

Bible Institute

Course Descriptions

Courses in the 100 level are designed as introductory courses and may be taken as desired. It is suggested that they be taken in order.

100 Christian Basics

This class is designed to introduce the student to the basic beliefs of the Christian faith and the Bible Institute program. The student will be taught the basics of the Gospel, the basic story of scripture, how to be a witness.

101 Spiritual Formation

This class is designed to introduce the student to the basic practices of the Christian faith. The student will be taught the importance of worship and prayer, the importance of fellowship and community, spiritual disciplines and basic worldview evaluations.

102 Bible Study Methods

This class is designed to train the student in personal bible study. The student will learn how to make observations about the text, accurate interpretations, and determine relevant applications of the text to their own lives and to the lives of people in general of the 21st century.

Courses in the 200 level are designed as intermediate courses with greater reading and study expected of the student. Study of the Old Testament provides a necessary foundation for the study of the New Testament.

201 Old Testament History

This class is designed to summarize the history of God's people from the time of creation until the time of Christ. The student will know select stories, people, places, and events of the Old Testament. The student will be able to place on a timeline select important features.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102

202 Old Testament Literature

This class is designed to familiarize the student with the features of ancient Hebrew poetry, wisdom literature, and prophecy. The distinctive features of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon will be examined. The major and minor prophets will be surveyed and the major themes and occasion of their writings and prophecies also will be examined. The student will be able to place on a timeline the writing of the prophets along with major historical events.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102

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211 New Testament Gospels/Acts

This class is designed to introduce the student to the history of the Christian church in the first century and the unique features of each of the gospels. The student will also learn about one of the gospels in depth along with the book of acts. The student will be able to identify several unique characteristics of each gospel, be able to trace the narrative of one of the gospels, and the book of Acts.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102, 201, 202

212 New Testament Pauline Epistles

This class is designed to familiarize the student with the writings of the apostle Paul. The student will be able to identify the writings of Paul and the major themes of each of the books. The student will be able to trace the major argument of the book of Romans and the book of Ephesians.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102, 201, 202

213 New Testament Letters

This class is designed to familiarize the student with the New Testament writings apart from Gospel Narratives and Paul's writings. The student will be able name the epistles and the major themes and occasion for writing. The student will be able to trace the argument of the book of Hebrews and of James.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102, 201, 202

221 Doctrine I

This class is designed to introduce the student to the core teachings of the Christian faith. Topics will include a study of Bibliology—the bible. The student will study the Triune God and the three persons of God: Theology proper—Father; Christology—Son; Pneumatology—Holy Spirit. The student will study Anthropology—man; Hamartiology—the nature of sin.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102, 201, 202, 211, 212, 213

222 Doctrine II

This class is designed to introduce the student to the core teachings of the Christian faith. Topics will include a study of Soteriology—salvation and the atonement. The student will study Ecclesiology—the nature and characteristics of the church; Angelology—angels/demons; Eschatology—the end and culmination of history.

Prerequisites: 100, 101, 102, 201, 202, 211, 212, 213

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Electives

It is expected that all required 100 and 200 level courses will be completed before registering for elective courses. Elective courses will be offered on a periodic basis.

301 Christian Theological Development

This class is designed to introduce the student to the development of the early church especially through the development of the orthodox faith. Issues of canon, Christology, and early ecumenical councils will be emphasized.

302 Christian Ethics

This class is designed to introduce the student to contemporary issues in Christian world view. Contemporary issues such as life-style, choice, responsibility, and end-of-life will be discussed using case studies and bible study.

303 Christian Missions

This class is designed to introduce the student to a brief history of Christian missions and contemporary missionary efforts. Evangelism and witnessing will be addressed in theory and in practice as well as a brief overview of other religions and their major beliefs.

304 Jesus Studies

This class is designed as a specialized study of the life and work of Jesus Christ. The focus will be on the person of Jesus and on the importance of the atonement and also how to answer modern critics.

305 Reformation

This class is designed to introduce the student to the causes and effects of the protestant reformation. Theological and ecclesiastical changes will be discussed and modern church movements traced to their origins.

306 Romans

This class is designed as a focused study of the book of Romans. The occasion, purpose, theology and major themes of the book will be developed.

307 Hebrews

This class is designed as a focused study of the book of Hebrews. The occasion, purpose, theology, and major themes of the book will be developed.