledge and practical skills will be obtained through text readings, case studies, biblical research, supplemental business articles, video studies, and class discussions.
BSM4030 Accounting ................................................................. 3 cr
(PQ: BSM4050) Students study business records and financial
statements, plant and equipment, payroll accounting, and
partnership and corporate accounting. An introduction is also
provided to cost accounting. Emphasis is placed on understanding
the basic components of an accounting system used in businesses with
application toward best financial decisions.

BSM4032 Finance ................................................................. 3 cr
(PQ: BSM4030 and BSM4050) Students continue the analysis
of financial statements and exploration of present value topics.
Corporate debt and equity financing, investments, risk, breakeven
analysis, and budgeting are explored. Emphasis is placed on analysis
of financial decision alternatives, including risk and opportunity, as
important to financial structure and overall financial policy.

BSM4034 Management .......................................................... 3 cr
Students apply management principles and theory from a Christian
worldview. The course focuses on organizational theory, the shift
from hierarchical management structures, quantitative methods for
problem-solving, hiring, appraisals, outplacement, and other
management concepts. Organizational behavior and international
business topics are also explored.

BSM4043 International Business ............................................ 2 cr
Students examine the impact of the global community and develop a
greater understanding of the international market, managing a
diverse work force, and the cross-cultural and financial issues
associated with international operations.

BSM4050 Business Mathematics and Statistics .................... 3 cr
This course covers the practical business application of quantitative
analysis and elementary statistics. Students solve business problems
using critical thinking, spreadsheets, mathematical models, percent
change, and the mathematics of finance. Students practice basic
statistical skills such as representation, description, and predictive
interpretation of data including sampling, validity, normal
distribution, correlation, and regression.

BSM4052 Macroeconomics .................................................... 2 cr
Students review economic history, tracing the development of
capitalism and communism through the current international
economy; marginal analysis; demand, supply, and full employment;
and fiscal and monetary policies are discussed.

BSM4054 Microeconomics ...................................................... 2 cr
Students study production and cost, household behavior, and
markets and pricing. An analysis is done on the American economic
system, savings, investment, employment, and pricing.

BSM4061 Marketing .............................................................. 3 cr
Students explore the structure, function, and behavior of marketing
systems. They explore market-driven and consumer-centered
marketing principles. Emphasis is placed on decision-making in
the marketing process as a marketing plan is developed and applying
learned principles to examine/evaluate in-market case studies.

BSM4063 Business Law and Contracts .................................... 2 cr
Students examine the legal framework and issues that arise from
general principles of law applicable to common business situations.
Emphasis is placed on contracts, torts, business organizations, general
employment law, and related contemporary issues affecting business
transactions.

BSM4065 Information Management ...................................... 2 cr
This course introduces students to the complex function of
information management and presents the definition, deployment,
and utilization of information technology that gives business
organizations a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

BSM4067 Corporate Strategies ............................................. 3 cr
(PQ: BSM4032) Students explore case studies and readings centered
on strategic management in a business case group discussion format.
Students apply skills acquired throughout the course to analyze and
create strategies for businesses they are interested in, which are
summarized in a presentation and a formal written report.

Communication Studies

CMN4015 Communication Theory and Practice ..................... 4 cr
An examination of the theories of human communication, beginning
with its origins in classical rhetorical theory and progressing through
the wide variety of communication theories developed during the
20th century.

CMN4016 Intercultural Communication .............................. 2 cr
An introduction to intercultural communication through a
combination of readings, observation, simulations, and application.
Both effective practices and potential barriers to intercultural
communication will be explored. Course assignments and discussions
are designed for application for everyday encounters with individuals
from other cultures.

CMN4017 Group Communication ......................................... 2 cr
This course provides students with strategies for using theory and
contemporary research findings to enhance group communication,
group productivity, and member satisfaction. Using balance as a
framework for looking at how groups work and “how to” work in
groups, this course imparts students with tools for successful
communication in groups with the ability to relate group
communication theories, methods, and tools to group goals and
member needs.

CMN4018 Interpersonal Communication ............................. 2 cr
Increasing our understanding of interpersonal communication can
help us realize who we are and why we are that way and who we are
in relation to God and other people. This course will give practical
suggestions and skills that will help you communicate more
effectively with family, friends, and co-workers.

CMN4025 Communication Ethics ......................................... 2 cr
Students address ethical issues, cases, and values from a Christian
perspective. Accountability in media business, government
regulation, and human rights is covered in readings, classroom
discussion, and debates.

CMN4031 Business Communication .................................... 2 cr
This course examines the mechanics of business communications,
including the study of grammar fundamentals, sentence structure,
punctuation, vocabulary, and spelling. Basic writing, proofreading
skills, and clear business English are stressed. Students are taught to
draft and evaluate a variety of letters, emails, memos, and reports, as
well as demonstrate oral presentation skills using PowerPoint.
CMN4032 Public Relations Principles and Writing 2 cr
An overview of the role of the public relations function with practical emphasis on developing proficiency in producing the basic communication materials used by public relations professionals.

CMN4034 Public Relations Event Planning 2 cr
This course is designed to help students utilize principles and techniques of public relations to create, script, execute, and evaluate successful PR events. The class will emphasize both theory and practice, which will serve both the classroom experience and the world beyond the classroom.

CMN4039 Strategic Communication Planning 4 cr
This course is designed to develop advanced skills in the workplace by building on the knowledge of organizational communication speaking and writing skills. Students will critically analyze case studies, conduct research, and solve problems to provide effective workplace productivity.

CMN4042 Advanced Speaking and Presentation 2 cr (PQ: SPE1079) Students will build upon fundamental principles of effective speech preparation and delivery. Using various methods, strategies and tools, students will develop presentations for various professional scenarios, including speech writing.

CMN4044 Technology and Communication 2 cr
An introduction to the technologies used to create and deliver communications in today’s workplace such as social media, blogs, mobile messaging, web conferencing, online chat, etc., and their impact upon the quality and process of communication.

CMN4046 Communication and Conflict Resolution 2 cr
A theoretical and practical overview of interpersonal conflict, with an emphasis on communication-based resolution strategies, including mediation.

CMN4049 Advanced Organizational Communication 2 cr
This course is designed to develop advanced skills in the workplace by building on the knowledge of organizational communication speaking and writing skills. Students will critically analyze case studies, conduct research, and solve problems to provide effective workplace productivity.

CMN4051 Methods of Communication Research 2 cr
A survey and analysis of the most commonly used methods of social science inquiry relating to the communication discipline. Both qualitative and quantitative methods are examined.

Ethics

ETH4021 Foundations for Ethics 2 cr
Students construct a value system for making ethical decisions based upon biblical principles. Attention is given to methods of interpretation and the application of biblical concepts.

ETH4023 Worldview and Ethics 2 cr
Students continue to develop their value systems with greater emphasis on the philosophical and theological foundations for ethics. Attention is given to the application of ethical principles to economic and political ideologies.

Ministry

MIN1007A Ministry Foundations 4 cr
This course addresses theological, philosophical, and historic foundations for Christian ministry. Students will be introduced to various fields of ministry, explore giftedness and call, discover the purpose of the church, and wrestle with cultural implications for ministry practice. The student will connect with a local ministry and begin to formulate a personal theology and philosophy of ministry during this course. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN2016A Biblical Interpretation for Study 2 cr
The student will be trained to study the Bible and help others learn how to study the Bible. It is designed to train students in the practice of Biblical interpretation and application to everyday lives and for ministry in the world. It will provide a foundation for understanding the unity of God’s narrative and Kingdom work (EQ: BIA2119). (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN2045A Christian Formation for Ministry Practice 2 cr
This course explores Christian formation by examining the biblical text, historic Christian spiritual practices, theories of faith formation, and contemporary Christian formation texts. This course addresses balancing personal growth and ministry practice alongside discipleship, intellectual engagement, and practical application. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN3045A Developmental Foundations for Ministry 4 cr
This course provides an overview of theories related to educational psychology and human development across the lifespan. Specific application to ministry contexts in the local church and other ministry-based agencies is examined. Students complete research-based projects in their area of ministry interest. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN3206A Relationships 4 cr
This course will examine biblical and theological foundations, social science research, and relationship models for healthy relationships. Focus will be given to the process of relationships: identity formation, friendship, dating, courtship, engagement, and marriage. Additional issues including singleness, intimacy, forgiveness, gender issues, communication skills, conflict resolution, relational integrity, cultural awareness, and financial planning will be addressed. Research projects and other assignments will include exegetical work in relevant scriptural passages. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN3207A Ministry in a Globalized World 2 cr
This course prepares students to understand the impact of globalization on present day ministry. Students will be equipped to investigate diverse social and cultural contexts and develop strategies to minister effectively in an era of cultural, religious, and ethical diversity. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN3216A Leadership in Ministry 4 cr
A study of the principles and practices of leadership in the local church and other Christian ministry settings. The course includes a study of Biblical leaders, leadership styles, management principles, staff relationships, utilization of lay leadership, training techniques, spiritual gifts, man and woman in ministry, perils in leadership, and change and conflict, with special attention to the effect of culture on the selection and practice of Christian leadership. (NOTE: This course requires a $40 fee and is offered exclusively online).
MIN3218A Teaching Methods in Ministry
- A theoretical and practical approach to giving students experience in the development and practice of teaching biblical lessons. The course will address contemporary methods, scope and sequence, and curriculum analysis and evaluation, with special attention to the effect of gender and culture on the teaching/learning process. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN3231A Care and Counseling in Ministry
- This course provides a foundation and overview of counseling techniques, practices, and typical counseling situations which are faced in both church and parachurch ministry settings. Emphasis is placed on methods and techniques for effectively counseling people in crisis from all age groups. Guidance is given in the counseling of lay leadership, families in crisis, and the handling of abuse cases. Consideration is given to the legal, ethical, and practical implications of Christian counseling. (NOTE: This course requires a $95 fee and is offered exclusively online).

MIN4485A Capstone
- During the final semester, in conjunction with an internship or otherwise involved in a ministry setting, students will discuss and evaluate their ministry preparedness, areas of gifting, and calling. Students will revisit and revise the personal theology and philosophy of ministry created during MIN1007A and complete a ministry portfolio to prepare and guide them in future ministry. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN4499A Ministry Internship I
- During the final semester, in conjunction with an internship or otherwise involved in a ministry setting, students will discuss and evaluate their ministry preparedness, areas of gifting, and calling. Students will revisit and revise the personal theology and philosophy of ministry created during MIN1007A and complete a ministry portfolio to prepare and guide them in future ministry. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MIN4499A Ministry Internship II
- Supervised experience in ministry locally or abroad which focuses upon leadership and counseling. Internship requires 50 hours of ministry per credit. (NOTE: This course is offered exclusively online).

MNS4101 Old Testament Overview
- The Story of God as recorded in the Scriptures is explored through an overview of the Old Testament. Particular emphasis is placed on the relationship of God to His people.

MNS4102 New Testament Overview
- The Story of God as recorded in the Scriptures as continued in the New Testament is explored. Particular emphasis is placed on the Life of Christ and how Jesus did ministry.

MNS4115 Theology for Ministry
- Developing a theological framework is crucial to the work of ministry. This course will assist students in developing their theological understanding, especially ecclesiology.

MNS4215 Understanding Cultural Contexts
- This course explores principles and practices for understanding the seminal influence of culture on ministry in all contexts. The impact of culture through cross-cultural ministry, diversity, and organizational cultures are explored.

MNS4235 Human Growth and Development
- This course studies human growth and development through the life span, including such areas as developmental psychology, family systems, and sociology. Special emphasis is given to applying learning to ministry situations.

MNS4315 Technology in Ministry
- This course explores both the use of technology in ministry and the theological and theoretical issues of these tools. Included are relevant trends and technological issues for ministry.

Psychology

PYC4005 Foundations of Health Psychology
- An overview of the field of health psychology. Attention is given to the psychological factors related to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease and illness. The psychosocial factors that contribute to health and disease, health promotion, mind-body relationships, and various approaches to the prevention and treatment of physical illness will be examined. A Christian perspective on health and wellness is developed.

PYC4025 Professional Ethics
- Students examine ethical standards for the profession of psychology. Attention is given to biblical principles and how these relate to legal and ethical decisions in counseling.

PYC4032 Child and Adolescent Development
- An overview of child and adolescent development, including the major theories/theorists of human development and the major topics in cognitive, social, and physical development across the stages of childhood and adolescence.

PYC4034 Health Promotion Through the Lifespan
- An overview of development from birth to late adulthood, with special attention given to concepts of health promotion throughout the lifespan. Various theories of human development are reviewed and discussed as they relate to specific developmental tasks. Content and concepts are examined from a Christian perspective while biblical principles for health throughout the lifespan are presented.

PYC4036 Adult Development
- An overview of adult development, including the major theories/theorists of human development and the major topics in cognitive, social, and physical development across the stages of adulthood.

PYC4042 Social Science Research Methods
- Experimental and non-experimental methods are compared and contrasted. Issues related to reliability and validity are addressed. Philosophical assumptions related to quantitative and qualitative approaches to research are examined.
### PYC4045 Social Science Statistics I .............................................. 3 cr
An overview of univariate and bivariate descriptive statistics. Attention is given to measures of central tendency, measures of dispersion, Z-score transformations, percentile ranks, correlation, and simple linear regression. Applications of SPSS software are demonstrated.

### PYC4046 Social Science Statistics II .............................................. 3 cr (PQ: PYC4045)
An overview of parametric and nonparametric inferential statistics. Attention is given to specific inferential tests appropriate for various research designs, hypothesis testing, and probability. Students demonstrate knowledge by interpreting statistical results in research studies. Applications of SPSS software are demonstrated.

### PYC4051 Principles of Counseling ............................................. 3 cr
Students examine principles and methods of various schools of counseling. Interviewing skills related to assessment, diagnosis, and treatment planning are discussed. Attention is given to the application of biblical concepts.

### PYC4054 Marriage and Family Dynamics ...................................... 3 cr
This course examines the nature of marriage and family dynamics from a systems perspective. Sexuality and the role of marital quality upon the family unit are considered. Biblical principles for developing positive marriage and family dynamics are addressed.

### PYC4055 Marriage and Family Counseling ..................................... 3 cr
Students examine theories and intervention techniques in marriage and family counseling. Methods of assessment are addressed. Specific issues facing couples and families are considered.

### PYC4056 Family Communication and Relationships ......................... 3 cr
This course focuses on the psychosocial and spiritual foundations for healthy communication and interpersonal relationships within families. Strategies for developing appropriate problem solving and communication patterns are discussed.

### PYC4058 Intervention Strategies with Families ................................ 3 cr
This course is an examination of effective methods for addressing problems within families. Forms of neglect and abuse are examined and crisis intervention techniques are also considered. Case studies are used to apply interventions from a Christian worldview.

### PYC4079 Abnormal Psychology ................................................... 3 cr
An introduction to the field of abnormal psychology by examining abnormality within historical, social, and cultural contexts. Attention is given to the definition and classification of abnormality. Each major disorder, its etiology, symptoms, and preferred treatment strategy will be examined. Research issues as they relate to both the causal factors of disorders and the efficacy of current treatments will be considered. Evaluation of abnormality will occur in the context of a Christian worldview.

### PYC4081 Stress Management Strategies ........................................ 3 cr
Practical stress management techniques are addressed along with the relationships among stress, lifestyle, and chronic illness. A Christian worldview is explored as a foundation for stress management.

### PYC4083 Pain Management Strategies ........................................... 3 cr
Pain theories and interventions are explored through the biopsychosocial model and a Christian worldview. Various causes of pain are examined in relation to personality characteristics as well physiological and psychological dimensions.

### PYC4841 Research Practicum ....................................................... 1–4 cr
Students identify an empirical research topic, conduct a literature review, develop a methodology, obtain IRB approval, and collect and analyze data. Experimental or non-experimental methods may be used depending upon the purpose of the research. Students will complete a research report based on their findings. (NOTE: This practicum can be repeated for a maximum of 4 credits total).

### PYC4855 Health Psychology Capstone .......................................... 4 cr (PQ: All program courses)
Students complete a culminating project addressing an aspect of health psychology. Projects are presented using appropriate visual media such as VoiceThread or PowerPoint.

### Graduate Courses

#### Biblical Arts

**BIAS011 Spiritual Formation for Leadership ................................ 2 cr**
A study of biblical principles for the spiritual growth of self and others. This course includes the study of worldviews, Christianity and culture, and the life of the mind.

**BIAS015 Biblical Hermeneutics ................................................... 4 cr**
An advanced course in hermeneutics in which students will learn about the formation of the Bible, the history of biblical interpretation, modern critical methods, and current challenges to biblical interpretation.

**BIAS017 Bible in Its World ......................................................... 2 cr**
An introduction to the history and thought-world of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis is on the study of primary sources, principally the literature of the surrounding world, and the intersection of the ideas of those writings with those of the Bible.

**BIAS021 Apologetics ................................................................. 2 cr**
A study of apologetics, the defense of the Christian faith, with emphasis on critical thinking, theistic arguments, and the problem of evil. Students will also be introduced to Christian approaches to ethics and ethical issues.

#### Bible

**BIAS5120 Old Testament Survey ............................................... 2 cr**
An overview of the Old Testament, introducing students to key events, genres, characters, and themes. Special attention will be given to how the Old Testament provides a foundation for the New Testament.

**BIAS5124 New Testament Survey ............................................... 2 cr**
An overview of the New Testament, focusing on content and structure. Additional topics include authorship and historicity, genres, and continuity with the Old Testament.