

Maranatha College

Course Descriptions (alphabetical listing)

BIO – Biographical Studies

BIO 103 – The Life and Person of Jesus Christ I *3 credits*

An introduction of Jesus Christ as portrayed in the four Gospels. Emphasis is placed on His messianic prophecy, studying the historical setting of His day, ancient literary sources about Jesus, and current interest in the historical Jesus.

BIO 403 – The Life and Person of Jesus Christ II *3 credits*

Develops a fuller historical and theological understanding of the major biblical events of the life of Christ. The student will examine synoptic parallels as well as Johannine particulars. Through various course assignments, the student will demonstrate an overall depth of comprehension concerning Christ's events.

BTH – Biblical Theology

BTH 202 – Introduction to Apologetics *2 credits*

Provides an introductory exposure to Christian apologetics. The student will learn to employ the "Classical" method of apologetics primarily--reasoning from general to specific (from general theism to biblical theism to the Sonship of Christ, etc.). Other methods of apologetics will be delineated but not expounded upon in their usage. The student will be able to use to good effect theistic, scientific, and historical proofs to show the Christian worldview as superior to other options.

BTH 212 – New Covenant Theology *2 credits*

The imagery of Covenant and Creation are intermeshed throughout Scripture. This course looks at this imagery and finds the first chapter of Genesis to be a Table of Contents for the Bible as a whole and a key to its theology. The second part of the course argues that the New Covenant describes the redemption of Israel in the land, and the third part of the course looks for the promise of eternal life in the Covenantal theology of the Old Testament.

CHU – Church Growth & Administration

CHU 202 – Concepts of Church Management *2 credits*

A study of the principles and practices of the organization and administration of the local church. Topics include sound management principles, leadership roles of the pastoral staff, relationships between staff members, utilization of lay leadership, and relationships between the staff and the laity.

CSM – Christian Service & Missions

CSM 101 - Christian Service *1 credit*

Practical experience in a local church or a Christian organization. Designed to encourage student involvement in Christian service. May be counted up to three credits of electives for the Certificate of Ministry, six credits of electives for an Associate's degree, or twelve credits of electives for a Bachelor's degree. Requires ministry involvement totaling at least 10 hours and must be approved by an academic advisor.

CSM 113 – Mission Trip *3 credits*

Supervised evangelism training and mission work at home or abroad. Requires 30 hours of mission training and/or evangelism involvement. Must be approved by an academic advisor.

DIS – Discipleship

DIS 103 – Spiritual Discipline *3 credits*

A course designed to enhance the personal spiritual growth of the minister. The understanding and development of issues of integrity, character and the integration of relationships with self, God, and others are explored. Attention is given to classical spiritual disciplines such as prayer, fasting, Scripture reading, worship, and Christian meditation.

DIS 113 – Christian Discipleship *3 credits*

A course designed to teach those in the church how to become disciples and to teach others to do the same. A Christian disciple is one who follows the teachings of Jesus and is able to teach others to do the same. Focuses on the biblical mandate "to go and make disciples of all nations" and the early church model from the book of Acts as well as the application of the beatitudes. Emphasis will be placed on the student learning to share his/her beliefs with others in order to build up and strengthen the Body of Christ.

DOC – Doctrine

DOC 102 – Biblical Doctrines *2 credits*

An introductory course on the important and unique doctrines of the Church of God 7th Day. Some of the 32 doctrinal studies will include: the existence of God, the existence of humankind, the doctrine of sin, the doctrine of Christ, and the blessings of the Sabbath. This is a self-study course.

GRK – Greek

GRK 104 – Elementary Greek I *4 credits*

A study that will acquaint students with the basic reading of Koine/Hellenistic Greek, including the alphabet grammar, and lexical information. The emphasis of the class is on reading ancient Greek, particularly Koine (common) Greek spoken during the time of Christ.

HIS – History of the Church

HIS 104 – History of Christianity *4 credits*

A study of the major developments in the history of Christianity. Emphasis is placed on understanding the similarities and differences within major Christian groups throughout history. A special focus is placed on some of the most important events and people of Christian history.

HOM – Homiletics

HOM 104 – Introduction to Preaching *4 credits*

An introduction to the exercise in preaching. Attention will be given to the selection and interpretation of the text and the formulation of the sermon idea. An overview will be made of the elements of a good sermon and the techniques of effective sermon delivery. It is hoped that through this course the student will come to appreciate the joy of preaching and the satisfaction of good preparation.

HOM 202 – Introduction to Expository Preaching *2 credits*

The focus of this course will be on the art and practice of preaching biblical sermons. Students are challenged to become better communicators of God's Word as they discover and use the tools, methods and practices of expository preaching.

NTE – New Testament

NTE 103 – New Testament Survey *3 credits*

A survey of the New Testament in terms of historical evidence and faith. Emphasis is placed on a study of the books of the New Testament, including authorship, date, historical setting, message, literary structure, and interpretation.

NTE 104 – Pauline Epistles *4 credits*

An exposition of two of the Apostle Paul's principal letters with a focus upon man's need for a savior, the doctrine of salvation by grace, and the gospel as it relates to the Mosaic Law. Paul's use of the Old Testament takes a prominent place in the study.

NTE 113 – John *3 credits*

An exposition of the Gospel of John, examining the authorship, date, setting, argument, and theology of the book.

NTE 202 – James *2 credits*

A historical survey regarding the place that the Book of James has in the canon as well as its theological bridge between the Gospels and Pauline theology. The course covers the theological themes found throughout the book in addition to a few issues of translation to add depth to the students understanding. Lastly, the course deals with the ethical dimensions of the epistle.

OTE – Old Testament

OTE 104 – Old Testament Survey *4 credits*

A cohesive study of the purpose and message of the Old Testament. Focus is on the backgrounds, prominent subjects, key words, and applications to each Old Testament book studied. The student will be able to discern the overall theme of each book via the survey method delineated in the textbook.

OTE 114 – Genesis *4 credits*

An expositional examination of Genesis: its structure, historical background, message, and themes. Study of the book's argument and theology addresses topics such as creation, sin, humanity, law, and covenant.

PRO – Prophecy

PRO 202 – Daniel 2 credits

This course covers the prophecies found in the Book of Daniel. The study of Daniel provides a foundation for end-time teaching.