



School of Theology & Christian Ministry

Purposes

- To help students appreciate and understand Christian history, theology, and spirituality from the perspective of the biblical, historical Christian faith;
- To create opportunities for students to apply and integrate classroom knowledge and principles to in-service training experiences in local churches, cross-cultural settings, and missions;
- To prepare students to pursue the study of philosophy, theology, or religion in a graduate school or seminary;
- To educate students to be "practical thinkers" and "thinking practitioners."

Tradition of Excellence

The School of Theology and Christian Ministry faculty is committed to Christian service and the Wesleyan heritage. It offers personal attention and programs geared toward preparing women and men for ministry in a variety of forms as well as for other professions. With over fifty denominations represented at Point Loma, students have the opportunity to learn the similarities and differences between the major denominations and traditions within the Christian faith. The faculty of the School of Theology and Christian Ministry is diverse in educational background, with degrees from leading seminaries and universities across the country. Faculty members have published commentaries, dictionary articles, Christian life pieces, books, articles in national scholarly journals, and Christian education booklets. All professors are members in academic societies in fields of study. Outside the classroom, the faculty are committed members of local congregations and often spend weekends preaching, teaching Sunday school, or speaking at camps and retreats.

Career Opportunities

Many of our students go directly into Christian ministry or other professions; others go on to graduate school. The School is proud of the acceptance rate of its alumni into a variety of graduate programs and law schools across the United States. To assist those entering Christian ministry of all sorts, "hands-on" internships in local churches are available. Also, six semester units can be earned through the summer ministries program by working in a local church, urban mission, or summer camp.

Majors and Minors

Majors

Biblical Studies
Christian Ministry

- Youth Ministry

Philosophy
Philosophy and Theology

Minors

Children's Ministry
Philosophy
Youth Ministry

Internship

Christian Ministry

Faculty

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Biblical Studies *Major*

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
BIB 240	Interpreting the Bible	3
THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology I	3

Either:

BLA 205	Essentials of Hebrew I	4
BLA 206	Essentials of Hebrew II	4

OR:

BLA 207	Essentials of Greek I	3
BLA 308	Essentials of Greek II	3
BLA 337	Exegesis of Greek New Testament	3
TOTAL		19-20

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

BIB 307	Biblical Theology	4
BIB 495	Seminar in Biblical Literature	3
CHU 484	Ancient and Medieval Christianity	3
CHU 485	Modern Christianity	3
CMI 300	Preaching	3

Four courses from the following:

BIB 301	Jesus And The Synoptic Gospels	3
BIB 302	Early Christianity In Paul's Churches	3
BIB 314	The Old Testament Prophets	3
BIB 378	Old Testament Poetry And Wisdom	3
BIB 403	Johannine Literature	3
BIB 404	The Catholic Letters	3
BIB 413	Old Testament Narrative And Law	3
BIB 477	The Literature Of Second Temple Judaism	3
BIB 480	Rhetorical Interpretation of The New Testament	3
TOTAL		28

Christian Ministry *Major*

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
CHU 104	Nazarene Church History and Polity	3
<i>[required only for members of the Church of the Nazarene]</i>		
CMI 150	Introduction to Ministry	2
CMI 160	Introduction to Christian Education	2
PHL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology I	3

Either:

BLA 205	Essentials of Hebrew I	4
BLA 206	Essentials of Hebrew II	4

OR:

BLA 207	Essentials of Greek I	3
BLA 308	Essentials of Greek II	3
BLA 337	Exegesis of Greek New Testament	3
TOTAL		26-27

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS:

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	4
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	3
CMI 300	Preaching	3
CMI 320	Administration and Leadership	2
CMI 330	Pastoral Care and Counseling	2
CMI 350	Evangelism and Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
CMI 387	Internship	1-6
THE 350	Foundations of Christian Theology II	3
THE 450	Doctrine of Holiness	3
TOTAL		24-29

Youth Ministry Concentration

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
CHU 104	Nazarene Church History and Polity	3
<i>[required only for members of the Church of the Nazarene]</i>		
CMI 150	Introduction to Ministry	2
CMI 160	Introduction to Christian Education	2
CMI 210	Introduction to Youth Ministry	3
CMI 220	Youth Ministry and Contemporary Culture	3
PHL 201	Introduction to Philosophy	3

THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology I	3
<i>Either:</i>		
BLA 205	Essentials of Hebrew I	4
BLA 206	Essentials of Hebrew II	4
<i>OR:</i>		
BLA 207	Essentials of Greek I	3
BLA 308	Essentials of Greek II	3
<i>AND:</i>		
BLA 337	Exegesis of Greek New Testament	3
	TOTAL	35-36

UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	4
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	3
CMI 300	Preaching	3
CMI 320	Administration and Leadership	2
CMI 330	Pastoral Care and Counseling	2
CMI 350	Evangelism and Cross-Cultural Ministry	3
CMI 387	Internship	1-6
THE 350	Foundations of Christian Theology II	3
THE 450	Doctrine of Holiness	3
	TOTAL	24-29

RECOMMENDED COURSES

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PSY 308	Developmental Psychology-Birth through Adolescence	4
PSY 360	Human Sexuality	3
PSY 420	Moral Development and Christian Spirituality	3

Philosophy *Major*

The discipline of philosophy, the critical inquiry into the structure of reality, knowledge, and values, seeks to clarify and explicate the presuppositions and implications of various interpretations of human experience. The purposes of the Philosophy major are:

- To develop critical and creative thinking, soundness of argument, clarity of thought, and precision in expression;
- To cultivate a critical appreciation of the enduring questions constituting the philosophical heritage;
- To explore the relation between philosophical and religious thought; and
- To prepare students for graduate study.

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	3
PHL 277	Logic	2
	TOTAL	5

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 301	History of Western Philosophy I	3
PHL 302	History of Western Philosophy II	3
• Twenty-one additional units in Philosophy.		
	TOTAL	27

RECOMMENDATIONS

Greek, German, or French should be used to fulfill the General Education foreign language requirement.

Philosophy and Theology *Major*

Graduate theological education today presumes broad learning across the curriculum with a concentration in a particular area. The major in Philosophy and Theology aims to prepare the student for graduate education by:

- Introducing the student to philosophy and theology as intellectual disciplines;
- Initiating the student into the central documents, beliefs and practices of the Christian faith, both historical and contemporary; and
- Providing flexibility to supplement the major with courses in complementary disciplines with the possibility of concentrated study in one area of interest.

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 101	Old Testament History and Religion	2
BIB 102	New Testament History and Religion	3
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	3
THE 250	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
	TOTAL	11

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	4
CHU 395	The Christian Tradition	3
THE 450	Doctrine of Holiness	3
• An additional fifteen upper division units in the School of Theology and Christian Ministry. (May not include Biblical Languages 337 or Christian Ministry 387.) At least 6 of these 15 units must be in philosophy (other than Philosophy 351).		
	TOTAL	25

Children's Ministry *Minor*

A minor is available to all students pursuing a degree who wish to qualify for full or part-time ministry to children.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.2
CMI 200	Christian Education of Children	.3
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
OR three units in upper-division Bible		
FCS 120	Child and Adolescent Development	.3
FCS 420	Child Development in the Family and Community	.4
• Three additional units in Christian Ministries		
TOTAL		.19

RECOMMENDED

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
FCS 310	Early Childhood Education	.4
FCS 460	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	.4
FCS 470	Practicum in Child Development	.3

• Additional courses in Religion

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Philosophy *Minor*

LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 201	Intro to Philosophy	.3

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
PHL 301	History of Western Philosophy I	.3
PHL 302	History of Western Philosophy II	.3
• Eight to nine additional units in Philosophy		
TOTAL		.14-15

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Youth Ministry *Minor*

A minor is available to all students pursuing a degree who wish to prepare for full or part-time ministry to youth.

REQUIREMENTS

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
BIB 307	Biblical Theology	.4
THE 331	Christian Ethics	.3
OR three units in upper-division Bible		
CMI 150	Intro to Ministry	.2
CMI 210	Intro to Youth Ministry	.3
CMI 220	Youth Ministry in Contemporary Culture	.3
CMI 387	Internship	.3
PSY 308	Developmental Psychology – Birth Through Adolescence	.4
TOTAL		.22

RECOMMENDED

COURSE #	TITLE	UNITS
CMI 300	Preaching	.3
CMI 350	Evangelism and Missions	.3
CMU 314	Music and Worship	OR
CMU 433	Hymnology	.3

Note: At least nine units must be taken in courses that are not used for the student's major. At least twelve units must be upper-division.

Christian Ministry

Internship

Opportunity is provided for qualified majors to participate, for the equivalent of one semester, in a full-time practical experience in a local church. Each intern will be under the joint supervision of a local pastor and University faculty. The internship normally is taken during the summer between the junior and senior years and either the preceding or following semester.

Up to six units of credit in Christian Ministry 387 for the practicum experience is available. In addition, up to six units of regular course credit may be taken concurrently.

To be eligible for consideration in the Christian Ministry Internship program the student must have completed or have in progress the following:

- All lower-division requirements in Religion
- One year of biblical language
- Bible 307, Theology 306
- One advanced course in Theology or Church History, preferably Church History 395.

Application forms may be obtained from the Dean of the School.

Summer Ministries

This program involves qualified students of Point Loma Nazarene University in summer work at churches and youth camps throughout the Southwest Educational region or in summer ministries programs of the General Church of the Nazarene. Up to six units of course credit in Christian Ministry 387 is available.

Institute of Holy Land Studies

Point Loma Nazarene University is associated with the Institute of Holy Land Studies (a division of Jerusalem University College) in Jerusalem, Israel. Undergraduate courses, on the junior or senior level, or graduate courses may be taken in Israel and transferred to this University. Inquiries can be made to the Institute at 4249 E. State Street, Suite 203, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

The H. Orton Wiley Chair of Theology

For many years, Point Loma Nazarene University has benefitted from a succession of distinguished scholars as teachers in the field of Christian theology. These include A.M. Hills, Olive M. Winchester, and H. Orton Wiley. The creative and scholarly work of these persons has made a distinct contribution to modern theology in the Wesleyan-Arminian tradition. To continue this tradition of scholarship, the H. Orton Wiley Chair of Theology was created in 1967. Scholars selected to fill this position have been Ross E. Price, Westlake T. Purkiser, and Herbert L. Prince.

Bible Courses

BIB 101 (2) OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY AND RELIGION-GE

Within the context of the history of Israel, an overview of the literature of the Old Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes. Offered 2007-08.

BIB 102 (3) NEW TESTAMENT HISTORY AND RELIGION-GE

Within the context of Christian origins, an overview of the canonical literature of the New Testament with special attention to its literary history and theological themes. Offered 2007-08.

BIB 240 (3) INTERPRETING THE BIBLE

This course introduces the student to the disciplines of biblical interpretation that have been employed from the period of early Jewish and Christian exegesis through the burgeoning of modern and postmodern approaches to the biblical literature. Serving as an extension of and transition from the introductory courses in biblical literature, this course provides the student with more advanced exegetical skills, methods, and techniques to apply in academic and pastoral study of the Bible. Emphasis is given to the methods and tools needed for such study. The course will intentionally take account of both traditional and non-traditional methods of reading the biblical literature. Offered 2007-08.

Prerequisites: Bible 101 and Bible 102.

BIB 301 (3) JESUS AND THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS

A study of the origins, content, and theological perspectives of the synoptic Gospels.

Prerequisite: Bible 102.

BIB 302 (3) EARLY CHRISTIANITY IN PAUL'S CHURCHES

A study of the presentation of Paul in the Acts of the Apostles, the theology of Paul and the Pauline literature. Offered 2007-08.

Prerequisite: Bible 102.

BIB 307 (4) BIBLICAL THEOLOGY

A study of the major theological themes of the Christian Scriptures in relation to Christian faith and practice. Offered 2007-08.

Prerequisite: Bible 101 or 102.

BIB 314 (3) THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

A study of the prophetic phenomena in the Old Testament, setting each book in its historical and canonical context. Offered 2007-08.

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 378 (3) OLD TESTAMENT POETRY AND WISDOM

A study of the development of wisdom literature from its ancient Near Eastern antecedents to second century Judaism and Christianity.

Prerequisite: Bible 101.

BIB 403 (3) JOHANNINE LITERATURE

A study of the Johannine literature (Gospel, Letters, and Apocalypse) in relation to its social setting and content, and its theological significance of the development of early Christianity. Offered 2007-08.

Prerequisites: Bible 101, 102, 240.

BIB 404 (3) THE CATHOLIC LETTERS

A study of Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, and Jude in their early Christian setting.

Prerequisites: Bible 101, 102, 240.