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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 Ministry, 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:** *Major*—Christian Studies

**Bachelor of Science Degree:** *Major*—Christian Studies

**Minor for Majors in Christian Studies with Concentration in Bible:** Christian Ministry

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

### Goals of the Christian Studies Division

- 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.

### Mission and Purpose of the Christian Studies Major

#### Concentration in Bible

The mission of the Bible concentration is to provide an excellent education in the biblical, theological, and ministerial disciplines in a distinctively Christian environment that integrates Christian faith and learning in preparing graduates for both personal and career effectiveness.

#### Concentration in Christian Ministry

The mission of the Christian Ministry concentration is to provide an excellent education for guiding spiritual formation and practical ministry in a distinctively Christian environment that integrates Christian faith and learning in preparing graduates for personal and career effectiveness.

### Objectives for the Christian Studies Major

#### Concentration in Bible

- 1) The student will demonstrate understanding of the content and recommended techniques associated with sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in witnessing.
- 2) The student will demonstrate knowledge of the content and issues associated with basic Christian doctrines.

- 3) The student will demonstrate understanding of methods, tools, and principles of Biblical interpretation.
- 4) The student will demonstrate knowledge of the historical and theological content, as well as critical issues, associated with Old and New Testament books.
- 5) The student will demonstrate the knowledge and skills required to accomplish an inductive-exegetical Bible study and to prepare and deliver biblically-based expositional sermons.

### **Concentration in Christian Ministry**

- 1) The student will demonstrate understanding of the content and recommended techniques associated with sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in witnessing.
- 2) The student will demonstrate knowledge of the content and issues associated with basic Christian doctrines.
- 3) The student will demonstrate understanding of methods, tools, and principles of Biblical interpretation.
- 4) The student will demonstrate understanding of how to teach an effective Bible study lesson.
- 5) The student will demonstrate knowledge of leadership theory.
- 6) The student will demonstrate understanding of Christian education and its foundational elements.

## **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 Christian Studies**

- 1) Complete the campuswide General Education requirements (with the language requirement if seeking the BA) and the Graduation Requirements (see **Academic Policies** for both).
- 2) Pass each of the following Core Course Requirements with a grade of C or higher:

### Core Course Requirements: 29 hours

BIB 143	Biblical Interpretation	CMS 462	Supervised Ministry: Field Experience
CED 123	Christian Ed & Spiritual Formation	THE 313	Christian Ethics
CMS 103	Philosophy of Ministry*	THE 332	Baptist History & Heritage
CMS 303	Intro to Evangelism & Missions	THE 343	History of Christianity
CMS 442	Senior Colloquium	THE 373	Christian Doctrine
CMS 452	Supervised Ministry: Foundations		

\*Christian Ministry 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 higher. (These requirements include the *Controlled Electives* under the Christian Ministry concentration.)

#### Choose from one of the following emphases:

##### **Concentration in Bible:** 15 hours

Old Testament courses: 2 of the following: BIB 313, BIB 353, BIB 413  
 New Testament courses: 2 of the following: BIB 323, BIB 363, BIB 423  
 CMS 383 Introduction to Preaching

**Note:** For students opting for the Concentration in Bible, the General Education requirement for 6 hours of Bible Survey is satisfied by the upper-level Bible courses.

##### **Concentration in Christian Ministry:** 15 hours

CED 313 Church Administration & Leadership  
 CED 303 Foundations of Christian Education  
 CED 383 Teaching the Bible  
 6 hours of upper-level electives from two of the following areas: CED, CMS, ICM, THE

**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).

## Requirements for Minors

A grade of C or higher is required in all courses for the minor.

### Minors Available to Non-Christian Studies Majors

#### **Bible: 18 hours**

THE 373; 12 hours of BIB-prefix courses (*can include BIB 113 and 123, which also fulfill General Education requirements*); 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 Ministry: 21 hours**

CED 123, 303, 323, 383; BIB 143; THE 373; and a 3-hour elective from CMS, THE, or ICM

## *Course Offerings*

### **BIBLE (BIB)**

**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 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 313 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 spring 2016.

**BIB 323 New Testament I: The Life of Christ** **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 2015.

**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 fall 2016.

**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 spring 2016.

**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 2015.

**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 fall 2016.

**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)

**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)

**CED 123 Christian Education & Spiritual Formation** **3 hours**  
Provides an introduction to Christian education with particular emphasis on the moral and faith development of preschoolers, children, youth, and adults for the purpose of spiritual growth and formation. Offered fall 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 of Christian education. Prerequisite: CED 123. Offered spring semester, odd years.

**CED 313 Church Administration & 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 383 Teaching the Bible** **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)**

**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 303 Introduction to Evangelism & Missions** **3 hours**  
Provides a general introduction to Christian evangelism and missions that includes a study of the theology, New Testament practice, history, and contemporary engagement of both. Prerequisite: CMS 103 or consent of instructor. Offered fall semester, even years.

**CMS 383 Introduction to Preaching** **3 hours**  
Explores the biblical and historical roots of Christian preaching, the relevance and status of preaching in contemporary society and the construction and delivery of sermons utilizing the expository approach. Prerequisite: BIB 143 plus three hours of BIB and junior or senior standing, or consent of instructor. Offered fall semester.

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

**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 442 Senior Colloquium** **2 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 Supervised Ministry: Foundations** **2 hours**  
Prepares students for the internship experience. Includes an overview and examination of the history and philosophy of theological field education. Students will be assigned to an approved supervisor for observation and shadowing; together they will formulate objectives and goals for the fieldwork experience in CMS 462. Prerequisites: Senior status and intention to complete all graduation requirements no later than the following fall semester. Offered fall semester.

**CMS 462 Supervised Ministry: Field Experience** **2 hours**  
Focuses on fulfilling the fieldwork assignments prepared in CMS 452. Students perform guided ministry activities under their assigned supervisors. Includes periodic progress reports and evaluations. Prerequisite: CMS 452. Offered spring semester.

**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)

**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 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 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)

**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 332 Baptist History & Heritage** **2 hours**  
Examines the history and heritage of Baptists, with special attention given to Southern Baptists and their organizational structure and work. Prerequisite: THE 343. Offered fall semester, odd years.

**THE 343 History of Christianity**

**3 hours**

Surveys the history of Christianity from the time of Christ to the present. Attention is given to Christianity's social, institutional, and theological developments. Offered fall 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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