

Ministry Leadership Concentration	12 credits
MIN5011 Spiritual Formation for Leadership	2 cr
MIN5210 Leading and Organizing Ministry	4 cr
Electives BIA, BIB, LDR, MIN, or PHI Courses.....	4 cr

Select one of the following (2 credits):

MIN5510 Ministry Relationships	2 cr
MIN5610 Ministering Culturally and Globally	2 cr

ELECTIVE COURSES

BIB6891 Thesis Research I	2 cr
BIB6892 Thesis Research II	2 cr

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Legend

##	Course is only offered online
EQ	Equivalent (see Traditional Undergraduate Catalog)
PQ	Prerequisite

Undergraduate Courses

Biblical Arts

BIA1005 Spiritual Formation## 2 cr
(Dual Enrollment course) 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
(Dual Enrollment course) A synthetic study of the overall purpose and message of the OT Law and History sections and how each part fits into the whole. Each book is examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, genre, literary structure, and theology (EQ: Credit from BIB1009 may substitute for BIB1006 or BIB1007).

BIB1007 Old Testament History and Literature: Poetry and Prophecy## 2 cr
(Dual Enrollment course) A synthetic study of the overall purpose and message of the OT Poetry and Prophet sections and how each part fits into the whole. Each book is examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, genre, literary structure, and theology (EQ: Credit from BIB1009 may 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 may 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
(Dual Enrollment course) A synthetic study of the purpose and message of the NT and how each part contributes to the whole. All 27 NT books are examined: their authorship, date, historical setting, message, literary structure, and distinctives (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 may not substitute).

BIB4360 Systematic Theology## 4 cr
(Dual Enrollment course, PQ: Junior standing or instructor consent) 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
(Dual Enrollment course, PQ: Junior standing or instructor consent)
 The study of the 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 may 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
(Dual Enrollment course) 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
(Dual Enrollment course) 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 may 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 Communication2 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 Writing2 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

Students learn the process of planning a communication campaign using award-winning, real-world examples for inspiration. Beginning with an organization's goals, needs, and opportunities, a communication plan is created. Based on current best practices in business communication, students learn to set measurable objectives, create key messages for a specific audience, layout specific delivery channels and timing, and anticipate required resources to execute the plan.

CMN4042 Advanced Speaking and Presentation2 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 Communication2 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

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 Ethics2 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 Ethics2 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.

Healthcare Management**HCM4080 Strategic Management in Healthcare##4 cr**

This course builds foundational understanding of the use of management systems in healthcare deliveries. Students will determine what management systems best align with an organization's mission. Application studies on both Lean and TQM management styles will be completed. This course also requires students to explore how managers build teams in highly regulated environments and ensure the processes for completing work are practical, compliant, and efficient.

HCM4085 Healthcare Leadership##4 cr

Students will learn strategies for building high-quality, high context teams centered on quality healthcare delivery. An assessment of how existing organizations integrate vision and values in to their care menu and delivery modalities will be required. This course is designed to help students formulate and articulate their own healthcare leadership principles, in both the stewardship of resources and the management of staff. Information interviews will create a platform for experiential and market-place relevant learning in this course.

HCM4087 Healthcare Law and Ethics##2 cr

This course is designed to give students an understanding of the common legal and ethical issues in healthcare delivery. Students will evaluate cases to better their understanding of informed consent, as it relates to existing conditions, risks, and cost. Students will learn and assess various risk mitigation techniques for human resource, technology, and malpractice liabilities. The positive and negative aspects of corporate governance, community, state, and federal accountability systems in healthcare will be explored.

HCM4089 Finance Systems in Healthcare##4 cr

This course will explore the unique and complex systems of healthcare reimbursement. Students will gain an understanding of how insurance reimbursement systems intersect with delivery and how providers use analytics to determine cost, cost sharing, and pricing. Students will also learn how hospital systems operate financially and how those systems comply with corporate governance and operational requirements. Students will use information interviews to build context for class content.

Ministry**MIN1007 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.

MIN2016 Biblical Interpretation for Study^{##} 2 cr

An introduction to biblical interpretation and application as a foundational tool for equipping students to grow spiritually, teach faithfully, and lead effectively in the Christian community. Special emphasis will be given to helping others learn how to study the Bible (EQ: BIA2119).

MIN2045 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.

MIN3045 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.

MIN3206 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.

MIN3207 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.

MIN3216 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: Requires a \$40 fee**).

MIN3218 Teaching Methods in Ministry^{##} 4 cr

(PQ: C- or better in MIN1007 and MIN2016) 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.

MIN3231 Care and Counseling in Ministry^{##} 4 cr

This course provides a foundation and overview of counseling techniques, practices, and typical counseling situations that 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: Requires a \$95 fee**).

MIN4855 Capstone^{##} 2 cr

(PQ: MIN3045, MIN3216, and MIN4991) 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 MIN1007 and complete a ministry portfolio to prepare and guide them in future ministry.

MIN4991 Ministry Internship I^{##} 2 cr

(PQ: MIN3216 or may be taken concurrently, Program Manager consent, and completed internship registration form) Supervised experience in ministry locally or abroad which focuses upon leadership and counseling. Internship requires 50 hours of ministry per credit.

MIN4992 Ministry Internship II^{##} 2 cr

(PQ: MIN3216, Program Manager consent, and completed internship registration form) Supervised experience in ministry locally or abroad which focuses upon leadership and counseling. Internship requires 50 hours of ministry per credit.

Psychology**PYC4005 Foundations of Health Psychology^{##} 3 cr**

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^{##} 2 cr

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 2 cr

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^{##} 3 cr

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..... 2 cr

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^{##} 2 cr

(PQ: PYC4045 and PYC4046) 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: May 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

BIA5015 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.

BIA5017 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.