

Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, and Philosophy

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The purpose of the Biblical Studies, Christian Ministries, and Philosophy Department is to provide students with a substantive understanding of the foundation of the Christian faith to enhance any vocation; to prepare students for church, para-church, or cross-cultural ministry; or to prepare students for graduate study. This preparation is two-fold. First, the department provides a significant portion of the “faith” side of the integration of faith and learning by teaching the four foundational core courses required for the entire student body. These four courses (BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413) are sequenced with each successive course serving as the prerequisite for the next. These foundational core courses are designed to equip students with enough theological and philosophical substance to be able to integrate biblical truth within their respective disciplines as well as think and live “Christianly” in our post-modern world. These four courses also make up the majority of the Scripture engagement minor for all students. The Scripture engagement minor is designed to inspire, encourage, and equip students to engage Scripture so that they can encounter Christ. Thus, the ultimate goal of the foundational core courses taught within this department is that students know and love God with all their heart and mind (John 17:31; Luke 10:27) and become more Christ-like in thought, speech, and action (Romans 8:29).

Second, the department offers five majors—Biblical Literature, Christian Ministries, Intercultural Studies, Philosophy, and Youth Ministry—to prepare students who will demonstrate competence in biblical, educational, intercultural, and philosophical truth in preparation for graduate studies and lifelong servant-leadership roles in professional Christian ministries. In addition, seven minors are offered in Biblical Languages, Biblical Literature, Christian Ministries, Philosophy, Intercultural Studies, Youth Ministry, and Ethics. These majors and minors are designed to complement other majors, and consequently, students are encouraged to consider adding a second major or a minor from the BSCP department to enhance their primary program of study.

Students within the department may choose to take advantage of Taylor’s affiliation with Jerusalem University College (JUC) and spend a semester studying in Jerusalem. Men and women anticipating seminary study should also select other electives in their undergraduate course of study that encompass the world of ideas, nature, and human affairs. Other overseas academic trips are offered in January for Foundational Core credit. They include Israel (BIB 110 or 210 equivalencies) and Greece and Italy (BIB 210 equivalency).

Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies program is designed for students who desire a robust intellectual understanding of the foundation of the Christian faith. In the process of the program, students study biblical texts and explore various approaches to understanding them. Majors and minors in Biblical Literature develop proficiency as informed and observant interpreters of biblical passages as they learn to draw upon theological, historical, linguistic, and literary insights for richer, more complete understandings of texts. Students also grow in their ability to think about, write about, discuss, and apply biblical teachings.

Students who take the Biblical Literature major anticipating graduate study and professional ministry should also take an introductory course in philosophy and logic and be able to read at least one theologically significant foreign language. The primary language is Greek, although Hebrew is also recommended. Students who plan to pursue seminary study should seek the counsel of the department faculty and consult with representatives from their church or ministry network to determine which graduate school(s) would best prepare them for their anticipated career. Early in their senior year, students should correspond with the school(s) to which they intend to apply.

Biblical Literature (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Biblical Literature includes 33 hours; two years of sequential study in one foreign language; and the writing, presenting, and defending of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. Students are encouraged to fulfill their language requirement by studying two years of Greek or Hebrew. *All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Major Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 320	3	Pentateuch
BIB 341	3	The Gospels
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
BIB 493	3	Biblical Literature Capstone

Select one course from the following:

PHI 262	3	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 371	3	Principles of Ethics

Electives

Select 2 hours of BIB[†] electives.

Select 6 additional elective hours from BIB[†], CMI, PHI[†], REL[†], or YMI courses.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core’s Spiritual Foundation[†] courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

[†]BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413 (and any course substitutions for these foundational core courses) do not fulfill elective requirements.

Biblical Literature/Systems (BS)

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Biblical Literature/Systems includes 33 hours in the major; curriculum requirements in information systems and analytics; and the writing, presenting, and defending of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. *All major courses, including information systems and analytics curriculum courses, must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Curriculum Requirements

COS 143	3	Interactive Webpage Development
COS 326	3	Data Visualization
MAT 151	4	Calculus I
MAT 382	3	Advanced Statistical Methods
SYS 390	3	Information Systems Analysis
SYS 394	4	Information Systems Design

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 102	3	Fundamentals of Systems and Computing
SYS 101	3	Introduction to Systems

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 120	4	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving
SYS 120	4	Introduction to Problem Solving

Select one course¹ from the following:

PSY 425	3	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
SYS 330	3	Human Relations in Organizations

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 311	3	Introduction to Data Science
SYS 401	3	Operations Research
SYS 402	3	Modeling and Simulation

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 210	4	Introductory Statistics
MAT 352	4	Mathematical Statistics

Select one course¹ from the following:

BIB 393	3-4	Practicum
SYS 393	3-4	Practicum

Electives

Select at least 3 additional hours of electives¹, in addition to those required in the major:

COS 121	4	Foundations of Computer Science
ENT 422	3	New Venture Planning
MGT 201	3	Introduction to Business
MGT 403	3	Operations Management
SYS 214	3	Principles of Human Computer Interaction
SYS 310	3	E-Commerce

¹Selection may depend on major.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation[†] courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Biblical Literature Minor

A minor in Biblical Literature requires 15 hours of credit beyond the foundational core curriculum required courses of BIB 110, BIB 210, and REL 313. Courses in both areas may count only once. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA. *Christian Ministries and Youth Ministry majors must take at least one course from Old Testament and one course from New Testament besides BIB 272 and BIB 462.*

Minor Requirements

Select six hours of Old Testament courses from:

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 320	3	Pentateuch
BIB 340	3	Hebrew Prophets
BIB 350	3	Poetic and Wisdom Literature
BIB 420	3	Apocalyptic Literature of the Bible
BIB 452	3	Old Testament Historical Literature
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
BIB 493	3	Biblical Literature Capstone

Select six hours of New Testament courses from:

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 330	3	Acts and the Early Church
BIB 331	3	Pauline Epistles
BIB 332	3	Hebrews and General Epistles
BIB 341	3	The Gospels
BIB 420	3	Apocalyptic Literature of the Bible
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
BIB 493	3	Biblical Literature Capstone

Select at least one additional 3-credit BIB[†], CMI, REL[†], or YMI course.

[†]BIB 110, BIB 210, and REL 313 (and any course substitutions for these foundational core courses) do not fulfill elective requirements.

Biblical Languages Minor

A minor in Biblical Languages consists of 23 credit hours. Primarily, these courses enable one to read and study the Bible in the original languages. Enrichment of historical concepts of communication, depth and breadth of Christian perspective and cultural appreciation of the biblical world are secondary concerns of biblical language studies. Two years study of Greek or Hebrew meets the language requirement for graduation and satisfies or exceeds language entrance requirements for most seminaries. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

GRK 201	4	Elementary New Testament Greek I
GRK 202	4	Elementary New Testament Greek II
GRK 301	3	Greek Grammar and Syntax
HEB 211	3	Elementary Old Testament Hebrew I
HEB 212	3	Elementary Old Testament Hebrew II
HEB 311	3	Hebrew Syntax and Lexicography

Select one course from the following:

GRK 302	3	Exegesis of the Greek New Testament
HEB 312	3	Hebrew Exegesis

Biblical Studies (AA) – Taylor University Online

The Associate of Arts with a major in Biblical Studies requires 21 hours in the major and 44-45 hours in foundational core. The curriculum is designed to give the students a foundational understanding of the Bible, Christian theology, and the knowledge and skills to serve in a church or para-church setting. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA. This program is only offered through Taylor University Online and residential students are not eligible.

Curriculum Requirements

ART 172	2	Art Appreciation
BIB 110	3	Biblical Literature I
BIB 210	3	Biblical Literature II
COS 101	2	Information Technology Concepts
ENG 110	3	College Composition
IAS 102	1	Orientation to Distance Learning
IAS 110	4	Foundations of the Christian Liberal Arts
KIN 100	2	Living Well
KIN 2001	1	Individualized Physical Education
MUS 149	2	Music Appreciation
REL 313	3	Historic Christian Belief

Select one course from the following:

CAC 160	3	Integrative Communication
COM 210	3	Public Speaking

Select one course from the following:

ENG 240	3	American Literature
ENG 250	3	British Literature

Select one course from the following:

BIO 106	4	Human Biology
PHY 201	3-4	Introductory Astronomy

Select one course from the following:

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition

Select one additional course from the following:

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
JUS 100	3	Introduction to Criminal Justice
PSY 100	3	Introductory Psychology
PSY 240	3	Child Psychology
PSY 495	3	Integration of Psychology and Christianity
SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues
SWK 355	3	Helping Troubled Families

Select one history course of at least 3 credits.

Major Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 320	3	Pentateuch
BIB 341	3	The Gospels
BIB ____	3	Biblical Literature Elective
BIB ____	3	Biblical Literature Elective

Select 6 hours of additional electives.

Christian Ministries and Youth Ministry

The purpose of the Christian Ministries program of Taylor University is to provide a foundation for students who are pursuing careers in church, para-church ministry, or graduate school. In addition to the Christian Ministries major and Youth Ministry major, students often pursue one of the following interdisciplinary areas of concentration: youth ministry, children's ministry, ministry leadership, intercultural ministry, urban ministry, camping and recreational ministry, administrative ministry, or music ministry. The Christian Ministries program at Taylor University is characterized by a whole-person focus. Courses balance theory and practice as the biblical, theological, historical, philosophical, and educational foundations of ministry are explored. Spiritual formation in the context of a learning community is emphasized. Students learn collaborative thinking, planning, programming, and evaluation strategies while they are encouraged to identify and use their spiritual gifts in ministry. Students are encouraged to study in an off-campus program for at least one semester. Students may apply for admission to the Christian Ministries and Youth Ministry program upon completion of CMI 100 and 262 and one semester of experience in a departmentally approved ministry. Students are considered for acceptance if they meet the following criteria: major GPA of 3.00; cumulative GPA of 2.50; at least one semester of experience in a departmentally approved ministry; and an interview with members of the Christian Ministries and Youth Ministry faculty.

The application process includes the following components: (1) complete a written application; (2) submit letters of recommendation from a pastor, ministry supervisor, and for residential students, a residence-life staff person [nonresidential students must provide an additional character reference]; and (3) participate in an interview with the Christian Ministries and Youth Ministry faculty.

Christian Ministries (BA)

A Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Christian Ministries includes 51 hours in the major, four semesters of a departmentally approved ministry, two years of sequential study in one foreign language, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. Students are encouraged to fulfill their language requirement by studying two years of Greek or Hebrew. Students may not double major with youth ministry. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.

Major Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
CMI 100	3	Introduction to Christian Ministries
CMI 232	3	Historical and Theological Foundations for Christian Ministries
CMI 242	3	Psychological and Educational Foundations for Christian Ministries
CMI 262	3	Personal Foundations for Ministry
CMI 325	3	Discipleship and Evangelism
CMI 345	3	Care, Kingdom, and Culture
CMI 351	3	Teaching and Learning Strategies
CMI 352	3	Program and Curriculum Development
CMI 371	3	Leadership Development
CMI 393	3	Practicum
CMI 421	3	Philosophy and Strategies for Christian Ministries
CMI 493	3	Christian Ministries Senior Capstone

Select one course from the following:

PHI 262	3	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 371	3	Principles of Ethics

Electives

Select two BIB† 3-credit elective courses

*BIB 110 and BIB 210 (and any course substitutions for these foundational core courses) do not fulfill elective requirements. Elective course must be at least 3 credits.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation† courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Christian Ministries/Systems (BS)

A Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Christian Ministries/Systems includes 51 hours in the major, curriculum requirements in information systems and analytics, four semesters of a departmentally approved ministry, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. *Students may not double major with youth ministry. All major courses, including information systems and analytics curriculum courses, must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Curriculum Requirements

COS 143	3	Interactive Webpage Development
COS 326	3	Data Visualization
MAT 151	4	Calculus I
MAT 382	3	Advanced Statistical Methods
SYS 390	3	Information Systems Analysis
SYS 394	4	Information Systems Design

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 102	3	Fundamentals of Systems and Computing
SYS 101	3	Introduction to Systems

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 120	4	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving
SYS 120	4	Introduction to Problem Solving

Select one course¹ from the following:

PSY 425	3	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
SYS 330	3	Human Relations in Organizations

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 311	3	Introduction to Data Science
SYS 401	3	Operations Research
SYS 402	3	Modeling and Simulation

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 210	4	Introductory Statistics
MAT 352	4	Mathematical Statistics

Select one course¹ from the following:

CMI 393	3-4	Practicum
SYS 393	3-4	Practicum

Electives

Select at least 3 additional hours of electives¹, in addition to those required in the major:

COS 121	4	Foundations of Computer Science
ENT 422	3	New Venture Planning
MGT 201	3	Introduction to Business
MGT 403	3	Operations Management
SYS 214	3	Principles of Human Computer Interaction
SYS 310	3	E-Commerce

¹Selection may depend on major.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation[†] courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Christian Ministries Minor

A minor in Christian Ministries requires at least 18 credit hours and two semesters of experience in departmentally approved ministry. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
CMI 100	3	Introduction to Christian Ministries
CMI 262	3	Personal Foundations for Ministry
CMI 351	3	Teaching and Learning Strategies
CMI 352	3	Program and Curriculum Development
CMI 371	3	Leadership Development

Youth Ministry (BA)

A Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Youth Ministry includes 54 hours in the major, four semesters of a departmentally approved ministry, two years of sequential study in one foreign language, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. Students are encouraged to fulfill their language requirement by studying two years of Greek or Hebrew. *Students may not double major nor minor with Christian ministries. All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Major Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
CMI 100	3	Introduction to Christian Ministries
CMI 262	3	Personal Foundations for Ministry
CMI 351	3	Teaching and Learning Strategies
CMI 352	3	Program and Curriculum Development
CMI 371	3	Leadership Development
CMI 493	3	Christian Ministries Senior Capstone
PSY 340	3	Adolescent Psychology
YMI 221	3	Ministry to Youth
YMI 315	3	Youth Culture and Issues
YMI 325	3	Discipleship and Evangelism in Youth Ministry
YMI 393	3	Practicum
YMI 421	3	Philosophy and Strategies for Youth Ministry

Select one course from the following:

CMI 232	3	Historical and Theological Foundations for Christian Ministries
CMI 370	3	Selected Topics (approved by advisor)

Select one course from the following:

PHI 262	3	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 371	3	Principles of Ethics

Electives

Select two BIB[†] 3-credit elective courses

[†]BIB 110 and BIB 210 (and any course substitutions for these foundational core courses) do not fulfill elective requirements. Elective course must be at least 3 credits.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation[†] courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Youth Ministry/Systems (BS)

A Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Youth Ministries/Systems includes 54 hours in the major, curriculum requirements in information systems and analytics, four semesters of a departmentally approved ministry, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. *Students may not double major with Christian ministries. All major courses, including information systems and analytics curriculum courses, must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Curriculum Requirements

COS 143	3	Interactive Webpage Development
COS 326	3	Data Visualization
MAT 151	4	Calculus I
MAT 382	3	Advanced Statistical Methods
SYS 390	3	Information Systems Analysis
SYS 394	4	Information Systems Design

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 102	3	Fundamentals of Systems and Computing
SYS 101	3	Introduction to Systems

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 120	4	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving
SYS 120	4	Introduction to Problem Solving

Select one course¹ from the following:

PSY 425	3	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
SYS 330	3	Human Relations in Organizations

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 311	3	Introduction to Data Science
SYS 401	3	Operations Research
SYS 402	3	Modeling and Simulation

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 210	4	Introductory Statistics
MAT 352	4	Mathematical Statistics

Select one course¹ from the following:

SYS 393	3-4	Practicum
YMI 393	3-4	Practicum

Electives

Select at least 3 additional hours of electives¹, in addition to those required in the major:

COS 121	4	Foundations of Computer Science
ENT 422	3	New Venture Planning
MGT 201	3	Introduction to Business
MGT 403	3	Operations Management
SYS 214	3	Principles of Human Computer Interaction
SYS 310	3	E-Commerce

¹Selection may depend on major.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation¹ courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Youth Ministry Minor

The minor in Youth Ministry is an academic program for students from various baccalaureate majors interested in developing their skills in ministering to youth. This program also provides Christian ministries majors with an optional area of specialization in youth ministry. The minor in Youth Ministry helps prepare graduates for ministries such as InterVarsity, Campus Crusade, Young Life, and Youth for Christ. In addition, the minor may be earned in combination with any major as an ideal way for students to integrate career and ministry goals. Students majoring in Biblical Literature, Christian Ministries or Philosophy who plan to work with youth may strengthen their credentials by adding the minor. The student must complete 17 credit hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible	YMI 315	3	Youth Culture and Issues
CMI 100	3	Introduction to Christian Ministries	YMI 325	3	Discipleship and Evangelism in Youth Ministry
YMI 221	3	Ministry to Youth	YMI 393	2	Practicum

Intercultural Studies

The Intercultural Studies (ICS) program is designed for students who seek to engage with God's redemptive mission in the world and reflect critically and productively on intercultural or global service that is integrated with their Christian faith. The program provides students with a robust foundation in the main areas of applied missiology so they will be equipped to contribute positively to God's global purposes in a variety of vocations.

ICS students often pursue careers with a broad range of non-profit agencies and ministries, yet others serve in business, international education, sustainable development, and a variety of other fields. The large number of electives allows students to shape the ICS major toward their individual goals and interests. The ICS program effectively prepares students for graduate school through exposure to key missiological scholarship, primary sources, intercultural competencies, and a capstone service-learning research course. A cross-cultural experience is required to provide valuable real-world intercultural experience.

Intercultural Studies (BA)

A Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Intercultural Studies includes 47 hours in the major, two years of sequential study in one foreign language, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. *All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Major Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
BIB 272	3	Inductive Study of the Bible
BIB 330	3	Acts and the Early Church
CAC 340	3	Intercultural Communication
CMI 100	3	Introduction to Christian Ministries
CMI 262	3	Personal Foundations of Ministry
CMI 325	3	Discipleship and Evangelism
CMI 371	3	Leadership Development
REL 311	3	Foundations of Christian World Mission
REL 350	3	Global Theology
REL 391	3	Preparation and Strategy for Christian World Mission
REL 432	2	World Mission Area Studies

Select one course from the following:

PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition

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Electives

Select 2 additional credits from any of the following courses. At least 6 credits must be upper-division (300/400 level).

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BIB 320	3	Pentateuch
BIB 331	3	Pauline Epistles
BIB 341	3	The Gospels
BIB 462	3	Biblical Theology
CMI 351	3	Teaching and Learning Strategies
CMI 493	3	Christian Ministries Senior Capstone
PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition

Public Health and Sustainability

PBH 110	3	Global Health
PBH 340	4	Community Health Development in Practice
SUS 310	3	Poverty and Sustainable Development
SUS 315	4	Sustainable Food Systems and Health
SUS 325	4	Sustainable Development in Practice

History and Political Science

HIS 230	3	American Religious History
POS 321	3	Modern Middle East
POS 374	3	Religious Liberty and Christian Freedom

TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

TSL 201	3	Introduction to SLA and the Field of Teaching ESOL
TSL 210	3	Teaching ELL in P-12 Classroom
TSL 211	3	Teaching English Internationally
TSL 303	3	Methods of TESOL
TSL 305	3	Pedagogical Grammar and Applied Linguistics in TESOL

Additional Electives

COM 335	3	Nonprofit Organizational Communication
ENT 381	3	Global Entrepreneurship and Business as Missions
OVC 110	3	Introduction to Working with Orphans and Vulnerable Children
SOC 410	3	Community and Urban Affairs

In addition, the student must complete a cross-cultural experience that may or may not be for credit. Suggestions include involvement in Taylor World Outreach/Lighthouse, other Taylor service-learning trips, a semester abroad or study tour, the HEART institute, or REL 393 practicum. Approval is to be secured in advance from the missions program director.

Major requires a minimum grade of C- in four of the Foundational Core's Spiritual Foundation[†] courses: BIB 110, BIB 210, REL 313, and PHI 413. These courses are not included in the major GPA nor total required credit hours for the major.

Intercultural Studies Minor

A minor in Intercultural Studies requires the completion of 17 credit hours and prepares students for effective and empowering cross-cultural ministry, global service, or missions mobilization. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

ANT 200	3	Cultural Anthropology
BIB 330	3	Acts and the Early Church
REL 311	3	Foundations of Christian World Mission
REL 391	3	Preparation and Strategy for Christian World Mission
REL 432	2	World Mission Area Studies

Select one course from the following:

PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition

In addition, the student must complete a cross-cultural experience that may or may not be for credit. Suggestions include involvement in Taylor World Outreach/Lighthouse, other Taylor service-learning trips, a semester abroad, the HEART institute, or the REL 393 practicum. Approval is to be secured in advance from the department through the missions program director.

Certificate in Missions

The BSCP department awards a Certificate in Missions to students in any baccalaureate major program. Students are required to complete 14 hours. Students desiring to work for the Missions Certificate must complete an application, which is available through the program director or the BSCP program assistant. The student will be responsible for demonstrating his or her completion of the certificate requirements by submitting a completed application along with a copy of his or her transcript to the program director no less than 30 days prior to graduation. Work in progress will be accepted. In addition to the courses listed, the student must complete a cross-cultural experience that may or may not be for credit; suggestions include involvement in Taylor World Outreach/Lighthouse, other Taylor service-learning trips, a semester abroad, the HEART Institute, or the REL 393 practicum; approval is to be secured in advance from the department through the program director. *This certificate is awarded by the department and does not include a transcript entry.*

Certificate Requirements

BIB 330	3	Acts and the Early Church
REL 311	3	Foundations of Christian World Mission
REL 391	3	Preparation and Strategy for Christian World Mission
REL 432	2	World Mission Area Studies

Select one course from the following:

PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition

Philosophy

The purpose of a major in Philosophy is to provide students with a basic understanding in the main areas of philosophical inquiry, thereby furthering their skills in reasoning, oral and written expression, and the formulation of an informed Christian world view.

Philosophy (BA)

The Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Philosophy requires two years of one foreign language, 31 hours in the major, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year that meets the comprehensive exam requirement. *All major courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Major Requirements

PHI 191†	1	Faith and Philosophy
PHI 201	3	Logic
PHI 202	3	History of Philosophy I
PHI 203	3	History of Philosophy II
PHI 413	3	Contemporary Christian Belief

Select one course from the following:

PHI 425	3	Philosophical and Theological Methods
PHI 452	3	Philosophy of Religion

†PHI 191 must be taken no later than the year the first upper division philosophy course is taken.

Select an additional 15 hours from:

PHI 110	3	Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 121	3	Society and Philosophy
PHI 170	1-4	Selected Topics
PHI 262	3	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 270	1-4	Selected Topics
PHI 311	3	Medical Ethics
PHI 322	3	World Religions: Western Tradition
PHI 323	3	World Religions: Eastern Tradition
PHI 342	3	Aesthetics
PHI 355	3	Metaphysics
PHI 360	1-4	Independent Study
PHI 370	1-4	Selected Topics
PHI 371	3	Principles of Ethics
PHI 382*	1	Ethics Bowl
PHI 420	3	Continental Philosophy
PHI 425	3	Philosophical and Theological Methods
PHI 432	3	Epistemology
PHI 445	3	Philosophy of Mind
PHI 452	3	Philosophy of Religion
PPE 361	3	Western Political Thought

*Up to 3 credit hours of PHI 382 may be counted.

Philosophy/Systems (BS)

A Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Philosophy/Systems requires the 31-hour philosophy major requirements, curriculum requirements in information systems and analytics, and the writing of a scholarly paper in the senior year to meet the comprehensive exam requirement. *All major courses, including information systems and analytics curriculum courses, must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the major GPA.*

Curriculum Requirements

COS 143	3	Interactive Webpage Design
COS 326	3	Data Visualization
MAT 151	4	Calculus I
MAT 382	3	Advanced Statistical Methods
SYS 390	3	Information Systems Analysis
SYS 394	4	Information Systems Design

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 102	3	Fundamentals of Systems and Computing
SYS 101	3	Introduction to Systems

Select one course¹ from the following:

COS 120	4	Introduction to Computational Problem Solving
SYS 120	4	Introduction to Problem Solving

Select one course¹ from the following:

PSY 425	3	Industrial-Organizational Psychology
SYS 330	3	Human Relations in Organizations

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 311	3	Introduction to Data Science
SYS 401	3	Operations Research
SYS 402	3	Modeling and Simulation

Select one course¹ from the following:

MAT 210	4	Introductory Statistics
MAT 352	4	Mathematical Statistics

Select one course¹ from the following:

PHI 393	3-4	Practicum
SYS 393	3-4	Practicum

Electives

Select at least 3 additional hours of electives¹, in addition to those required in the major:

COS 121	4	Foundations of Computer Science
ENT 422	3	New Venture Planning
MGT 201	3	Introduction to Business
MGT 403	3	Operations Management
SYS 214	3	Principles of Human Computer Interaction
SYS 310	3	E-Commerce

¹Selection may depend on major.

Philosophy Minor

A minor in Philosophy requires the completion of 16 hours.

Minor Requirements

PHI 201	3	Logic
PHI 413	3	Contemporary Christian Belief

Select one course from the following:

PHI 202	3	History of Philosophy I
PHI 203	3	History of Philosophy II

Select 7 hours of PHI electives. POS 362 and PPE 361 may also count as electives for the minor.

Ethics Minor

A minor in Ethics requires the completion of 18 hours. All minor courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better and are included in the minor GPA.

Minor Requirements

PHI 371 3 Principles of Ethics

Select 15 credit hours from the following:

BIO 410	3	Bioethics
COS 311	3	Ethics in Computer Science
ENS 383	4	Environmental Ethics
MGT 311	3	Business Law
MGT 442	3	Business Ethics
PHI 262	3	Contemporary Moral Issues
PHI 311	3	Medical Ethics
PHI 382*	1	Ethics Bowl
PSY 210	2	Ethics in Psychology
SOC 210	3	Contemporary Social Issues

* Up to 3 credit hours of PHI 382 may be counted.

Biblical Literature Courses

BIB 103 4 hours

Introduction to Holy Land Studies

A study of the biblical background and contemporary significance of Israel. Taught in Israel during January, this travel-study course may count for either BIB 110 or a departmental elective. Offered January interterm—when available.

BIB 110 3 hours

Biblical Literature I

A course that has as its primary content the Old Testament, with special attention given to the law, the prophets and the history of Israel. Meets foundational core requirement.

BIB 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

BIB 203 3 hours

In the Footsteps of Paul

A study of the biblical background and contemporary significance of cities Paul visited and wrote to in Greece and Turkey or Greece and Italy. Taught during January, this travel-study course may count for BIB 210 or a departmental elective. Offered January interterm.

BIB 204 4 hours

Introduction to Holy Land Studies

A study of the biblical background and contemporary significance of Israel and Jesus Christ. Taught in Israel during January, this travel-study course may count for either BIB 210 or a departmental elective. Offered January interterm—when available.

BIB 210 3 hours

Biblical Literature II

A course that includes a foundation in New Testament study with focus on Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Gospels and Epistles. Also included is a series of explorations into the relevancy of Christ to modern life. Meets foundational core requirement. Prerequisite: BIB 110 or BIB 310.

BIB 213 4 hours

Survey of Biblical Literature

A survey of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, designed to help students learn the central ideas and themes of the Bible; to become familiar with its chief persons, places, and events; to become aware of the types of biblical literature; and to develop the ability to study the Bible effectively. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

BIB 217 3 hours

Genesis

A detailed study of the book of "beginnings," giving attention to its authorship, authenticity, chronology, and spiritual implication. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

BIB 218 3 hours

Matthew

A detailed study of the purpose, structure, and theology of Matthew's gospel, with special emphasis on titles and teachings of Jesus, significant events in His life, and the application of the gospel to the present time. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

BIB 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

BIB 272 3 hours

Inductive Study of the Bible

Students learn to study biblical texts carefully, inquisitively, and according to literary context. Students learn to attend to literary genre, relevant socio-historical and theological contexts, and using biblical studies resources and tools in order to grow in their ability to interpret biblical texts. Students learn to draw connections from what a text meant to its original audience to what its significance might be for people today, including how it might be lived out and taught in contemporary contexts. Prerequisites: BIB 110 or BIB 310; and BIB 210.

BIB 310 3 hours

Biblical Literature I

See BIB 110. Primarily for transfer students and has additional requirements. Meets foundational core requirement. Available upon request and with permission of the instructor.

BIB 311 3 hours

Gospel of John

An analytical study of the content of the fourth gospel, with special emphasis on the distinctive elements of John's message. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

BIB 313 3 hours

Romans

This course combines inductive study of the New Testament letter of Paul to the Romans with critical investigation of contemporary approaches to Paul, with special focus on the "New Perspective." Prerequisites: BIB 110 and BIB 210. This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).

BIB 320 3 hours

Pentateuch

Emphasizes the historical narrative and the content of the Law of God. Special attention is given to the Genesis account of the origin of the cosmos, man, sin and salvation. The authorship of the Pentateuch is considered. Prerequisite: BIB 110 or BIB 310. Offered Spring semester.

BIB 330 3 hours

Acts and the Early Church

A historical study with particular attention given to the missionary expansion of the early Church, the work of the Holy Spirit and the place of the Church in the world. Prerequisite: BIB 210. Offered Spring semester.

BIB 331 3 hours

Pauline Epistles

Attention is given to the life, ministry, and writings of Paul. The doctrinal, pastoral, and personal epistles of Paul are studied with reference to their geographical and historical settings, the organization of the Apostolic Church and the development of Christian doctrine. Careful exegesis is made of selected portions of each epistle. Prerequisite: BIB 210. Offered most Fall semesters.

BIB 332 3 hours

Hebrews and General Epistles

A study of the non-Pauline epistles with attention to their authorship, historical place in the canon and doctrinal uniqueness. The contents of each book are analyzed, and problem texts are treated. Prerequisite: BIB 210. Offered Spring semester of odd years.

BIB 340 3 hours

Hebrew Prophets

Selected major and minor prophetic works of the Old Testament are considered, with special emphasis given to the historical background, Messianic message, and content, together with specific theological concepts and teachings that are pertinent to modern times. Prerequisite: BIB 110 or BIB 310. Offered most Fall semesters.

BIB 341 **3 hours**
The Gospels
Stresses the life and teaching of Jesus as set forth in the Synoptic Gospels and John. Attention is given to the literary and theological characteristics of each individual gospel and to the development of gospel criticism. The primary focus, however, is on the words and works of Jesus Christ and their significance for Christians today. *Prerequisite: BIB 210. Offered Fall semester.*

BIB 350 **3 hours**
Poetic and Wisdom Literature
Hebrew poetry and wisdom as presented in the books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Lamentations, and the Song of Solomon. *Prerequisite: BIB 110 or BIB 310. Offered most Fall semesters.*

BIB 360 **1-4 hours**
Independent Study
An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

BIB 370 **1-4 hours**
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

BIB 393 **3-4 hours**
Practicum
Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

BIB 420 **3 hours**
Apocalyptic Literature of the Bible
Examines the historical and theological dimensions of Old Testament, New Testament, and second Temple period apocalypticism. Special attention is given to apocalyptic thought in Daniel, the gospels, and Revelation. *Prerequisite: BIB 210. Offered Spring semester of even years.*

BIB 450 **1-4 hours**
Directed Research
Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

BIB 452 **3 hours**
Old Testament Historical Literature
Selected historical books in the Old Testament are considered, with particular emphasis given to the authorship, historical theory, and theological content of these books. *Prerequisite: BIB 110 or BIB 310. Offered Spring semester of odd years.*

BIB 462 **3 hours**
Biblical Theology
A study of the Bible and its central message and meaning. The Bible is viewed as recording a special kind of history revealing God's will and purpose and giving essential meaning to all human life and destiny. This course is normally taken during the senior year. *Prerequisite: BIB 272. Offered Fall semester.*

BIB 480 **3 hours**
Seminar
A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

BIB 490 **1-2 hours**
Honors
Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

BIB 493 **3 hours**
Biblical Literature Capstone
Designed as a culminating experience for all Biblical Literature majors wherein students focus on key exegetical, historical, and theological issues crucial to a proper understanding of the biblical literature. *The completion of the course paper and its presentation to peers meets university requirements for senior comprehensive exams for Biblical Literature majors. Prerequisites: BIB 272, BIB 320, and BIB 341. Offered Spring semester.*

Christian Ministries Courses

CMI 100 **3 hours**
Introduction to Christian Ministries
A course that focuses on the purpose and scope of Christian ministries and the types of ministries available to majors.

CMI 170 **1-4 hours**
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

CMI 232 **3 hours**
Historical and Theological Foundations for Christian Ministries
A course focusing on the biblical, theological, historical, and philosophical foundations for Christian ministry. *Prerequisite: CMI 100. Offered Fall semester.*

CMI 242 **3 hours**
Psychological and Educational Foundations for Christian Ministries
A course focusing on theories of human development and learning, as well as educational theory. Applications for ministry settings are explored. *Prerequisite: CMI 100. Offered Spring semester.*

CMI 262 **3 hours**
Personal Foundations for Ministry
Students' capacity for ministry is enhanced in this course by facilitating personal growth and development. Emphasis is given to the ways theological truths address life issues. *Prerequisite: CMI 100.*

CMI 270 **1-4 hours**
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

CMI 325 **3 hours**
Discipleship and Evangelism
An intensive study of the theology, theories and approaches used to help people grow and develop in their faith. A special focus will be placed on the life of Christ as a model for ministry. *Prerequisite: CMI 100. Offered Spring semester.*

CMI 345 **3 hours**
Care, Kingdom, and Culture
Provides a theological and kingdom of God lens to engage contemporary, personal, and cultural issues. Includes topics relating to sexuality and gender, race and ethnicity, and mental health. Students will be equipped to engage their context missionally through cultural exegesis and connoisseurship while developing skills in pastoral care. *Prerequisite: CMI 100. Offered Fall semester.*

CMI 351 **3 hours**
Teaching and Learning Strategies
A practical course designed to help the student teach the Bible more effectively by the use of educational strategies. A teaching lab and supervision are included, and competency in the use of instructional media is required. *Prerequisites: CMI 100 and BIB 272. Offered Fall semester.*

CMI 352 **3 hours**
Program and Curriculum Development
A course that focuses on the development of educational programs within church and parachurch ministries. Emphasis is on published curricula and the development of curricular writing skills. *Prerequisite: CMI 351. Offered Spring semester.*

CMI 360 **1-4 hours**
Independent Study
An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

CMI 370 **1-4 hours**
Selected Topics
A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

CMI 371 **3 hours**
Leadership Development
A course designed to facilitate the development of students' skills in leadership, organization and management related to specific ministry situations. *Prerequisite: CMI 100. Offered Fall semester.*

CMI 393 **2-4 hours**
Practicum
Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer. Prerequisite: senior status or permission of instructor.*

CMI 421 **3 hours**
Philosophy and Strategies for Christian Ministries
A research course designed to help students articulate their philosophies of ministry within a particular age group or ministry context. Attention is given to critical areas of need within Christian ministry. *This course meets university requirements for senior comprehensive exams for Christian ministry majors. Graduating Christian Ministries majors only. Offered Spring semester.*

CMI 450 1-4 hours
Directed Research
 Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

CMI 480 1-4 hours
Seminar
 A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion. *Prerequisite: major GPA of at least 3.00.*

CMI 490 1-2 hours
Honors
 Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

CMI 492 5-8 hours
Christian Ministries Internship
 A practical, semester-long, supervised ministry experience in Cuenca, Ecuador. *Permission required from CMI program advisor and CMI Ecuador program liaison.*

CMI 493 3 hours
Christian Ministries Senior Capstone
 This integrative course exposes students to models of ministry and vocational direction through research and participative observation and experiences. This course introduces the method for the final philosophy of ministry comprehensive paper. A substantive exposure trip is part of the course structure. *Offered January interterm.*

Greek and Hebrew Courses

†Greek or Hebrew may be used to fulfill Taylor University's foreign language requirements.

GRK 170 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

GRK 201† 4 hours
Elementary New Testament Greek I
 A study of the fundamental principles of New Testament (Koine) Greek grammar. Emphasis is placed on the mastery of forms, memorization of vocabulary, and translation of sentences from Greek to English. *Offered Fall semester of even years.*

GRK 202† 4 hours
Elementary New Testament Greek II
 A continuation of the study of the fundamental principles of New Testament (Koine) Greek grammar. John's First Epistle is translated during the last half of the semester. *Prerequisite: GRK 201. Offered Spring semester of odd years.*

GRK 270 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

GRK 301† 3 hours
Greek Grammar and Syntax
 An intermediate Koine Greek grammar course that places special emphasis on the more exegetically significant details of Greek grammar and syntax by reading and analyzing selected portions of the Greek New Testament. *Prerequisite: GRK 202. Offered Fall semester of odd years.*

GRK 302† 3 hours
Exegesis of the Greek New Testament
 An introduction to the procedure and practice of Greek exegesis. Emphasis is placed on the "how-to's" of doing textual criticism, word studies, outlining the argument of a passage, validating exegetical decisions, and the proper use of exegetical tools. *Prerequisite: GRK 301. Offered Spring semester of even years.*

GRK 360 1-4 hours
Independent Study
 An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

GRK 370 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

GRK 393 1-4 hours
Practicum
 Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

GRK 401 3 hours
Advanced Exegesis of the Greek New Testament
 An extension of skills developed in GRK 301 and GRK 302. *Offered by arrangement with the instructor.*

GRK 450 1-4 hours
Directed Research
 Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

GRK 480 1-4 hours
Seminar
 A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

GRK 490 1-2 hours
Honors
 Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

HEB 170 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

HEB 211† 3 hours
Elementary Old Testament Hebrew I
 A study of the fundamental principles of Old Testament Hebrew. Emphasis is placed on the mastery of forms and memorization of vocabulary skills, with a focus on the basic forms of the verb (sometimes called "Qal" stem). *Offered Fall semester of odd years.*

HEB 212† 3 hours
Elementary Old Testament Hebrew II
 A continuation of the study of basic Old Testament Hebrew grammar and vocabulary with an emphasis on solidifying Hebrew reading skills and a focus on the more complex forms of the verb (sometimes called "derived" stems). *Prerequisite: HEB 211. Offered Spring semester of even years.*

HEB 270 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

HEB 311† 3 hours
Hebrew Syntax and Lexicography
 Introduction to principles and practice of Hebrew syntactical analysis and lexicography, along with development of reading skills and additional Hebrew vocabulary. *Prerequisite: HEB 212. Offered Fall semester of even years.*

HEB 312† 3 hours
Hebrew Exegesis
 An introduction to the principles and practice of exegesis and textual criticism of the Hebrew Bible with an emphasis on developing vocabulary skills. *Prerequisite: HEB 311. Offered Spring semester of odd years.*

HEB 360 1-4 hours
Independent Study
 An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

HEB 370 1-4 hours
Selected Topics
 A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

HEB 393 1-4 hours
Practicum
 Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

HEB 450 1-4 hours
Directed Research
 Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

HEB 480 1-4 hours
Seminar
 A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

HEB 490 1-2 hours
Honors
 Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

Philosophy Courses

PHI 110 3 hours

Introduction to Philosophy

A survey of important issues and traditions in philosophy.

PHI 121 3 hours

Society and Philosophy

A philosophical inquiry into pressing issues for contemporary society. This course addresses questions concerning public discourse, citizenship, government, civil disobedience, science, technology, popular music, film, and sports. Topics are considered in light of philosophical perspectives from ancient to contemporary times as well as in light of historical Christian theology. *Meets foundational core civic engagement or general social science requirement.*

PHI 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

PHI 191 1 hour

Faith and Philosophy

An examination of issues related to the integration of Christian faith and philosophy. *Must be completed by philosophy majors no later than the year of their first upper division philosophy courses.*

PHI 201 3 hours

Logic

A study of classical and contemporary formulations of the principles of human thought. Proper deductive and inductive logic is contrasted with fallacies. Categorical logic, truth functional logic, and quantificational logic are examined. *Offered Fall semester.*

PHI 202 3 hours

History of Philosophy I

A survey of philosophical thought from the early pre-Socratic Greeks to the modern period. *Offered Fall semester.*

PHI 203 3 hours

History of Philosophy II

A survey of philosophical thought from the modern period to contemporary movements such as linguistic analysis and phenomenology. *Offered Spring semester.*

PHI 262 3 hours

Contemporary Moral Issues

A systematic analysis of pressing issues such as sexual morality, divorce, abortion, homosexuality, euthanasia, and war and peace. *Offered Spring semester.*

PHI 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

PHI 311 3 hours

Medical Ethics

An examination of ethical issues in medicine and healthcare with an emphasis on learning to develop and communicate Christian ethical positions in a pluralistic world. Issues discussed will include respect for patients, the moral status of embryos and fetuses, terminal care and euthanasia, and justice in healthcare.

PHI 322 3 hours

World Religions: Western Tradition

A study of Judaism, Islam, Zoroastrianism, and related religious movements. *Offered Fall semester.*

PHI 323 3 hours

World Religions: Eastern Tradition

A study of Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Shinto, and Chinese religions. *Offered Spring semester.*

PHI 342 3 hours

Aesthetics

A study of classical and contemporary theories about the nature of art, the artistic process, the psychology of aesthetic experience, and standards for good art. *Prerequisite: one other course in philosophy or consent of the instructor.*

PHI 355 3 hours

Metaphysics

A study of such issues as the nature of existence, identity, essences, causality, freedom, and space and time. *Prerequisite: One other course in philosophy or consent of the instructor.*

PHI 360 1-4 hours

Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

PHI 370 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

PHI 371 3 hours

Principles of Ethics

A survey of the theoretical foundations of ethics, such as the distinction between absolutist and relativistic views, the nature of justice, and the need for rules. Readings from classical and modern authors are included.

PHI 382 1 hour

Ethics Bowl

An intensive study of practical moral issues, culminating in regional and national competitions involving Ethics Bowl teams from other colleges. *May be repeated twice for credit. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor.*

PHI 393 1-4 hours

Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

PHI 410 3 hours

Bioethics

This course will consider, from a Christian perspective, some of the philosophical issues and questions related to many of the current health-care and end-of-life concerns in modern society. The course will consider the importance of a worldview perspective in addressing the issue of personhood and in ethical decision making. *This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).*

PHI 413 3 hours

Contemporary Christian Belief

The integration of Christian thought with contemporary ideas and an introduction to Christian apologetics. *Meets foundational core requirement and is required of all students. Prerequisite: REL 313.*

PHI 420 3 hours

Continental Philosophy

A seminar giving detailed attention to influential works in continental philosophy, from its roots in Kant down to the present. *Prerequisite: Any PHI course or instructor permission.*

PHI 425 3 hours

Philosophical and Theological Methods

An interdisciplinary examination of both the history and current movements within philosophical and theological methodology. *Prerequisite: Any PHI course or instructor permission.*

PHI 432 3 hours

Epistemology

Contemporary theories on the nature and limits of knowledge and the justification of beliefs. *Prerequisite: Any PHI course or instructor permission.*

PHI 445 3 hours

Philosophy of Mind

A study of philosophical theories of consciousness, perception, and intelligence, with special attention on contemporary research. *Prerequisite: One other course in philosophy or consent of the instructor.*

PHI 450 1-4 hours

Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

PHI 452 3 hours

Philosophy of Religion

A study of the major issues in the philosophy of religion, including religious experience, theism, religious language, and the problem of evil. *Prerequisite: Any PHI course or instructor permission.*

PHI 480 1-4 hours

Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion. *Prerequisite: major GPA of at least 3.00.*

PHI 490 1-2 hours

Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

Religion Courses

REL 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

REL 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

REL 303 3 hours

Revelation, the Seven Cities, and the Seven Councils

A survey of Christian belief with special emphasis on Revelation and the seven church councils. *January interterm course involving two weeks study on campus and two weeks on site in Turkey. Meets REL 313 foundational core requirement. Prerequisites: BIB 110 or BIB 310; and BIB 210.*

REL 310 3 hours

Theology of Worship

A theological Biblical and historical study of Christian worship from a classical as well as contemporary perspective. This course examines the pattern, purpose and essential and non-essential features of worship found in the Bible and in church history with the goal of formulating one's own theology and practice of Biblical worship. *Open to Music, Biblical Studies, and Philosophy majors. Prerequisite: REL 313. Offered Spring semester of even years.*

REL 311 3 hours

Foundations of Christian World Mission

A study of the biblical, theological, and historical foundations of Christian mission strategy. *Offered Fall semester.*

REL 313 3 hours

Historic Christian Belief

A survey of Christian belief as developed during the history of the Church. *May not be counted toward BIB, CMI, or PHI majors or minors. Meets foundational core requirement and is required of all students. Prerequisites: BIB 110 or 310; 210 or 203; and junior or senior status.*

REL 350 3 hours

Global Theology

Global theology investigates international contemporary Christian understandings of God through the rubric of systematic theology. A seminal dimension of Christian global engagement, global theology seeks to understand how international Christians express their faith against the backgrounds of their respective histories and in the context of their current social, political, and religious contexts. The course pays special attention to dialogue between international Christians and believers of neighboring faiths, who often constitute the majority in various global contexts. A goal of the course is to increase awareness that western Christianity has much to gain through partnership with Christians from the majority world. *Offered Spring semester of even years.*

REL 360 1-4 hours

Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

REL 370 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

REL 391 3 hours

Preparation and Strategy for Christian World Mission

An introduction to the essentials of missionary life and global service. Current global and mission trends and holistic outreach strategies are explored. Attention is given to knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential for adaptation and intercultural relationships. *Offered Spring semester.*

REL 393 1-4 hours

Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer.*

REL 432 2 hours

World Missions Area Studies

A research seminar designed for students to explore global opportunities in a region of the world that interests them. The religion, history, economics, culture, government, language, and geography of an area and outreach strategies appropriate to the region are considered. *Prerequisite: ANT 200 or REL 311 or REL 391 or junior status. Offered Spring semester.*

REL 450 1-4 hours

Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

REL 480 1-4 hours

Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion.

REL 490 1-2 hours

Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*

Theology Courses

THE 243 3 hours

Introduction to Theology

A detailed study of Bibliology, theology, and angelology. This course is foundational to all systematic theology. *This course is offered through Taylor University Online (TUO).*

Youth Ministry Courses

YMI 170 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

YMI 221 3 hours

Ministry to Youth

A general study of the various programs used to meet the needs of junior high and senior high youth through church and parachurch ministries. *Offered Spring semester.*

YMI 270 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

YMI 315 3 hours

Youth Culture and Issues

An intensive study of theories and approaches used to understand culture and issues facing adolescents today. *Offered Fall semester.*

YMI 325 3 hours

Discipleship and Evangelism in Youth Ministry

An intensive study of the theories and approaches used to help junior high and senior high youth to grow and develop in their faith. *Prerequisite: YMI 221.*

YMI 360 1-4 hours

Independent Study

An individualized, directed study involving a specified topic.

YMI 370 1-4 hours

Selected Topics

A course offered on a subject of interest but not listed as a regular course offering.

YMI 393 2-4 hours

Practicum

Supervised learning involving a first-hand field experience or a project. Generally, one hour of credit is awarded for a minimum of 40 hours of practicum experience. *Offered primarily during Summer. Prerequisite: senior status or permission of instructor.*

YMI 421 3 hours

Philosophy and Strategies for Youth Ministry

A research course designed to help students articulate their philosophies of ministry within a particular youth ministry context. Attention is given to critical areas of need within youth ministry. *This course meets university requirements for senior comprehensive exams for youth ministry majors. Graduating youth ministry majors only. Offered Spring semester.*

YMI 450 1-4 hours

Directed Research

Investigative learning involving closely directed research and the use of such facilities as the library or laboratory.

YMI 480 1-4 hours

Seminar

A limited-enrollment course designed especially for upper-class majors with emphasis on directed readings and discussion. *Prerequisite: major GPA of at least 3.00.*

YMI 490 1-2 hours

Honors

Individualized study or research of an advanced topic within a student's major. *Open to students with at least a 3.00 GPA in the major field.*