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## 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

**Minor for Majors in Bible and Intercultural Missions:** Christian Education

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

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

### Goals

- 1) To give all HLGU 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 HLGU 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.

### Ministry Guidance

Hannibal-LaGrange University offers practical guidance to students preparing for Christian ministry vocations (CMV). Ministry 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.

### 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: 27 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
CED 313	Church Admin & Leadership	THE 373	Christian Doctrine
CMS 103	Philosophy of Ministry*		

\*CSD majors must take CMS 103 during the *first fall 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	BIB 423	New Testament III
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

**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 323	Childhood Education	CED 383	Bible Teaching Workshop
CED 333	Youth Education	CMS 452	Internship I
CED 343	Adult Education	CMS 462	Internship II

**Controlled Electives:** As part of the Major Course Requirements for Christian Education, *choose 9 hours from any additional CED, CMS, ICM courses, or from the following:*

EDU 202	Child Growth & Development	PSY 333	Developmental Psychology
PSY 223	Educational Psychology	SOC 123	Marriage & the Family

Courses may also be chosen from Recreation (REC) courses or from the Department of Media Communication, excluding internships and practicums.

**Language Requirement for the BA:** To fulfill the General Education language requirement, BA students are advised to take Greek or Hebrew.

**Additional 9 Hours for BS Requirements:** BS students must take also 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.)

**BA Degree with Major in Intercultural Missions** (*Major Course Requirements: 30 hours*)

ICM 303	Fundamentals of Intercultural Missions	ICM 373	International Missions
ICM 333	Intercultural Missions Practicum	ICM 480	Intercultural Missions Internship
ICM 353	Current Issues in World Cultures	PHL 323	Comparative Religions

*Language Requirement for the BA:* Take two semesters in the same language to fulfill the general education language requirement.

**Requirements for Minors**

A grade of C or better is required in all courses in a minor.

**MINOR FOR MAJORS IN BIBLE AND INTERCULTURAL MISSIONS**

**Christian Education...** 18 hours— in addition to the CED courses required in the respective major, any 18 hours from Christian education (CED) courses and CMS 412 and 433 (*Music majors must include CED 313.*)

**INTERDISCIPLINARY MINORS FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MAJORS**

Ministry-oriented minors are available for those earning the BA or BS degree with a major in Christian education. These minors assume that the student will take the foundational Christian education courses in the major.

**Youth Ministry...** 19 hours— CMS 412, 433, 472; PSY 333; SOC 123, 323; THR 101 (*CED 333 must be counted toward the major.*)

**Youth and Music Ministry...** 18 hours— CMS 412, 433; music theory (4 hours); piano (2 hours); voice (2 hours); MUS 212; PSY 333 (*CED 333 must be counted toward the major.*)

**MINORS AVAILABLE TO ALL OTHER HLGU STUDENTS**

**Bible.** 18 hours— THE 373; 12 hours of any Bible course; and a 3-hour elective from BIB, CED, CMS, or THE (*At least 6 of the 18 hours must be taken at the 300 or 400 level*)

**Biblical Languages.** 18 hours— BLN 213, 233, 303, 343, plus 6 hours from BLN 413, 423, 491-3

**Christian Education...** 21 hours— CED 103, 313, 323, 383; BIB 143; THE 373; plus 3 hours of Christian education age-level courses (*This minor is not available to Bible or Intercultural Missions majors; see above*)

**Intercultural Missions...** 19 hours— ICM 303, 312 (repeated once), 353, 373; THE 323, 373 (*This minor is not available to Bible or Christian education majors; see above*)

**Youth Ministry.** 22 hours— CED 103, 333, 383; CMS 412, 433, 472; PSY 333; SOC or CRJ 323 (*This minor is not available to Christian education majors; see above*)

*Course Offerings*

**BIBLE**

**BIB 113 Old Testament Survey** **3 hours**  
Presents an overview of the entire Old Testament using a canonical approach. Provides background concerning the history, chronology, and major ideas of the Old Testament. A foundation is laid for further, more detailed Old Testament study. Offered fall and spring semesters.

**BIB 123 New Testament Survey** **3 hours**  
Presents an overview of the literature of the New Testament; includes a study of the New Testament's historical and cultural context. Offered fall and spring semesters.

**BIB 143 Biblical Interpretation** **3 hours**  
Introduces students to the history, methods, tools, and principles of biblical interpretation; gives particular attention to the structure and characteristics of Scripture. Emphasizes the inductive approach to Bible study. Offered spring semester.

- BIB 213 Old Testament I (The Torah)** **3 hours**  
Examines the first five books of the Old Testament, noting relevant linguistic, historical, and archaeological information and critiquing major scholarly approaches to the Torah. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2011.
- BIB 233 New Testament I (Four Gospels)** **3 hours**  
Examines the life and teachings of Christ as presented in the four gospels. Gives attention to how the four gospels harmonize. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2012.
- 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**  
Examines Israel's history from the entrance into Canaan through the early Second Temple period. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning spring 2012.
- BIB 363 New Testament II (Acts and Pauline Epistles)** **3 hours**  
Presents a historical and exegetical study of Acts and the Pauline Epistles of the New Testament, emphasizing their historical background, proper interpretation, and relevant application. Prerequisite: BIB 143 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2011.
- 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 (Job-Malachi)** **3 hours**  
Provides a detailed introduction to those Old Testament books classified as poetry, wisdom literature, and major and minor prophets (Job-Malachi). Prerequisites: BIB 143 and 353 or consent of instructor. Offered every third semester, beginning fall 2012.
- BIB 423 New Testament III (Non-Pauline Epistles and Revelation)** **3 hours**  
Presents 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 2012.
- 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**  
Introduces students to 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**  
Introduces students to 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**  
Provides a continuation of BLN 213. Includes translation of relatively simple passages from the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: BLN 213. Offered spring semester, odd years.
- BLN 343 Introductory Hebrew II** **3 hours**  
Provides a continuation of BLN 233 with an emphasis on translating relatively simple passages from the Hebrew Bible. 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**  
Reviews Greek grammar, with emphasis 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**  
Provides a continuation of BLN 413. Features 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**

Provides 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**

Introduces students to 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**

Examines 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 and Leadership****3 hours**

Presents 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**

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

**CED 333 Youth Education****3 hours**

Studies the developmental characteristics and specific problems of youth ages 12 through 17; examines 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**

Examines 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**

Presents 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 Bible Teaching Workshop****3 hours**

Provides a workshop approach to the development of Bible teaching. Gives attention to curriculum theory and design; cognitive, affective, and behavioral taxonomies; and writing of goals and objectives for developing a teaching plan. Students will gain experience in writing and teaching 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**

Examines what a *divine call* means; focuses on qualities, traits, and abilities essential in a Christlike ministry with attention to attitudes and relationships. Designed to help students discover their call, professional position, function, interests, and spiritual gifts. Required for all students receiving a CMV scholarship. Offered fall semester.

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

**CMS 323 Introduction to Evangelism** **3 hours**  
Provides 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 fall semester, even years.

**CMS 333 Pastoral Ministries** **3 hours**  
Focuses on developing pastoral leadership skills; provides instruction on performing 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**  
Provides 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**  
Presents 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**  
Presents principles and techniques of counseling, gives attention 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**  
Provides an integrative application of the educational experience of Christian Studies Division majors to contemporary ministry-related issues. 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**  
Focuses on fulfilling fieldwork assignments prepared in Internship I. Students perform guided ministry activities under the supervisor assigned in Internship I. Prerequisite: CMS 452. Offered spring semester.

**CMS 472 Youth Ministry Practicum** **2 hours**  
Provides opportunities for a minimum of 90 hours of supervised field experience in youth ministry within a local church or community agency. 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**  
Provides students with 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**

Presents a practical approach to the skills, knowledge, and worldview needed in 21<sup>st</sup>-century Christian missions. Addresses academic and practical topics such as 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**

Provides students with 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 taken two times for credit. Offered by arrangement.

**ICM 333 Intercultural Missions Practicum** **3 hours**

Provides students with practical experience (a minimum of four weeks) on a mission trip under preapproved, qualified supervision; requires a performance evaluation and documentation of learning experiences. May be taken two times 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**

Provides students with a long-term, practical experience (minimum of three months; summer or fall) alongside an established missionary, or involvement in a legitimate intercultural 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 213 Introduction to Philosophy** (same as PHL 213) **3 hours**

Surveys the basic problems, procedures, and systems of philosophy. Assists students in developing 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**

Provides a historical and descriptive introduction to the major religions of the world. Attention is given to comparing them with orthodox Christianity. Prerequisite: Junior standing or consent of instructor. Offered spring semester, even years.

**THE 373 Christian Doctrine** **3 hours**

Presents 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 biblical interpretation. 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.

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