



# Rhema Bible Training College

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### Course Descriptions by Category/Number

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#### KEY TO COURSE NUMBERS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**BBL** - BIBLE

**BUS** - BUSINESS

**EDU** - EDUCATIONAL

**FIN** - FINANCE

**HIS** - HISTORY

**ICS** - INTER-CULTURAL STUDIES

**LED** - LEADERSHIP

**MIS** - MISSIONS

**MUS** - MUSIC

**PRM** - PRACTICAL MINISTRY

**PSY** - PSYCHOLOGY

**SOC** - SOCIALITY

**SPE** - SPEECH

**THE** - THEOLOGY

**100's** – First Year Classes

**200's** – Second Year Classes

**300's** – Third & Fourth Year Classes

### **BIBLE (BBL)**

#### **BBL101 BIBLE INTERPRETATION**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This Bible interpretation (Bible hermeneutics) course deals with the art and science of Bible interpretation. It is designed to develop in the student the skill of biblical interpretation. Students receive an overview of the most widely accepted rules of biblical interpretation, including contextual, historical, cultural, and grammatical interpretation. Special emphasis is given to the role and influence of the Holy Spirit in interpreting the Scriptures, and the proper application of the Scriptures.

#### **BBL102 EPHESIANS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The object of this course is to give the students, by precept and example, the benefits of a verse by verse study of a New Testament Epistle. Instruction will be by lecture, with attention given to the theological aspects of Ephesians, its historical setting, and practical application to the believer's life.

#### **BBL103 GOSPEL OF JOHN**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

In this course, the student will be given a general overview of the book of John emphasizing the unique characteristics of this Gospel when compared and contrasted to the Synoptic Gospels. Particular attention will be given to doctrinal themes emphasized in the book. A variety of study methods will be employed including in depth reviews of recurring phrases and themes, expository studies of specific passages and various individual word studies.

#### **BBL104 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the New Testament from Matthew through Revelation and includes a brief background study of the inter-testament period between Malachi of the Old Testament and Matthew of the New Testament. The overview includes authorship, historical setting, purposes and themes, and other pertinent information, all working together to place each book in its own setting and clarifying its thought and message.

#### **BBL105 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The emphasis in this course is not on historical facts but on pertinent truths. The Apostle Paul had this in mind when he wrote to the Corinthians concerning Old Testament history. "Now all these things happened unto them (Israelites) for ensamples (examples, types); and they are written for our admonition (instruction), upon whom the ends of the world (ages) are come." I Cor. 10:11. Through the study of the history of God's Covenant People, Israel, God's nature, the sin of man and its consequences and the great mercy of God is revealed in the plan of redemption. The "Scarlet Cord" of redemption is seen through the Old Testament from the beginning. This course is designed to show how the Old Testament

contains a wealth of illustrative material. These become concrete pictures of abstract truths, thus making it easy to learn to apply truth to life. An attempt is made to have the Old Testament, “come alive.”

**BBL201 ACTS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This book is the key link between the ministry of Jesus and the development of Christianity that appears in the Epistles and other books of the New Testament. The objective of this course is to trace the development of the Early Church after the Resurrection of Christ, and to study the impact of the ministry of Christ to and through the early disciples.

**BBL202 GALATIANS**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The Apostle Paul wrote this epistle to refute the perverted gospel of the Judaizers and establish the truth of the gospel of grace. Their teaching was mixture of law and grace, faith and works, Moses and Jesus. He takes up the covenant made with Abraham and by allegory he illustrates the two covenants. Paul shows that Christian liberty is neither legalism nor license.

**BBL204 PASTORAL EPISTLES**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus are considered ‘Pastoral Epistles’ as they are written to the individual leaders of churches, Timothy and Titus. Philemon is included in this course because it is written to an individual, possibly a leader in the Church concerning Christian issues. These epistles deal with handling issues in the church such as leadership qualifications, doctrine, behavior, and false teachers. Instruction will be by lecture with class interaction as deemed appropriate.

**BBL205 PSALMS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Called the “prayer book of Israel,” the Psalms are a complete Bible in themselves. Most of the Psalms can be grouped into one of the following categories: Messianic, Penitential, Imprecatory, Acrostic, Hallelujah, Songs of Degrees, Historical, Devotional, Worship, and Didactic. There is a Psalm for every occasion, suitable for every feeling, longing, desire, emotion, and expression in the heart and life of man.

**BBL206 ROMANS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give a biblical understanding of the Book of Romans. Upon completion of this course each student should have a clearer understanding of the book of Romans and know how to apply and understand the application to one’s life.

**BBL207 SYNOPTIC GOSPELS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course represents a biblical tour of the history, culture, politics, and religion of the time period surrounding the life and ministry of Jesus. The goal of this course is to look at the life of Christ through the study of the three synoptic gospel writers: Matthew, Mark and Luke. The gathering together of the three gospel accounts magnifies the picture of Christ, and helps develop our knowledge and understanding of the unique message of the gospels.

**BBL208 WISDOM LITERATURE**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide a study of the doctrinal and the practical teachings of the books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. Mostly authored by King Solomon, they will show the wisdom he learned, the mistakes he made, and, in the Song of Solomon, the rich symbolism given.

**BBL301 COLOSSIANS**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course will examine the epistle to the church at Colossae written by Paul. It contains instructions, doctrine of what Christ did in his redemptive work, and encouragement. Colossians has the theme of Christ being pre-existent, pre-imminent, and that believers are complete in Him.

**BBL302 DANIEL AND REVELATION**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will study the various prophecies in each book and how they are connected. History and current events will be viewed in light of the various prophecies in each book.

**BBL303 EXODUS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Exodus, or "the road out", presents the history of the nation of Israel's liberation from enslavement in Egypt to the receiving of God's Law at Mt. Sinai. Written by Moses, the theme of this book is redemption. Exodus presents the moral and civil laws as well as the ceremonial laws for worship in the Tabernacle.

**BBL304 EZEKIEL***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This book opens and closes with visions of the Temple and the Glory departing and returning. Ezekiel is the only prophet to mention Israel's idolatry in Egypt and God's thought to destroy them. He is the only prophet to describe Lucifer's position prior to his fall under the context of the King of Tyre. There are also prophecies concerning Messiah's times and restoration under the New Covenant.

**BBL305 EZRA-ESTHER***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther are historical books that record accounts of God's plan, provision, and protection for Israel after their years in exile have ended. We see that God's word always comes to pass and He works through real people to accomplish His plans.

**BBL306 FIRST AND SECOND PETER***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the books of 1 and 2 Peter. The course aims to contextualize the books within its historical setting, while emphasizing the present day application in the life of the believer.

**BBL307 FIRST AND SECOND SAMUEL***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

First and Second Samuel are the history books of Israel before captivity, starting with the prophet, Samuel to the first King, Saul, to King David. They are the stories of two Kings – one who failed and was rejected by God, and one who was chosen by God to succeed King Saul and lead God's people.

**BBL308 FIRST AND SECOND THESSALONIANS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

In this class, we will study the letters that Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica. We will summarize by saying that Paul's purpose in writing was to praise them for their steadfastness under persecution; to instruct them concerning holy living; to correct any misunderstanding, especially about the second coming of Christ; and to instruct the congregation on what disciplinary action to take toward those who refused to work.

**BBL309 FIRST CORINTHIANS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to introduce the Epistles of First Corinthians and the historical circumstances surrounding the writings. The Apostle Paul founded the church at Corinth. This first letter was written to reprove them of many divisions and carnalities among them, and to set in order certain church practices.

**BBL310 FIRST KINGS – SECOND CHRONICLES***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

I & II Kings and I & II Chronicles are the history books of the kings of Israel before captivity. Starting with the prophet Samuel, to the first King, Saul, to King David, Solomon and the splitting of the Kingdom and the successive kings, to the backsliding of the two divided Kingdoms, and their subsequent captivity.

**BBL311 GENESIS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will examine Genesis – the book of beginnings. From the creation story to the move of Israel's 12 sons to Egypt it covers monumental events in the history of mankind as well as the first introduction of God's covenant with man. We will take a close look at the characters in this book and discover valuable principles we can apply to our own lives.

**BBL312 HEBREWS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide a verse by verse study of the doctrinal and the practical teachings of the book of Hebrews. Instruction will be by lecture, covering the reasons for writing the book, its possible authors, and the warnings of not heeding to its instruction even in the midst of persecution.

**BBL313 ISAIAH***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Isaiah's prophecies are not only applicable in judgment to the destinies of Judah, Israel, and the Gentiles but also to the blessing of all nations through the Messiah and the Church. Isaiah give the most comprehensive life-story of Messiah of all the other prophets combined.

**BBL314 JAMES / JUDE***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This epistle was written from Jerusalem to the "twelve tribes scattered abroad." These were Hebrew believers in other lands. This is an epistle of practical Christian living. He relates the principle of faith to trial, temptation, works, words, worldliness, patience and prayer. There is no conflict with Paul concerning faith and works. One deals with faith in salvation, the other with works that faith produces. Jude is written by the half-brother of Jesus. It addresses certain false teaching and teachers and encourages believers to stay true to the faith.

**BBL315 JEREMIAH / LAMENTATIONS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

It was written by Jeremiah the prophet, also known as 'the prophet of judgment.' He announced the inevitable doom that was coming on Judah, Jerusalem, and the Temple under the king of Babylon. He also had a message of judgment on the Gentile nations and foretold the coming of the New Covenant.

**BBL316 JOSHUA - RUTH***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

(Formerly 2 classes: Joshua & Judges-Ruth) The focal point is the Possession of Canaan's Land and Joshua's leadership over the nation of Israel. It covers the major Conquest of Jericho and Israel's supernatural victory over 31 kingdoms. The book of Joshua includes each tribe's inheritance and division of the Promised Land. Judges teaches Israel's settling in the land and the problems they confronted. It contains victories and defeats, God's mercy and judgment, revival and apostasy. Ruth is the only book in the Bible that is devoted wholly to the history of a woman. It plays an important role in the genealogy and lineage of King David and ultimately Jesus Christ.

**BBL318 LEVITICUS-DEUTERONOMY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course will look at the last three books of the Torah, written by Moses. Leviticus deals with the establishing of and rules for, the Levitical Priesthood. Numbers covers the numbering of the tribes and their wanderings in the wilderness for forty years. Deuteronomy is Moses' recapping to Israel of all the events leading up to that point, before he was to die.

**BBL319 METHODS OF BIBLE STUDY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

In this course students will discover various methods of studying the Bible. The Inductive Bible Study Method will also be examined in this course. Students will be shown how to use various reference resources such as Strong's Concordance for effective Bible study. Special attention will also be given to Bible software and other software resources that are available.

**BBL320 MINOR PROPHETS 1***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide a study of the Minor Prophets, namely, the books of Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Prophecy, visions, symbolism and their application to Israel and the Church will be examined.

**BBL321 MINOR PROPHETS 2***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide a study of the Minor Prophets, namely, the books of Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. Prophecy, visions, symbolism and their application to Israel and the Church will be examined.

**BBL322 PHILIPPIANS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course will examine the cultural and historical aspects of the book of Philippians. Authored by Paul during a time of imprisonment, it contains specific instructions and doctrine. The theme of "joy" can be found throughout the book.

**BBL323 RSBS FINAL PROJECT***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

In this course the student will be required to write out a complete exegesis of 1st Corinthians 13. Exegesis includes a wide range of critical disciplines: textual criticism is the investigation into the history and origins of the text, but exegesis may include the study of the historical and cultural backgrounds for the author, the text, and the original audience. Other analysis includes classification of the type of literary genres present in the text, and an analysis of grammatical and syntactical features in the text itself.

**BBL324 SECOND CORINTHIANS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The second letter to the Corinthians was written to balance out the discipline they exercised after Paul's first letter to them. The first letter was written to correct, the second was written to comfort. This second epistle, like Hebrews, contrasts the glory of the New Covenant and its ministers with the Old Covenant and its ministers. In this epistle Paul also vindicates his apostleship by pointing to the fruit of his ministry.

**BBL325 JOHANNINE EPISTLES***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

I John was written to refute 'Gnosticism' that had crept into the Church. Gnostics admitted the deity of Christ but denied His humanity. John reassures believers that they have the true knowledge of Him. Love is an important key in this letter. II John is either a personal letter to a Christian lady or a letter addressed to the church, using a lady as a type. It emphasizes walking in true doctrine. III John is a personal letter from John to a man named Gaius. It contains practical advice to deal with certain issues.

**BUSINESS (BUS)****BUS301 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course provides an intensive look at good management skills, the organization and administration of a church Sunday School program, and the oversight of church staff members and volunteers.

**BUS302 LEGAL AND BUSINESS ISSUES***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with a basic working knowledge concerning the IRS and state laws as they pertain to tax exempt religious organizations, such as churches and ministries. Included in the course will be instruction concerning the importance of the corporate governing documents, IRS and state legal requirements, liability issues, setting of compensation and benefits packages, and many other legal issues faced by religious organizations. It also instructs students in basic business principles and ethical business practices for practical application in ministry according to the Bible. Areas of discussion will include organization (human relations), accounting, financing, marketing and management as they apply to ministry.

**BUS303 MARKETING AND MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This practical and exciting class has the goal to give students a comprehensive view on how to market a church – whether small or large. Marketing is more than just advertising – it is an attitude and a continual striving for excellence in every area. Learn how to apply proven techniques in the areas of multimedia, web and management to grow your congregation. In addition this course looks at newer forms of church pioneering in regards to multiple locations, mobile campuses and online congregations.

**BUS304 THE MISSIONARY'S STATESIDE OFFICE** *(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course provides instruction relative to the various personal and ministry responsibilities that must be fulfilled by missionaries who are living fulltime outside their home country. Practical information will be given regarding setting up and maintaining a stateside office for the missionary.

**BUS305 SUPPORT RAISING IN MISSIONS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide Biblical and practical instruction in the area of Support Raising for individuals who feel called to enter full-time cross cultural missions work.

**EDUCATION (EDU)****EDU101 CRITICAL THINKING***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to enable students to develop successful thinking strategies for evaluation of various areas of life. Students will be equipped with strategies to apply critical thinking and creative thought. Thinking skills will be analyzed

as they relate to biblical principles. Students will also examine the concepts of memory and concentration as they relate to the wisdom of God.

**EDU301 ABC'S OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the principles involved in a successful children's ministry. Special attention will be given to having a heart for children's ministry, organizing a ministry team, overcoming obstacles of various-sized churches, the role of the pastor in children's ministry, and recruitment of volunteers. This course will also examine policies and procedures, budgeting, evaluation methods, and legal issues. Unique emphasis will be given to creative methods of ministering to children based on learning styles, as well as ideas for setting the stage for future growth.

**EDU302 BASICS OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to explore all aspects of children's ministry from infants through 5th grade. The class will include age appropriate classroom practices, learning centers and appropriate environments for learning. A general knowledge of various types of ministry curriculum for each age group and how to implement curriculum into the classroom will be discussed. We will discuss classroom management and policies and procedures to create a safe and caring learning environment.

**EDU303 CHILD DEVELOPMENT** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course is designed to explore the mental, social, emotional, physical and spiritual developmental stages of children birth through 12 years of age.

**EDU304 STUDENT'S LEARNING STYLES** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the unique methods by which children learn. Special attention will be given to multiple intelligence strengths, learning styles, and personality tendencies. Coursework will be designed specifically for enhancing teaching methods and curriculum in children's ministry.

**EDU305 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CURRICULUM** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course will provide students information on the various aspects of developing an age appropriate curriculum for nursery, preschool, and elementary aged children. A variety of types of curriculum will be explored.

**EDU306 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN  
A SMALL CHURCH**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the elements necessary to conduct a successful children's ministry in a small church setting. Special attention will be given to making a big bang on a small budget, positioning for growth, first impressions and a professional image, and setting up policies and procedures.

**EDU307 CREATIVE TEACHING PRINCIPLES** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to give the student an overview of Biblical and modern-day principles of teaching. Special attention will be given to the methods by which individuals learn as well as techniques to enhance the learning process. Unique emphasis will be given to the communication process and the way it relates to the teaching ministry.

**EDU308 INTRODUCTION TO YOUTH MINISTRY** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course will provide a general overview and introduction to the youth ministry. It will solidify the students calling to minister to youth and instill a vision for reaching this generation of teenagers. This course will also concentrate on the characteristics and qualities of the youth minister.

**EDU311 YOUTH CURRICULUM,  
SERMON DEVELOPMENT, AND MEDIA IN YOUTH MINISTRY**

(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This class will provide a comprehensive study of youth curriculum and how to write an age appropriate sermon series.

**EDU313 HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class is designed to explore the different emotional, social, and spiritual needs of ministering to high schoolers. We will discuss the best use of time, money and resources to effectively minister the Word of God and build character in the youth. Special focus will be given to sermon preparation and service planning.

**EDU314 MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class is designed to explore the unique tensions that middle schoolers face in living out their faith. We will seek to understand the social and emotional pressure that middle schoolers face and how that influences their faith. We will discover the best methods of interaction to help students deepen their faith. Special focus will be given to service planning, sermon preparation and age appropriate content for middle schoolers.

**EDU316 ELEMENTARY MINISTRY***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This class will explore the organization of ministry to elementary children. Emphasis will be placed on the safety, policy and procedures, and the structure of a successful environment. This class will explore the various types of curriculum instruction for both small environments as well as large environments. The main focus will be learning to develop and implement a scope and sequence that will promote a solid biblical foundation while also providing support for families.

**EDU317 NURSERY AND PRESCHOOL MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class will explore the intricate specialties of nursery and preschool ministry. And in depth study of creating an environment that is consistent in supporting the physical, social and emotional and spiritual needs of young children. Emphasis will be placed on safety, security, and health policies to ensure a successful program. A wide variety of curriculums will be explored to create a solid Biblical foundation in early childhood as well as support for young families.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT (FIN)****FIN101 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to help the student understand the importance of personal financial management. Specific topics include the tithe vs. offerings, managing your money, obstacles to good planning, how to establish good credit, practical guidelines to spending, credit card debt, and savings/investments. It will give the student a balanced perspective of the natural and spiritual factors which affect the area of true Biblical prosperity in a Christian's life.

**HISTORY (HIS)****HIS101 OLD TESTAMENT PEOPLE OF FAITH***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give valuable insight into the lives of many of the Old Testament saints. It will examine the principles of faith in light of the Old Testament, and how these pioneers utilized faith in a living and dynamic way.

**HIS102 PENTECOSTAL &  
CHARISMATIC PERSPECTIVES***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to synthesize and outline the major American Pentecostal ministries and movements of the 20th century. This course will address issues pertaining to methods, fads, doctrines, and theology peculiar to the move of the Holy Spirit. Specific topics include the formation of Pentecostal denominations, the Holiness Movement, the Healing Revival, the Charismatic Movement, Shepherding Theology and the Word Movement.

**HIS201 CHURCH HISTORY***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course gives an overview of two thousand years of Church History. Students will observe that Christianity of the first century A.D. had its roots in Judaism. It will be shown how that a Greek and Roman mindset in the Western Church replaced the Hebraic mindset and affected tremendously the history of Christianity. We will also look into the development of Christianity in the East, in Africa, and in Asia. Focus will be on how the church through the centuries went through several cycles of revival, apostasy and revival again. Attention is given to important leaders, significant

issues, supernatural manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and how anti-Semitism came into the Church and has negatively affected it throughout the centuries. Consideration will be given to God's purpose and destiny for the Church.

**HIS301 THE APOSTLE PAUL & MISSIONS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to identify certain practical and spiritual keys that were important in the success of the Apostle Paul. After identifying important keys in the life of Paul (a New Testament missionary) the students will then be challenged to apply the principles to their own lives and fulfill the will of God as faithful missionaries.

**HIS302 GREAT THEMES IN  
EVANGELISTIC PREACHING***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The goal of the evangelist is to present his or her message in such a way as to penetrate the hearts of those that listen, and likewise bring them to a point of decision, especially in the areas of salvation and healing. Students will explore and study various evangelistic themes that relate to effective evangelistic preaching, receive insight from various speakers on effective and practical methods of evangelistic preaching, and how to give effective altar calls. Students will receive both practical teaching and demonstration of evangelistic preaching.

**HIS303 HISTORY OF MISSIONS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to introduce the students to, and provide a general overview of the history of the modern missions movement. The students will receive instruction concerning the Biblical directive for missions and review the historical information concerning how the church has responded to the missions mandate it was given in the Great Commission.

**INTERCULTURAL STUDIES (ICS)****ICS201 CHRISTIANITY AND WORLD RELIGIONS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide students with general knowledge concerning religion and man's practice of it. Focus will be on the major religions of our world other than Christianity. Insight into the culture and tenets of other religions will bring practical wisdom concerning approaching their adherents with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In this same cause this course will define the field of Christian Apologetics for those students whose first loyalty is to Jesus Christ, and whose goal is to open the minds of men and women around the world to His gospel.

**ICS301 CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Cross-Cultural Ministry is an introduction to the theory and practice of Christian ministry across cultural boundaries. It examines scriptural, historical, and practical issues relating to ministering in, and to, different cultures. It will give attention to the skills and wisdom needed both natural and supernatural, to have effective crusades and itinerant ministry in a culture to which the minister is not native.

**ICS302 EFFECTIVE CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course will provide students with introductory information regarding the challenges they will face when entering another culture. In addition, the students will be given practical instruction concerning how they can effectively minister in cross-cultural situations.

**ICS303 INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP  
PREPARATION***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to assist the students in having an excellent internship experience. This will include guiding the students through host selection, personal preparation, pre-trip planning and post-trip de-briefing.

**ICS304 OVERSEAS CRUSADES AND  
ITINERANT TEACHING***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

In this course key aspects of traveling ministry will be explored, especially as it pertains to international travel and ministry on the foreign mission field.

**ICS305 INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP - TERM 4** (Hours: 120 contact / 15 clock / 7.5 Semester Credit)  
(Formerly “Overseas Internship) The RSWM internship is a 4-6 week hands-on ministry training experience which combines the best aspects of both a short-term mission trip and a standard internship. The specific activities and opportunities of each internship are individually designed for each student to provide them with the best possible training for their future ministry. The interns will focus on serving within the vision of the host missionary while developing their specific ministerial gifts.

**ICS306 PREACHING WITH RELEVANCE** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)  
This course explores the different strategies in relating the Gospel message through inspired preaching. Special attention will be given to developing messages that connect with the hearer while maintaining the true message of the Gospel.

**ICS307 TRAVELING MINISTRY** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)  
In this course, the students will become familiar with the necessary scriptural, ethical, and proven methods and principles of conducting a traveling ministry. Various types of traveling ministries will be examined. Consideration will also be given to motives for being in a traveling ministry, examining the call to a traveling ministry, administrative and other needs of the traveling minister, traveling tips, proper ethics, and how to get meetings in churches. Special emphasis will be given on maintaining a balance between the integrity and image of a traveling minister.

**ICS308 JUDEO-CHRISTIAN STUDY** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)  
This course explores the relationship between Judaism in the Old Testament and Christianity in the New Testament. The Hebrew roots of Christianity will be examined. The student will see the importance of understanding the Old Testament Jewish culture, mindset, and scriptures to understand the setting into which the Messiah came and gave us the New Covenant.

## **LEADERSHIP (LED)**

**LED201 SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)  
In 1 Corinthians 11:1, Paul said: “Follow me as I follow Christ.” God is raising up a new generation of leaders who understand that true leadership is best expressed through servant-hood! In this course students are taught how to develop effective leadership qualities within their own lives. The “Great Commission” given by the Lord Jesus Christ will only be accomplished as this new generation of leaders rise up and take their place in the Kingdom of God. Thank God for the wonderful examples of Leadership that we can learn from in the past and in the present. Now is the time to rise up and to fulfill your God ordained destiny.

**LED301 LEADERSHIP AND TEAM DEVELOPMENT** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)  
The purpose of this course is to give an understanding of the principles of biblical leadership and how we can apply them in our life. This course and will cover many issues pertaining to working with and directing an effective team. Issues to be covered include: Designing organizational structures, proper delegation, review and analysis of projects, identifying gifts in team members, etc.

**LED302-305 PASTORAL FORUM 1-4** (Hours: 80 contact / 10 Clock / 5 Semester credit)  
This course explores both practical and spiritual elements that are essential to leading and growing a successful church. There are numerous issues that successful pastors learn from experience and from trial and error. These issues will be discussed in detail by guest lecturers that bring their expertise in their respective areas of pastoral ministry.

**LED306 STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERSHIP** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)  
This class will discuss the various leadership qualities needed to lead a team of adults in ministering to students. We will focus on learning who we are as leaders, leadership styles, and how to communicate effectively to others.

## **MISSIONS (MIS)**

### **MIS101 INTRODUCTION TO WORLD MISSIONS** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an awareness of missions. Special attention will be given to the Great Commission. This course will also examine the gospel and define its properties. This course will acquaint students with how the minister bridges the gap between the nationals and the missionary. All of the issues and topics examined in this course will be consistent with the responsibility of every believer, in regards to the command of Jesus.

### **MIS201 MISSIONARY FAMILY, THE** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the elements to effectively prepare and relocate to a foreign field. Special attention will be given to the needs of family members, before, during and after relocation. This course provides basic knowledge that will help students and their family become effective ministers on the foreign field. Specific topics include how to commit to working with an established work.

### **MIS301 HEALTH, SAFETY & SECURITY ISSUES IN MISSIONS** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course will provide students with important information regarding maintaining excellent physical and emotional health while being a missionary. In addition, the students will be introduced and provided safety and security strategies that apply to them as they travel, live and minister internationally.

### **MIS302 HOW-TO OF MISSIONS** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the elements necessary to effectively minister to, and arrive to the mission field. Special attention will be given to studying the mental, social, emotional, physical, practical, and spiritual development necessary to achieve their goal of arriving and setup on the field. This course will also examine the appropriate ways to achieve support for their desired goal. A survey of necessary policies and procedures concerning health and safety standards will also be explored. This course will acquaint students on how a minister trains and organizes volunteer teachers and bridge the gap between nationals and the missionary.

### **MIS303 MISSIONARY STRATEGIES** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to current strategies being used in fulfilling the Great Commission. Students will be familiarized with a variety of methods used by individuals and organizations to reach out with the Gospel message around the world.

### **MIS305 MISSIONS AND THE LOCAL CHURCH** (Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of missions, its nature, importance, and place in the life of the church. Special attention will be given to studying the mental, social, emotional, physical, practical, and spiritual development necessary for reaching their world for Christ. This course will also kindle a fire in the heart of the student for missions. This course will acquaint students with the minister and how he can bridge the gap between the national and the missionary. All of the issues and topics examined in this course will be consistent with appropriate practices for cross culture ministry.

### **MIS306-307 MISSIONS SYMPOSIUM 1 & 2** (Hours: 40 contact / 5 Clock / 2.5 Semester credit)

The purpose of this course is to provide the student with various perspectives pertaining to the "how-to's" of life and ministry as long-term, cross-cultural missionaries.

### **MIS308 PIONEERING MISSIONS** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course is designed to provide students with a concentrated look at missions, its nature, importance, and place in the local church. Students will receive practical instruction on how to pioneer a ministry on the mission field and bridge the gap between him/her self and the nationals.

### **MIS309 & MIS311 PREPARATION FOR MISSIONS 1 & 2** (Hours: 48 contact / 6 clock / 3 Semester Credit)

This course is designed to provide instruction in the areas of practical preparation needed for students desiring to enter full-time cross cultural missions work. Various in and out of class teachings and activities will be used to train and inform the prospective missionaries concerning the challenges they may face and the preparations

necessary when planning for missionary life. In addition, this course will be used to facilitate and coordinate the complete RSWM program.

**MIS310 THEOLOGY OF MISSIONS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide an overview of the Biblical mandate for missions outreach. The course will examine the purpose of God in creation and then follow through to His desire to redeem mankind for Himself. In addition, several foundational building blocks will be examined that are necessary in order for individuals to be effective in missions outreach.

**MUSIC (MUS)****MUS301 CHARTS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of rhythm charts and the tools to effectively create rhythm charts that are neat, logical, and informative. The course will cover how to hand-write all of the basic names and symbols used in chart writing as well as where all of these elements are to be placed on the chart. The course will also cover how to incorporate more advanced elements into the chart such as rhythmic notation. The course will help students to understand how a chart can be used effectively to enhance their band's performance.

**MUS302 FINAL PROJECT***(Hours: 48 contact / 6 clock / 3 Semester Credit)*

The Final Project is the culmination of all skills acquired this year. The student will prepare two Praise and Worship sets, using one set to lead worship for his/her peers. The student will complete a practicum in a real church setting.

**MUS303 FINALE 1***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide the student with a basic understanding of the Finale notation program. The course will provide the students with the tools to effectively create rhythm charts in the Finale notation program. The course will cover how to input all of the basic names and symbols used in chart writing. The course will also cover how to incorporate more advanced elements into the chart such as rhythmic notation and melodic notation. The course will also help students to understand what a chart is and how it can be used effectively to enhance their band.

**MUS304 FINALE 2***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give the student the necessary skills to be a competent user of the "Finale" music notation software. Emphasis will be placed on the techniques needed to create and print lead sheets, rhythm parts and a score.

**MUS305 HEART OF A WORSHIPPER***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to give the student insight into the spiritual and natural components which must be resident within the life and heart of those desiring to lead others in worship. Students shall receive a comprehensive understanding of the meaning of worship, the source of worship, the object of worship, the expression of worship – and most importantly the qualities, character, and practical knowledge necessary to facilitate a life of worship.

**MUS306 MUSIC AND MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Music and ministry go together. This course will examine how, why and when. It will look at the foundational role praise and worship has in God's plan for man.

**MUS308-309 MUSIC THEORY 1 & 2***(Hours: 60 contact / 10 Clock / 5 Semester credit)*

Students will gain a basic knowledge of music theory including, but not limited to, notation, scales, intervals, chords, and chord progressions. The knowledge gained in this course will allow the praise and worship leader to understand and communicate with his fellow musicians. This will expedite the learning and teaching of new songs.

**MUS310 PART WRITING***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to help the students become familiar with the basic principles behind arranging vocal music. It will focus on the practical aspects of arranging for vocal ensembles pertinent to current church music genres. Part writing rules and guidelines will be implemented by the students to create their own two-part, three-part, and four part harmony arrangements. At the courses completion, the students will have acquired a repertoire of their original vocal arrangements of praise and worship songs.

**MUS311-312 PIANO 1- 2***(Hours: 32 contact / 4 Clock / 2 Semester credit)*

This is a practical approach to piano playing, designed to teach the worship leader to use the piano as a tool. Emphasis will be put on note reading, rhythm reading, part playing, and chords.

**MUS313-314 PIANO/GUITAR 3- 4***(Hours: 32 contact / 4 Clock / 2 Semester credit)*

This is a practical approach to piano and/or guitar playing, designed to teach the worship leader to use the piano and/or guitar as a tool. Emphasis will be put on note reading, rhythm reading, part playing, and chords.

**MUS315 PRACTICAL WORSHIP SKILLS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will provide a general overview to the practical side of being a worship leader. Communication and organization will be the main emphasis of the class. We will cover every aspect of worship from the planning and rehearsal stages to the actual service.

**MUS316 PRAISE AND WORSHIP IN THE WORD***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will consist of an in-depth study of praise and worship from both the old and new testaments. We will begin our study with a look at the foundational role praise and worship has in God's plan for man. Fellowship, rulership, sacrifice, obedience, and the beneficial consequences of praise and worship are some of the themes we will explore in this class. Students will also examine old and New Testament patterns of praise and worship. The primary emphasis of this class will be to exhort the students to apply the biblical truths studied to their own personal lives.

**MUS317-318 TECHNICAL WORSHIP SKILLS 1 & 2***(Hours: 56 contact / 7 Clock / 3.5 Semester credit)*

Technical Worship Skills is comprised of 5 classes that encompass skills that are of the technical nature. They are: Ear Training, Rhythm Knowledge 1 & 2, Transitions, and Audio. Students will learn how to identify intervals and adjust tuning. Learn how to work with a rhythm section, keep a set list of songs flowing smoothly and understand the basics of a sound system.

**MUS319-321 VOICE 1 – 3***(Hours: 48 contact / 6 clock / 3 Semester Credit)*

Students will receive group lessons to improve and develop their vocal skills. Instruction will be given on the mechanics and development of the human voice. Primary emphasis will be placed on improving one's own vocal abilities, as well as developing skills working within and leading ensemble singing. Every four weeks the students will receive a private voice lesson.

**MUS323 AUDIO***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to help the student learn how to set up and use a sound system, including creating a plan on how to purchase a sound system. The course will also cover areas such as, how to mix a band, how to train volunteers to run sound, and various other aspects of setting up and running a successful sound system in ministry.

**PRACTICAL MINISTRY (PRM)****PRM201 MINISTRY GIFTS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Each student will receive an awareness of and appreciation for the diversity of gifts which God has set in the Church. Students will come to understand the similarities and the differences among the ministry offices, receive insight into the purposes of these ministries, how each operates, and what each particular gift contributes to the Body of Christ

**PRM202 BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES OF**

**HELPS MINISTRY***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Most people in the body of Christ will find their place in a supportive role or ministry. This course is designed to provide a Biblical survey of the prominence and the importance of supportive ministries. Several Biblical examples will be studied: giving insight to proper attitudes, character, methods, and benefits of the supportive ministry. Special attention will be given to values, beliefs, and attitudes that cause success or failure.

**PRM203 MINISTERIAL ETHICS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course provides an intensive look at ministerial ethics, both Biblical and practical. It will synthesize and outline the history and relevance of ethics to equip the student to fulfill their potential in ministry. Special focus is given to financial, moral, and professional ethics.

**PRM204 PERSONAL EVANGELISM***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course explores different strategies and motivation for modern day evangelistic effort. Special attention is given to developing proper methods of evangelism while maintaining the true message of the Gospel. The course instructs and emphasizes the necessity of the fruit of the spirit for daily Christian living and witnessing.

**PRM301 ADVANCED CHURCH  
PLANTING PROJECT***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give the student an opportunity to learn the planning process involved in planting a new local church. Special emphasis will be given to developing a practical strategy that will include research and assessment of the proposed plan.

**PRM302 BUILDING A PASTORAL STAFF***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give the students understanding of the necessity of building a pastoral staff team (whether paid and volunteers), that work well together to accomplish the ministry of the church. The value of teamwork, hiring and appointing the right people, developing proper staff relationships, principles of delegation, and project management are several things scheduled to be discussed in the classroom. Most of the material will be from a senior pastor viewpoint.

**PRM303 CHURCH ORDINANCES***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course introduces students to practical information about how to minister effectively and meaningfully during the Ordinances of the Church (e.g., Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper) and Special Events (e.g., Baby Dedication, Christmas and Easter services, Weddings and Funerals, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day, etc.). In addition to exploring the meaning and spiritual significance behind these areas, students will also be given practical knowledge, hands-on experience, and a behind-the-scenes look into these special services.

**PRM304 CHURCH PLANTING***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to help students determine what their involvement would be in church planting as an avenue to help fulfill their part in the Great Commission. Various issues will be discussed within the following three aspects of church planting [1] an overview of current conditions in the United States and in the church, [2] Biblical principles for church planting, and [3] practical aspects of church planting. Several projects and tests will be given along with instruction in the classroom.

**PRM305-307 CHURCH PRACTICUM 1-3***(Hours: 48 contact / 6 clock / 3 Semester Credit)*

The purpose of the practicum is to give the RSPM and RSW student practical hands-on experience in putting together and executing a church service. Class will be held in the Rhema Bible Church Chapel. RSW students will lead worship in a real world setting. They will be responsible for the worship songs, vocals, music. They will coordinate with the "pastor." The RSPM students will be involved in the pastoral duties: preaching, ushering, taking offerings, doing announcements, etc. The students will rotate in their responsibilities within their respective groups.

**PRM309 DEVELOPING A STUDENT  
MINISTRY TEAM***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class will provide information on how to recruit, train, and appreciate volunteers. We will take a look at proper practices and procedures concerning volunteers including legal obligations in acquiring volunteers.

**PRM310-311 EFFECTIVE PARTNER  
COMMUNICATIONS 1-2***(Hours: 32 contact / 4 Clock / 2 Semester credit)*

The purpose of this course is to inform students of the importance and educate them in various techniques that can be used to effectively communicate with ministry partners.

**PRM312 EFFECTIVE PASTORING***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course provides a general overview of how the combination of theory, spiritual knowledge, and practical experience can result in an individual becoming an effective pastor.

**PRM313 HOW-TO OF VOLUNTEERS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Volunteers are vital to all ministry endeavors. This course will examine all aspects of working with volunteers including recruiting, training, and releasing into ministry.

**PRM314 MEDIA AND MINISTRY***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to give students a basic working knowledge of sound systems, enabling them to set up and operate a simple sound system as Helps Ministers in a church. It is also designed to give students an introduction to the multimedia technologies available to the church today, including video and TV equipment and how it is used in ministry.

**PRM315 STUDENT MINISTRIES PRACTICUM***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The focus of this course is for each student to attain actual hands-on experience in the student ministries here at Rhema Bible Church. Students will participate in projects, research, sermon development, volunteer management and office administration pertaining to all aspects of working in the Student Ministries Field.

**PRM316 MINISTRIES THAT GROW PEOPLE***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

In this course, students will be exposed to a wide variety of ministries within the church. Students will learn that spiritual growth within the church doesn't just happen. Spiritual growth is something that must be purposed in one's ministry and a minister must have a plan and the tools to accomplish that plan. Topics such as discipleship, support groups, and methods for spiritual growth will all be examined in depth. Students will be exposed to curriculum that will enhance the pursuit of spiritual growth in the lives of their congregations.

**PRM317 ITINERANT MINISTER***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to explore what the evangelist is and how he ministers. The course will also address many aspects of the evangelistic traveling ministry.

**PRM318 PRACTICAL MINISTRY SKILLS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course acquaints the student with practical information in numerous areas of ministry, and is designed to increase the understanding and effectiveness of different supportive departments in a ministry that is currently successful in spreading the Gospel message around the world.

**PRM319 RSHM FINAL PROJECT***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

In this course students will be required to design a local church "Helps Ministry" program that can be implemented in a church.

**PRM322 SPECIAL EVENTS IN  
STUDENT MINISTRIES***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course provides an intensive look at special events used in conjunction with Children's and Youth Ministry. Attention is given to what constitutes a special event, planning strategies used in preparing for special events, and recruiting techniques employed in staffing special events.

**PRM330 HELPS MINISTRY PRACTICUM***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 clock / 1.5 Semester Credit)*

The focus of this course is for each student to attain actual hands-on experience in the supportive ministry here at Rhema Bible Church.

**PRM331 WORSHIP PRACTICUM***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The purpose of the practicum is to give the RSW student practical hands-on experience. RSW students will lead worship in a real world setting. They will be responsible for the worship songs, vocals, music.

**PRM332 STUDENT MINISTRIES EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This class will explore the organizational component of activities, summer camps retreats, and special events in youth ministry.

**PRM333 CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INTERNSHIP***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class is designed to familiarize students with the "behind the scenes" duties of a children's ministry. We will discuss office structure, curriculum, organization, attendance, and volunteer placement. Students will have the opportunity to be involved with "hands on experience" in a variety of projects.

**PRM334 YOUTH INTERNSHIP***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This class is designed to familiarize students with the "behind the scenes" workings of youth ministry. We will discuss office structure, curriculum, organization, attendance, and volunteer placement. Students will have the opportunity to be involved with "hands on experience" in a variety of projects.

**PRM335 STAGE DESIGN***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Students will learn how to design, build, and construct a stage set that appeals to the age level of the students they are ministering to. Special focus will be given to budgeting concerns. This class will have a "hands on approach" to learning the elements of stage design.

**PRM336 MINISTRY OF HELPS IN STUDENT MINISTRIES***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class will explore the many different areas of helps ministry that is necessary within Student Ministries. A variety of guest speakers will talk about topics such as, music, sound, lighting, video, etc., that is vital to the success of Student Ministries.

**PRM337 STUDENT MINISTRIES INTERNSHIP***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This class is designed for the student to gain experience in the classroom. Assignments will be completed in the classrooms in order to gain a better understanding of how to run an effective children's and youth program.

**PSYCHOLOGY (PSY)****PSY201 INTRODUCTION TO PASTORAL CARE***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide an overview of the basic elements necessary in providing effective spiritual care and support to those in crisis. Special attention will be given to the counseling nature of God, as well as the believer's role in working with God's Word and Spirit in providing meaningful ministry to individuals. The course will address basic skills necessary in providing quality pastoral care, such as effective listening and effective communication, confidentiality, recognizing one's limitations, and how to make referrals.

**PSY202 PEOPLE SKILLS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to make students aware of the connection between effective ministry and the development of people skills. An intensive look will be taken at the qualities necessary to become a “people person,” how to improve your people skills, how to deal with difficult people, and principles of people management. Special consideration is also given on how to identify and deal successfully with various personality types.

**PSY301 CARING FOR PEOPLE GOD’S WAY** (Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course will examine the art of pastoral care and counseling. The course is designed to provide an in-depth look at different crisis situations and the available skills and scriptural aids to use in meeting those needs.

**PSY303 SPECIALIZED ISSUES IN STUDENT MINISTRIES**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course provides information concerning issues specific to adolescence. This class will explore crisis issues that teenagers face, as well as proper legal practices and obligations. This class will also explore various types of programs that will make a youth ministry more expansive and reach different demographics of students.

**SOCIALITY (SOC)**

**SOC101 MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND MINISTRY**

(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

This course focuses on the unique character of the minister’s home. Both practical and spiritual aspects of the relationship between the minister’s home and his/her ministry will be considered.

**SOC102 SPIRITUAL GROWTH PRINCIPLES**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

Each believer has been given the responsibility to grow spiritually. This course is designed to identify the basic elements that must be in place for spiritual growth to occur. Special attention will be given to explaining how we may assist God’s people in the maturity process.

**SOC103 SUBMISSION AND AUTHORITY**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

In this course the students will gain a Biblical foundation and understanding on the subject of submission and authority. God has established all that He does within a divine order. He expects us to live and conduct our lives, in obedience, based upon His divine arrangement. This course is designed to help each student find his or her place in the Body of Christ, and know how to submit to and exercise authority in their respective areas.

**SOC201 LIFE OF HONOR**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

According to the Word, as believers, we are to live a life of honor toward God and man. Therefore, this course is designed to thoroughly explore the subject of Biblical honor. Special attention will be given to exploring the characteristics and benefits of one who is living a life of honor.

**SOC202 MINISTER’S HEART**

(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)

This course explores both practical and spiritual elements that are essential to leading and growing a successful church. There are numerous issues that successful pastors learn from experience and from trial and error. These issues will be discussed in detail by guest lecturers that bring their expertise in their respective areas of pastoral ministry.

**SOC302 MINISTERIAL NAVIGATION**

(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)

A minister must learn how to lead a congregation in the direction that God has planned for them, and fulfill all that God has assigned to the church. This course deals with developing the skills of the minister so that he/she can keep their church “on course.” Both Biblical concepts and practical perspectives will be used in this course to examine navigating personal growth, church vision, people groups within a church, conflict and resolution, and leadership issues. The promotion and protection of the local church’s vision and purpose is emphasized throughout this course.

## **SPEECH (SPE)**

### **SPE201 ITINERANT LAB**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to exercise their God-given gift, allow them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, and minister a message to their peers. Special attention will be given to the outline, the delivery of the message, and learning through the evaluation process (both in having one's own message evaluated, and in learning to effectively and constructively evaluate the messages of others).

### **SPE203-204 PASTORS' LAB 1-2**

*(Hours: 30 contact / 5 Clock / 2.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students an opportunity to exercise their God-given gift, allow them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, and minister a message to their peers. Special attention will be given to the outline, the delivery of the message, and learning through the evaluation process (both in having one's own message evaluated, and in learning to effectively and constructively evaluate the messages of others)

### **SPE206 2<sup>nd</sup> Year CHILDREN'S LAB**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Students will prepare and present a children's church lesson including introduction, sermon, crafts, activities, memory verse and games to teach a Biblical truth from the Bible. Students may choose preschool or elementary students as their target audience. Content should be engaging, impacting and age appropriate.

### **SPE301-302 RSIM LAB 1-2**

*(Hours: 48 contact / 6 Clock / 3 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to exercise their God-given gift, allow them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, and minister a message to their peers. Special attention will be given to the outline, the delivery of the message, and learning through the evaluation process (both in having one's own message evaluated, and in learning to effectively and constructively evaluate the messages of others).

### **SPE303-304 MESSAGE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY 1-2**

*(Hours: 48 contact / 6 clock / 3 Semester Credit)*

This course is designed specifically to prepare those called to minister the Word of God in cross-cultural settings. Through classroom instruction and individual ministry opportunities the students will be introduced to the wide range of ministry settings they may encounter while

### **SPE305 PULPIT SPEECH**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to introduce the students to the art and science of preaching and pulpit speech. This includes special, body language, the importance of vocal inflections, and how to improve your preaching style. This course explores the practical use of illustrations and their application. It will also acquaint the student attention will be given to homiletic structure, sermon preparation, as well as the dynamics of verbal and non-verbal communications. The course will address the mechanics of pulpit speech, vocal presentation, and vocal variation with the spiritual and physical aspects of pulpit speech.

### **SPE306 SERMON DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course explores various types of messages, and provides students with the opportunity to preach designated sermons for which they will develop outlines. Students will be introduced to various aspects of communication skills to enhance their effectiveness as ministers. Creative thought in the message development process will be emphasized, as will the use of "visual" terminology and the use of visual aids (e.g., handouts, overhead transparencies, video clips, illustrated sermons, Power Point, etc.).

### **SPE307-308 STUDENT MINISTRIES LAB 1-2**

*(Hours: 32 contact / 4 Clock / 2 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students an opportunity to exercise their God-given gift, allow them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, and minister a message to their peers. Special attention will be given to the outline, the delivery of the message, and learning through the evaluation process (both in having one's own message evaluated, and in learning to effectively and constructively evaluate the messages of others).

### **SPE310 CHILDREN'S LAB**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

(Formerly RSSM Children's Lab) Students will prepare and present a children's church lesson including introduction, sermon, crafts, activities, memory verse and games to teach a Biblical truth from the Bible. Students may choose preschool or elementary students as their target audience. Content should be engaging, impacting and age appropriate.

**SPE311 YOUTH LAB***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Students will prepare and present a youth sermon. This will include introduction, main content and a call to action. Sermons must be engaging, inspiring and age appropriate.

**SPE312 ITINERANT & HELPS MINISTRY LAB***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to exercise their God-given gift, allow them the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned, and minister a message to their peers. Special attention will be given to the outline, the delivery of the message, and learning through the evaluation process (both in having one's own message evaluated, and in learning to effectively and constructively evaluate the messages of others).

**THEOLOGY (THE)****THE101 ANGELS AND DEMONS***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course will acquaint students with what the Bible says concerning the activity and operation of both angels and demons. It will also cover how a Christian is to scripturally deal with angels, fallen angels and demons. Students will learn the role of angels in the life of a believer and in ministry.

**THE102 BIBLE DOCTRINES 1***(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

In the midst of "winds of doctrines" that blow across the Church world today, a solid theology consisting of the major doctrines of Christianity is necessary. This course is designed to introduce to the students the major doctrines of Christianity as revealed in the Scriptures. The scope of study will include all the major doctrines of Christianity, however, special consideration will be given to Bibliology – the study of the Bible, Theology – the study of God, Anthropology – the study of man, Hamartiology – the study of sin, and Soteriology – the study of salvation.

**THE103 BLOOD COVENANT***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course provides in-depth insight into the Biblical history of redemption as revealed in both Old and New Testaments. This course introduces the student to the Scriptural importance of the blood covenant and builds an awareness of its principles, application, and influence on the partakers. Specific topics include a historical record of blood covenants, tribal covenant practices, and examples of covenant relationships. Attention is given to understanding our personal relationship with God the Father through the blood of Jesus Christ.

**THE104 CHRIST THE HEALER***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to establish from the Scriptures that it is the will of God to heal all today. Special attention will be given to the believer's role in receiving divine healing. This course will address the character and nature of God as it pertains to man, that God is love, and that His provision of healing and His willingness to demonstrate His healing power is an outflow of His love nature.

**THE105 DISPENSATIONAL TRUTHS***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will acquaint students with the times referred to by the Bible scholars as ages or dispensations. The greatest emphasis will be placed on the current age (the Age of Grace), and the eschatological events that the Word of God reveals at the culmination of this age (also known as the Church Age). The book of Revelation and associated Old and New Testament prophetic passages will be covered in depth.

**THE106 FAITH LIBRARY 1***(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Hebrews 11:6 says, "Without faith it is impossible to please God." In this course, students are taught what the faith of the

believer is and what it is not, how faith is obtained, the basic elements of faith, and how to use their faith to accomplish the purposes of God.

**THE107 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

A study of the gifts of the Holy Spirit [Pneumatology] (1) defining the nine supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, (2) studying scriptural examples of each gift of the Spirit, (3) examining the operation, purpose, and benefits of these gifts in the Church today.

**THE108 HOLY SPIRIT**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Jesus said in John 14 that He would pray the Father and He would send another Comforter that would abide with us forever. One must recognize that the presence of the Holy Spirit as an experienced reality is a crucial matter for the Christian life, from beginning to end. The focus of this course is on the person, work and present-day ministry of the Holy Spirit. Special attention will be given to the Deity and Person of the Spirit and our personal fellowship with Him. This course emphasizes the necessity of the Holy Spirit in the personal life and public ministry of the believer.

**THE109 PRINCIPLES OF PRAYER**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course provides instruction on how to pray effectively. It also covers (1) principles and rules that govern different kinds of prayer (2) having a successful prayer life (3) how to get your prayers answered.

**THE110 RIGHTEOUSNESS**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The subject of Righteousness is one of the least understood doctrines of the Bible today. Yet, it is the very thing that God gave access to men through the plan of redemption. Therefore, a practical study of Righteousness will be the emphasis of this course. This course is designed to introduce the subject of Righteousness and to encourage application of this subject to our personal lives on a daily basis.

**THE111 UNDERSTANDING GRACE**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The Apostle Peter wrote, as recorded in 1 Peter 4:10, that grace is many-sided. This course examines the many sides of grace in a systematic manner that traces grace throughout the Old Testament and New Testament. In the end grace will be seen not only as the unmerited favor of God but also the empowerment to live the Christian life.

**THE201 BIBLE DOCTRINES 2**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This class is a continuation of the First Year course "Bible Doctrines." In addition it will examine the major Christian denominations found in the United States of America. The class will focus on the history, beliefs and practices of these denominations. At the completion of the course the student will know the answer to the question, "What is the difference between your church and the \_\_\_\_\_ church?"

**THE202 DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The Church is seen as the divine institution through which people begin and develop fellowship with God. This course examines the study of the church in its nature, ordinances, ministry, mission, and government. Attention will be given to the contemporary theological study of what the Church is, and what its mission is in today's world. This course prepares students to be able to recognize and understand the many responsibilities of the officers, ministers, and leadership of the Church, the synoptic emphasis of the great commission, and the two ordinances practiced by most Protestant churches. The course will focus on the ministry gifts, the local and universal church and its various roles, and will demonstrate how to perform a communion and water baptism service.

**THE203 FAITH LIBRARY 2**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Physical healing is the right and privilege of every believer. This course is designed to provide an overview of the basic methods through which healing is obtained. Special attention will be given to the subject of faith, specifically, how the ABC's of faith can be practically applied in order to obtain healing for the physical body.

**THE204 REDEMPTIVE REALITIES**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to equip each student with a biblical perspective of his redemption and his position "in Christ" as a result of Christ's redemptive work at the Cross of Calvary. Special attention will be given to the identification that believers have in Christ and the spiritual truths of being a new creation in Christ.

**THE205 SPIRITOLOGY**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course covers the threefold nature of man and discusses how to develop and educate the human spirit. This course gives the students a better understanding of man as a spirit being and how the threefold nature works together. Special consideration will also be given to the study of Anthropology, focusing on the Believer and his authority in Christ. Includes how the believer obtains this authority, how to use it effectively, and how their position of authority better equips them in dealing with various ministry situations.

**THE206 BELIEVER'S AUTHORITY**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Do we as Christians have authority that we don't know about, that we haven't discovered, that we aren't using? This course is an in-depth study from the Bible of the spiritual authority of the believer in Christ.

**THE301 KEYS TO SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

Being an effective minister requires more than natural talent and intelligence, it requires a strong influence of the supernatural. Examined in this course will be various keys that help facilitate the supernatural in one's life and ministry. We will also examine the manifestations and operations of the Holy Spirit, and the function of various ministry gifts within the context of the Local church and ministry.

## ELECTIVES FOR VA STUDENTS TO COMPLEMENT THEIR STUDIES

### **BBL201 ACTS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This book is the key link between the ministry of Jesus and the development of Christianity that appears in the Epistles and other books of the New Testament. The objective of this course is to trace the development of the Early Church after the Resurrection of Christ, and to study the impact of the ministry of Christ to and through the early disciples.

### **PSY301 CARING FOR PEOPLE GOD'S WAY**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will examine the art of pastoral care and counseling. The course is designed to provide an in-depth look at different crisis situations and the available skills and scriptural aids to use in meeting those needs.

### **BBL302 DANIEL AND REVELATION**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

This course will study the various prophecies in each book and how they are connected. History and current events will be viewed in light of the various prophecies in each book.

### **BBL303 EXODUS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Exodus, or "the road out", presents the history of the nation of Israel's liberation from enslavement in Egypt to the receiving of God's Law at Mt. Sinai. Written by Moses, the theme of this book is redemption. Exodus presents the moral and civil laws as well as the ceremonial laws for worship in the Tabernacle.

### **BBL306 FIRST AND SECOND PETER**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

This course is designed to provide students with an overview of the books of 1 and 2 Peter. The course aims to contextualize the books within its historical setting, while emphasizing the present day application in the life of the believer.

### **BBL309 FIRST CORINTHIANS**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

The Apostle Paul founded the church at Corinth. His first letter was written to reprove them of many divisions and carnalities among them, and to set in order certain church practices. His second letter was a follow-up to compliment them on responding to his previous letter. The first letter was to correct, the second was to comfort.

### **BBL310 FIRST KINGS – SECOND CHRONICLES**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

I & II Kings and I & II Chronicles are the history books of the kings of Israel before captivity. Starting with the prophet Samuel, to the first King, Saul, to King David, to King Solomon, and the splitting of the Kingdom, to the successive kings, to the backsliding of the two divided Kingdoms, and their subsequent captivity.

### **BBL202 GALATIANS**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The Apostle Paul wrote this epistle to refute the perverted gospel of the Judaizers and establish the truth of the gospel of grace. Their teaching was mixture of law and grace, faith and works, Moses and Jesus. He takes up the covenant made with Abraham and by allegory he illustrates the two covenants. Paul shows that Christian liberty is neither legalism nor license.

### **HIS302 GREAT THEMES IN EVANGELISTIC PREACHING**

*(Hours: 16 contact / 2 Clock / 1 Semester credit)*

The goal of the evangelist is to present his or her message in such a way as to penetrate the hearts of those that listen, and likewise bring them to a point of decision, especially in the areas of salvation and healing. Students will explore and study various evangelistic themes that relate to effective evangelistic preaching, receive insight from various speakers on effective and practical methods of evangelistic preaching, and how to give effective altar calls. Students will receive both practical teaching and demonstration of evangelistic preaching.

### **BBL313 ISAIAH**

*(Hours: 24 contact / 3 Clock / 1.5 Semester credit)*

Isaiah's prophecies are not only applicable in judgment to the destinies of Judah, Israel, and the Gentiles but also to the blessing of all nations through the Messiah and the Church. Isaiah give the most comprehensive life-story of Messiah of all the other prophets combined.