



Division of Christian Studies

Christian Studies

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The Division of Christian Studies exists to prepare students for effective vocational Christian ministry and successful study in graduate institutions by offering a rigorous academic program concentrating on the study of the Christian Scriptures, theology, history, philosophy, ethics, and practical principles of Christian ministry.

The Division offers majors in Christian Studies, Biblical Studies, Christian Education, and Christian Philosophy. The majors in Christian Studies and Biblical Studies offer good general preparation for any area of ministry, but are especially recommended for students preparing for ministries that focus on Bible teaching such as pastoral ministry or missionary service. The Christian Education major is especially designed for students preparing for service as ministers of youth, children, education, or administration. The Christian Philosophy major is especially recommended for students preparing to pursue graduate studies in Philosophy.

All students must complete the 56 hours required in the Central Curriculum. Biblical Studies, Christian Education, and Christian Philosophy majors must take GK 223 as the foreign language requirement. Christian Studies majors may take either GK 223 or HE 437 as the foreign language requirement. Christian Education majors must take PY220 for 1 of their social sciences since it is a prerequisite for CE/PY320.

All four of these majors require 21 hours of core courses plus additional specialized courses for the specific major.

The Division core consists of the following courses:

Old Testament Intensives:

- RL335 Pentateuch
- RL336 Prophets
- RL337 Writings

New Testament Intensives:

- RL345 Gospels and Acts
- RL346 Epistles of Paul
- RL347 General Epistles and Revelation

Theology

- RL365 Christian Theology I

However, Biblical Studies majors must pursue 400 level credit for the Old Testament and New Testament intensives (RL 435,436,437; RL 445,446,447). These advanced courses study Old and New Testament books in Hebrew and Greek. Students may take 400 level Old Testament courses only after completing 9 hours of Hebrew and may take 400 level New Testament courses only after completing 9 hours of Greek.

In addition to the Division core, the following courses are required for each major:

Biblical Studies

RL213 Spiritual Formation
 RL211 Introduction to Church Ministry
 RL302 In-Service
 RL367 Christian Theology II
 RL442 Intro to Sermon Preparation *or* RE212 Principles and Methods
 GK224 Elementary NT Greek II
 GK331 Intermediate NT Greek
 HE437 Elementary Hebrew I
 HE438 Elementary Hebrew II
 HE439 Hebrew III
 20 hours of electives

Christian Studies

RL211 Intro to Church Ministry *or* RL442 Intro to Sermon Preparation *or* RE212 Principles and Methods
 RL213 Spiritual Formation
 RL302 In-Service
 RL367 Christian Theology II
 PI360 Ministerial Ethics
 GK 224 Elementary Greek II *or* HE 438 Elementary Hebrew II
 32 hours electives (including hours dedicated to a minor)

Christian Education

CE211 Introduction to Church Ministry
 CE212 Principles and Methods of Christian Education
 CE301 In-Service Guidance
 CE303 Evangelism
 CE320 Psychology of Religion
 CE360 Ministerial Ethics
 CE380 Servant Leadership
 29 hours of electives (including hours required by minor)

Christian Philosophy

PI 360 Ministerial Ethics
 PI 220 Intro to Philosophy
 PI 320 History of Philosophy
 PI 340 Philosophy of Religion
 RL 367 Christian Theology II
 RL 361 History of Christianity *or* PI 341 Comparative Religions
 32 hours of electives (including hours required for minor)

Minors are offered in Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages, Christian Studies, Christian Education, and Philosophy. The Biblical Studies minor requires 18 hours of biblical exegesis courses. The Biblical Languages minor requires 18 hours of biblical language courses. The Christian Studies minor requires 18 hours of Christian Studies courses. Other minors requires 15 hours in the area.

Religion Courses (RL)

- 095 Introduction to the Christian Faith**
A general introduction to the core essentials of the Christian faith. This course is required of all students who accumulate deficiencies in the Spiritual Enrichment Program in order to re-enroll at Louisiana College. Three hours to six hours add-on credit. Pass/Fail only. (Fee \$10)
- 096 Introduction to the Christian Faith - Supplemental Readings**
Supplemental readings related to the core essentials of the Christian faith. This course is required of all students who accumulate more than ten deficiencies in the Spiritual Enrichment Program in order to re-enroll at Louisiana College. Three hours add-on credit.
- 101 Survey of the Old Testament**
A survey of the content of the Old Testament with an emphasis on the major theological themes of each Old Testament book. The course also includes an introduction to the historical background and development of the Old Testament as well as attention to critical issues concerning authorship, date, provenance, and the structure of each Old Testament book. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 102 Survey of the New Testament**
A survey of the content of the New Testament with an emphasis on the major theological themes of each New Testament book. The course also includes an introduction to the historical background and development of the New Testament as well as attention to critical issues concerning authorship, date, provenance, and the structure of each book. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 211 Introduction to Church Ministry (Also RE 211)**
A study of staff relationships and the program organizations in the framework of the local church. Credit three hours.
- 213 Spiritual Formation**
A course designed to explore and appropriate the God-given dynamics for growth in godliness by examining the teachings of Scripture, the means of grace as expressed in the spiritual disciplines, and the rich heritage of historic Christian spirituality. Credit three hours.
- 301 In Service Training (Also RE 301)**
A practicum experience in a field ministry setting. Prerequisite: RL 211 and by application. Credit three hours.
- 302 In Service Training (Also RE 302)**
A practicum experience in a field ministry setting. Prerequisite: RL 301 and by application. Credit three hours.

The following courses focus on the exegesis of various books or portions of books. Each course will seek to give students an understanding of the book's original text, theology, grammar and syntax, literary analysis, word studies, and relationship to other biblical books. The course will also introduce students to important principles of biblical interpretation that apply especially to the book and guide interpreters in understanding the contemporary relevance of the text. Credit for each course will be three hours.

335/435 The Pentateuch

Prerequisites for RL435: HE437, HE438, HE439.

336/436 The Prophets

The following divisions will be offered: Former Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, The Book of the Twelve. Prerequisites for RL436: HE437, HE438, HE439 (Repeatable for credit)

337/437 The Writings

The following divisions will be offered: Psalms, Job, Proverbs, Megilloth, Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles. Prerequisites for RL437: HE437, HE438, HE439 (Repeatable for credit)

345/445 Gospels and Acts

The following divisions will be offered: Matthew, Sermon on the Mount, Mark, Luke, John, Acts. Prerequisites for RL445: GK223, GK224, GK331 (Repeatable for credit)

346/446 Epistles of Paul

The following divisions will be offered: Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians-Philemon, 1-2 Thessalonians, Pastoral Letters. Prerequisites for RL446: GK223, GK224, GK331 (Repeatable for credit)

347/447 General Epistles and Revelation

The following divisions will be offered: Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter and Jude, 1-3 John, Revelation. Prerequisites for RL447: GK223, GK224, GK331 (Repeatable for credit)

338 Archaeology, History and Religion in Ancient Israel

An introductory study of the history, religion and culture of ancient Israel. Emphasis will be given to the history and methodology of Palestinian archaeology and its contributions to the scientific study of the Bible within the cultural context of the ancient Near East. Prerequisite: RL 101. Credit three hours.

361 History of Christianity (Also HI361)

An historical survey of Christianity from its beginning to the present. Emphasis will be placed on theological developments, personalities and major movements. Prerequisite: HI 101, 102, RL 101, 102. Credit three hours. (Fee \$7)

362 Missions

A study of the biblical basis for missions, the meaning of a call to missions and organization including strategy. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102. Credit three hours.

363 Practicum in Short-Term Missions

This is designed to give students a firsthand experience of a short-term international mission trip. Students will develop a grasp of the biblical basis for missions, gain an overview of various mission strategies, and learn how to raise support as they prepare for an actual two-week mission trip. Prerequisites: RL101 and RL102. Credit three hours.

364 Christian Doctrines

A study of the basic beliefs of the Christian faith, such as revelation, the trinity, the atonement and the church from a theological perspective. Prerequisite: RL 102. Credit three hours.

365 Christian Theology I

A study of the biblical basis and formulation of the Christian doctrines of God, humanity, sin, Christ, and salvation. Credit three hours.

367 Christian Theology II

A study of the biblical basis and formulation of the Christian doctrines of revelation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and the last things (eschatology). Credit three hours.

427 Clinical Pastoral Ministry

Certified chaplain supervisors guide students in actual personal and pastoral relations. By special permission, seniors only. Credit three hours.

439 Methods and Principles in Biblical Study

A study of the various methods and principles by which the Bible has been understood in both the past and the present. Emphasis will be given to an historical survey of these various methods and principles as well as an introduction to contemporary methodological procedures. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102. Credit three hours.

441 Christianity in America (Also HI 441)

An exploration of the growth, expansion, and influence of Christianity in the United States from the colonial period to the present. The doctrinal, institutional, ethical, and devotional expressions of American Christianity will be addressed. The interaction between Christianity and other religious groups in American culture will also be examined. Prerequisites: HI 221 and 222 or RL 361. Credit three hours. (Fee \$7)

442 Introduction to Sermon Preparation

A study of the basic techniques of sermon preparation. Study includes writing of outlines and manuscript sermons. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102. Credit three hours.

399-499 Directed Study in Religion

Directed study in connection with a resident workshop, individual interest area or with a travel study program. Students will pursue selected studies or conduct independent research projects as approved by the instructor. Prerequisite: approval of instructor and department chairperson. Credit one to three hours. (Fee \$8)

Biblical Languages

Greek (GK)

- 223 Elementary New Testament Greek I**
The essentials of the inflection and structure of the New Testament Greek. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 224 Elementary New Testament Greek II**
A review of the inflection and structure of New Testament Greek. Prerequisite: GK 223. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 331 Intermediate New Testament Greek**
An introduction to translation and linguistic analysis of New Testament Greek. Prerequisite: GK 224. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 332 Advanced New Testament Greek**
Exegetical translation and interpretation of some portions of Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: GK 331. Credit three hours.

Hebrew (HE)

- 437 Elementary Hebrew I**
The basic course in the biblical language of Hebrew will emphasize an introduction to grammar, vocabulary, the strong verb system and translation of elementary materials. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 438 Elementary Hebrew II**
The second course in Hebrew will emphasize grammar and syntax, additional vocabulary, the weak verb system and translation of materials from biblical texts. Prerequisite: HE 437. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)
- 439 Hebrew III**
The third course in Hebrew will emphasize syntax, vocabulary, and translation of biblical texts. This course will also include an introduction to Biblical Hebrew poetry. Prerequisites: HE437, HE438. Credit three hours.

Christian (Religious) Education (CE)

- 211 Introduction to Church Ministry (Also RL 211)**
A study of staff relationships and the program organizations in the framework of the local church. Credit three hours.

- 212 Principles and Methods**
A study of the teaching-learning process which includes planning objectives, learning activities and practical experiences. Credit three hours.
- 301 In-Service Training (Also RL 301)**
A practicum experience in a field ministry setting to provide experience in working with committees and program organization. Prerequisite: CE 211, 212 and by application. Credit three hours.
- 302 In-Service Training (Also RL 302)**
A practicum experience in a field ministry setting to provide experience in the specific chosen field of service. Prerequisite: CE 301. Credit three hours.
- 303 Evangelism**
A study of witnessing techniques with emphasis on selection plans for evangelism in the local church. Credit three hours.
- 307 Writing for the Church (Also JN 307)**
Practical experience in writing church news releases, materials for worship and poetry, fiction and feature articles for publication in the church press. Credit three hours. (Fee \$13)
- 311 Introduction to Youth Ministry**
A study of the nature, duties and problems of the youth minister in the framework of the local church. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102, CE 211. Credit three hours.
- 312 Introduction to Church Recreation (Also HP 312)**
A study of the philosophy, areas, and implementation of recreation in the local church. Prerequisite: CE 311. Credit three hours.
- 320 Psychology of Religion (Also PY 320)**
A study of the psychological dynamics of certain components of the Christian faith such as conversion, repentance, temptation, guilt, doubt and worship. Prerequisite: RL 101, 102 and PY 220. Credit three hours.
- 339 Drama in the Church (Also TH 339)**
Analysis of necessary aspects for conducting church drama and special activities. Prerequisite: permission of instructor. Credit three hours. (Fee \$13)
- 342 Family Life Ministry**
An exploration of ways the church as an institution can minister to the modern family in all its forms: single persons, single parents, couples with no children, parents with children of various stages of development, senior adults, blended families, etc. Attention is given to the needs of each form of the family and how the church can help meet those needs through education, program design, and other ministries. Prerequisite: CE 211. Credit three hours.

- 360 Ministerial Ethics (Also PI 360)**
An examination of ethical questions that arise for the Christian minister, including issues concerning personal conduct and character as well as relationships with colleagues, the congregation, and the community. Prerequisite: junior standing or PI 300. Credit three hours.
- 380 Servant Leadership**
This course is concerned with a study of servant leadership as a basis for developing a personal concept of ministry and service. Various theories of leadership will be assessed giving the student an opportunity to discover his or her own primary leadership style. Attention is given to synthesizing a primary leadership style with servant leadership.
- 395 Cross-Cultural Experiences (Also ED 395)**
Cross-cultural experiences designed to provide students an opportunity to participate in different cultures through the teaching of conversational English. Prerequisite: EN 101 and 102. Credit three hours.
- 396 Cross-Cultural Experiences Laboratory (Also ED 396)**
Prerequisite: Enrollment in ED 395. Credit two hours.
- 199-499 Directed Study in Religious Education**
Directed study in connection with a resident workshop, individual interest area or with a travel study program. Students will pursue selected studies or independent research projects as approved by the instructor. Prerequisite: permission of instructor and department chairperson. Credit one to three hours.

Philosophy (PI)

- 220 Introduction to Philosophy**
An exposure to various areas of philosophical investigation and to leading philosophers of the past. Prerequisite: sophomore standing. Credit three hours.
- 230 Introduction to Logic (Also MA 230)**
A course designed to acquaint students with various forms of reasoning and to assist them in developing skills in correct thinking. Taught with the mathematics department. Prerequisite: math course. Credit three hours. (Fee \$5)
- 300 Christian Faith & Values**
A course designed to provide a reasoned basis for a holistic commitment to Jesus Christ in every area of life. The course will focus on developing a Christian worldview accompanied by an ability to apply biblical principles in value judgments, personal decisions and life issues such as theological, moral, cultural and professional questions. Prerequisite: EN 102. Credit three hours. (Fee \$8)

- 320 History of Philosophy**
A study of the historical development of Western philosophy with an emphasis on the Greek and Modern periods. Credit three hours.
- 340 Philosophy of Religion**
An application of the methods of philosophical study to certain fundamental issues in religion such as the nature of God, the problem of evil and the meaning of religious language. Credit three hours.
- 341 Comparative Religions**
A study of the history, beliefs and practices of the major religions such as Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism and Islam. Credit three hours.
- 360 Ministerial Ethics (Also RE 360)**
An examination of ethical questions that arise for the Christian minister, including issues concerning personal conduct and character as well as relationships with colleagues, the congregation, and the community. Prerequisite: junior standing or PI 300. Credit three hours.
- 370 Business Ethics (Also BA 370)**
A study, utilizing the case study method, of ethical problems in business and the role that moral values play in addressing them. Prerequisite: junior standing, MG 350 or PI 300. Credit three hours. (Fee \$6)
- 380 Health Care Ethics**
An examination of ethical problems that arise in the area of health care, including such issues as abortion, euthanasia, genetics and patient relationships. Prerequisite: PI 300. Credit three hours.
- 390 Values and Science**
A study of the nature of science, its impact on society, and the values issues that are related to the scientific enterprise. Prerequisite: Introduction to Natural Science. Credit 3 hours.
- 400 Values and American Society**
A comparative study of Christian and the values propagated by American society with an emphasis upon the development of one's own value system. Credit three hours.
- 499 Independent Study in Philosophy**
A study of a philosopher or area of philosophy to be selected by the student. Prerequisite: 12 hours of philosophy and permission of the instructor. Credit one to three hours.

Biblical Studies (with languages)

First Year	Hrs
English 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Math 100, 111, 120, or 218-----	3
Natural Science -----	4
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
Communications-----	3
LC Connection 100-----	1
HP 100 and one activity -----	2
 Total -----	 31

Third Year	Hrs
Fine Arts-----	3
PL300 -----	3
Greek III (Fall)-----	3
Hebrew III (Fall)-----	3
RL445, 446, 447-----	3
RL435, 436, 437-----	3
RL364 -----	3
RL302 -----	3
Electives -----	9
 Total -----	 33

Christian Studies

First Year	Hrs
English 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Math 100, 111, 120, or 218-----	3
Natural Science -----	4
RL101, 102-----	6
Communications-----	3
LC Connection 100-----	1
HP100 and one activity -----	2
 Total -----	 31

Second Year	Hrs
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Natural Science -----	3
Social Science-----	6
Computer Applications-----	3
Greek I and II -----	6
Hebrew I and II -----	6
HP Activity-----	1
RL213 -----	3
 Total -----	 31

Fourth Year	Hrs
RL211 -----	3
RL442 -----	3
RL445, 446, or 447-----	6
RL435, 436, or 437 -----	6
RL367 -----	3
Electives -----	11
 Total-----	 32

Second Year	Hrs
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Natural Science -----	3
Social Science-----	6
Computer Applications-----	3
Greek I & II or Hebrew I & II-----	6
RL345, 346, or 347 -----	3
RL335, 336, or 337 -----	3
HP activity -----	1
RL213 -----	3
 Total -----	 31

Third Year	Hrs
Fine Arts-----	3
PI300-----	3
PI360-----	3
RL345, 346, or 347-----	3
RL335, 336, or 337-----	3
RL364-----	3
Electives-----	15
Total-----	33

Fourth Year	Hrs
RL345, 346, or 347-----	3
RL335, 336, or 337-----	3
RL367-----	3
RL302-----	3
RL211, 442, or RE212-----	3
Electives-----	17
Total-----	32

Religion

First Year	Hrs
English 101, 102-----	6
History 101, 102-----	6
Math 100, 111, 120 or 218-----	3
Natural Science-----	4
Religion 101, 102-----	6
Communications-----	3
LC Connection 100-----	1
HP 100 and one activity-----	2
Total-----	31

Second Year	Hrs
English 200 or 201-----	3
Greek 223, 224-----	6
Philosophy 220-----	3
Natural Science-----	3
Social Science-----	6
Religion 211-----	3
Religion 335, 336, or 337-----	3
Computer Applications-----	3
HP activity-----	1
Total-----	31

Third Year	Hrs
Fine Arts-----	3
Philosophy 300-----	3
Christian Education 320-----	3
Religion 301-----	3
Religion 338-----	3
Religion 345,346, or 347-----	3
Religion 361 or 364-----	3
Minor-----	9
Electives-----	3
Total-----	33

Fourth Year	Hrs
Religion 439, 442-----	6
Electives in Religion-----	3
Minor-----	6
Electives-----	12
Total-----	32

Philosophy/Religion

First Year	Hrs
English 101, 102 -----	6
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
LC Connection 100-----	1
HP 100 and one activity -----	2
Natural Science -----	4
Math 100, 111, 120 or 218 -----	3
Social Science-----	3
Total -----	31

Third Year	Hrs
Philosophy 340 or 341 -----	3
Religion 439 -----	3
Philosophy 300-----	3
Philosophy 320-----	3
Religion 361 -----	3
Religion 345, 346, or 347-----	3
Philosophy or Religion Elective-----	3
Minor-----	12
Total -----	33

Christian Education

First Year	Hrs
English 101, 102 -----	6
History 101, 102 -----	6
Math 100, 111, 120 or 218 -----	3
Natural Science -----	6
Religion 101, 102 -----	6
Communications-----	3
LC Connection 100-----	1
HP 100 -----	1
Total -----	32

Third Year	Hrs
Fine Arts -----	3
Philosophy 300-----	3
Christian Education 320-----	3
Religion 345, 346, or 347-----	3
Religion 361 or 364-----	3
Christian Education 301 -----	3
Christian Education 303 -----	3
Education 195, 196, or 295 -----	3
HP Activity-----	1
Minor-----	6
Total -----	31

Second Year	Hrs
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Greek 223, 224-----	6
HP activity -----	1
Natural Science -----	3
Religion 320-----	3
Religion 335, 336, or 337 -----	3
Computer Applications-----	3
Philosophy 220-----	3
Social Science-----	3
Communications-----	3
Total -----	31

Fourth Year	Hrs
Fine Arts-----	3
Philosophy 400 -----	3
Religion 364-----	3
Minor-----	3
Electives -----	20
Total -----	32

Second Year	Hrs
English 200 or 201 -----	3
Greek 223, 224-----	6
Philosophy 220-----	3
Natural Science Lab-----	1
Social Science-----	3
Christian Education 211, 212 -----	6
Religion 335, 336, or 337 -----	3
Computer Applications-----	3
Total -----	33

Fourth Year	Hrs
Religion 439 -----	3
Minor-----	9
Electives -----	20
Total -----	32

