

Catalog - Grace Christian University

COURSES

BIB 141 - Credit Hours: 3

Old Testament Survey

This course is a survey of Old Testament literature in its historical setting. Attention is given to outstanding persons, events, and theological emphases.

BIB 143 - Credit Hours: 3

New Testament Survey

This course is a survey of the background and content of the New Testament with an emphasis on learning to ask questions that will give the student a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. It is designed for students who desire to use the New Testament for the purposes intended by God both in their personal lives and in their teaching. The course is designed from a conservative, evangelical, and dispensational framework.

BIB 342 - Credit Hours: 3

Life of Christ

This course is a journey in the steps of Christ to experience authentic and transformative Christian living, which prepares students to follow the steps of Christ and serve the Church and society. Students will explore context, life examples, teachings, and theology inherent in the life of Christ in order to develop a personal theology. The four Gospels serve as the knowledge base.

BIB 408 - Credit Hours: 3

Genesis

This course reviews the overall scope of Genesis as the foundational book in the Pentateuch. This includes authorship, content framework, and purpose.

BIB 442 - Credit Hours: 3

Letters of Paul

This course examines the background and ministry of Paul, as well as the origin and purpose of each of the Pauline epistles in the context of the development of his ministry. The study will include an analysis and synthesis of major Pauline themes, including the Pauline concept of the church and its mission.

BUS 110 - Credit Hours: 3

Fundamentals of Business

This course provides an overview of the fundamental practices and issues involved in managing and operating a business in today's marketplace. Areas of business explored in this course include various management theories, economic concepts, management and organization, human resources, sales and marketing, and operations. The course also examines the challenges of operating in both domestic and global markets, business ethics and business strategy.

BUS 115 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Computers

This course encourages online learners to use technology as an effective

communication avenue to research and present information for life and learning. Learners will gain experience with technology tools, including Microsoft® Word and PowerPoint that can be used throughout the student's coursework to create documents and presentations and communicate those appropriately to academic and professional audiences.

BUS 230 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Finance

This course will provide opportunity to learn basic finance principles linking financial markets, institutions and investors. An overview of the flow of capital will be explored from the corporate perspective, including topics such as interest rates, stocks, bonds, risk and return, the time value of money, and the cost of capital.

BUS 245 - Credit Hours: 3

Accounting I

This course is an introduction to the field of accounting and the role that accounting plays in business. Students will be introduced to journals, ledgers, postings, and adjusting/closing of the books. The course emphasis is on understanding the complete accounting cycle and preparing financial statements, bank reconciliations, and payroll.

BUS 255 - Credit Hours: 3

Fundamentals of Business Law

This course provides an overview of the law as it pertains to business organizations. It will introduce the student to the legal system in its various forms and its impact on the legal environment of business. Topics include the Constitution and its historical foundation, ethics, business decision-making, alternative dispute resolution, torts, intellectual property, criminal law and cybercrimes, contracts, sales and lease, and employment law.

BUS 260 - Credit Hours: 3

Global Issues in Business

This course familiarizes students with important considerations in conducting business in an increasingly global economy. It will help prepare students for positions in organizations engaged in global business. Students will be exposed to some of the issues encountered in global business. Key topics will include cultural issues, ethical issues, and political and economic issues.

BUS 275 - Credit Hours: 3

Business Case Study

This course requires the student to utilize much of what he or she has already learned in previous courses and gives them the opportunity to apply that knowledge to the solution of an actual business issue in an organization of his or her choice. The student will identify a significant business problem or issue in an organization that they know well. The student will examine the issue using the knowledge they gained in previous courses and examine the related business literature to identify and make appropriate recommendations to address the problem or issue. This course will culminate in a written case study exploring the identified problem, the relevant literature, and the proposed recommendations.

BUS 430 - Credit Hours: 3

Management of Marketing

This course examines various aspects of the discipline of marketing as they relate to today's domestic and global marketplaces. Multiple marketing strategies will be

analyzed and the behavior of consumers in various target markets will be explored. Information related to understanding and making advantageous marketing decisions related to product and service offerings, distribution, promotion, and pricing will also be examined.

BUS 445 - Credit Hours: 3

Accounting II

This course will provide learners the opportunity to learn basic managerial accounting processes such as product and service costing, profit planning, capital investment analysis, flexible budgeting, and financial statement analysis. Special attention will be given to the use of computer applications to perform analysis and make decisions.

BUS 465 - Credit Hours: 3

Finance and Budgeting for Managers

This course will build upon basic finance concepts involving financial markets. An in depth review of the function and use of financial statements in capital markets will be surveyed. Managerial planning and decision making roles will be explored in topics such as capital budgeting, capital structure, leverage, and cash flow analysis.

BUS 470 - Credit Hours: 3

Personnel Development

This course will prepare the student to integrate the various theories of learning, leadership, and motivation into a practical application of different methodologies, including needs assessment, development, and execution. Other important aspects covered include job design, coaching, mentoring, and performance management techniques.

BUS 475 - Credit Hours: 3

Operations Management

This course is designed to provide an understanding of the foundations of the operations function from both manufacturing and services perspectives. The course will analyze operations from both the strategic and operational perspectives and highlight the competitive advantages that operations can provide for the organization. We will cover topics in the areas of process analysis, materials management, production scheduling, quality improvement, and product design.

BUS 485 - Credit Hours: 3

Strategic Management

This course examines the art and science of formulating, implementing, and evaluating cross-functional decisions that enable an organization to achieve its objectives. The course focuses on integrating management, marketing, finance/accounting, production/operations, research and development, and information systems to accomplish organizational success in a rapidly changing global economy.

BUS 498 - Credit Hours: 3

Program Capstone

This course serves as a capstone course for Grace Online BS degrees. The purpose is for students to synthesize their learning and focus their ideas on a practical application of their ideas in a local community in the context of their degree program.

CJS 251 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Criminal Justice

This course provides an introduction to the criminal justice system. The primary goal of this course is to develop a general understanding of the criminal justice system's response to crime in society. It is important to note that the general theme of this course involves the delicate balance between community interests and individual rights while also viewing the criminal justice system through the lens of a Christian worldview.

CJS 298 - Credit Hours: 3

AA Capstone

The AA Capstone course is an integrative learning experience bringing together all of the learning presented in the degree program. Each student will work individually, using his/her focus of study (with the School of Human Services and Behavioral Sciences) to respond to assignments. Assignments include broad questions/concerns which students can answer with the use of learning from his/her focus of study, utilizing texts, peer reviewed articles, etc. This will also provide the opportunity for students to demonstrate to one another their ability to communicate ideas related to their field of study. Above all, the assignments will incorporate a biblical perspective as the overlying factor in any of these foci.

CJS 310 - Credit Hours: 3

Criminal Law

This course reviews criminal law and specific offenses and applies constitutional restrictions on government's power. The course emphasizes basic criminal law, inchoate crimes, crimes against persons and property, contraband and regulatory offenses, public order crimes, operating while intoxicated, court functions and civil law and process. This course will also explore Biblical expressions of law and applications to modern laws and sanctions.

CJS 315 - Credit Hours: 3

Criminal Procedure

The course focuses on the substantive criminal procedure and on the constitutional restrictions on government's power to search, seize and question. The course emphasizes basic police criminal procedure, laws of arrest, search and seizure, laws on suspect identification, admissions and confessions, use of force, and other related topics. This course will include an analysis from the Christian worldview of justice and on the topics studied.

CJS 330 - Credit Hours: 3

Law Enforcement and Corrections

This course reviews contemporary institutional and community-based correctional systems including jails, prisons, probation, parole, and alternative sanctioning. The course examines how punishment justifications impact the policy and procedures in juvenile and adult correctional systems. Specific attention is given to identification of evidence-based practices and programs in all aspects of the corrections system.

CJS 350 - Credit Hours: 3

Criminology and Social Deviance

This course examines why and how certain attributes and behaviors considered deviant in the United States. We will explore major types of deviant behavior and discuss how norms, values, and rules are made and enforced. This course includes sociological theories to explain deviant behaviors and is divided into the five areas of defining and explaining the deviant, creating deviance, maintaining deviance, controlling deviance, and justifying deviance.

CJS 370 - Credit Hours: 3

Juvenile Law & Delinquency

Juvenile Law & Delinquency focuses on the unique challenges of working with youth within the criminal justice system. Theories that seek to explain juvenile delinquency, including the nature and extent of illegal behavior will be explored, while also considering the significant role of media violence. The justice process for juveniles will be critiqued, highlighting the structure and function of juvenile justice, probation, detention, parole, diversion for child offenders and the roles of family and social institutions in addressing illegal juvenile behavior. A biblical worldview will be promoted in responding to juvenile delinquency.

CJS 380 - Credit Hours: 3

Current Issues in Security

Current Issues in Security discusses topics related to personal, building and corporate security. Security knowledge in the workforce is extremely valuable and this course will help students understand the foundations of security. Furthermore it will teach how to defend and react against potential threats. The course will review legal issues, identifying suspicious behavior, technology in security, personal and structural security. Similarly internal and external threats, and other related topics will be discussed.

CJS 440 - Credit Hours: 3

Culture, Crime, Ethics and Justice

An exploration of the relationships between culture, crime and social justice, with a special emphasis on ethical considerations in light of a Biblical worldview. The course seeks to develop learner's cultural intelligence and foster compassion and greater understanding of diverse groups who are affected by the criminal justice system.

CJS 498 - Credit Hours: 3

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COM 250 - Credit Hours: 3

Interpersonal Communication

This course focuses on the importance of interpersonal communication and the common barriers that confound relationships such as culture, conflict, gender, and perception of differences. Students will evaluate current connections from a Christian worldview and from that foundation identify strategies for strengthening personal and professional influences for mission/vision-minded goals.

COM 280 - Credit Hours: 3

Mass Media and Society

This course explores how mass media influences all aspects of society. Special attention will be given to how the media affects the individual, political, and ecclesial components of society. Students will gain an introductory knowledge of mass media, propaganda, and media literacy.

COM 330 - Credit Hours: 3

Culture and Conflict Management

This course provides students with a basic overview of conflict resolution. The history, methods, and theory of conflict resolution will be explored. In addition,

strategies in competitive versus collaborative negotiation will be examined in the context of culture and a Christian worldview.

ECO 305 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Economics

This course is an introduction to the study of economics and its impact upon society. Key historical economic theories are introduced along with fundamental economic concepts. Key microeconomic topics covered include the concept of scarcity, supply and demand function, production, monopoly, oligopoly, monopolistic competition, and perfect competition market structures. Macroeconomic topics include classical macroeconomic theories, basic fiscal and monetary policy and the instruments used to implement them, the economic cycle, inflation, and unemployment.

ENG 105 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to College Writing

Writing is an important skill for academic, ministry, and vocational success. This course focuses on developing writing skills, providing students opportunities to break down the writing process. Students will learn how to create strong thesis statements to drive an academic paper. They will learn how to craft introductory and concluding paragraphs, build the body of a paper, consider their audience, and improve writing skills to communicate more effectively. They will develop basic skills in APA formatting and citations. Students will also work on refreshing grammar skills.

ENG 300 - Credit Hours: 3

College Writing and Research

Students will learn the importance of using credible sources and building strong arguments. Students will develop thesis statements, introductions and conclusions, consider audience and purpose, and integrate credible and scholarly sources using APA formatting. They will develop writing skills to help in academic courses, business pursuits, ministry, as well as other career positions.

FIN 105 - Credit Hours: 3

Personal Financial Management

(Previously LEA 271 Financial Stewardship) ;This course will provide a practical introduction to personal finance management and assist the student in being a good steward of God-given resources. It addresses realistic ways to manage personal assets effectively. Topics include the development of personal financial goals, planning and budgeting; avoiding fraud and swindles; buying, insuring and financing major assets; consumer credit; banking services; investments; insurance; retirement and estate planning; and income tax.

GEN 122 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Online Studies and Personal Discipleship

This course focuses on the foundational knowledge, skills, and character development required to succeed in the digital classroom and as a follower of Jesus Christ. The digital age of online learning has transformed higher education. The pervasive reach of the Internet has expanded the boundaries of the traditional classroom and created new opportunities for students to realize their goal of attaining a college degree. In addition to the practical skills and knowledge required to succeed in the online learning environment, the need for graduates who live out the values consistent with a Christlike character, in their homes, workplaces, and society has never been more necessary than today. (Replaced GEN 121)

GEN 221 - Credit Hours: 3

Exploring God's World

This course is designed to provide a general overview of environmental science, with an emphasis on sound science, stewardship, and sustainability. Topics include basic concepts of environmental science, relationships between living and nonliving things, human impact upon the environment, and care of earth's resources to support future generations of living things. Critical thinking skills will be utilized throughout this course, as these skills underlie one's ability to carefully consider scientific concepts and their effects upon human interactions. The study of environmental science is approached with an understanding of the grave responsibilities of human beings to practice wise stewardship of God's creation.

HUM 131 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Psychology

This course is a general survey of the discipline of psychology. Topics covered will include thinking critically, neuroscience, life span development, sensation and perception, learning, memory, thinking/language/intelligence, personality, psychological disorders, and social psychology. Attention will be given to the relationship between Psychology and Christianity with selected application for life and ministry.

HUM 133 - Credit Hours: 3

Philosophy and Worldview

This course addresses the fact that our culture is confronted with a vast assortment of differing philosophies and worldviews; each claiming to be true. Focus is provided to understand and evaluate these various belief systems in an increasingly pluralistic society. Main ideas of eight different worldviews will be explored while the student develops and expresses a personal worldview. Topics will center around the nature of God, reality, nature of man, death, truth, morality, and the meaning of life. The primary purpose of this course is to challenge students to examine the timeless truths of Christianity.

HUM 231 - Credit Hours: 3

World Civilizations

This course will provide students with skills in historical research and analysis, a chronological understanding and factual knowledge spanning from the dawn of civilization to 1700. Emphasis is placed on the origins and achievements of the core civilizations of Asia, Africa, America, and Greco-Roman civilizations. In addition, Christian, Islamic and Byzantine cultures will be studied. The ultimate focus will be to provide students with a historical, factual, cultural, and geographical knowledge of ancient history and its relationship to the Bible. Upon completion, students should be able to analyze significant political, socioeconomic, and cultural developments up to the early modern world civilizations within the interrelations of societies and cultures.

HUM 233 - Credit Hours: 3

Cultural Diversity

This course is an exploration of cultural diversity and multiculturalism from a Christian faith perspective. This course provides a process to understand and practice cultural diversity competence. It is designed to initiate and provide ongoing preparation for effective interaction with everyone in our culturally diverse world. Growth in these skills equips individuals with the social graces needed to form bonds of mutual trust that will bridge the differences that ordinarily divide people.

HUM 332 - Credit Hours: 3

Personal and Social Ethics

This course lays the foundation for a Christian response to ethical issues arising in 21st Century Western culture. Attention is given to the biblical foundation of Christian personal and social ethics, the history of ethics, ethical decision-making, and personal character development. Application of these topics will be made to a range of contemporary issues.

HUS 298 - Credit Hours: 3

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HUS 498 - Credit Hours: 3

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LEA 171 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Leadership

This course provides an overview of the basics of leadership with application in both a personal and organizational context. Creating and communicating the vision, empowering others and recognizing their contributions, challenging the status quo and leading change, and celebrating team and organizational success are all key ideas addressed in this course. Moreover, students will be asked to evaluate their own personal leadership practices according to these concepts.

LEA 273 - Credit Hours: 3

Issues in Christian Leadership

Issues in Christian Leadership addresses the seminal issues in Christian leadership in both the church and para-church settings, including the foundational issues of each of the five following areas: integrity, communication, leadership development, conflict management and self-care.

LEA 279 - Credit Hours: 3

Leadership and Ministry Capstone

This capstone course is a culmination of various aspects involved in developing an effective leader within a ministry setting. There is a focus on identifying potential leaders and then providing practical methods for training, coaching, and equipping those leaders to reach their full potential. Areas of discussion include integrity, vision-casting, servant-leadership, modeling, as well as current leadership principles utilized in today's local church. This course provides practical and proven guidelines for any individual involved in ministry who feels called to "equip the saints for ministry.

LEA 372 - Credit Hours: 3

Organizational Leadership

This course will provide an understanding of organizational leadership from a biblical, theoretical and practical point of view. The topic of leadership will be discussed in four contexts that include intrapersonal, interpersonal relationships, organizational structure and processes, and organizational culture. A biblical approach will be used as a unifying theme for leadership best practices within each of these contexts.

LEA 374 - Credit Hours: 3

Working with Teams

This course emphasizes the importance of teamwork in organizational or professional settings. In addition to reviewing the components of effective teams, the dysfunctions of teams, accountability within teams, and values will also be discussed. Success in organizations is largely dependent on teamwork. Students will become more effective team members as well as equipping them to improve team relationships. Characteristics of dynamic and thriving teams will be explored, with a special emphasis on the common dysfunctions of teams and how to avoid them.

LEA 472 - Credit Hours: 3

Mobilization of Volunteers

This course will investigate ways to mobilize and engage volunteers. It will defend the value of volunteers and their relationship within an organization. The topics examined will include: types of recruitment methods, importance of background checks, communicating organizational mission statements, goals and values, training, retention, volunteer tasks and expectations, motivation, reward systems and performance improvement for both volunteers and staff. Throughout the course, you will develop a practice scenario of organizing volunteers and staff for a specific event.

LEA 498 - Credit Hours: 3

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MIN 163 - Credit Hours: 3

Sharing and Defending the Faith

This course will define faith in Christ (the gospel), and will explore ways to share the gospel. Students will consider the various hindrances to the effective communication of the gospel, as well as develop strategies for answering objections to the gospel in a way that points individuals to Jesus Christ.

MIN 261 - Credit Hours: 3

Discipling and Mentoring in the Christian Faith

This course is a study in discipleship and mentoring focusing on effective discipleship models from the life of Christ and the First Century Church. Those principles will be applied into an effective design for Twenty-First Century disciple-making, with special attention given to the foundations of Christian discipleship and mentoring. This foundation includes modeling Christ-like character and leadership and building healthy relationships for personal accountability paradigms.

MIN 263 - Credit Hours: 3

Teaching the Christian Faith

This course is intended to equip Christian leaders with an understanding of the principles and practices of teaching the Word of God. The course will include biblical perspectives on teaching, as well as practical methods for teaching effectively. The

focus will be on teaching the Christian faith, yet learned skills will apply to other fields as well.

MIN 362 - Credit Hours: 3

Marketplace Ministry

The purpose of this course is to learn and live the foundational tenets of biblical Christianity in the marketplace of life; at home, at work, and in the school; in short, in the public arena. Attention will be given to the lifestyle of the believer as a statement to the non-Christian, relationship building, lifestyle evangelism, spiritual conversation with the non-Christian, and the biblical elements of conversion.

MIN 370 - Credit Hours: 3

Spiritual Formation

This course focuses on the practical outworking of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer. Special consideration will be given to how the Holy Spirit equips God's people for service, a development of a plan for lifelong spiritual growth, and appreciation for the historic spiritual disciplines.

MIN 415 - Credit Hours: 3

Ministry of the Local Church

This course provides a foundation for leading staff, boards, and committees, as well as development of programming. Included is an understanding of proper oversight of Church finances and overall stewardship of the ministry. All of this with the goal of preparing the student for leading in the midst of change and maintaining church health.

MIN 462 - Credit Hours: 3

Teaching and Preaching

This course reviews the method and impact of gospel communicators, both from Scripture as well as those of historical note. It also stresses the fundamentals of gospel communication, including content, which involves study; delivery, which involves mechanics; and anointing, which involves dependence upon the Holy Spirit. This course will also stress a balance of both theory and practices in gospel communication.

MIN 467 - Credit Hours: 3

Basic Counseling

This course will provide an overview of basic counseling skills, integrating these skills with biblical concepts. We will learn how the Bible and the basic counseling skills can be used together to effectively help others in overcoming some of the challenges one faces in life.

MKT 265 - Credit Hours: 3

Social Media Marketing

This course will use a biblical framework to determine and guide the identification and use of this rapidly changing media. Students will develop engagement strategies using social media to advance the mission and vision of the organization by creating customer profiles in social media marketing. In addition to the identification of alternative social media platforms, this class will explore various engagement options to ensure cultural awareness in advancing a marketing strategy.

MKT 310 - Credit Hours: 3

Information Technology for Marketers

This course explores how marketers use PC to enterprise level computer systems to

develop marketing plans to create sound marketing solutions in the eCommerce environment. Focus on the rapidly changing business climate will from a biblical perspective evaluate best practices that IT systems proved to the life cycle of the system application. The course will explore career and mission opportunities with various information systems.

MKT 315 - Credit Hours: 3

Advertising and Promotions

This course will focus on using major marketing communication tools: advertising, direct marketing, the Internet, interactive media, sales promotion, public relations, personal selling, as well as social and consumer-driven media. Students will be expected to research and evaluate a company's marketing and promotional plan to create an effective communication plan.

PSY 205 - Credit Hours: 3

Organizational & Industrial Psychology

This course will involve the study and application of the science and theory behind particular cognitions, attitudes, and techniques that are used to predict and manage human behavior within an organizational setting. The core methodologies covered include theories of motivation, cognitive psychology, leadership theories, ethics, performance management, team management, and organizational development.

PSY 215 - Credit Hours: 3

Psychology of Leadership

This course looks at the psychological and social processes that characterize effective leaders. We will learn about leadership in relationship to psychological exchanges between leaders and followers, and situations/behaviors that make some people more effective leaders than others. Some key factors that will be studied include psychological theories related to leadership, importance of teamwork, role of power, motivation, role of emotional intelligence, expectations of leaders, and various factors affecting future leadership in the 21st century. All of this will be studied from a Christian perspective of servant leadership.

PSY 245 - Credit Hours: 3

Life-Span Psychology

This course is designed to explore human development from conception through death, looking at human development using the bio-psycho-social model from a Christian worldview. It will be explored how we as humans share developmental similarities, yet are unique due to various factors such as temperament, personality, etc. Most importantly, new information will be learned on what students already know, confirming how we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” as image bearers of God. (Previously PSY 236 Developmental Psychology.)

PSY 257 - Credit Hours: 3

History of Psychology

The History of Psychology offers a foundation for understanding modern psychological science and for understanding human nature. By exploring psychology's cultural, philosophical and theoretical roots, learners will consider how Christian values inform psychological science as it continues to develop, especially as discoveries are made about how fearfully and wonderfully we have been created. Topics will include psychology as science and philosophy, culture, structuralism and functionalism, theoretical and applied psychological research, and various theories that have developed to explain human nature and experience.

PSY 298 - Credit Hours: 3

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PSY 310 - Credit Hours: 3

Abnormal Psychology

Abnormal Psychology is designed to introduce students to models of thinking concerning mental health, mental disorders, and classification of mental disorders. The general goals are to expose students to the range of thinking within the field of mental health and to help students understand the complexities of modern day classification of various mental disorders. The students will be challenged to define what is considered “normal” and “abnormal.” They will become familiar with the bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of abnormal psychology, including the various theories developed and used to explain causes and treatments for mental disorders. Emphasis in this undergraduate class will focus on symptoms and causes, although treatment will certainly be included. All information will be compared and contrasted with a Christian worldview of the various theories and concepts of Abnormal Psychology.

PSY 325 - Credit Hours: 3

Social Psychology

This course examines individual behaviors within the context of one’s society. It is a study of how people think, influence, and relate to one another. Components of these behaviors studied in this course include attitudes, beliefs, prejudices, aggression, leadership, altruism, conformity, attraction, persuasion, and stereotypes.

PSY 339 - Credit Hours: 3

Health Psychology

Health Psychology examines psychological influences on health, well-being and longevity. This course evaluates the interplay between emotions, cognitions and behavioral factors that affect the onset, duration, recovery and prevention of chronic illness and disease over the life span. Topics will include depression and illness, traumatic injuries, neuromuscular diseases, cancer and chronic pain. Psychological treatment involving wellness behaviors, smoking cessation, substance abuse, proper nutrition and exercise are studied from the biopsychosocial model. Students will be encouraged to apply all course learning through a critical, biblical worldview.

PSY 349 - Credit Hours: 3

Theories and Foundations in Counseling

This course has three main purposes, which include analysis of several psychological theories regarding personality, simulated theory application, and personal application of theoretical concepts to their own lives. In this way, students should begin to develop a solid foundation for his/her own counseling skills and increase their self-understanding. Integrated with the understanding of theories will be compatibility of scriptural teaching.

PSY 361 - Credit Hours: 3

Psychology & Culture of Aging

A review of the biological, sociological, and psychological aspects of age-related changes in respect to perception, memory, cognition, and personality. Major developmental theories and research will be studied. Study of aging from the perspective of prominent sociological theories in Western society with an emphasis on culture.

PSY 383 - Credit Hours: 3

Studies in Research Statistics

This course is an introduction to fundamental constructs of statistics as they are applied to research. Learners are introduced to core concepts, including: sampling, reliability and validity, descriptive and inferred statistics, hypothesis formulation, statistical significance, confidence intervals, interpretation of research, common statistical tests, and ANOVA computations. Learners will also become familiar with software for statistical computing and graphics.

PSY 456 - Credit Hours: 3

Survival Psychology

This course focuses on the traits responsible for surviving in high-stress environments, including responding directly to high-threat encounters. Pro-survival behaviors are presented, including “the gift of fear” and balancing independence and leadership versus the need for teamwork collaboration in responding to stressful events. Organizational and professional psychological traits present in law enforcement, paramilitary organizations and high stress organizations are explored, as well as healthy lifestyle factors that lead to career effectiveness and avoiding burnout, such as managing vicarious trauma and promoting self-care.

PSY 461 - Credit Hours: 3

Physiological Psychology

A general presentation of physiological psychology will be offered. Students will study introductory information on the various physiological systems to help them understand the basic processes and applications of the physiology involved in psychology.

PSY 498 - Credit Hours: 3

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SOC 251 - Credit Hours: 3

Principles of Sociology

This course is a study of contemporary Western society. The emphasis is on culture, socialization, group life, social processes and social change.

SOC 255 - Credit Hours: 3

Introduction to Human Services

This course explores the historical context and the current structure of the Human Services field. Students will be exposed to case management and group facilitation as well as the primary intervention strategies used in human services. The arenas involving special populations served in the Human Services profession will be examined, such as addictions, mental health, developmentally disabled, and the homeless. Topics include values and ethical dilemmas, the social welfare system, diversity, program planning, organizing and changing systems, legal issues and the

need to stay current as a human services professional.

SOC 356 - Credit Hours: 3

Marriage and Family

This course is designed to lay foundational principles for an understanding of biblical manhood, biblical womanhood, biblical marriage, and the nurture of children. Along with this will be a review of the stages of life involved within marriage and family.

SPE 200 - Credit Hours: 3

Oral Communication

This course provides instruction and experience in preparing, delivering, and evaluating a self-introduction speech, an informative speech, and a persuasive speech. Emphasis is on gaining skills and confidence in public speaking in academic, workplace, ministry, and community contexts.

THE 253 - Credit Hours: 3

Fundamentals of Theology

This course surveys the essential ideas of Christian thought and doctrine. Emphasis is placed on the biblical foundations of Christian belief as well as the application of doctrine to the Christian life and worldview.

THE 254 - Credit Hours: 3

Foundations of Dispensational Theology

This course is an overview of the basic tenets of Dispensational Theology. Included is a study of foundational passages in the Bible, a review of the historical development, as well as how a dispensational perspective shapes the study of Scripture. Special consideration will be given to the mid-Acts dispensational views of Grace Christian University.

THE 256 - Credit Hours: 3

Christian Theology I

This course is a survey of foundational doctrines of systematic theology including Bibliology, Theology Proper (God), Christology (Christ) and Pneumatology (Holy Spirit). It will include an overview of the mid-Acts dispensational perspective of theology held by the institution. The course also encourages the practical integration of these doctrines in the life and service of the Christian.

THE 335 - Credit Hours: 3

Principles and Practice of Worship

This course examines the biblical foundations for corporate worship and how those are applied today. Included is a study of key biblical texts, review of common misperceptions, and development of an overall philosophy for corporate worship.

THE 348 - Credit Hours: 3

Biblical Perspectives on Wealth and Poverty

This course explores a biblical foundation for understanding wealth and poverty in the modern world. These issues impact ministry at a local level and beyond, including the support of international missions efforts. In addition, students will examine appropriate responses for Christians and churches as they seek to care for the "least, the last, and the lost."

THE 452 - Credit Hours: 3

Studies in Dispensationalism

This course emphasizes the essential elements of Dispensational theology, as well as a

survey of dispensational problems, the literature of modern and contemporary Dispensational theology, and its historical roots. Topics include the significance of Dispensational theology in developing a biblical worldview and practice.

THE 453 - Credit Hours: 3

Christian Theology II

This course is an in-depth study of the doctrines of systematic theology, including Anthropology (Man), Hamartiology (Sin), Soteriology (Salvation and the Atonement), Angelology (Angels), Ecclesiology (Church) and Eschatology (End Times). These doctrines will be considered from the mid-Acts dispensational view of theology held by Grace Bible College. The course also encourages the practical integration of these doctrines in the life and service of the Christian.

THE 454 - Credit Hours: 3

Knowing God

This course provides an in-depth study of Theology Proper, the study of God the Father. Included with this will be understanding the Trinity doctrine, with an emphasis on biblical, historical and theological dimensions of knowing God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The course supports not only knowing more about God, but actually knowing God better through the application of Christian doctrine to life, worship and mission.

WOM 300 - Credit Hours: 3

The Role of Women in Church Administration and Leadership

This course is designed to explore the role women play in church leadership and help students reflect on their own leadership style. In that context, students are to develop their mission, passion, and confidence to lead within the church.

WOM 350 - Credit Hours: 3

Leadership Development & Strategies for Women

This course is designed to provide an in-depth analysis of the history, roles, responsibilities, calling, and challenges of women called to lead in diverse contexts. Emphasis is on leadership development along with strategies for ensuring one's spiritual, emotional, relational, physical health and wellness formation.

WOM 401 - Credit Hours: 3

Women of the Bible and Church History

This course is designed to explore women of significance in the Bible and Christian history, as well as their cultural contexts. Emphasis will be placed on understanding how these women worked within their cultures to make a positive difference and applying principles learned from their examples into today's culture.

WOM 451 - Credit Hours: 3

Women's Ministry Today

This course is designed to explore the many different styles of women's ministries in today's culture. Emphasis is placed on administrative functions, development, leadership training, promotion, and other aspects of leading an effective Women's Ministry.

YTH 300 - Credit Hours: 3

Philosophy and Theology of Youth Ministry

This course is designed to provide an overview of youth ministry philosophy, models, and theology. Emphasis is on evaluating ministry models and developing a philosophy of youth ministry.

YTH 351 - Credit Hours: 3

Trends in Youth Ministry

This course gives an overview of the characteristics and trends of the current youth culture. Emphasis will be given to biblically evaluating these characteristics and trends as well as developing a ministry response to them. 3 semester credit hours.

YTH 401 - Credit Hours: 3

Biblical Patterns for Student Outreach

This course is designed to explore evangelism in the ministry of Paul in the book of Acts, and his epistles, with a view to applying these patterns in current youth culture. Students will develop a biblical plan for evangelism and outreach focused on youth.

YTH 451 - Credit Hours: 3

Principles for Leading Youth Ministry

This course is designed to examine guidelines and principles for effectively leading a Youth Ministry. Topics will include training and managing volunteers, communicating with parents, preparing students for leadership, administrative tasks, youth meeting and event planning, and other aspects of effective leadership.