
DIVISION OF CHRISTIAN STUDIES

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The Division of Christian Studies promotes the academic study of the Bible, Biblical Languages, Christian Education, Christian Ministries, Intercultural Missions, and Theology; endeavors to assist students to respond effectively to a personal call to serve the Lord Jesus Christ; and equips God-called students for effective service in pastoral, educational, denominational, and missions ministries.

Bachelor of Arts Degree: *Majors*— Bible, Christian Education, Intercultural Missions

Bachelor of Science Degree: *Majors*— Bible, Christian Education

Minors—Available to All HLG Students: Bible, Biblical Languages, Christian Education, Intercultural Missions, Youth Ministry

Minor for Majors in Bible, Church Music, and Intercultural Missions: Christian Education

Interdisciplinary Minors for Christian Education Majors: Youth Ministry, Youth and Music Ministry

Goals

- 1) To give all HLG students a foundation of biblical knowledge through the required general education Bible survey courses.
- 2) To provide in-depth training in the areas of biblical languages, biblical studies, Christian education, Christian ministries, intercultural missions, and theology.
- 3) To encourage the development of Christian faith in all HLG students.
- 4) To prepare students for effective Christian ministry vocations.
- 5) To model Christian ministry founded upon biblical teachings and principles.
- 6) To acquaint students with opportunities for service within the Southern Baptist denomination.
- 7) To prepare Christian ministry students to pursue advanced degrees.
- 8) To provide opportunities for continuing education for the Christian community at large.

In-Service Guidance

Hannibal-LaGrange College offers practical guidance to students preparing for Christian ministry vocations (CMV). In-service guidance is designed to enhance the effectiveness of those already experienced in ministry as well as to train the inexperienced. Opportunities for such guidance include weekend pulpit supply, revival/DiscipleNow teams, church placement for various staff positions, missions service, monthly CMV Fellowship meetings, and internships.

Awe Star Ministries Scholarship and Mission Trip Credit

Hannibal-LaGrange College offers college credit to students who have completed at least a thirty-day mission project with Awe Star Ministries after college matriculation. The student may also qualify for an Awe Star scholarship offered by HLG. Contact Dr. Hufty at the Carroll Mission Center for information.

Availability of Christian Ministry Vocations (CMV) Scholarship

Financial aid is available for CMV students who are active in a local church and who believe God has called them to pursue a lifelong vocation in Christian ministry through a church, Christian agency, or missions organization. For information about eligibility requirements, see Christian Ministry

Vocations Scholarship among the "Denominational Scholarships" under *Financial Aid* in the **Financial Information** section.

NOTE: Students who are called to a Christian ministry vocation but who are not seeking a major under the Division of Christian Studies may also qualify for this aid. See the section cited above for specific requirements.

Requirements for the BA and BS Degrees in Bible and in Christian Education and the BA Degree in Intercultural Missions

- 1) Complete the campuswide General Education Requirements (with the language requirement if seeking the BA) and the Graduation Requirements (see **Academic Policies** for both).

NOTE: All majors in the Christian Studies Division may select MUS 213 (Survey of Church Music) or MUS 342 (Hymnology) to satisfy the fine arts appreciation requirement.

- 2) Pass each of the following Core Course Requirements with a grade of C or better:

CORE COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MAJORS: 24 hours

BIB 143	Biblical Interpretation	CMS 323	Intro to Evangelism
CED 103	Survey of Christian Education	CMS 443	Senior Seminar
CED 113	Intro to Southern Baptist Work*	THE 313	Christian Ethics
CMS 103	Philosophy of Ministry	THE 373	Christian Doctrine

*CSD majors must take CED 113 during the *first spring semester* of their major.

- 3) Pass each of the Major Course Requirements for the chosen degree program with a grade of C or better. (These requirements include the *Controlled Electives* under the Christian Education major.)

BA or BS Degree with Major in Bible (*Major Course Requirements: BA degree, 41 hours; BS degree, 38 hours*)

BIB 213	Old Testament I	CED 313	Church Administration
BIB 233	New Testament I	CMS 353	Foundations of Preaching
BIB 353	Old Testament II	CMS 361	Preaching Lab
BIB 363	New Testament II	CMS 452	Internship I
BIB 413	Old Testament III	CMS 462	Internship II
BIB 423	New Testament III		

Biblical Language Courses for the BA: To fulfill the general education language requirement, BA students must take the following: BLN 213, 233, 303, and 343 (a total of 12 hours required).

Additional 9 Hours for BS Requirements: BS students must also take the following courses: CMS 423 (Christian Counseling), ICM 303 (Fundamentals of Intercultural Missions), and either THE 213 (Introduction to Philosophy) or THE 323 (Comparative Religions). (Language is not required.)

NOTE: The general education requirement for 6 hours of Bible Survey is satisfied by the upper-level Bible courses.

BA or BS Degree with Major in Christian Education (*Major Course Requirements: BA degree, 34 hours; BS degree, 43 hours*)

CED 303	Foundations of Christian Education	CED 373	Ministering with Older Adults
CED 313	Church Administration	CED 383	Workshop in Bible Teaching
CED 323	Childhood Education	CMS 452	Internship I
CED 333	Youth Education	CMS 462	Internship II
CED 343	Adult Education		

Course Offerings

BIBLE

BIB 113 Old Testament Survey **3 hours**

An overview of the entire Old Testament using a canonical approach. Background is provided concerning the history, chronology, and major ideas of the Old Testament. During this course a foundation is laid for further, more intensive Old Testament study. Offered fall and spring semesters.

BIB 123 New Testament Survey **3 hours**

A survey of the historical and cultural context of the New Testament followed by an overview of the literature of the New Testament. Offered fall and spring semesters.

BIB 143 Biblical Interpretation **3 hours**

An introduction to the history, methods, tools, and principles of biblical interpretation giving particular attention to the structure and characteristics of Scripture. The study develops an inductive approach to the Bible. Offered fall semester.

BIB 213 Old Testament I (The Torah) **3 hours**

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament, noting relevant linguistic, historical, and archaeological information and critiquing major study approaches to the Torah. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2005.

BIB 233 New Testament I (Four Gospels) **3 hours**

The life and teachings of Christ as presented in the four gospels. Attention is given to how the four gospels harmonize. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2006.

BIB 291-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**

Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and 123, or BIB 143, or consent of instructor.

BIB 353 Old Testament II (Joshua-Esther) **3 hours**

Israel's history from the entrance into Canaan through the periods of settlement, apostasy, captivity, and return. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning spring 2006.

BIB 363 New Testament II (Acts and Pauline Epistles) **3 hours**

A historical and exegetical study of Acts and the Pauline Epistles of the New Testament with emphasis upon their historical background, proper interpretation, and relevant application. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2005.

BIB 391-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**

In-depth studies in various Old and New Testament books to meet special interests and needs. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and 123, or BIB 143, or approval of the instructor.

BIB 413 Old Testament III (Poets and Prophets) **3 hours**

A detailed introduction to those Old Testament books classified as poetry, wisdom literature, and major and minor prophets. Prerequisites: BIB 143 and 353 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2006.

BIB 423 New Testament III (Non-Pauline Epistles and Revelation) **3 hours**

A historical and exegetical study of the non-Pauline Epistles of the New Testament and Revelation with emphasis upon their historical background, proper interpretation, and relevant application. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning spring 2006.

BIB 491-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**

In-depth studies in biblically related areas emphasizing principles of research and contemporary application. Prerequisites: Junior standing, BIB 113 and 123, or BIB 143, or approval of instructor.

BIBLICAL LANGUAGES

BLN 213 Elementary Greek I **3 hours**
The basic elements of New Testament Greek, stressing vocabulary, conjugation, declension, composition, and translation. Offered fall semester, even years.

BLN 233 Introductory Hebrew I **3 hours**
The basic elements of Biblical Hebrew, stressing vocabulary, syntax, and translation with some practice in vocalization. Offered fall semester, odd years.

BLN 303 Elementary Greek II **3 hours**
A continuation of BLN 213. Oral and written exercises continued. Introduction to the Greek New Testament through relatively simple passages. Prerequisite: BLN 213. Offered spring semester, odd years.

BLN 343 Introductory Hebrew II **3 hours**
A continuation of BLN 233 with an emphasis on translating and exegeting simple passages in the Old Testament. Prerequisite: BLN 233. Offered spring semester, even years.

BLN 391-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**
Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: BLN 343 or 423, as appropriate, or consent of instructor.

BLN 413 Intermediate Greek I **3 hours**
The review of Greek grammar with stress on facility in translation. Portions of the Greek New Testament will be translated with attention to methods of exegesis. Prerequisite: BLN 303. Offered upon sufficient demand.

BLN 423 Intermediate Greek II **3 hours**
A continuation of BLN 413. Further reading in the Greek New Testament with emphasis on syntax and precise exegesis. Prerequisite: BLN 413. Offered upon sufficient demand.

BLN 491-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**
In-depth studies to meet special needs of students. Prerequisites: BLN 343 or 423, as appropriate, and junior standing, or consent of instructor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CED 103 Survey of Christian Education **3 hours**
An overview of the foundations, philosophy, principles, and methods of Christian education with a comparison of modern practices to the strategies of Jesus Christ. Reviews HLG's Christian Education Program and courses and examines ministry opportunities for the Christian educator. Offered fall semester.

CED 113 Introduction to Southern Baptist Work **3 hours**
The heritage, history, organizational structure, and work of Southern Baptists—in the local church, the association, the state convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention. (*CSD majors must take this course during the first spring semester of their major.*) Offered spring semester.

CED 291-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**
Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: CED 103 or consent of instructor.

CED 303 Foundations of Christian Education **3 hours**
An examination of the history and philosophy of education along with some principles of educational psychology with application for developing one's own personal philosophy of Christian education. Prerequisites: CED 103 and *one* of the following: CED 323, 333, 343, or 373. Offered spring semester, odd years.

CED 313 Church Administration **3 hours**
A brief review of the nature, mission, and organization of the local church, followed by an in-depth look at the principles of leadership, Christian interpersonal dynamics, and organizational management. Practical problems are considered throughout. Prerequisites: CED 103, 113; CMS 103; and junior standing. Offered fall semester, odd years.

CED 323 Childhood Education **3 hours**

A study of childhood development from birth through grade 6 and of the principles and methods for reaching and teaching children. Prerequisite: CED 103. Offered spring semester, odd years.

CED 333 Youth Education **3 hours**

A study of the developmental characteristics and specific problems of youth ages 12 through 17 with an examination of the church's role and responsibility in the education of youth. Prerequisite: CED 103. Offered fall semester, odd years.

CED 343 Adult Education **3 hours**

The developmental characteristics of adults at the various stages of life and the implications of those findings for Christian education, ministry, problems, and challenges. Prerequisite: CED 103. Offered fall semester, odd years.

CED 373 Ministering with Older Adults **3 hours**

A Christian perspective on the aging process, emphasizing the spiritual, social, physical, and psychological needs of older adults. Study includes structuring and evaluating a program for older adults in the church. Prerequisite: CED 103. Offered fall semester, even years.

CED 383 Workshop in Bible Teaching **3 hours**

A workshop approach to the development of Bible teaching. Attention will be given to (1) curriculum theory and design; (2) cognitive, affective, and behavioral taxonomies; and (3) writing of goals and objectives for developing a teaching plan. Students will gain experience in the writing and teaching of Bible lesson materials. Prerequisites: CED 103 and *one* of the following: CED 323, 333, 343, or 373. Offered spring semester, even years.

CED 391-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**

Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: CED 103 or consent of instructor.

CED 491-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**

In-depth studies with an emphasis on research and creative problem-solving. Prerequisites: CED 103 and junior standing or consent of instructor.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**CMS 103 Philosophy of Ministry** **3 hours**

An examination of what a *divine call* means, looking at the qualities, traits, and abilities essential in a Christlike ministry with attention to attitudes and relationships. The purpose is to help students discover their call, professional position, function, interests, and spiritual gifts. Required for all students receiving a CMV scholarship. Offered spring semester.

CMS 291-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**

Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

CMS 313 Leadership Issues **3 hours**

A course designed to teach principles of servant leadership. Emphasis will be on leading through serving and on the prerequisites needed to be able to do so effectively. This servant leadership model will be applied to managerial functions, such as staffing, budgeting, planning, decision-making, and skill development. Prerequisites: CED 103, 113, and junior standing. Offered fall semester, even years.

CMS 323 Introduction to Evangelism **3 hours**

A general introduction to Christian evangelism. Includes a study of the theology, New Testament practice, and history of evangelism, as well as contemporary techniques used in the practice of evangelism. Prerequisite: CMS 103 or consent of instructor. Offered spring semester, even years.

CMS 333 Pastoral Ministries **3 hours**

The development of leadership skills with basic experiences for learning to perform baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. Offered fall semester, even years.

CMS 353 Foundations of Preaching **3 hours**
 Explores the biblical and historical roots of Christian preaching and the relevance and status of preaching in contemporary society. Utilizes the inductive-exegetical approach to Bible study, to provide the foundation and structure for the expository sermon. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered fall semester.

CMS 361 Preaching Lab **1 hour**
 Lab experience built upon CMS 353 (Foundations of Preaching) with emphasis on the delivery and evaluation of sermons. Prerequisite: CMS 353. Offered spring semester.

CMS 363 Christian Worship **3 hours**
 Examines the church's function of worship, giving attention to its biblical basis, historical background, and role within both corporate church life and the individual Christian experience. Students will be expected to design and lead a worship experience. Prerequisite: CMS 103. Offered upon sufficient demand.

CMS 391-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**
 Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

CMS 412 Youth Discipleship and Evangelism **2 hours**
 The processes, resources, and methods needed for developing a comprehensive strategy of youth discipleship and evangelism in the church. Prerequisite: CED 333 or consent of instructor. Offered spring semester, odd years.

CMS 423 Christian Counseling **3 hours**
 The principles and techniques of counseling with attention given to specific counseling situations often encountered by the church staff member. Prerequisite: PSY 113. Offered spring semester, even years.

CMS 433 Youth Issues **3 hours**
 Focuses on understanding youth and their culture while preparing the Christian educator/worker to minister to youth primarily in a church setting in light of contemporary issues: youth-identity formation, generational gap, social and moral values, sexual and behavioral patterns, and social and political involvement. Prerequisite(s): CED 333 and/or PSY 333. Offered spring semester, even years.

CMS 443 Senior Seminar **3 hours**
 An integrative application of the educational experience of Christian Studies Division majors to contemporary ministry-related issues. Includes reevaluation and updating of students' personal philosophy of ministry. Prerequisite: Senior standing. Offered spring semester.

CMS 452 Internship I **2 hours**
 Examines the internship process. Students will be assigned to an approved supervisor for observation and shadowing; together they will formulate objectives and goals for future fieldwork experience. Prerequisite: Completion of 85 credit hours (equivalent credit for transfer students). Offered fall semester.

CMS 462 Internship II **2 hours**
 Fulfillment of fieldwork assignments prepared in Internship I. Students continue in ministry supervision under the assigned supervisor in Internship I. Prerequisite: CMS 452. Offered spring semester.

CMS 472 Youth Ministry Practicum **2 hours**
 Practical experience (a minimum of 90 hours) in youth ministry in a local church (or community agency) under qualified supervision. Prerequisites: CED 333; CMS 412, 433. Offered by arrangement.

CMS 491-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**
 In-depth studies to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

INTERCULTURAL MISSIONS

ICM 111 Missions Activity **1 hour**
 Practical experience (a minimum of three weeks) on a mission trip under preapproved, qualified supervision. Graded on a pass/fail basis. Offered by arrangement.

ICM 291-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**
 Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ICM 303 Fundamentals of Intercultural Missions **3 hours**

A practical approach to the necessary skills, knowledge, and worldview needed in the 21st century. Course content will be flexible to meet current needs, including topics like historical cross-cultural models, cross-cultural living fundamentals, raising financial support, working with national organizations and personnel, and keys to effective intercultural relationships. Prerequisites: BIB 113 and 123, or BIB 143, with junior standing, or consent of instructor. Offered fall semester, even years.

ICM 312 Missions Practicum **2 hours**

Practical experience (a minimum of three weeks) on a mission trip under preapproved, qualified supervision; requires a performance evaluation and documentation of learning experiences. May be repeated a second time for credit. Offered by arrangement.

ICM 333 Intercultural Missions Practicum **3 hours**

A practical experience (minimum of four weeks) on a mission trip under preapproved, qualified supervision; requires a performance evaluation and documentation of learning experiences. May be repeated a second time for credit. Offered by arrangement.

ICM 353 Current Issues in World Cultures **3 hours**

Examines current challenges, opportunities, and trends in various world cultures; designed to indicate how a student will adjust to issues faced when living in an international setting. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Offered spring semester, even years.

ICM 373 International Missions **3 hours**

Studies the history and functioning process of various mission boards with emphasis on the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Focuses on criteria for missionaries, places of service, diversity of ministry, and process of assignments. Prerequisite: ICM 303. Offered fall semester, odd years.

ICM 391-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**

Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ICM 480 Intercultural Missions Internship **12 hours**

A long-term, practical experience (minimum of three months; summer or fall), alongside an established missionary or involvement in a legitimate ministry, that will provide the student with a realistic view of mission work. Requires a performance evaluation and documentation of learning experiences. Prerequisites: ICM 303, acceptance into the ICM major, preapproved internship assignment, and completion of the junior year.

ICM 491-3 Advanced Topics **1-3 hours**

In-depth studies to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor.

THEOLOGY**THE 203 Baptist History and Theology** **3 hours**

Studies the history and theology of Baptists from their 17th century origins to the present with primary emphasis on developments in England and North America. Offered upon sufficient demand.

THE 213 Introduction to Philosophy (same as PHL 213) **3 hours**

Surveys the basic problems, procedures, and systems of philosophy. Assists students to develop a critical and constructive attitude toward knowledge. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. Offered spring semester, odd years.

THE 291-3 Special Topics **1-3 hours**

Courses to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

THE 313 Christian Ethics (same as PHL 313) **3 hours**

Studies biblical principles for personal and societal conduct. Examines contemporary cultural issues like abortion, capital punishment, sexual relationships, and war in the light of biblical teachings. Prerequisite(s): BIB 113 and 123, or BIB 143. Offered fall semester, even years.

THE 323 Comparative Religions (same as PHL 323) **3 hours**

Historical and descriptive introduction to the major religions of the world. Attention is given to their

comparison to orthodox Christianity. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Offered spring semester, even years.

THE 373 Christian Doctrine

3 hours

A systematic study of the classical categories of Christian theology, employing the tools of biblical theology, historical theology, systematic theology, and an inductive approach to the Bible. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Offered fall semester, odd years.

THE 391-3 Advanced Topics

1-3 hours

Courses in theology to meet special needs of students. Prerequisite: THE 373 or consent of instructor.

THE 491-3 Advanced Topics

1-3 hours

In-depth studies to meet special needs of students. Prerequisites: THE 373 and junior standing or consent of instructor.