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Important Information

The Academic Calendar is a guide to Ambrose University's programs, courses, admission procedures, academic requirements, and other information. Please note that the courses listed in the Academic Calendar are not necessarily offered each year.

Know Your Policies and Regulations

The Academic Calendar also contains some of the policies and regulations students of Ambrose University are required to observe. When you register, you agree to be bound by the policies and regulations of Ambrose University and of the program in which you are enrolled.

You are responsible for familiarizing yourself with all policies, procedures, rules and regulations that apply to you. While academic advice is available, you are responsible for ensuring that your course and program selections meet Ambrose University's regulations in all respects. Program Planning Guides based on the Academic Calendar are available for students, faculty and advisors.

Disclaimer: This Calendar is Subject to Change

The publication of the Academic Calendar does not obligate Ambrose University to provide the programs, courses or services referenced in the Academic Calendar. The contents of the Academic Calendar are subject to continuing review and revision. Ambrose University reserves the right to remove, change or amend, at any time and without notice, the information contained in the Academic Calendar, including its programs, course offerings, fee structure, policies and regulations. In this regard, revisions may be made to the online Academic Calendar to reflect changes or amendments. This Academic Calendar is considered accurate at the time of publication. If there is any inconsistency between the academic regulations and policies published in the Academic Calendar and such regulations and policies established by either the Faculty or President's Cabinet, the version of such material as passed by the Faculty or President's Cabinet will prevail.

Disclaimer Continued

Ambrose University reserves the right to exercise its sole, absolute and unfettered discretion in admitting individuals to the University and its programs or courses. Ambrose University is not liable to any person who may suffer any loss or damages of any type arising from the use of any information contained in the Academic Calendar or arising from any action of Ambrose University in regard to the Academic Calendar, such as, but not to limit the foregoing, any amendment, addition or withdrawal to or from the information provided. Not all Ambrose University's policies and regulations may be contained within this Academic Calendar.

Ambrose University disclaims all liability for loss or damage suffered or incurred by any student or other party as a result of delay, alteration, or termination of services, course programs, tuition or fees caused by fire, work stoppage, inability to procure materials or trades, restrictive laws or government regulations, actions taken by faculty, staff or students of the University, civil unrest or disobedience, or any other cause of any kind beyond the reasonable control of the University.



A Message from the President

Welcome to Ambrose Seminary – a small but vital theological school that has a superb faculty, a great location here in Calgary, a dynamic partnership with Ambrose University and a deep commitment to the life and mission of the church. Your experience at Ambrose will mean some animating conversations: with faculty, in the classroom and over coffee; with fellow students, some of whom may well become life-long friends; and with pastors and other church leaders who contribute to the Ambrose mission through our mentoring and internship program.



Our prayer, of course, is that God would meet you through your studies – some of you anticipate leadership within the church, either in Canada or globally in another country and culture, and some of you are studying theology for personal enrichment but also with a view to engage your vocations with theological and spiritual depth. But regardless of what brings you to Ambrose, it is my prayer that you would meet Christ in and through your studies and that this would be a transforming experience for you.

To this end, I cannot stress strongly enough the vital place of worship at Ambrose – whether it is the larger Tuesday and Thursday gatherings or the small events of worship that are planned for Wednesday afternoons. It is worship more than anything else that makes the academic experience a transformational journey of teaching and learning.

May God richly bless you as you study at Ambrose Seminary.

Dr. Gordon T. Smith, PhD

President, Ambrose University



2018-2019 Academic Schedule

Fall Semester

Fees due	August 31
Residence opens	September 2
Orientation	September 2-4
Labour Day	September 3
Classes begin	September 5
Last day to add/drop with tuition refund	September 16
Last day to change to audit	September 16
Spiritual Emphasis Days (no daytime classes)	October 2 – 3
Thanksgiving (no classes)	October 8
Graduation application deadline	October 12
Downey Lectureship (classes held)	October 17 – 18
Last day to request revised time for a final exam	October 22
Academic Advising Week	October 29 – November 2
Reading Week	November 5 – 9
Last day to withdraw from courses without academic penalty	November 12
Last day to apply for extension for course work	November 19
Last day of classes	December 11
Final Exams (including Saturday)	December 12 – 19
Residence closes	December 20
Last day to appeal academic standing	January 11

Winter Semester

Residence opens	January 2
Orientation	January 2
Fees due	January 3
Classes begin	January 3
Last day to add/drop with tuition refund	January 13
Last day to change to audit	January 13
Continuing Student Scholarship and Bursary applications available	January 23
Program Day (no daytime classes)	January 24
Faith, Life and Learning	February 13 – 15
Family Day (no classes)	February 18
Winter Reading Week	February 19 – 23
Continuing Student Scholarship and Bursary applications deadline	February 26
Last day to request revised time for a final exam	March 11
Legacy Youth Conference	March 15 – 17
Registration opens for next year	March 18
Last day to withdraw from courses without academic penalty	March 22
Ambrose Research Conference (no daytime classes)	March 27
Last day to apply for extension for course work	March 29
Academic Advising Weeks	March 25 – April 5
Last day of classes	April 5
Final Exams (includes Saturday)	April 8 – 13
Residence closes (except for grads)	April 14
Good Friday (no classes or exams)	April 19
Easter Monday (no classes or exams)	April 22
Graduation – Convocation Ceremony	April 27
Last day to appeal academic standing	May 24
Last day to appeal course grade	May 24

Spring Semester

Classes	April 29 – June 28
Victoria Day – no classes	May 20

General Information

Contact Information

Main Reception: 403.410.2000

Ambrose University is open:

- Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (MST)
- Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (MST)

Enrolment Office

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Location

Ambrose University is located at 150 Ambrose Circle SW in Calgary, Alberta. Our city of over one million people is established in the rolling foothills of the Canadian Rockies, just a few hours from the U.S. border. The Calgary International Airport is Canada's third busiest airport. Calgary is known for its blue skies, and Alberta has more hours of sunshine in a year than any other province in Canada. A unique phenomenon called a Chinook wind can raise temperatures more than 20 degrees in one day, turning winter days into spring. Calgary offers world-class facilities for winter sports, having hosted the Winter Olympics in 1988, and the nearby Rocky Mountains provide exhilarating skiing and other recreational opportunities. The "Stampede City" is also known for its western culture, beautiful pathways along the Bow River, symphony orchestra and professional football and hockey teams.



Facilities

The Ambrose University campus sits on a ridge in southwest Calgary and offers unobstructed views west to the Rocky Mountains. The heart of the campus is the Academic Centre, with its central gathering place. The building features two biology labs, student lounges, classrooms, faculty and administrative offices, plus places for group and silent study. A modern library offers students online access to global resources as well as more traditional reference sources.



The Ambrose Athletic/Performing Arts Centre boasts a full-size gym and sound system to accommodate up to 1000 people. Banquet facilities, locker rooms and a weight room round out the building. Ambrose University's Music Department enjoys a dedicated choir room, practice rooms and a music lab space

Library

The Ambrose Library serves Ambrose University and Ambrose Seminary. With more than 120,000 volumes it has the largest print collection of any private university library in the Prairies. It also has subscriptions to 150,000 e-books and 55,000 electronic journals. Particular strengths include theology, history, music, psychology and Islamics.



The library enhances its on-site offerings through an online catalogue (accessible via the Internet); by subscribing to full-text online periodical databases in theology and biblical studies, business, psychology and the humanities; by membership in The Alberta Library consortium; and by participating in the provincial inter-library loan network. In addition, students and faculty of Ambrose have borrowing privileges at the University of Calgary Library, which is the second largest academic library in the province. Materials borrowed from the University of Calgary can be returned to the Ambrose Library.

Specialized research is further facilitated by special collections on the history of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) and by the Ambrose Archives, which houses the records of Ambrose's institutional predecessors and also serves as the official repository for the records

of The C&MA in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene Canada. A professional librarian and trained staff are available to assist students, faculty and other researchers to make optimum use of this vast array of learning resources.

Institutional History

Educating young men and women for service in the church and in overseas mission fields has always been an important emphasis for The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene in Canada. The C&MA's commitment to higher education dates back to the vision of its founder, Dr. A. B. Simpson, who established North America's first Bible school in New York. This educational emphasis resulted in the addition of two educational institutions in Canada during the 1920s.

A fuller expression of these values led to the founding of Canadian Bible Institute (CBI) in 1941, with an initial class of 50 students meeting in the lower auditorium of the Alliance Tabernacle in Regina, Saskatchewan. Under the direction of the first president, Rev. Blackett, CBI commenced its primary task of training men and women for worldwide ministry and Christian living.

Nazarene University College traces its roots to the Calgary Bible Institute, which was established on January 3, 1921, in the basement of the Calgary First Church of the Nazarene, with an initial class of 29. In 1927, the school relocated to Red Deer, under the leadership of Rev. Charles Thomson, where it became known as Alberta School of Evangelism, and then Northern Bible College (NBC). The purpose of the school was to provide a stream of workers for the Nazarene churches in western Canada and overseas. An accredited residential high school was also established to serve Christian families in rural communities.

In 1940, NBC changed its name to Canadian Nazarene College (CNC) and in 1957 CBI became Canadian Bible College (CBC). Both institutions persevered and became established with purpose-built facilities and the accreditation of Bachelor of Theology degrees. Canadian Theological College (CTC) was formed in 1970 as a graduate school of theology changing its name to Canadian Theological Seminary (CTS) in 1982. Both CNC and CBC/CTS fulfilled their mandates of training workers for ministry and soon alumni from both campuses were serving across Canada and around the globe.

As the new millennium dawned, the paths of CBC/CTS and CNC converged in an unprecedented way. The goal of both institutions was to provide trained workers for the church and mission fields. Both institutions saw the opportunity for a Christian-based alternative to public universities.

The next phase of maturation saw both CBC/CTS and CNC develop relationships with Canadian universities for the purpose of expanding offerings beyond Bible and theology into the arts and sciences. In 1960, CNC was relocated to Winnipeg to become the official school of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada. CNC also became an approved teaching centre of the University of Manitoba. In that same decade, CBC/CTS developed an educational relationship with the University of Regina.

During the 1990s, Dr. George Durance, President of CBC/CTS, Dr. Riley Coulter, President of CNC, and their boards looked to Alberta, where legislation existed to accredit Christian university colleges.

CNC relocated to Calgary in 1995, became a university in 1999, and changed its name to Nazarene University College (NUC). In 2003, CBC/CTS moved to Calgary, joined NUC on its downtown campus, received provincial accreditation in 2004 and adopted the name Alliance University College (AUC) forming the educational partnership AUC-NUC. In May 2007, AUC and NUC became a single institution, Ambrose University, the official Canadian school of both The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

In July 2014 the province of Alberta approved Ambrose University College to be designated as Ambrose University. The change brings Ambrose in line with comparable institutions across Canada, and benefits students who may wish to pursue further opportunities nationally or globally, as well as faculty in their research endeavours.

History of the Seminary at Ambrose University

Ambrose graduate education began in 1970 in Regina, Saskatchewan with the creation of Canadian Theological College, renamed Canadian Theological Seminary (CTS) in 1982. In May 2007 Ambrose University College was formed through an educational partnership between The Christian & Missionary Alliance in Canada and the Church of the

Nazarene Canada. CTS was folded into the Faculty of Theology of Ambrose University College as the Seminary Division and is known as Ambrose Seminary.

Ambrose Seminary education is rooted in a dynamic heritage that combines a vision for carrying out the Great Commission with a passion for a deep and authentic spirituality. This legacy is very much alive in our seminary programs today. The community displays a firm commitment to the global growth of the Church and a conviction that those who have a vital relationship with God through Christ and who are empowered by the Holy Spirit make lasting contributions to the Kingdom. Ambrose Seminary is the official seminary educational institution for The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

Accreditations and Affiliations

Ambrose is the official institution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Ambrose Seminary is an accredited institution with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) and has been an accredited member in the United States and Canada since 1989. This accreditation indicates that Ambrose Seminary complies with the ATS accrediting standards. The following Seminary degree programs are accredited under ATS standards: Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies), Master of Christian Studies, Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries, Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry, Master of Divinity. Concerns raised by students related to the ATS standards are to be addressed using the procedures outlined in the Joint Grievance Policy. Concerns relating to accreditation are to be discussed with the Academic Dean. The President is responsible for keeping a record of such concerns. ATS reserves the right to review any complaints related to ATS standards.

Contact the ATS Commission at:

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Association of Theological Schools in the
United States and Canada
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Pittsburgh, PA 15275 USA
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Website: www.ats.edu

Ambrose Seminary holds membership/affiliation with the following associations:

- *American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)*
- *Association of Christian Continuing Education Schools and Seminaries (ACCESS)*
- *Association of Registrars of Universities and Colleges in Canada (ARUCC)*
- *Association of Schools of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies*
- *Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC)*
- *Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU)*

The CCCU is a higher education association of more than 150 international Christian institutions from around the world, whose mission is to advance the cause of Christ-centered higher education by faithfully relating scholarship and service to Biblical truth.

- *North America Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP)*
- *Society of the Advancement of Continuing Education in Ministry (SACEM)*
- *Tantur Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies*
- *Western Association of Registrars of the Universities and Colleges in Canada (WARUCC)*

Denominational Affiliations

Ambrose University is the official post-secondary institution of The Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene in Canada.

Ambrose University welcomes students from approximately 40 denominations on campus each year, enhancing our rich and diverse campus community.

Admissions

Ambrose Seminary admits students of any race, gender, colour and national or ethnic origin to its programs and activities, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, colour, national or ethnic origin or physical disability in the administration of any of its programs or activities. Ambrose Seminary welcomes applications from persons of any church affiliation provided they meet entrance qualifications

Students wishing to apply to Ambrose Seminary are invited to apply online

For more information contact the Enrolment Office:

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Application Deadlines

Submit your completed application form, all supporting documents, official transcript(s) and the appropriate application fee by the following deadlines:

Canadian Applicants

- August 1 for Fall Semester
- December 1 for Winter Semester

USA Applicants

- July 15 for Fall Semester
- November 15 for Winter Semester

Applicants from outside Canada or the U.S.A.

- March 1 for Fall Semester
- July 1 for Winter Semester

Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)

Early Deadline

- January 15 for Fall Semester
- September 15 for Winter Semester

Regular Deadline

- April 15 for Fall Semester
- November 1 for Winter Semester

Full Admission

Once we receive all of your application information, we will review everything and if you are eligible we will offer you Full Admission by sending a letter of acceptance. All of your application documents, including your official transcripts, must be submitted before we admit you. In cases where official transcripts are in a language other than English, it is your responsibility to provide a certified English language translation. You will not be permitted to register if your application file is incomplete. The Seminary reserves the right to deny admission if it judges your overall academic record unacceptable, notwithstanding admissions standards.

Application Deferral

Once you are accepted into a Seminary program, you may postpone beginning your studies for one year. After a deferral of more than one year, you must reapply in order to study at Ambrose Seminary.

Fraudulent Documentation Policy

Students seeking admission to the University must provide true, complete, and accurate information in their application. Students who falsify or omit information as part of their admission process, up to the add/drop deadline, may have their admission and registration cancelled by the Registrar's Office.

After the course add/drop deadline, students who falsify or omit information may be subject to academic misconduct regulations. Students who have submitted false information may be identified to other post-secondary institutions. Falsified documents may be referred to the appropriate authorities for potential prosecution under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event a student becomes aware that the student has unintentionally made an error in the information submitted, or has unintentionally omitted any information, as part of the admission process, the student is required to immediately report the same to the Registrar's Office. The University will not take disciplinary action against a student that self-reports an error that was made reasonably and unintentionally. The University will only give consideration to students that self-report errors if such reports are made before the University has reason to believe that a student has falsified or omitted information as part of the admissions process.

General Entrance Qualifications

Personal Qualifications

Because the primary purpose of the Seminary is to prepare students for Christian ministries, your application must demonstrate a personal commitment to Christ that has existed at least one year prior to your projected date of enrolment. You should also have balanced personality, reputable character and a motivation to learn.

Submit a 2-3 page testimony that provides a description of your faith journey and an explanation of your ministry involvement (or academic goals if you are applying to the Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies). In addition, submit a Pastor/Denominational Leader Reference and an Employer

Academic Qualifications

Applicants for all Seminary programs must:

- possess a baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent (with a minimum of 90 credit hours) from a recognized or accredited university, college or Bible college;
- have completed at least 30 hours of liberal arts and science at the undergraduate level;
- have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in the last two years of study.

English Language Proficiency

If English is not your first language, you must demonstrate English proficiency by at least one of the following:

- graduation from a college or university where English was the medium of instruction – an official letter is required from the college or university verifying that English was the medium of instruction; *or*
- a minimum score of 560 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test, or a minimum score of 83 on the internet-based TOEFL* test; *or*
- a minimum score of 6.5 on the IELTS Academic test; *or*
- a minimum score of 85 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB); *or*

- a minimum score of 70 on the Canadian Academic English Language Assessment (CAEL); *or*
- a minimum score of 58 on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)

One or more of the above may be required, and you may be asked to provide an additional writing sample. Determination of English Proficiency is left to the discretion of the Enrolment Department.

*The TOEFL institution code for Ambrose is 8915.

Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)

In addition to meeting the Personal and English Language requirements above, applicants for the Master of Arts (Biblical/ Theological Studies) program must possess:

- a baccalaureate degree from a recognized accredited university, college or Bible college with a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale;
- at least 30 hours of liberal arts and science at the undergraduate level;
- program pre-requisites include 30 credits in Bible, theology and language studies with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in these courses;
- a writing sample in one of the concentration areas (Old Testament, New Testament, Theology).

If you do not have the necessary pre-requisites, you may be admitted to the Pre-MA(BTS) program until such time as the prerequisites for the MA(BTS) have been completed with grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Admission to the MA(BTS) program requires the approval of the program faculty.

Chinese School of Theology Degree Programs

If your first language is not English you must demonstrate proficiency in the English language. You may demonstrate English proficiency by one of the following:

- graduation from a college or university where English was the medium of instruction
- a minimum score of 500 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test

- a minimum score of 61 on the internet-based TOEFL* test
- a minimum score of 5.0 on the IELTS Academic test
- a minimum score of 69 on the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)
- a minimum score of 35 on the Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic)

Chinese School of Theology Certificates and Diplomas

You are not required to provide proof of English Proficiency for admission to Chinese School of Theology Certificate and Diploma programs because the language of instruction is Chinese. If you are registered for a certificate or diploma and want to enroll in an English language course, or change to a Master's level program, you will be required to provide proof of English proficiency as stated above.

Ambrose Seminary Statement of Faith

We believe:

1. There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of this shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.
3. The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.
4. The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of the people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.
5. Humankind, originally created in the image and the likeness of God, fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All people are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The destiny of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment, but that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss.
6. Salvation has been provided only through Jesus Christ. Those who repent and believe in Him are united with Christ through the Holy Spirit and are thereby regenerated (born again), justified, sanctified and granted the gift of eternal life as adopted children of God.
7. It is the will of God that in union with Christ each believer should be sanctified thoroughly, thereby separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to God, receiving power for holy living and sacrificial and effective service toward the completion of Christ's commission. This is accomplished through being filled with the Holy Spirit, which is both a distinct event and a progressive experience in the life of the believer.
8. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil as taught in the Scriptures are privileges for the Church in this present age.
9. The universal Church, of which Christ is the Head, consists of all those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, regenerated by the Holy Spirit and commissioned by Christ to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations. The local church, the visible expression of the universal Church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally. The local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission.
10. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.
11. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible. As the believer's blessed hope, this vital truth is an incentive for the holy living and sacrificial service toward the completion of Christ's commission.

Ambrose Seminary Programs of Study

Mission Statement

Ambrose Seminary prepares Christians to serve and lead the church in its mission in the world. With this statement, Ambrose Seminary affirms that:

The mission of the church, which is the mission of God, is to bear witness everywhere and in every aspect of life to the new creation of all things in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. That mission extends from the local church into homes, workplaces and public spaces throughout the world;

Ambrose Seminary prepares Christians for ministry in the evangelical tradition, at the post-baccalaureate level, and in partnership with The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. The Seminary prepares students to serve and lead in keeping with their calling to live a godly life and to exercise the gifts and abilities that they have been granted by God. Most graduates of the Seminary will go on to serve in a variety of pastoral, teaching and missionary roles in Canada and around the world. With equal enthusiasm, the Seminary educates and trains people for lay ministry, which is essential to the mission of God in and through the church;

Ambrose Seminary prepares Christians through an integration of spiritual, intellectual and ministerial formation. Such preparation includes education and training in a variety of disciplines: biblical interpretation, theological reflection, evangelism, discipleship, leadership, preaching, teaching, counselling and cross cultural communication. The Seminary realizes that the theological education it offers must undergo continual refinement so that students receive context-sensitive ministerial training and are enabled to become lifelong learners.

Program Outcomes

At Ambrose Seminary, we seek to integrate learning experience around four key goals.

We will:

1. Nurture theological depth and breadth

To know what you believe and why it matters

Ambrose Seminary provides our students with an education rooted in the depth of our evangelical heritage and steeped in the breadth of Christian tradition.

We deeply desire that our students leave Ambrose able to interpret the Bible and all God's revelation faithfully and to reflect theologically on all that touches on faith and life.

2. Cultivate a heart after God

To know God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – and to love as God loved

Ambrose Seminary imparts to our students a vision of the Triune God and models a Spirit-filled life of abiding and abounding in God.

We deeply desire that our students leave Ambrose centered in a life of communion with God and love of neighbour.

3. Foster vocational clarity and effectiveness

To know who you are and what you are to do

Ambrose Seminary helps our students discern and engage their vocation in the uniqueness of their gifts, heart-desires, and personality.

We deeply desire that our students leave Ambrose empowered to serve effectively in the place where their deep joy and the world's deep need meet.

4. Inspire redemptive action

To know God's mission and to live it fully

Ambrose Seminary challenges students to see and celebrate how God is at work and equips them for reflective engagement in that work.

We deeply desire that our students leave Ambrose Seminary ready to engage whole-heartedly wherever God leads them.

Seminary Programs

Degree and Diploma Programs

Master of Divinity

Chinese Language version available
90 credits

Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry

Online version available
60 credits

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries

Online version available
60 credits

Master of Christian Studies

Chinese Language version available
60 credits

Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)

60 credits

Diploma in Christian Studies

Chinese Language version available
30 credits

Certificate in Leadership

15 credits



Master of Divinity

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program prepares students for professional pastoral ministry in Canada and around the world. This degree is the standard for those preparing for a credentialed ministry position in many denominational settings because it provides both depth and breadth in biblical studies, theology and pastoral studies. The MDiv program at Ambrose focuses on spiritual and professional pastoral formation. The goal is to produce graduates who can think and reflect biblically and theologically on the practices of leadership for Christian ministry.

Education for theological reflection includes acquiring knowledge, skills and dispositions. It requires a depth of knowledge of the scriptures and the Christian theological tradition as a foundation from which to reflect on the witness and service of the people of God. It includes the formation of pastoral skills through active engagement in the classroom with current theories on the practice of ministry alongside participation in ministry in context. It includes a focus on spiritual and personal formation. All these aspects are part of the MDiv experience at Ambrose Seminary.

The MDiv program at Ambrose includes studies in Greek and Hebrew tailored to meet the needs of students preparing for Christian ministry. Students learn how to use the resources available – grammars, dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, and other grammars and translations – to develop life-long skills for the study of Scripture.

All MDiv students without professional ministry experience complete a (minimum) three month full-time internship in a ministry context. Students with ministry experience may propose a ministry project with a mentor instead of an internship. Students may use a Clinical Pastoral Education experience as an internship.

All MDiv students are required to compile a Personal Growth Portfolio (PGP) during their program. The PGP assists them in tracking and integrating personal development in conversation with an academic advisor.

Master of Divinity Program Requirements (90 credits)

Biblical Languages	12 credits
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BL 511 The Language of the Old Testament
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BL 512 Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis
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BL 521 The Language of the New Testament
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BL 522 Introduction to Greek Exegesis

Biblical Studies	18 credits
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Two of the following:

BT 501 Introduction to the Bible

NT 502 Synoptic Gospels

OT 502 Pentateuch

6 credits in New Testament or Biblical Theology

6 credits in Old Testament or Biblical Theology

Theological Studies	12 credits
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CH 501 Christianity in History

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith
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TH 610 Creation, Fall and Redemption

TH 611 Church and Its Future

Practical Theology	15 credits
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ED 501 Teaching and Learning

LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation
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PR 610 Expository Preaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT/MI 712 Ministry/Intercultural Internship or PT/MI 720
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Ministry/Intercultural Coaching

Mission and Evangelism	6 credits
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MI 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach
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MI 503 Missions in Global Perspective

Ministry Focus 27 credits in one of the following areas:

Intercultural Ministries

One of the following:

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

MI 502 Intercultural Competence

TH 622 Christianity and Culture

MI 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry

MI 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions

MI 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness

9 credits Electives

Pastoral Ministries

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

One of the following:

OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew or BL 622

Advanced Hebrew Exegesis

NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek or BL 621

Advanced Greek Exegesis

PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship

PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

One of the following:

TH 622 Christianity and Culture

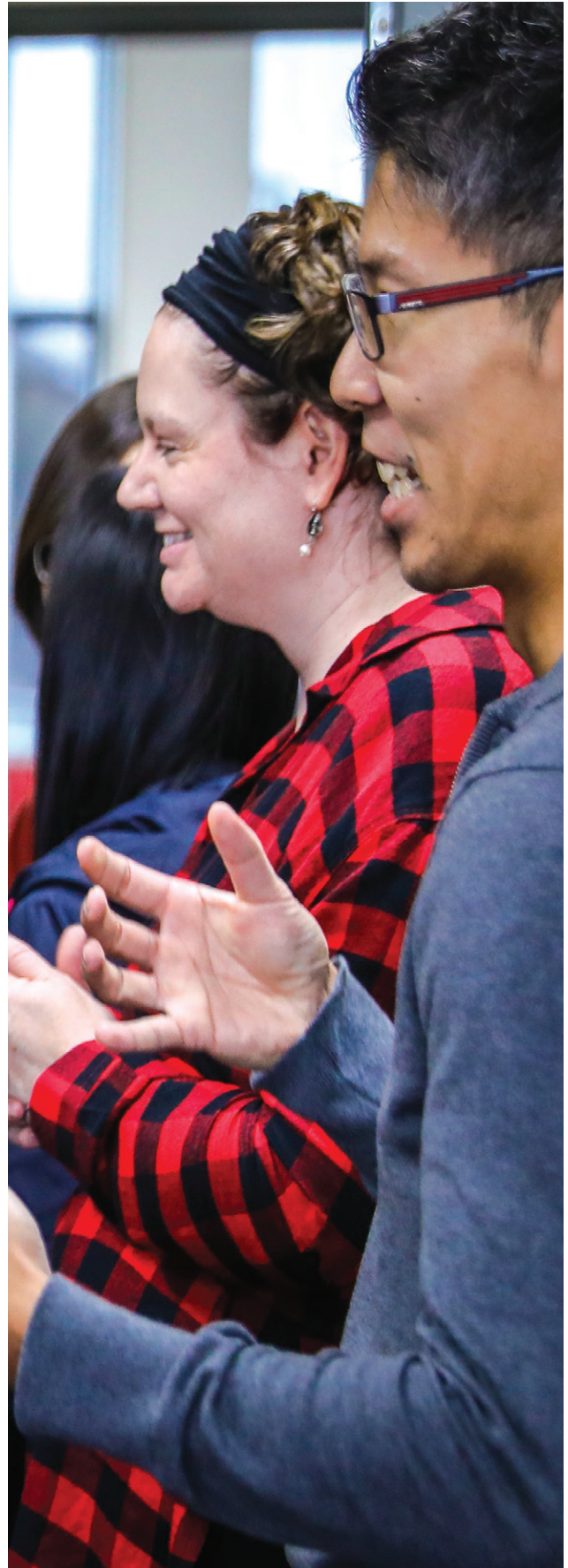
TH 623 Christian Ethics

12 credits Electives

Personal Growth Portfolio

General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 90 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.0.



Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry

The Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry (MALM) program prepares student for leadership in professional ministries in a range of specialized areas. The flexibility of the program allows students to focus their studies on appropriate classes for their interests and vocational goals. This program is designed to enhance the ministries of experienced pastors and to prepare others for ministry roles such as education and discipleship, counselling or leadership, chaplaincy or community development. A list of recommended courses for a Poverty Studies or Chaplaincy specialization is given below; these courses may be taken as Specialized or Open electives.

All MALM students without professional ministry experience complete a (minimum) three month full-time internship in a ministry context. Students with ministry experience may propose a ministry project with a mentor instead of an internship. Students may use a Clinical Pastoral Education experience as an internship.

All MALM students are required to compile a Personal Growth Portfolio (PGP) throughout the duration of their program. The PGP assists them in tracking and integrating their personal development in conversation with an academic advisor.

Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry Program Requirements (60 credits)

Biblical and Theological Foundations	18 credits
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NT 502 Synoptic Gospels or OT 502 Pentateuch

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

9 credits in any of the following: Biblical Theology (BT), Church History (CH), New Testament (NT), Old Testament (OT), Theology (TH)

IND 750 MALM Integrative Course

Leadership Development	9 credits
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LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

6 credits Leadership

Personal Formation	12 credits
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MI 502 Intercultural Competence

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice

PT 712 Ministry Internship or PT 720 Ministry Coaching

PT 790 Personal Growth Portfolio (non-credit requirement)

Specialized Electives	9 credits
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9 credits in any of the following: Christian Counselling (CC), Education and Discipleship (ED), Leadership (LE), Mission/ Intercultural Studies (MI), Preaching and Communication (PR), Pastoral Theology (PT), Spiritual Care (SC)

Open Electives	12 credits
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General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 60 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries

The Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries (MAIM) program provides preparation for professional ministries in non-North American missions roles as well as cross-cultural ministries in North American settings. The MAIM program aims to develop understanding and sensitivity to the needs and opportunities for ministry among various peoples in their religious, social and cultural contexts. This program can fulfill the educational requirements for overseas ministry of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and other mission organizations.

All MAIM students without professional ministry experience complete a (minimum) three month full-time internship in a ministry context. Students with ministry experience may propose a ministry project with a mentor instead of an internship.

All MAIM students are required to compile a Personal Growth Portfolio (PGP) during their program. The PGP assists them in tracking and integrating their personal development in conversation with an academic advisor.

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries Program Requirements (60 credits)

Biblical Studies	12 credits
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NT 502 Synoptic Gospels

OT 502 Pentateuch

3 credits in New Testament (NT) or Biblical Theology (BT)

3 credits in Old Testament (OT) or Biblical Theology (BT)

Theological Studies	6 credits
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TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

TH 622 Christianity and Culture

Practical Theology Studies	12 credits
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ED 501 Teaching and Learning

LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

PR 501 Between Two Worlds: Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 790 Personal Growth Portfolio (non- credit requirement)

Intercultural Ministries	24 credits
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MI 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

MI 502 Intercultural Competence

One of the following:

MI 712 Intercultural Internship

MI 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching

MI 503 Missions in Global Perspective

MI 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry

MI 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions

MI 635 Establishing Communities of Faith in a Multicultural World

MI 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness

Electives	6 credits
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General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 90 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.0

Master of Christian Studies

The Master of Christian Studies (MCS) is designed for students who want to pursue biblical and theological studies to enhance their interests, giftedness and careers. Students build on their initial studies in Old Testament, New Testament and Theology with specialized or interdisciplinary courses to develop their giftedness, their ministries and professions. This program is not intended to prepare persons for career ministry and therefore it does not require an internship or Personal Growth Portfolio.

Master of Christian Studies Program Requirements (60 credits)

Biblical Studies	18 credits
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NT 502 Synoptic Gospels

OT 502 Pentateuch

12 credits in any of the following: Biblical Theology (BT), New Testament (NT), Old Testament (OT)

Theological Studies	15 credits
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CH 501 Christianity in History

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

9 credits in Christian History (CH), Theology (TH)

Practical Theology Studies	3 credits
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ED 501 Teaching and Learning

Personal Formation Studies	3 credits
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PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

Electives	21 credits
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Graduating Essay

In addition to the above courses, each student will complete a graduating essay which will be evaluated as pass/fail. This graduating essay will typically be a summative reflection on the integration of the student's biblical theological studies and their chosen career and/or personal giftedness.

General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 60 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.0

Master of Arts (Biblical and Theological Studies)

The Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies) or the MA(BTS) program is an integrative theological degree designed to provide a foundation for researching and teaching Bible and Theology. This degree educates those who are pursuing the vocation of teaching Bible and Theology in academic institutions, as well as those who want focused graduate study in Bible (Old or New Testament) or Theology. Persons training for pastoral ministry may also benefit from this program.

The student in an MA(BTS) program concentrates on either theology or biblical studies (Old or New Testament). This concentration is declared on application and expressed academically in a final thesis. The student is also required to do advanced studies in the other two disciplines. All students do advanced studies in both biblical languages. Although the thesis reflects a student's chosen concentration, the program is designed to ensure that the student understands the connectedness of the three disciplines.

Admission to the MA(BTS) program requires approval of the program faculty

A student may apply to the MA(BTS) program without the required prerequisites and will be admitted as a Pre-MA(BTS) student until the prerequisites for the MA(BTS) are completed (with an average of GPA of 3.0 or higher.) A student may begin the course work required in the MA(BTS) Program while completing the prerequisites.

Graduates of this particular program are expected to:

- understand the content of Christian Scriptures and Theology;
- understand the historical development of key issues in the biblical and theological disciplines;
- understand and use the key resources for the academic study of the biblical and theological disciplines;
- articulate an informed and considered theological hermeneutic;
- exegete and translate biblical texts in the original languages;
- engage in theological scholarship in a critical and integrative fashion;
- research and write at the graduate level;

- articulate a personal philosophy of theological education and vocation;
- be able to construct and teach a course in one of the biblical or theological disciplines.

Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies) Program Requirements (60 credits)

Prerequisite Studies	
6 credits in Biblical Greek	
6 credits in Biblical Hebrew	
3 credits in New Testament	
3 credits in Old Testament	
6 credits in New Testament, Old Testament or Biblical Theology	
6 credits in Theology	

Concentration Studies	30 credits
<i>Students are required to take 30 credits in one of the following fields of concentration: New Testament, Old Testament, Theology</i>	
<i>Concentration studies must include:</i>	
BT 700/TH 700 Advanced Hermeneutics	
NT 720/OT 720/TH 720 Advanced Reading course	
NT 790/OT 790/TH 790 Thesis (12 credits)	
12 credits in advanced (600-700 level) electives in the chosen concentration (OT: 9 cr in OT and 3 cr in OT or BT; NT: 9 cr in NT & 3 cr in NT or BT; TH: 12 cr in Theology)	

Cognate Studies	15 credits
Students are required to pursue advanced (600-700) level course work in two program fields which are not in their area of concentration as follows:	
6 credits in cognate field A	
6 credits in cognate field B	
3 credits in the appropriate two of:	
NT 705, OT 705 or TH 705 Advanced Reading: Cognate Field (Comprehensive Examinations)	

Advanced Biblical and Research Languages 9 credits

New Testament Concentration

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis

BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis

NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek

Old Testament Concentration

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis

BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis

OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew

Theology Concentration

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis

BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis

One of the following:

NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek

OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew

RL 601 Language for Theological Research

Professional and Scholarly Development 6 credits

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

TH 675 Theological Research Practicum

General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 60 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 3.0

Diploma in Christian Studies Diploma in Christian Studies (Chinese Language)

The Diploma in Christian Studies (DipCS) provides basic preparation for lay ministry. The diploma has been intentionally structured in a flexible way so that students can direct their studies as they desire. Classes taken as part of the DipCS may be applied to the requirements of the Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries, Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry, Master of Christian Studies or the Master of Divinity program.

A student can focus on Intercultural Ministries in the Diploma in Christian Studies. In particular cases, the diploma will meet the minimum standards for those appointed to missionary service. The one-year diploma can be applied fully to the Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries program for those who qualify for the degree program.

A student can focus on Leadership and Ministry in the Diploma in Christian Studies. The one-year Diploma in Christian Studies can be applied fully to the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program.

This program may be completed entirely online.

Diploma in Christian Studies Program Requirements (30 credits)

Biblical and Theological Studies	9 credits
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9 credits in any of the following: Biblical Theology (BT), Christian History (CH), New Testament (NT), Old Testament (OT), Theology (TH)

Leadership/Education Studies	3 credits
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One of the following:

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

Personal Formation Studies	6 credits
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MI 502 Intercultural Competence

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

Open Electives	12 credits
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General Requirements for Completion and Graduation

- Completion of a total of 30 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.0

Certificate in Leadership

The Certificate in Leadership provides basic preparation for specialized ministries. It is an intentionally flexible program so that students can tailor the certificate to their own interests and vocation. The certificate can be applied fully to the requirements of the Diploma in Christian Studies or to the requirements of the Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries, Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry, Master of Christian Studies, or the Master of Divinity program. This program may be completed entirely online.

Certificate in Leadership Program Requirements (15 credits)

Biblical and Theological Studies	3 credits
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3 credits in one of the following areas:

- Biblical Theology (BT)
- Christian History (CH)
- New Testament (NT)
- Old Testament (OT)
- Theology (TH)

Leadership Studies	3 credits
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LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

Leadership and Ministry	9 credits
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9 credits in Christian Counselling (CC), Education and Discipleship (ED), Leadership (LE), Mission/Intercultural Studies (MI), Preaching and Communication (PR), Pastoral Theology (PT), Spiritual Care (SC)

General Requirements for Completion and Graduation:

- Completion of a total of 60 credits (as outlined above)
- A Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of at least 2.0

The Internship Program

The Philosophy of Internship

Internship is an integral part of preparation for ministry. It provides you with an extended, in-depth practice of ministry and integrates field experience with your classroom learning. In addition to giving you an opportunity to practice Christian service, internship offers you a working relationship with another person in ministry. You'll experience many forms and facets of the ministry but the main point of this experience is to be a disciple in development, learning from a pastor-mentor.

The Objectives of Internship

By the end of Internship, you should be able to

- explore and evaluate your personal identity as a ministering part of the Body of Christ;
- discern the areas of your greatest personal effectiveness within the ministry of the church;
- evaluate lifestyle issues and ways of relating to others as you affect personal growth and ministry;
- assess the attitudes and values you hold relating to people, ministry, culture and life in general;
- measure your ability to relate to your fellow workers and to the programs of the church or para-church organization;
- analyze a ministry situation to discover needs and set realistic goals and strategies to meet those needs;
- evaluate your ministry involvement in terms of personal growth, progress toward goals, effectiveness of methods, strengths and weakness, etc.;
- integrate more fully your theological and doctrinal points of view with practical experience.

Internship Prerequisites and Requirements

You must complete Internship or Ministry Coaching with the approval of the Field Education department if you are in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries or the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program. The Director of Field Education will help you find an appropriate internship and must approve your selection.

The following prerequisites must be successfully completed before an Internship can be considered; students should have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to be considered for internship.

Master of Divinity (Pastoral Ministries Focus)

- CC 501 Introduction to Counselling
- ED 501 Teaching and Learning
- PR 610 Expository Preaching
- PT 501 Personal Formation and Development
- PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship
- PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

Master of Divinity (Intercultural Ministries Focus)

One of the following:

- CC 501 Introduction to Counselling
- PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care
- ED 501 Teaching and Learning
- MI 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach
- MI 502 Intercultural Competence
- PR 610 Expository Preaching
- PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry

- PT 501 Personal Formation and Development
- PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries

- ED 501 Teaching and Learning
- MI 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach
- MI 502 Intercultural Competence
- PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

Internship occurs in any ministry context: a church setting, a mission agency, para-church organizations and camps. The minimum duration for an internship is three months on a full-time basis. Part-time internships are permitted with the approval of the Director of Field Education.

To prepare for Internship, you must apply to the Internship Program and attend a pre-Internship orientation meeting the September before the internship begins (i.e. MA students must apply for Internship in their first year of full-time studies and MDiv students must apply for Internship in their second year of full-time studies). At the pre-internship orientation meeting you'll receive an assessment packet (a fee is charged for this) to help determine your readiness for Internship. In October, you will complete an interview with the Director of Field Education to discuss and review the assessment packet.

Your internship field site will be approved, usually in February. In late spring you will attend a 3-day Internship Seminar for all ministry interns and mentors. This seminar prepares you and your mentor for an effective internship by equipping you to:

- build healthy relationships with each other and with the seminary;
- understand the importance of soul nurture;
- address ministry practice and theological reflection issues.

In order to make the most of the Internship experience, you'll meet weekly with your mentor for evaluation and feedback sessions. To ensure that you are actively involved in ministry, you and your mentor will sign an Internship Contract specifying the type and frequency of your ministry involvement before Internship begins.

You'll receive a monthly allowance, room and board, and a travel allowance while ministering, as well as a love offering from the assigned church when your internship ends.

Churches and ministries from various denominations participate in the Ambrose Seminary Internship program. The Seminary reserves the right to place students in participating churches.

Intercultural Internships

Intercultural Ministries students must complete all internship prerequisites before the end of the Winter semester. You'll complete Intercultural Internship alongside the course MI 705, Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness, and you can do so on a full-time (minimum of three months) or part-time basis. Because of the nature of Intercultural Internship, you aren't required to attend the three-day Internship Seminar. Instead, you'll follow this process to complete your internship:

1. Secure a field site and write a proposal for Internship, which must be approved by the Chair of Intercultural Ministries and the Director of Field Education.
2. Fulfill course requirements for MI 705 and the assessments and learning contract from the Field Education Department for MI 712 (the Chair of Intercultural Ministries and Director of Field Education will each meet with you to go over course requirements and the syllabus for MI 705 and MI 712 before Internship begins).
3. Make your financial and living arrangements with the field site.
4. Debrief with the Director of Field Education and the Chair of the Intercultural Ministries after you've completed the internship.

Ministry Coaching

Ministry Coaching is an alternative to Internship for those who have at least two years of ministry experience. Apply for Ministry Coaching if you have recently been in or currently serve in full-time or significant part-time ministry, or if you completed an internship in an Ambrose undergraduate ministry program. The Director of Field Education will assess whether your ministry experience qualifies for Ministry Coaching.

Ministry Coaching enables you to personally and theologically reflect on the practice of ministry through an intentional relationship with a mentor. You can do Ministry Coaching on a full-time or part-time basis with the approval of the Director of Field Education.

The Objectives of Ministry Coaching

By the end of Ministry Coaching, you should be able to:

- theologically reflect on ministry;
- take on new professional responsibilities in ministry;
- integrate your beliefs about and theological reflection on ministry with your ministry practice;
- develop and maintain a relationship with a mentor;
- design a ministry project that deals with an issue in the local church or ministry context.

Qualifications for Ministry Coaching

1. Completion of Internship prerequisites.
2. Interview with the Director of Field Education to assess ministry experience.

Clinical Pastoral Education

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a learning experience in a supervised clinical setting, usually a hospital. Ambrose is a seminary of register for SC 715 and has affiliation agreements with Alberta Health Services. Normally the CPE learning experience, called a “basic unit,” takes place over three months of full-time exposure to the work of chaplaincy in an institutional setting. Learning in this environment revolves around classroom instruction, peer group evaluation, intrapersonal reflection and guided spiritual caregiving. Alberta Health Services retains the authority to admit students to this learning experience.

SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care (6 credits) is applied to the MDiv degree as:

- PT 712 (provided all internship prerequisites have been met) and one elective, *or*
- 6 credits Open Electives.

SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care (6 credits) will be applied to the MALM degree as:

- PT 710 and PT 712 (provided all internship pre-requisites have been met), *or*
- PT 710 or PT 712 (provided all internship prerequisites have been met), and 3 credits Elective, *or*
6 credits Specialized Ministry or Open Electives.

SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II (6 credits) will be applied to the MDiv degree as 6 credits Open Electives and to the MALM as 6 credits Specialized Ministry or Open Electives.

Both SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care and SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II will be graded on a Pass/Fail basis. A maximum of 12 credits may be earned towards any Ambrose Seminary degree by means of Clinical Pastoral Education.

Personal Growth Portfolio (PGP)

Compiling a PGP is a degree requirement for all Master of Divinity (MDiv), Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries (MAIM) and Master of Arts in Leadership (MALM) programs.

Purpose of PGP

The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) requires its associated and accredited seminaries to develop tools that gauge their students' spiritual and personal growth while enrolled in the seminary. The PGP is designed to meet this requirement. It will assist you in gauging, tracking and integrating your overall spiritual and personal growth. As well, it will provide your academic advisor with an opportunity for meaningful conversation with you about your experience at Ambrose.

PGP Instructions

Create an electronic file and save the required documents as you complete them. See the lists below for the documents specific to your program.

Upon finalizing an Artifact section (after 15, 30, and 60 credits, and post-internship), submit that section's documents to your advisor, and schedule a conversation with him or her to discuss your progress. All documents and conversations will be kept in strictest confidence.

Upon the conclusion of every school year an anonymous summary of all PGPs will be prepared and presented at the year-end Faculty Review to help us determine if we are fulfilling our program goals and meeting our students' needs.

Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries (MAIM)

Documents to Submit After 15 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. M.M.P.I. psychological assessment
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.)
4. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Documents to Submit After 30 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Philosophy of Ministry and/or Rule Of Life
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.) – if not yet completed
4. Leading From Your Strengths (from Internship) or equivalent assessment (from Coaching)
5. Biographical sketch
6. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

After Internship/Coaching Documents

1. Updated Philosophy of Ministry and/or Rule of Life
2. Post Internship/Coaching assessments (self, mentor, and consultant)
3. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry (MALM)

Documents to Submit After 15 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. M.M.P.I. psychological assessment
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.)
4. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Documents to Submit After 30 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Philosophy of Ministry and/or Rule of Life
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.) – if not yet completed
4. Leading From Your Strengths (from Internship) or equivalent assessment (from Coaching)
5. Biographical sketch after 30 credits
6. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

After Internship/Coaching Documents

1. Updated Philosophy of Ministry and/or Rule of Life
2. Post Internship/Coaching Assessments (self, mentor, and consultant)
3. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Documents to Submit After 15 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. M.M.P.I. psychological assessment
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.)
4. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Documents to Submit After 30 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Philosophy of Ministry and/or Rule of Life
3. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (M.B.T.I.) – if not yet completed
4. Leading From Your Strengths (from Internship) or equivalent assessment (from Coaching)
5. Biographical sketch
6. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes

Documents to Submit After 60 Credits

1. Unofficial transcript
2. Leading From Your Strengths or equivalent – if not yet completed
3. Biographical sketch after 60 credits (if not completed already)
4. Post Internship/Coaching assessments (self, mentor, and consultant)
5. Self-assessment on the four Program Outcomes



Financial Information

The following tuition and fee rates and financial policies are valid between May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019. The fees as stated are correct at the time of publication. Ambrose reserves the right to change tuition and fees without notice.

General Information and Policies

Tuition Deposit

In order to register for classes at Ambrose, you must make a \$250 non-refundable deposit. This deposit will be applied towards tuition fees for the current academic year. The deposit must be paid in the first semester in which you are registered, either in the Spring, Summer, Fall or Winter semester.

Due Date

All tuition and fees (including residence and meal plan fees) are charged by semester.

Due dates are:

Fall Semester: August 31, 2018

Winter/Spring Semesters: first day of classes

If you are unable to meet this deadline, you must contact the Finance Office to set up a deferred payment plan. Failure to do so will jeopardize your registration status in all of the classes you have selected.

Statement of Account

Student account statements are available online via the student registration system. A detailed breakdown of charges and payments can be seen by clicking on the "billing" menu item once you have logged in to the registration system. Access the registration system at my.ambrose.edu.

Outstanding Student Account Balances

All outstanding student account balances from prior semesters must be settled in full before you are allowed to register for any additional classes.

If you have an outstanding account balances you will not be issued any documents including degree parchments, grade reports, transcripts, income tax forms, etc.

Methods of Payment

1 In Person – personal cheques, bank drafts, and Interac

- Make cheques payable to Ambrose University
- Write Student ID number on memo line
- Questions? Email: studentaccounts@ambrose.edu

2 Mail – personal cheques or bank drafts

- Write Student ID number on memo line
- Questions? Email: studentaccounts@ambrose.edu

3 Online – through your online banking website

- Available through major banks in Canada and some credit unions
- Use your 6-digit student ID number as account number
- Account balances are available online through: <https://students.ambrose.edu>. Click on the "Billing" menu item once logged-in
- Questions? Email: studentaccounts@ambrose.edu

4 PlastiQ – credit cards through a third-party service

- Navigate to <https://www.plastiq.com/pay>. Register for an account and follow the steps
- PlastiQ charges a nominal fee per transaction

Late Charges and Deferred Payments

Late Fee

An outstanding balance on the student account is considered late at the end of the first month of each semester. Late accounts will be charged a one-time late fee of \$125.

Interest Charge

All outstanding accounts will be charged monthly interest at a rate of 10% per annum.

Deferred Payment Options

You may arrange for a deferred payment plan through *Rotessa*. Under this plan you must pay 1/3 of your tuition and fees and apply for the deferred payment portion through *Rotessa* by the tuition and fee due date. The remaining 2/3 of tuition and fees will be split into two equal payments that will be paid via direct debit from your bank account.

You will be charged a \$75 fee (per plan) for deferred payment plans handled by *Rotessa*. Any non-sufficient funds (NSF) payments will be charged an additional \$25 per NSF transaction. To apply please visit: <https://ambrose.edu/> payment and fill out the appropriate form:

Fall or Winter

For subsequent semesters after the initial application, please email: studentaccounts@ambrose.edu.

You may also contact the Finance Office by email at studentaccounts@ambrose.edu to apply for deferred payment, or for further information.

Student Accounts

Account Statements

Statements are available online from the student registration system at <https://students.ambrose.edu>. Once logged in, click on the “Billing” menu item. It is your responsibility to ensure your account is up-to-date.

Tuition and Fees

Graduate Tuition and Fees	(per credit hour)
Tuition	\$420
Audit Tuition	\$210
Registration Fee	\$5
Student Services Fee	\$22
Student Association Fee	\$40 (per semester)

***Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice. Most Seminary courses are 3 credit hours.*

Application Fees	
Domestic Students	\$70
International Students	\$100
Late Application Fee	\$130

(After Aug 1 for Fall and Dec 1 for Winter admission)

Registrar/Registration Fees	
Late Registration Fee	\$50
Graduation Application Fee	\$125
Late Graduation Application Fee	\$225
Replacement Degree	\$75
Letter of Permission	\$20
Syllabus Request	\$1 per syllabus
Official Transcripts	\$8 + GST

Per institutional addresses. Additional costs will apply for express postage. Please contact the Registrar’s Office for more details (registrar@ambrose.edu).

NOTE: Official transcripts are only issued when any outstanding student account balances are paid in full.

Campus Services	
Lockers <i>(available on a first-come, first-served basis)</i>	
½ size	\$60 per academic year
¾ size	\$75 per academic year
Parking	\$450 plus GST per academic year

Specific Fees	
Internship Seminar	\$350
OnSite/Administration Fee	\$500
Married Couple Fee	\$750
MI 502 Intercultural Competence Fee	IDI \$30
C&MA Approval for Licensing Fee	\$60
Personality Assessment Fee MBTI:	\$85
Personal Growth Portfolio Assessment:	MMPI \$350
Seminary Health and Dental Plan (per year)	\$440
<i>mystudentplan.ca</i>	

Residence and Meal Plan Fees

Meal plans are mandatory for all students staying in residence.

Deposits	
Room Reservation Fee/Damage Deposit	\$400
Late Reservation Charge	\$50

Room Options and Rates (per semester)	
A – Double	\$1800
B – Triple	\$1600
C – Single (students over 21, any floor)	\$2400
D – Sr. Pod Single (students over 21, Sr. Pod only: 3rd Floor of Res Ed)	\$2100

Residence room options above are based upon availability.

When you apply to residence you must pay a \$400 deposit to reserve your spot. This room reservation deposit becomes a damage deposit once you have moved into residence.

To receive your room reservation deposit back if you are not planning on living in residence, you must notify the Residence Director prior to:

- June 15 for Fall semester admission
- Dec 1 Winter semester admission
- Refunds are subject to inspection

Students fully withdrawing from Ambrose University, or who are asked to leave residence due to misconduct, will be held to the same financial arrangements as stated in the Refund section. Residence students, by way of the Residence Contract, agree to a four month lease (each semester).

Meal Plans (per semester)	
Option A	\$2000 per semester
Option B	\$1525 per semester

(Includes \$100 toward flex dollars)

All meal plans include \$100 towards flex dollars that can be spent at the Snackbar, Dominos and Waves.

PLEASE NOTE: Monies carry over from Fall Semester to Winter Semester. Unused amounts at the end of April (over \$10 & up to \$250) may be deposited into a future year meal plan. All meal plans are GST exempt.)

Refunds

If you reduce or change your course load after the Registration Revision period, you are still responsible to pay for the courses you dropped. However, if you withdraw from Ambrose University completely, the following schedule for refunds applies:

Tuition Refund	Residence Refund	For total withdrawal from Ambrose before:
100%	80%	The end of registration revision period
80%	80%	The end of the 1st week after registration revision period
70%	70%	The end of the 2nd week after registration revision period
60%	60%	The end of the 3rd week after registration revision period
50%	50%	The end of the 4th week after registration revision period

No refunds are available after last stated date above. Other semester fees are not refundable. Scholarships and other financial awards will be withdrawn.

In extenuating circumstances (serious illness or other unusual circumstances beyond your control), refunds beyond those outlined (exceptions to financial policies stated in the Academic Calendar) may be considered by the Finance Office on a case by case basis.

Please note that the withdrawal date will be the date on which the withdrawal form is signed by the Registrar.

Income Taxes

T2202a

T2202as are issued based on eligible fees for each calendar year. These forms will be sent to my.ambrose.edu email addresses. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have access to your school email address.

To request missing T2202a forms from a previous calendar year visit: <https://ambrose.edu/income-tax> for instructions to request another copy.

Special Discounts

Audit Volume Discount

Students who are registered in 15 or more credit hours in one semester can audit a class during the same semester and have the audit tuition fee waived.

Alumni Discount

Alumni receive a 50% tuition discount on audited courses (subject to availability, some restrictions apply). All other related fees apply.

Seniors' Discount

Senior Citizens (age 65+) receive a 50% tuition discount on audited courses (subject to availability, some restrictions apply). All other related fees apply.

Spousal Discount

When both husband and wife attend Ambrose University as full-time students, one spouse will receive a discount equal to the tuition cost of one full course (3 credit hours) during the same semester. All other related fees apply. Students must be married prior to the beginning of the semester. Students must provide a copy of their marriage certificate.

The Spousal Discount Application form is available at: <https://ambrose.edu/financial-tools-and-resources>. The due date for applications is the end of the registration revision period. Late application forms will not be processed.



Student Development

Student Development cultivates a hospitable learning environment that promotes wisdom development through faith-formation and holistic well-being. To that end we offer a number of co-curricular programs, activities and services. See the Student Handbook for more information.

Spiritual Development

We intentionally seek to help students develop their Christian faith through

- Chapel Worship Services
- One-on-one time with the Campus Chaplain and Associate Chaplain
- Spiritual Emphasis Days and Faith, Life & Learning Days
- Prayer Retreats
- Discipleship Small Groups
- Residence Worship Nights

Residence

The Ambrose Residence program is an integral part of the Ambrose experience. We offer an environment that seeks to facilitate physical, emotional, relational and spiritual growth. The connections formed among students in residence often result in life-long friendships. Our live-in Residence Directors and Residence Assistants provide support for you to make the transition from home to independent living.

Our two Ambrose Residence buildings have the capacity to house 242 students in single, double and triple occupancy rooms, only minutes away from our academic building. Rooms are equipped with a bed, desk, chair and closet space for each student. A bathroom is shared between four to five students, and each floor contains a private lounge space equipped with couches, two refrigerators, a kitchen sink, cabinets and a microwave.

The residences were built with safety and security in mind and have programmable proximity card access systems, security cameras in the public areas and glassed stairwells with 24-hour lighting. The residence basement offers students computers, recreational space, laundry facilities, student storage, a media room and a kitchen that can be reserved for special occasions.

Commuter Life

Alongside Residence Life, the Commuter Life program is committed to establishing an atmosphere of community and belonging among commuter students. Much of this community building happens in the Commuter Collegium, a space for study, prayer, relaxation, reflection and connection with one another. Undergraduate commuter students may purchase a collegium membership for \$25.

Career Services

The Career Development Mission is *'To inspire, challenge and support Ambrose students' personal and professional development, that they may be equipped to navigate the education to employment transition with clarity, competence and confidence'*. This mission is accomplished through services that include individual student appointments, presentations & events, as well as our online job board (jobboard.ambrose.edu). The Director of Career Development is passionate about facilitating the vocational discernment process, using various career assessments, and exploring together how God has uniquely gifted and called each person into work and service. All students (prospective, current & alumni) are invited to drop-by the office (Student Development Rm A2009) or email for an appointment julrich@ambrose.edu.

Athletics and Campus Recreation

Ambrose University varsity teams compete under the name Ambrose Lions. The team colors are black, gold and white. The Ambrose Lions compete in the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference (ACAC) in Volleyball, Basketball and Futsal. We also have a club hockey team that competes in the Calgary Adult Hockey League. Team members are committed to excellence in character, sport and academics, and they strive to be examples in the league and in the community.

Fitness Centre and squash courts are available to all students and intramural programming takes place throughout the year. You are encouraged to cheer on the Lions in their home gym, affectionately known as *The Lions' Den*, which has capacity for 400 spectators.

International Students

It is our desire to make our international students' transition to Calgary a positive experience.

International Student Employment

International students are now eligible to apply for work permits if they meet specific degree requirements. Talk to the International Student Coordinator for details.

Health Insurance for International Students

Alberta has a publicly administered health care system that guarantees Albertans receive universal access to medically necessary hospital and medical services. Alberta Health Care Insurance is free to all students with a study permit. Talk to the International Student Coordinator for more details.

Financial Aid

We understand that finances are a vital aspect of university life and are committed to helping you achieve your educational goals through a Financial Aid program. Our Financial Aid Coordinator assists with scholarship applications, emergency relief, student employment and budget outlines.

Accessibility and Support Services

Ambrose University celebrates diversity and welcomes the contributions, experiences and full participation of students experiencing disabilities as valued members of our community.

Academic accommodation is provided to Ambrose students with disabilities in accordance with the Alberta Human Rights Act and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Provision of academic accommodation does not lower the academic standards of the university nor remove the need for evaluation and the need to meet essential learning outcomes.

The Accessibility and Support Services Office at Ambrose serves the university and students experiencing disabilities and requesting academic accommodation in creating an accessible learning environment that encourages full participation in academic courses.

Reasonable accommodations are tailored to the individual student, are flexible, and are determined by considering

the barriers within the unique environment of a post-secondary institution. It can take time to organize academic accommodations and funding for disability-related services. Students with a disability who wish to have an academic accommodation are encouraged to contact the Accessibility and Supports Services Office as early as possible to ensure appropriate planning for any needs that may include accommodations. Staff can then meet with students to determine areas to facilitate success, and if accommodations are required, ensure those accommodations are put in place by working with faculty.

Ambrose Writing Centre

The Ambrose Writing Centre provides academic support in the four foundational literacy skills—listening, speaking, reading, and writing. It also assists students with critical thinking and the research process. Throughout the academic year, students can meet with a writing tutor for personalized support, or they can attend a variety of workshops offered by the writing centre. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University.

The writing centre serves all students in all disciplines and at all levels, from history to biology and from theatre to theology. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/writingcentre>.

Ambrose Tutoring Services

Ambrose Tutoring Services provides support in specific disciplinary knowledge, especially in high-demand areas such as chemistry, philosophy, math and statistics, and religious studies. These tutors also coach students in general study skills, including listening and note-taking. During the academic year, Ambrose Tutoring Services offers drop-in tutoring for courses with high demand; for other courses, students can book a one-to-one appointment with a tutor in their discipline. These services are free to students enrolled at Ambrose University. To learn more, please visit <https://ambrose.edu/tutoring>.

First Year Experience

Student Development has a First Year Experience (FYE) Coordinator who acts as a point person for first year students and runs programs in that facilitate student success including Ambrose 101, the Early Alert System and Academic Intervention. The FYE Coordinator is also

available to offer personal support where needed and works with Student Development staff to offer a holistic approach to student care.

Ambrose 101

This program is a semester-long weekly seminar for first year students that creates a smooth transition into university life. The First Year Experience Coordinator oversees this program with the help of upper-class student leaders.

Early Alert System

The first 4 to 6 weeks of university is a critical time where you may face both successes and challenges. The Early Alert System (EAS) is designed for faculty, staff and students to communicate concerns about any student. These concerns may be academic, social, emotional, etc., and referrals are handled in a confidential, sensitive and respectful manner. EAS referrals are not meant to be punitive in manner and there is no annotation made on the student transcript. Early alerts are received by the office of the First Year Experience Coordinator and appropriate supports and resources are made available to students.

Academic Intervention

If you obtain a CGPA lower than 2.0 after your first semester of study, you are invited to participate in the Academic Intervention program. The program enables you to identify academic challenges, and work together with the First Year Experience Coordinator to create a plan to improve academic success, in order to avoid Academic Probation. Academic Intervention is not recorded on your transcript. The goal of Academic Intervention is to create a custom plan for your future success.

Counselling

Confidential personal, pastoral and vocational counselling is available to you through the Student Development department. There is a nominal fee for personal counselling.

Student Government

Ambrose Student Council members are elected and appointed to serve the holistic needs of the student body in as part of the Student Development division and in collaboration with Ambrose University and to represent your interests to the Ambrose administration.

Harassment

Ambrose University provides an environment that supports the fair treatment of all members of the campus community. All members of the community are entitled to a learning and working environment that is pleasant, professional, spiritually uplifting and free from all forms of harassment, including sexual harassment.

Community Standards (Responsibility of Membership)

Ambrose University is a distinctly Christian academic community grounded in the evangelical tradition with a clear mission:

We prepare men and women for wise, joyful and redemptive engagement in the church, society and the created order.

Ambrose is committed to nurturing an environment that is conducive to holistic development and spiritual maturity in the context of rigorous academic programs grounded in a Christian worldview. Students that apply and accept the invitation to join the distinctly Christian academic community at Ambrose will benefit from engaging in a learning environment that is flooded with educationally meaningful opportunities.

As a student, you have a responsibility to contribute in a meaningful and significant way to the Ambrose community. Self-sacrifice and service to the greater good is at the heart of the Christian worldview and it is foundational for the Community Standards which represents an essential aspect of the spiritual maturation process.

When you join our community you commit yourself to the standards outlined in the Student Handbook's Responsibilities of Membership for Students. Failure to abide by these standards will result in an accountability process as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Student Information and Confidentiality

Information about Ambrose students that has come to the attention of Student Development professionals is confidential; however, limits to confidentiality include three exceptions: 1) if you or another person is at risk of serious harm, 2) if your information is subpoenaed in a court of law, 3) if disclosure to others persons is reasonably necessary to care for, support and provide interventions for a student.

Academic Information and Policies

As a student, you are responsible to familiarize yourself with all academic policies. Acceptance into Ambrose constitutes your agreement to comply with all academic policies. You are responsible for all financial and academic policies and penalties as listed in this Academic Calendar. The Academic Calendar (including official errata and addenda) is the official authority on all course and program requirements.

If you have questions about these policies, want apply for an exception to a policy or need to ask for judgment on a situation not covered by these policies, talk to someone in the Office of the Registrar.

Communication Policies

Check Your Email

Your Ambrose email account is the University's primary and official mode of communication with you. Information delivered to your Ambrose email is considered official notification. Ambrose University is not responsible for your failure to receive important information delivered to your Ambrose email.

Let Us Know if You Change Personal Information

You must notify the Registrar immediately of any changes to personal information including changes in address, name or citizenship. If you wish to change either your surname or given name you must provide proof of an official name change in the form of legal documentation. Ambrose University is not responsible for incorrect mailing, missed deadlines or failure to receive information when these incidents are due to your failure to report a change of personal information.

Definitions

The Academic Year

The Academic Year consists of two primary semesters, Fall and Winter, with a minimum of 13 weeks in class each semester, plus an examination period. Spring semester, consisting of several weeks of modular and weekend courses, follows the Winter semester each year. See the Academic Schedule for details.

Credit Hours

Each credit hour represents one fifty-minute period for each week in a semester. Thus, a three credit course meets each week for two seventy-five minute periods, or one period of one hundred and fifty minutes.

Course Load

A full student load is 15 credit hours (typically, five three-credit courses) per semester. If you wish to complete your degree program in the minimum time required, you must take a full load each semester. The Registrar may grant approval of loads in excess of 16.5 credit hours a semester to students who have demonstrated superior academic ability. Student athletes are strongly encouraged to take 12 credit hours per semester.

Full-time/Part-time Classification

Students enrolled in 9 or more credit hours per semester are considered full-time. Students enrolled in less than 9 credit hours per semester are considered part-time.

Open Studies Students

Open Studies Student status is granted to eligible students wishing to take courses without enrolling in a particular academic program. This is a temporary designation only and students in this category are limited to registration in five courses. To continue in studies past the fifth course, you must apply and be accepted into an academic program through another admission category. No assurance is given that courses taken as an Open Studies Student will apply to an academic program.

Visiting Students

If you are enrolled in a program at another post-secondary institution, by presenting a Letter of Permission from your home institution you may take the course(s) specified in the Letter of Permission. You are not required to complete an application but may need to submit official transcripts to meet course prerequisites.

Class Attendance

You are expected to attend all classes in which you are registered. An instructor may determine and include in the syllabus an attendance policy appropriate to the particular course.

Participation in Community Life

Although attendance is not taken outside of class, participation in other Seminary gatherings is strongly encouraged. These gatherings are an important part of your learning and of building our community. Through out-of-class Seminary activities, you'll build group identity, engage in theological and spiritual reflection, and face spiritual challenges in community.

Recording Lectures

Electronically recording lectures or any other classroom or academic activity is not allowed, unless permission is granted by the instructor prior to the event. Each instructor's decision is final.

Class Assignments

1. All assignments due dates are listed in individual course syllabi.
2. Each professor will establish a policy for late work, for the duration of each course, in the course syllabus.
3. You are required to write assignments to give evidence of your familiarity with the course subject and of your thoughtful interaction with the sources. As you advance in your Seminary career, you are expected to demonstrate an increasing ability to critically appraise your reading and to show careful reasoning in arriving at judgments.
4. Good English composition and grammar, correct spelling and punctuation, and careful proofreading are required.
5. Unless otherwise stated by the course instructor, *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations (6th Edition)* by Kate L. Turabian is the approved style manual for all papers.
6. Plagiarism or any form of cheating is viewed as academic dishonesty and will lead to disciplinary action such as failure of an assignment, failure of a course, or dismissal from the Seminary.

Program Information

Program Completion

You must complete your Ambrose Seminary degree within 10 years of beginning your studies at Ambrose.

Change of Program

To transfer from one Ambrose Seminary degree program to another, you must submit a Change of Program Application form to the Registrar. The basic requirements for admission to a new program are:

- a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher,
- meeting any applicable program admission requirements,
- receiving the approval of the Registrar.

Some degree program changes also require approval from the Academic Dean or the faculty. You should be aware of differences in core courses and program requirements before you transfer from one program to another and we advise you to consult the Finance Office concerning your student loans before submitting your Change of Program Application.

When you switch programs, any completed courses that satisfy your new program's requirements will be applied to the new program. Be aware that transferring to a new program may extend the time needed to complete your degree, especially if you haven't completed the new program's core or prerequisite courses. If you have completed relevant course work at other institutions, it will be re-evaluated for transfer credit in light of the new program requirements.

Earning a Second Degree

You can earn up to a maximum of two master's degrees at Ambrose Seminary. To earn a second degree, you must apply to the Office of the Registrar and meet the following conditions:

- The admission requirements of the second degree
- The completion of requirements of both degrees
- The second degree must have a different specialization from the first degree

- No more than one-half of the credits required for the subsequent degree can be applied from a degree previously granted
- Both degrees must meet the criteria established by the Association of Theological Schools to retain the integrity of each degree offered

Registration

Registration is the process of selecting and enrolling in classes for upcoming semesters. You must make a \$250 non-refundable deposit before registration. This deposit will be applied toward tuition fees for the current academic year. The deposit must be paid in the first semester in which you are registered.

You become registered in a class only after the non-refundable deposit is received and your registration is submitted through the Student Portal. Only students who are registered will be permitted to attend class and receive a grade for the course.

All registration for courses must be submitted through the Student Portal. If the class is full, you will be notified through the Student Portal that you are on the waitlist for that class. If a spot becomes available in the class, you will be notified through the Student Portal and you will have the option of accepting the registration at that time.

Course Selection

You are responsible for ensuring that the courses you take are appropriate for your program, that they do not have any scheduling conflicts, that they have the necessary prerequisites and that they meet all degree requirements. Information about course prerequisites may be found in the Course Descriptions.

Not all courses are offered every year, so select your courses carefully. Check the course description to see how often a course is offered.

You will be assigned a faculty academic advisor who will assist you in understanding academic requirements and course selection. You are strongly encouraged to meet with your advisor early and often in your academic career. Additional assistance may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

Directed Study

A Directed Study is a privilege whereby you may attempt a course which is either not currently offered, or is offered but for which you cannot register due to unavoidable circumstances. An application for a Directed Study must be approved by the Academic Dean and the Registrar.

Directed Studies will be considered under the following conditions:

- your cumulative GPA is 2.0 or higher;
- your degree program is at least 50% completed;
- the course is a required course in your degree program (elective courses are not normally eligible for Directed Study); and
- the course has been unavailable to you due to unavoidable circumstances.*

* By this it is meant that (a) the course has not been offered; (b) you have not had the necessary course prerequisites; or (c) you have or have had an unavoidable scheduling conflict between the required course and another course necessary for the degree program. Scheduling convenience and work or personal conflicts do not constitute adequate grounds for a Directed Study application.

To undertake a Directed Study, you must submit a completed application form to the Office of the Registrar by 4 pm on the Wednesday of the second week of classes in which the Directed Study will be attempted. The Directed Study course will not be officially registered until all necessary approvals, signatures and a course syllabus have been obtained.

Independent Study

An Independent Study is an individual research project which investigates an area or topic not treated extensively in a regular course. It is to be designed in consultation with the instructor who supervises the Independent Study. You may earn a maximum of 20% of your degree program and no more than 50% of your curricular division requirements through Independent Study courses.

To undertake an Independent Study, submit a completed application form to the Office of the Registrar during the first week of the semester in which you will attempt the Independent Study. The course will not be officially registered until all necessary approvals, signatures and the course syllabus have been obtained.

To qualify for Independent Study, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have completed at least 50% of your degree program;
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or higher;
- Propose a research topic that is relevant to your degree;
- Propose a topic that does not substitute for an existing scheduled course; and
- Secure written approval.

Independent Study application forms are available from the Office of the Registrar. The Independent Study course will not be registered until all necessary approvals have been obtained.

Directed Studies and Independent Studies are only open to Ambrose students who are enrolled in a degree program.

Auditing a Class

You may audit individual classes with the approval of the Registrar, in consultation with the course instructor. You must attend class but will not be required to complete assignments. No credit is granted for such courses. Your assignments and exams will not be graded, although reading may be required. If you do not attend an audited class regularly, an audit-fail (AUF) final grade will be assigned. Audit courses will be noted as such on your transcript. If you take 15 or more credit hours in any semester you may audit one class free of charge in that semester, subject to the approval noted above. To audit a class, submit a Request to Audit form to the Office of the Registrar.

Course Overloads

The Registrar may grant approval of loads in excess of 15 credit hours per semester to students who have demonstrated superior ability. Your cumulative GPA will be a factor in determining permission to exceed this limit. To request approval for an overload, submit a Request for Course Overload form to the Office of the Registrar.

Registration Period

Once you are admitted to an Ambrose program and after the official Course Offerings schedule is published for the semester you may register for courses through the Student Portal. If you want to register for a course without being admitted to a program, submit a Registration for Individual Courses form to the Office of the Registrar.

Once you are admitted to Ambrose, you'll be sent a username and password for the Student Portal, enabling you to log in and submit your registration through the portal. If you do not receive your login information, contact the Ambrose IT Helpdesk to arrange for a username and password. Prior to the Registration Revision deadline, we cannot accept revisions by phone or email.

Changes to the course schedule, including cancellation of classes, may be made without prior notice. If a change is made, your timetable will be amended accordingly and you will be notified by email.

Registration Revision Period

During the Registration Revision Period you may add, drop or change a course from credit to audit through the Student Portal with no academic or financial penalty. You are responsible for any change of registration made necessary by final grades at the end of a semester. Please consult the Academic Schedule for specific dates for regular semester courses. For courses that do not follow the regular semester format, please contact the Office of the Registrar.

After Registration Revision Period

You may withdraw from courses with financial penalty (no refund of tuition). If you withdraw from a course, a grade of 'W' will be recorded on your transcript. Withdrawal from a course must be submitted by the final date to withdraw, which is noted in the Academic Schedule. No tuition refunds are granted for any course changes. You may not add courses to your current term schedule. You may not change from credit to audit.

Repeating Courses

You may repeat a course only once, unless special permission is granted by the Registrar for a third attempt. When a course is repeated, it will be entered a second time, along with the new grade, on your transcript. This new grade will be used to calculate your cumulative GPA and the original attempt will appear with the final grade 'FR' (failed, repeated) or 'R' (passed, repeated), as appropriate. Should permission for a third attempt of the same course be granted the earned grade on the second and third attempts will show on the transcript and be used in the calculation of the grade point average (GPA).

Withdrawal from Courses

If you intend to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period, you must apply through the Office of the Registrar by submitting a Withdrawal from Course form.

A grade of 'W' will be recorded on your transcript for any withdrawal from courses, regardless of cause, that you make after the end of the Registration Revision Period and before the Withdrawal Deadline (also noted in the Academic Schedule). 'W' grades are not included in grade point average calculations.

If you are obliged to withdraw from a course after the withdrawal deadline because of health or other reasons beyond your control, you may apply to the Registrar for special consideration. For modular courses, the withdrawal deadline is before 1 pm on the first day of class.

Withdrawal from Ambrose

To withdraw from Ambrose Seminary, you should ensure you are not registered in classes and notify the Office of the Registrar. The Finance Office is able to make monetary adjustments to your account only if you are eligible for a refund and only after receiving notification. See Financial Information for further details.

Failure to Withdraw

You are liable for tuition and fees for all courses in which you are registered. If you register and decide not to attend, but do not cancel your registration during the Registration Revision period, you will be charged tuition and compulsory fees according to the Ambrose Seminary fee assessment

schedule listed under Financial Information. If you intend to withdraw from a course, but fail to do so by the applicable date, you will receive the grade you earn in the course, in accordance with the course syllabus.

Transfer Credit

New Students

You may receive transfer credit for previous graduate-level studies at recognized institutions. The Office of the Registrar will evaluate your transfer credit once you are admitted to a particular degree program and only after your official transcripts have been sent directly to Ambrose from the institution where the credits were earned. If your transcript is in a language other than English, it is your responsibility to provide Ambrose University with an official English translation of the transcript.

To be considered for transfer, a course must be equivalent or near to the equivalent of a degree requirement, or fit within the maximum number of elective credits allowed in the particular degree program selected. Practicum, Internship and Mentoring courses are not eligible for transfer into an Ambrose program.

You may register for courses before we complete any necessary transfer credit evaluation. However, you may miss out on transfer credit by doing so. Credit can be granted only once for similar course work, so you could end up registering and being required to pay for a course that would have been unnecessary if we had known that you could be offered transfer credit instead. Therefore, we advise you to register after your transfer credit evaluation is complete.

Reasons Transfer Credit May be Denied

- The courses are not appropriate for your chosen Ambrose Seminary program.
- You have completed more courses than the maximum allowed by the program or institution.
- The course does not meet the minimum grade requirements for transfer courses.
- The institution where the course was taken does not meet accreditation standards for transfer credit.

See Conditions of Transfer below for more detailed information.

Current Students

With a Letter of Permission, degree-seeking students may take courses at other properly accredited institutions for transfer into a degree program. Such permission is subject to approval by the Registrar. You can request a Letter of Permission through the Office of the Registrar. In order to meet approval for a Letter of Permission, you must have earned at least 15 credits at Ambrose, with a cumulative GPA or 2.0 or higher. If you are currently under Academic Probation you are ineligible for Letters of Permission. Without special permission, you cannot take more courses as a visiting student in a regular semester than the number of credits you are taking at Ambrose University in a regular semester. You must observe our residency and graduation requirements if you plan to graduate from Ambrose University. Once you receive a final grade for a course taken at another institution, you must request that an official transcript be sent directly to the Office of the Registrar at Ambrose.

Conditions of Transfer

If you want to transfer credits, take note of the following:

- You must have earned a grade of no less than 'B' (according to the Ambrose grade scale) in the course you want to transfer;
- You must complete a minimum of 30 credits for all Master of Arts programs and 45 credits for Master of Divinity programs at Ambrose Seminary;
- Transfer credits will not be awarded towards any certificate or diploma program at Ambrose Seminary;
- You are not permitted to complete courses at another institution during your final semester of study;
- All transfer credit evaluations are program specific. A change of degree program may therefore result in changes to transfer credits awarded;
- Grades from transfer credits are not noted on transcripts and are not considered when calculating the student's GPA or cumulative GPA;
- Credit is given for courses taken at universities or ATS accredited institutions provided such courses meet degree requirements, subject to certain limitations;

- Transfer credit for practicum credits/courses taken at other accredited seminaries may be accepted into Ambrose Seminary programs as electives (specialized or open), but not as practicum/internship/coaching credit.

Advanced Standing without Credit

You are encouraged to build on your previous studies by taking Advanced Standing in areas of study where your prior course work overlaps significantly with the content of required courses in your degree program. No credit is granted for previous course work, but you may be approved to substitute a course at a higher level or study further in the same area. You may make such substitutions with the approval of the Registrar. When awarding Advanced Standing, we consider your previous course's content and level of study, the grade you obtained and the date of study. If your enrolment in an Ambrose program is not continuous, we re-evaluate your Advanced Standing when you are re-admitted and accepted.

Advanced Standing with Credit

Advanced standing with credit is a form of limited academic credit granted for prior learning and is based on an evaluation of your transcripts, qualifying examinations and demonstrated learning. More information is available from the Office of the Registrar.

Arrow Leadership Program

If you successfully complete the graduate level of the Arrow Leadership Program, up to 12 credits from that program can be applied to your Ambrose Seminary program. Such credits may be applied as electives in ED, MI, PT and/or Open Electives. Official documentation is required.

Transcripts

Student academic history records, known as transcripts, are maintained by the Office of the Registrar. All matters relating to courses, grades, academic standing and probation will appear and remain permanently on your transcript. Partial transcripts will not be issued.

You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of your transcript. Queries regarding errors or omissions must be made as soon as possible.

Official Transcripts

Official transcripts bear the signature of the Registrar and the University seal, and are printed on security paper. They are issued by the Office of the Registrar.

Official copies of your transcript will be provided upon written request from you, but only when all of your fees and outstanding amounts have been paid in full. Official transcripts may be issued to you personally or to an institution you designate in writing. Graduated students are eligible for two free copies of their official transcript, sent to the institution or to an individual of their choosing.

You may request copies of your Official Transcript using the Official Transcript Request Form. Return the completed form to the Office of the Registrar either in person, by regular mail, by fax or as a scanned attachment emailed to registrar@ambrose.edu. Transcripts cannot be issued on the basis of a telephone or email request.

A fee is charged for each transcript provided and you must pay this fee at the time of the request. The current cost of transcripts is available in the Financial Information section. Optional courier delivery is available for an additional charge. Rates vary according to destination.

Official transcript requests are usually processed within 5 business days but may be up to 10 business days during peak academic seasons from the time of the request, provided the student's account has been paid in full and payment received. Incomplete forms may result in a delay in processing. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received

Unofficial Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts are similar in content to official transcripts; however, they are not printed on security paper and do not bear the Registrar's signature or the University seal. Current students may access and print unofficial transcript through their Student Portal.

Note: As part of the admissions transfer credit process we may collect transcripts from other institutions and keep them on your student file, but legally we cannot release transcripts from another institution.

Withholding of Documents

If there is any outstanding indebtedness to Ambrose University, degree parchments, official transcripts, and any other documents will not be released until such matters have been cleared with the Finance Office.

Time Extensions

All course requirements and due dates will be defined in course syllabi. If you are unable to complete individual assignments by their due dates you may request a time extension from the course instructor. Time extensions granted by the instructor may not extend beyond the last day of the semester's exam period.

If you are unable to complete your course work prior to the end of the semester, due to circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for an extension using the Extension Request Form. Your application will be reviewed by the Registrar, together with the instructor.

Normally, Time Extension Applications will be considered only when all of the following conditions are met:

- the quality of prior course work has been satisfactory;
- circumstances beyond your control, such as an extended illness or death of a family member, make it impossible for you to complete the course work on time; and
- you submit an Extension Request Form to the Registrar on or before the deadline specified in the Academic Schedule.

If granted, time extensions do not excuse you from a final examination where one has been scheduled for the course.

A temporary grade of TX will be assigned until a final grade is submitted in accordance with the new deadline. A final grade of F will apply to:

- all course work submitted after the end of the semester unless a time extension has been granted; and
- all course work submitted after the revised due date provided by an approved extension to coursework

Final Examinations

Scheduling of Final Examinations

The dates for Final Examinations are noted in the Academic Schedule. Students and instructors must be available for examinations up to the last day of the examination period. You are advised not to make travel plans outside of Calgary before the end of the Final Examination Period. The Examinations Timetable for Fall and Winter semesters will be published in a timely manner. Final examinations must be taken at the time specified in the official Examinations Timetable.

Re-scheduling Examinations

If you need to write a final examination at a time other than the scheduled final examination, and you meet the criteria below, you must file a Revised Exam Request form no later than one month prior to Final Examination week. This date is noted in the Academic Schedule. A request to defer your exam will normally only be considered in one of the following circumstances:

- The scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another examination; or
- The scheduled final examination slot results in three consecutive examination periods.

Travel plans will not be considered an appropriate reason to request a revised final examination.

If you miss a final examination due to unforeseen circumstances, you must apply for a deferred final examination within 48 hours of the missed examination.

If you are prevented from writing a final examination by illness or other extreme circumstances, you must apply to the Registrar for an alternate examination timeslot. Individual examinations are scheduled by the Registrar. All requests for deferral of a final examination due to health reasons must be accompanied by a letter from a physician.

Late applications for a re-scheduled examination due to examination time slot conflicts will not be accepted. If you have two examinations in one time, you will be provided with an alternate date and time at the end of the final examination period.

Final Examination Papers

After grading, all final examination papers will be retained by the Registrar for a period of twelve months after the release of official grades. During this time, you may request to see your final examination for educational purposes. You will not, however, be permitted to remove or copy your examination papers. After twelve months, all final examination papers, as well as any unclaimed assignments, will be destroyed.

Final Grades and Grade Point Averages

Grade Reports

Upon completion of each semester, you may view grades for courses in which you were officially registered through your Student Portal. You are responsible to ensure the accuracy of this information.

Grade Point Averages

Satisfactory progress toward completion of a degree program is judged on the basis of cumulative grade point average. The grade point average (GPA) is calculated on a semester basis by adding the quality points earned in each course and dividing by the number of credit hours in which you are enrolled. Pass/fail credit hours are not used in calculating GPA or cumulative GPA. Similarly, grades from transfer credits are not considered when calculating your GPA or cumulative GPA.

The cumulative GPA (CGPA) is the average calculated by adding the total quality points you have earned in all courses and dividing the total by the sum of all attempted credit hours in which you have been enrolled at Ambrose University.

Letter Grade and Grade Point Average

The grading system used at Ambrose University is the Alberta Common Grading Scale, also known as the Alpha 4.00 Grading Scale. Grades have the following meanings:

Grade	Interpretation	Grade Points
A+	Excellent	4.00
A		4.00
A-		3.70
B+	Good	3.30
B		3.00
B-		2.70
C+	Satisfactory	2.30
C		2.00
C-		1.70
D+	Poor	1.30
D		1.00
F	Failure	0.00
AE	Aegrotat	No grade points
AU	Audit	No grade points
AUF	Audit-Fail	No grade points
FR	Failed-Repeat	No grade points
P	Pass	No grade points
R	Repeat	No grade points
TX	Time Extension	No grade points
W	Withdrawal	No grade points

Because of the nature of the Alpha 4.00 system, there can be no uniform university-wide conversion scale. The relationship between raw scores (e.g. percentages) and the resultant letter grade will depend on the nature of the course and the instructor’s assessment of the level of each class, compared to similar classes taught previously.

Aegrotat Grade

The Academic Affairs Committee may authorize a final grade of ‘Aegrotat’ when course requirements are not met due to prolonged illness or other circumstances beyond a student’s control.

Deans’ List

The Deans’ List recognizes superior academic achievement. Deans’ List achievements at Ambrose will be recorded each semester on your official transcript.

At the end of each academic semester, the Vice President, Academic Affairs of Ambrose publishes a list of students who have earned at least a 3.50 GPA during the preceding semester on a minimum of 12 graded credits at Ambrose University. This applies to students in diploma and degree programs only. Students with incomplete grades are not eligible for Deans’ List.

Appeal of Final Grades

You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information on your transcript. An appeal for change of final grade on any course must first be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the final grade.

In the event that the instructor chooses not to change the final grade, you can complete an application through the Office of the Registrar within 30 days of receiving notice of the final grade to have the grade appealed. If the registrar feels there is a case for further review, the registrar will contact the chair to review the application information. The chair can defer to the dean if they feel it is necessary or if there is a conflict. The chair will make a decision on the final grade. If you are not satisfied with the decision of the chair, for a fee, the application will be reviewed by the Academic Appeals Committee. The decision of the Academic Appeals committee is final. If the appeal is successful, the fee will be reimbursed.

Academic Misconduct

Academic misconduct is taken seriously at Ambrose University as it undermines our academic standards and affects the integrity of each member of our learning community.

Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty is defined as any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive or dishonest means.

Cheating

Cheating is a serious form of academic dishonesty. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- sitting for an examination by surrogate or acting as a surrogate;
- tampering or attempting to tamper with examinations, grades or class records;
- communicating with another student during an examination in a dishonest way;
- bringing into an examination any textbook, note book, paper, information or electronic device not authorized by the instructor or examiner;
- consulting any person or materials outside the examination room without permission to do so;
- attempting to read other students' examination papers, or allowing another student to read an examination paper.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism involves presenting someone else's ideas, words or work as one's own. Plagiarism is fraud and theft, but plagiarism can also occur by accident when a student fails or forgets to give credit to another person's ideas or words.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- submitting work previously submitted in another course without the consent of the instructor;
- representing the words, ideas or work of another as one's own in any academic exercise;
- conducting any act that defrauds the academic process.

Nearly all forms of plagiarism can be avoided by giving credit to others whenever using:

- another person's idea, opinion or theory;
- any facts, statistics, graphs, drawings, i.e., any pieces of information that are not common knowledge;
- quotations of another person's actual spoken or written words;
- a paraphrase of another person's spoken or written words.

Penalties and Procedures for Academic Dishonesty

If an instructor finds sufficient evidence of academic dishonesty on your part, you will be subject to penalty. Any form of academic dishonesty may result in a zero grade on the assignment, loss of credit in that course, suspension or other administrative action. Where there is reason to believe you are in violation of an academic standard outlined in the academic policies, the following process will be in effect:

Normally, the respective faculty member will deal with the matter, although the Academic Dean may be involved at the request of the faculty member. Faculty members have the authority and responsibility to assess penalties for academic dishonesty, which will normally be an 'F' on the work so compromised.

In any event, the matter will be reported to the Dean, and a written record will be kept of the violation in your permanent file. The Dean has the authority to impose any penalty considered appropriate for the infraction. The most severe penalty imposed will be a recommendation to the President that you be dismissed from the University.

If your case has been referred to the Dean by your instructor, you may appear before the Dean to present your case. Whenever you appear to present your case before an individual or committee, you may bring one other person who is able to support you. However, this person may not be professional legal counsel.

Credential Rescission

If Ambrose determines that credential rescission is warranted due to fraudulent documentation, the Dean (or designate) of the appropriate Faculty may make the recommendation for rescission to the Vice-President, Academic Affairs. The original conferring of a degree, diploma or certificate may be permanently deleted from the student's academic record. A notation of "<Degree/Diploma/Certificate> Rescinded" and the date of rescission will appear permanently on the student transcript.

Academic Standing

Academic Probation

If you fail to meet a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in a semester, you will be placed on Academic Probation. The probation will apply to the next semester in which you are enrolled. While on Academic Probation you may not participate on intervarsity athletic teams, in student government or represent Ambrose University in extracurricular groups. Other restrictions, such as a limited course load, or completion of a learning contract may be imposed. Be aware that Academic Probation is noted permanently on your transcript.

Academic Suspension

If, while on Academic Probation, you do not meet the relevant minimum performance level in the semester in which probation occurs, you may be suspended from further studies at Ambrose University. Be aware that Academic Suspension is noted permanently on your transcript. While under Academic Suspension you must remain out of Ambrose University for at least one year from the date of suspension. You may apply for readmission after one year of absence, provided you have enough course attempts remaining to satisfy the program requirements with an overall GPA of 2.0. See the Admission section for information on the readmission process. When you apply for readmission, in addition to meeting all readmission requirements, you must provide evidence of a changed approach to studies at Ambrose University.

Procedures for Appeal

You have the right to appeal a decision made in response to academic dishonesty, academic probation or suspension from Ambrose University on the following grounds:

- there is evidence available that was not considered in the decision;
- there is evidence of prejudicial treatment in the decision; *or*
- the appropriate process, as outlined in the Academic Calendar, was not followed.

The decision of a faculty member or of an Academic Affairs Committee may be appealed to the Academic Appeals Committee of the General Faculties Council using the appropriate form. You must make this appeal in writing within seven days of having been informed of the decision, stating the basis on which the appeal is warranted. The decision of the Academic Appeals Committee is final.

Graduation

On the recommendation of the faculty, degrees and diplomas are conferred by the President of the Seminary at a spring Convocation of the faculty, alumni, graduands and their guests.

Graduation Application

To receive a degree you must submit a Graduation Application form to the Office of the Registrar no later than the date noted in the Academic Schedule.

A Graduation Application fee of \$125 must accompany the application. Applications received after the deadline may be accepted for consideration or they may be held until the next convocation ceremony. Those that are accepted will be charged a late fee of \$100 in addition to the graduation fee.

The Graduation Application form alerts the Office of the Registrar to review your academic record and recommend that the President grant your degree. If you want to graduate you must, therefore, complete the Graduation Application form by the prescribed deadline and pay the Graduation Application fee, even if you do not plan to attend the convocation ceremony.

Former students cannot apply to graduate with a degree which is no longer offered. You must be admitted into and graduate from a current Ambrose University program.

If you plan to apply courses taken at another institution toward your degree, and you have not yet been granted transfer credit for those courses, you must list them on your Graduation Application form. To receive transfer credit, you must provide official transcripts showing suitable final grades (as defined in the Transfer Credit section of this Academic Calendar) to the Office of the Registrar no later than one month prior to convocation. You are responsible for having official transcripts from other institutions sent directly to the Office of the Registrar.

If you fail to submit your official transcripts before the prescribed deadline, you cannot expect to have your name added to the graduation list or to be recommended for your degree until the following convocation.

When completing degree requirements in spring session, summer session or fall session, you will not receive your degree prior to the following convocation. However, at your request, the Office of the Registrar can issue an official letter indicating that you have completed all of the academic degree requirements of your program.

Graduation Requirements

You alone are responsible for meeting all applicable requirements for graduation. To be considered eligible for graduation, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Your degree program requirements, as outlined in the Academic Calendar in effect at the date of registration in the program (or readmission to the program), must be completed satisfactorily. Academic credit may be earned at Ambrose University and may include transfer credit consistent with Ambrose University policy
- Your minimum cumulative GPA must be 2.0 for all programs except the Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies) which requires a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- You must have completed a minimum number of credits at Ambrose Seminary – 30 credits for Master of Arts and Master of Christian Studies degree programs and 45 credits for the Master of Divinity degree programs;

- You must submit a completed Graduation Application form to the Office of the Registrar by the deadline in the Academic Schedule.
- Your graduation application fee must accompany the application.
- You must be approved for graduation by vote of the Seminary faculty.
- Your program of study must be completed in no more than 10 years of study.
- You must provide evidence of Christian faith and character during attendance at Ambrose Seminary. At the time of graduation, you will be asked to respond to and sign a form which may include, but is not limited to, the following affirmations:
 - I have a personal adherence to orthodox Christian beliefs and doctrines, as reflected in a universal church creed.
 - I have a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.
 - My lifestyle is in conformity with that delineated in the "Community Lifestyle Standards" (as adopted by the faculty and detailed in the Student Handbook).
 - You are not under any disciplinary process at Ambrose Seminary related to the "Community Lifestyle Standards."
 - You are not under any disciplinary action by a local church, district or denomination on a matter considered a disciplinary offence by the Seminary.

Outstanding Accounts

If you owe the University any fees, fines or other charges you will not be permitted to graduate, which means you cannot participate in ceremonies, will not be listed in the convocation program and will not receive official transcripts or a degree parchment.

The deadline to clear all outstanding accounts in order to be permitted to graduate is two full weeks prior to the convocation ceremony.

Academic Attire

Gowns: Masters' gowns follow the black gown specified by North American Intercollegiate Code.

Hoods: Red is the hood colour for the discipline of Theology.

Headwear: Masters' headwear is the black mortarboard or trencher-type.

Graduating In Absentia

If you plan to miss the graduation ceremony, you still need to complete the Graduation Application form by the prescribed deadline and pay the Graduation Application fee in order to graduate. Your degree parchments will be mailed to you.

Degree Parchment

It is Ambrose University policy to use the full legal registered name of students on the degree parchment. Changes in name must be supported by legal documentation. Minors and approved concentrations will not be indicated on your degree parchment, but will be noted on your official transcript.

Replacement Degrees

If your degree parchment gets damaged, lost, stolen or destroyed, or if you request a legal name change, Ambrose University will issue a replacement degree parchment for a fee of \$75. You are responsible to pay any additional costs for courier service, insurance or other delivery options. A replacement parchment will not be issued if you have an unpaid student account.

A Parchment Replacement Request form is available on our website. All replacement degree parchments will be marked "duplicate," with the date they were reprinted. Replacement degrees usually will not have original signatures.

Course Descriptions

Alternative Course Formats

Most Ambrose Seminary courses are offered in a semester-long class format, appropriate for the majority of full-time and part-time students. It is not possible, therefore, to complete an Ambrose Seminary degree entirely or even substantially through alternative course formats. However, a limited number of classes are offered regularly in alternative formats. The following alternative course format opportunities are available:

Modular/Weekend Courses

All class sessions are condensed into either a one-week period or spread over a number of weekends, with additional course work completed later. Fall and Winter module courses are offered in this format on campus during the semester break in November and February. Further modular courses are offered in the spring semester.

Online Courses

A limited number of online courses are offered during the time frame of regular semester classes. Most online courses are offered in Online Group Study format, using a “virtual classroom” in which several students participate. All registration and payment deadlines are identical to regular semester classes.

Evening Courses

Evening courses are designed for the convenience of students from the Calgary region. Several courses are offered each semester during the time frame of regular semester classes, in three hour blocks of time, one evening each week. Evening courses are usually scheduled Monday to Thursday between 6:30 and 9:30 pm. All registration and payment deadlines are identical to regular semester courses.

General Course Information

The following pages contain brief descriptions of the courses currently taught at Ambrose Seminary. All courses offered at Ambrose Seminary are offered at the graduate level. Academic credit is indicated in terms of semester hours of credit. Not all courses are offered every academic year. Some courses cannot be taken unless certain

prerequisites have been taken. These prerequisites are stated at the end of the course description. A passing grade will be required in order for a course to meet the requirements of a prerequisite. Students should consult the class schedule for the upcoming semester when selecting courses. Registration is completed through the Student Portal.

Courses are numbered as follows:

- 500-series courses are foundational for the discipline. The learning objectives require the student to remember, understand, apply, and analyze the material presented.
- 600-series courses develop student learning within the discipline and may require prerequisites. The course objectives require the student to apply, analyze, and evaluate the material presented.
- 700-series courses require synthesis, articulation of perspective on the subject matter, and even demonstration of creativity within the discipline.
- Courses marked as OL indicate that the course is offered online.
- Courses marked as CL indicate that the course is offered in Chinese language.

Course Credit

The credit value for each course is listed in parentheses beside the course name and number, e.g., (3).

Course Frequency

The frequency of a course is indicated with a letter code listed after the credit value. Courses offered annually are indicated with an A, courses offered biennially (every other year) with a B, and occasional courses are indicated with an O.

Ambrose Seminary reserves the right to cancel or revise any of the courses listed or to withdraw for the semester any course for which there is insufficient demand.

Biblical and Research Languages

BL 511 The Language of the Old Testament (3) B

An introductory course in the study of biblical Hebrew and its grammatical structure. Some attention is given to the oral reading of Hebrew. Students will be introduced to the hard copy and electronic resources available to assist their study of biblical Hebrew.

BL 512 Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis (3) B

In this course the student reads selected portions of prose and poetry from the Hebrew Old Testament. The grammatical structures learned in the first semester are reviewed and amplified. The basic principles of the exegesis of a Hebrew text are studied.

Prerequisite: BL 511

BL 521 The Language of the New Testament (3) B

BL 521-CL The Language of the New Testament (3)

This first course in New Testament Greek is designed to give students the knowledge of NT Greek that will enable them to proceed directly to courses in NT exegesis or to courses in NT Greek in which the aim is intensive and extensive reading of texts. The emphasis falls on differences between Greek and English grammar – the system of formal structural devices or “rules” which a language uses to indicate the relationships between words and arrangements of words. The student will study the grammar usually covered in a traditional first two semesters of Greek but without the memorization of vocabulary and forms. The grammatical structures are taught from “real” NT Greek as much as possible.

BL 522 Introduction to Greek Exegesis (3) B

BL 522-CL Introduction to Greek Exegesis (3)

A continuation of the study of the grammatical structures of Greek in conjunction with reading select texts of the Greek New Testament. The readings will provide opportunity to review grammatical structures as well as challenge the student to expand their understanding of how Greek uses grammatical structures to communicate meaning.

Prerequisite: BL 521

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis (3) B

An advanced study of Greek grammar for the purpose of gaining insight into the meaning of the New Testament text. This study will enable the student to understand a text in more detail as well as how the grammatical structures of Greek may have lent themselves to different interpretations. May be repeated for credit depending on the biblical books selected for study.

Prerequisite: BL 522

Note: This course is cross-listed as NT 710

BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis (3) B

An advanced study of Hebrew grammar for the purpose of gaining insight into the meaning of the Old Testament text. This study will enable the student to understand a text in more detail as well as how the grammatical structures of Hebrew may have lent themselves to different interpretations. May be repeated for credit depending on the biblical books selected for study.

Prerequisite: BL 512

Note: This course is cross-listed as OT 710

BL 645 Special Topics in Biblical Languages (3) O

A course in biblical languages on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

BL 745 Biblical Language Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of biblical languages. Students will be expected to do research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

BL 750 Biblical Language Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in the Old Testament. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

RL 601 Language for Theological Research (3) O

An intensive introduction to reading one of Latin, German or French as a research language for students pursuing doctoral studies in Theology or Bible (Subject to the availability of instructors). Greek as a prerequisite ensures that the student proceeds quickly without having to spend time learning basic grammatical categories.

Prerequisite: BL 521 and BL 522

Biblical Theology

Biblical Theology courses can be taken for Old Testament or New Testament credit but not for Systematic, Constructive and Historical Theology credit

BT 501 Introduction to the Bible (3) B

BT 501-CL Introduction to the Bible (3)

BT 501-OL Introduction to the Bible (3)

An introduction to the events of the Old and New Testaments in their historical and canonical perspective. The general historical framework of the events presupposed by the Old and New Testaments will be studied in order to locate the biblical materials in a narrative. The development of canon with its implications for interpretation will be considered.

BT 601 Biblical Theology of Justice (3) B

A scriptural exploration of the nature of justice and a Christian response to injustice. Both the Old and New Testaments will be studied to understand God's desire for justice and the call to action in our lives, in the Church and in the world.

BT 632 The Intertestamental Period (3) O

A study of Jewish religious and literary history from the Babylonian captivity to the beginnings of Christianity. This course includes an examination of the Apocrypha, the Pseudepigrapha, the writings of Philo of Alexandria and Josephus, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and the political, economic and social contexts of the period.

Prerequisite: One of the following: BT 501, NT 502, OT 502

BT 633 Biblical Theology of Suffering and Hope (3) O

BT 633-OL Biblical Theology of Suffering and Hope (3)

Suffering is experienced both individually and in communities all over the world. How does Scripture help us to understand the nature of suffering and how to respond to suffering? How is the Christian hope understood in light of suffering? This course will explore how Scripture addresses these questions. Examining the powerful message of the Old and New Testaments will demonstrate the continuing impact of the Bible's picture of suffering and hope for the Church today, for our spiritual lives, and for the world.

BT 634 Jesus and the Old Testament (3) B

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus is described in terms of the Old Testament. Yet how the New Testament uses the Old Testament creates profound interpretive questions. This course will examine how the New Testament uses the Old Testament to describe key aspects of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Exploring the original contexts of these Old and New Testament passages will suggest new ways to understand the continuing impact of Jesus' depiction for the Church today, for our spiritual lives, and for the world.

BT 645 Special Topics in Biblical Theology (3) O

A course in Biblical Theology on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

BT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics (3) B

This course provides an orientation to key issues in theological hermeneutics essential for the interpretation of the Bible and the study of theology. The course will describe ancient and contemporary reflection on hermeneutics as well as provide an opportunity for students to develop a hermeneutic appropriate for the study of Bible and theology within a confessional context.

Prerequisite: One of the following: NT 502, OT 502, TH 501 or equivalent

Note: This course is cross-listed as TH 700.

Christian Counselling

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling (3) A

CC 501-CL Introduction to Counselling (3)

An introduction to counselling theory and skills with emphasis on pastoral care and counselling settings and a major focus is on skill development. An integration of secular and Christian approaches will be presented and critiqued with a view to implications for Christian counselling. Application will be made to specific individual and family counselling issues encountered in Christian community as well as exploring appropriate referral processes and resources. Current and traditional therapy approaches and how they can be integrated into pastoral settings will be reviewed. As well, understanding the roles, ethics, cultural differences and counsellor self-care inherent in effective pastoral counselling and care will be emphasized.

CC 602 Crisis Counselling (3) O

Principles of crisis intervention and their application in pastoral counselling are discussed. Topics include counselling those facing issues such as: death, bereavement, divorce, alcoholism, suicidal crisis, and sexual abuse.

Prerequisite: CC 501

CC 621 Marriage and Family Therapy (3) O

CC 621-CL Marriage and Family Therapy (3)

An introduction to systems theory and its application to Christian marriage counselling. The developmental stages of a family are examined in addition to didactic study of four to six major systems theorists. Approximately half of the course is devoted to utilizing the theoretical material in the context of Christian counselling both at a pastoral and professional counselling level.

Prerequisite: CC 501

CC 645 Special Topics in Christian Counselling (3) O

CC 645-CL Special Topics in Christian Counselling (3)

A course in Christian counselling on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

CC 745 Christian Counselling Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of Christian counselling. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

CC 750 Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize, and write on a subject of special interest in counselling. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Dean

Christian History

CH 501 Christianity in History (3) B

CH 501-CL Christianity in History (3)

CH 501-OL Christianity in History (3)

This course is an overview of the history of Christianity from the time of the early Church to the present. Considers the development of Christian ideas and institutions within their corresponding social, cultural and political contexts, meets influential Christians, discovers devotional treasures, and encounters the diverse traditions that have shaped and been shaped by the world around them.

CH 601 History of Missions (3) O

This course is a survey of the expansion of Christianity with emphasis on historical cultural strategy and programs. Missionary biography and the impact of individual missionaries upon their era and later history are considered.

Prerequisite: MI 503

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought (3) A

CH 610-CL Alliance History and Thought (3)

CH 610-OL Alliance History and Thought (3)

A survey of the origins of The Christian and Missionary Alliance movement in its social/cultural context. The continuities and changes are then traced historically as The Alliance developed to the present. In this, an evaluation of Alliance "distinctives" will form a central theme.

Notes: This course is cross-listed as TH 640 and is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as HI 362/REL 362.

For the online version of the course there is a class limit of 20 students and preference is given to those living outside of Calgary.

Prerequisite: CH 501, TH 501 or TH 610. Prerequisite will be waived for students who are in a denominational credentialing process.

CH 615-CL History and Theology of the Chinese Church (3)

This course is taught in Chinese. It is a survey of modern Chinese church history and theologians. The focus of this course is on how the Gospel was spread among the Chinese people in the period between 1800 and 2000. The course deals with the problems of social impact, church orders and the policy of foreign mission boards towards the establishment of the church. Students will learn how to respond biblically to the critical historical, theological, cultural and social issues of the Chinese Church.

CH 620 Wesleyan History and Thought (3) O

Through an exploration of the historical and social background of the eighteenth century and, more particularly, the lives, writing, and legacies of John and Charles Wesley, this course will investigate the implications of the Wesleyan theological heritage in respect to the nature of God and humanity, salvation and sanctification, spiritual growth, church life, worship and social witness.

Prerequisite: CH 501 or TH 501

CH 645 Special Topics in Christian History (3) O

CH 645-CL Special Topics in Christian History (3)

A course in Christian history on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

CH 665 Christian History Educational Travel (3) O

This course includes both an academic and travel component and will provide an in-depth experience of the destination and its place in Christian History. Course may be repeated for credit as destinations change.

Prerequisite: Permission of the department and permission of the Dean

CH 710 Canadian Church History (3) B

A survey of the history of Christianity in Canada from colonialization to the present. Particular attention will be given to the influence of renewal movements and historical-cultural factors on such matters as Canadian thought, evangelistic enterprise, politics, nationalism and social action.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as HI 313.

CH 715 Evangelicals and Social Transformation (3) O

Evangelicals have been influential in forming the social, political and economic as well as the religious culture of Britain, Canada and the United States. This seminar course explores ways in which evangelical beliefs have transformed modern society in the West. Subjects such as revival, social reform, missions, secularization and the relationship between evangelicalism and modernism will be explored.

CH 745 Christian History Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue prominent in the field of history of the Christian church. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. Topics will be announced prior to the semester.

CH 750 Christian History Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in the history of Christianity. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative on the part of the student.

Christian Studies

CS 620 Religion and Culture in Canada (3) B

This course explores the relationship between religion and culture in Canada from a sociological perspective. This examination will include a look at the past, present, and potential future relationship between religion and culture in Canada.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as SO 340

CS 645 Special Topics in Christian Studies (3) O

CS 645-CL Special Topics in Christian Studies (3)

A course Christian Studies on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

CS 660 Exploring the “Dream Experience” in Christian Spirituality (3) O

The course will survey the significance and understanding of the dream experience in both eastern and western Christian traditions. Special attention will be given to the role of the dream in the spiritual journeys of prominent Christians, the dream and the death experience, as well as to developing a Christian approach to dream interpretation. Students will gain from the course an historical/theological appreciation for the value of the dream within a Christian worldview as well as a sense of how to integrate dream interpretation with an understanding of one’s own spiritual journey.

Note: Class limit of 20 students. This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 368.

CS 661 Exploring the “Desert Experience” in Christian Spirituality (3) O

An examination of the “desert/wilderness” experience in various traditions of Christian spirituality. An integrated biblical/historical/ theological/formational approach to the subject is used to assist the student in understanding the nature and purpose of the “desert/wilderness” experience in the spiritual life of the church and the individual. A special feature of the course is a one-day guided silent retreat.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 365.

CS 662 Prayer Paths to God: The History and Practice of Christian Prayer (3) O

An advanced course which studies the historical theology and practice of Christian prayer as it pertains to understanding the role of prayer within the spiritual life. The course is taught from an ecumenical perspective and includes a prayer practicum in the lectio divina (praying with scripture).

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 364.

CS 663 Spiritual Companions (3) O

An advanced course that gives consideration to the practice of spiritual direction in various Christian traditions from ancient to modern times and the influence of outstanding spiritual mentors of the twentieth century. Attention is also given to the nature, objectives and dynamics of spiritual direction as experienced in a practical context.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 366.

CS 665 Christian Studies Educational Travel (3) O

This course includes both an academic and travel component and will provide an in-depth experience of the destination and its place in Christian Studies. Course may be repeated for credit as destinations change.

Prerequisite: Permission of the department and permission of the Dean

CS 790 Graduating Essay (0) A

In addition to the required courses in the Master of Christian Studies (MCS) degree, each MCS student completes a graduating essay which will be evaluated as pass/fail. This graduating essay will typically be a summative reflection on the integration of the student’s biblical and theological studies and their chosen career and/or personal giftedness.

Education and Discipleship

ED 501 Teaching and Learning (3) A

ED 501-CL Teaching and Learning (3)

ED 501-OL Teaching and Learning (3)

This course uses group and experiential learning to provide participants with growing confidence in their identity as communicators in diverse teaching situations, aware of the diversities in learners and instructional methodologies relevant to Christian educational ministry.

ED 606 Discipleship and Mentoring in the Church (3) O

This course will examine the biblical and historical models and principles for the lifelong process of making disciples in a changing culture. Built on the foundation of spiritual formation students will be challenged to grow as disciples. This course examines a holistic approach to strength-based mentoring, character development and application of Resiliency Assessment Inventories and how that applies to spiritually maturing devoted disciples of Christ and causes them to thrive in the world.

ED 611 Small Groups Ministry (3) O

A course designed to teach small group ministry through experiencing small group life, typically in the homes of participants. Develops a Biblical and sociological rationale for working with people in small groups. Special focus on the stages of small group life, group types, roles, leadership, facilitation skills while the dynamics experienced in church-based small groups are being experienced by participants. Select contemporary models of small group ministry are examined, along with implementation and administration issues for the local church.

Prerequisite: ED 501

ED 621 Teaching Children for Faith Formation (3) B

Students will develop skills in teaching children. This course includes attention to goals, methods, classroom management, audio-visual media and use of curriculum for the church's ministry to children and families. Strategies for training and empowering volunteer teams to teach children will be addressed.

Prerequisite: ED 501

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PST 321

ED 622 Leadership Essentials for Children and Family Ministry (3) B

Practical leadership strategies for leading and implementing ministries to children and families in a church context.

Prerequisite: ED 501

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PST 322

ED 623 Family Ministry Essentials (3) O

An exploration of the family ministry movement and strategies for church initiatives to strengthen marriage, nurture children's faith and keep teenagers in the church.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PST 323

ED 626 Volunteer Ministry (3) B

Designed to help the leader of volunteers increase their effectiveness in the local church and other non-profit organizations. Develops a theological rationale for ministry by nonprofessionals and examines voluntarism's contemporary contexts. Equips the learner to identify, recruit, place, train, equip, motivate, and support volunteers.

ED 628-CL Marketplace Ministry (3)

As most of the people who attend Sunday service have spent 50 percent or more of their waking hours at work during the previous week, this course is intended to help pastors reclaim the church's role in supporting, training and commissioning the laity to be the salt and the light in their God-given calling at work. It will also help people view their daily work – no matter what field they work in – as their ministry and mission, and help them become powerful witnesses for our Lord Jesus in the secular workplace. This course is taught in Chinese.

ED 641 Strategies of Youth Ministry (3) A

This course is an intensive and comprehensive study of the principles and practices of local church youth ministry. Methodological framework will focus on three distinct skill levels: a) working with teens themselves, b) working with adult volunteers, and c) managing and supervising volunteers and/or interns, as well as working alongside other church staff members. Special attention will be given to growing a healthy youth group, and to the personal life of the youth worker.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PST 341.

ED 643 Contemporary Issues for Youth Ministry (3) B

Foundational skills to understand and assess the constantly changing issues of youth culture for effective and relevant ministry with contemporary youth. Utilizing various resources, students will gain awareness and understanding of issues facing youth in order to build necessary skills to reflect critically on these issues, leading to the ability to evaluate, change, and/or create effective ministry methodologies and practices.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PST 342.

ED 645 Special Topics in Education (3) O

A course in education, discipleship or leadership on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

ED 647 Models of Cross-Cultural Education (3) O

An examination of the formal, non-formal and informal education patterns of the host culture. Develops skills to evaluate the educational structures and paradigms in select societies.

Prerequisite: ED 501

ED 745 Education, Discipleship and Leadership Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of discipleship or leadership. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

ED 750 Education Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), this is an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in Christian Education. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Dean

Interdisciplinary Studies

IND 750 MALM Integrative Course (3) A

An integrative capstone seminar exploring leadership, personal formation, theological foundations, and ministry practice. The course will integrate the methods, academic content, and pragmatic application of these fields of knowledge and explore the ways this can lead to vocation and service. Various methodologies will be considered.

Prerequisite: Restricted to students in the MALM program who have completed 42 credits. Permission of the Advisor required.

Leadership

LE 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation (3) A

LE 503-CL Leadership and Leadership Formation (3)

LE 503-OL Leadership and Leadership Formation (3)

An exploration, analysis, and application of the field of leadership and personal leadership skills in adaptive leadership placed around the core issue of character development.

LE 630 Leadership and Sense-Making (3) B

A study and application of the "lenses of the leader" so as to deepen insight into what is really going on in a leadership context. Sacred text and secular texts case studies will serve as the core teaching tools for this course, serving to motivate students to become much better "seers" and "sensors" in their context of leadership.

LE 631 Leadership and Literature (3) O

A learning journey focused on rising above the tone and temper of our times in order to study and reflect on great leadership tests of the past. The course interaction will center on a number of classic works exploring the topic that has occupied great minds since the beginning of recorded history – the topic of leaders and followers.

LE 632 Leadership and Navigating Change (3) B

An exploration, analysis, and application of the art and science of proposing, planning, implementing, surviving, and then sustaining change. This course will give students a firm grasp on the most prevalent models for personal and organizational change, and attempt to shape a humble yet determined posture towards leading transformation in concert with others.

LE 633 Leadership and Resilience (3) B

LE 633-OL Leadership and Resilience (3)

A study of the biblical call to endurance in life and service, complemented by an examination of contemporary research on resilience. A variety of case studies will be explored and analyzed prompting students to create a personal resilience strengthening strategy.

LE 634 Leadership and Servanthood (3) B

An exploration of leading with a servant mindset in a world of power, position, and politics. Students will study and wrestle with the application of servant leadership rooted in the life and teaching of Jesus, centered around a commitment to serve, inspire, challenge, and life others to greater experience and effectiveness in the world.

LE 635 Leadership in Times of Rolling Crisis (3) O

An exploration of how to face the dilemma of multiple crises and then applying the skills inherent in crisis readiness, crisis management, and crisis resiliency. Students will master the model of secure base leadership – a way of building influence by providing a sense of protection and caring while also providing a source of inspiration that produces energy, exploration and growth in times of great change.

LE 636 Leadership and Organizational Culture (3) O

An exploration and analysis of the power of culture in churches, organizations, and communities. Students will take on the challenge of how to best diagnose, navigate and shape culture in a leadership setting.

LE 637 Collaborative Leadership for Social Change (3) O

An examination of the elements of transformative collaborative leadership in order to equip students in the practice of community organizing, teaching them to reflect on their leadership capacity by engaging in a social change project. These skills are important because leadership that unites communities to take shared action is critical for social change and for developing strong communities.

LE 638 Leadership and Innovation (3) O

An exploration of the principles and practices of innovation and creativity in leadership and ministry. The goal is to shape a body of work that can be utilized for the training and encouragement of others, specifically relating to innovating effectively in a ministry context.

Prerequisite: LE 503

Mission/Intercultural Studies

MI 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach (3) A

MI 501-CL Personal and Corporate Outreach (3)

MI 501-OL Personal and Corporate Outreach (3)

This course seeks to integrate evangelism and evangelistic practice with the purpose of developing a wholesome biblical lifestyle conducive to personal and community outreach. Participants will be encouraged to improve their effectiveness in personal communication of the Gospel. Skills and techniques will be learned to enhance the participant's style of communicating the Gospel. Principles and approaches for developing disciples will be explored in an effort to help new believers as they are incorporated into a local fellowship.

MI 502 Intercultural Competence (3) A

MI 502-OL Intercultural Competence (3)

MI 502-CL Intercultural Competence (3)

This course is designed to equip individuals to become more intentional about engaging in intercultural interactions. In the ongoing quest to value “others” and their “otherness,” worldview differences are explored and habits for assessing and reengineering long held values are examined. Approaches for adjusting to and working with individuals with different cultural perspectives are investigated. Since effective interaction with others requires the development of new skills, participants will explore basic elements related to effective intercultural communication both from a theoretical and practical perspective. Techniques for managing differences, resolving conflicts and applying problem solving in various contexts will be analyzed.

MI 503 Missions in Global Perspective (3) A

MI 503-CL Missions in Global Perspective (3)

Theological, strategic and personal issues related to the contemporary expression of Christian missions are surveyed and examined in this course. It seeks to foster an understanding of the biblical basis and Christian motivation for mission, examine critical insights into forms and functions of various mission strategies, while introducing key issues facing the Christian missionary enterprise. Participants will be encouraged to examine their potential role in the mission of the church.

MI 510 Biblical Theology of Mission (3) O

A comprehensive biblical study of the centrality of mission in the heart of God, as this theme progressively unfolds in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. The course focuses on the significance of mission for the church today.

Prerequisite: TH 501 and MI 503

MI 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry (3) B

This course is an introduction to the insights of cultural anthropology for intercultural ministry. It includes theories of culture and societies, religion and worldview, kinship and family structure, communication theory and the dynamics of change. Participants are encouraged to explore models useful in ministering to specific societies and cultures.

MI 530-CL Missions in Chinese Perspective (3)

This course is taught in Chinese. The biblical and theological basis of missions will be examined. Insights into strategic and personal issues are emphasized. Key issues in historical (particularly C&MA), social, cultural and religious aspects will be surveyed. Participants will be motivated to examine their potential role in mission in and outside the local Chinese church, with emphasis on mission to Chinese communities worldwide.

MI 601 History of Missions (3) O

This course is a survey of the expansion of Christianity with emphasis on historical cultural strategy and programs. Missionary biography and the impact of individual missionaries upon their era and later history are considered.

Prerequisite: MI 503

MI 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions (3) A

This seminar-oriented course is designed to interact on current theological, anthropological, historical and methodological themes that have a bearing on contemporary missions. The course combines individual research, faculty-student dialogue, and an integration of subject material from various course offerings. The diversity of understanding of the church’s worldwide mission as expounded in various traditions will be explored.

Prerequisite: MI 502

MI 635 Establishing Communities of Faith in a Multicultural World (3) O

Establishing Communities of Faith in Multicultural World is designed to introduce the learner to the exciting ministry of initiating vibrant communities of faith (the church) in context. Participants will discover culturally relevant ways of applying trans-cultural biblical principles associated with evangelism and the growth of dynamic communities of faith. A theological framework for establishing these communities in their local context is accompanied by relevant methodological and strategic research that informs the way in which these communities are developed in our multi-cultural world.

Prerequisite: MI 503

MI 641 Urban Mission and Ministry (3) O

A seminar that explores the rapid growth of two-thirds world cities and the challenges this presents for evangelism and church planting. Through a combination of directed reading and discussion, participants will develop a strategy of evangelism for a particular part of the world.

MI 645 Special Topics in the Church in Mission (3) O

A course in world mission on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

MI 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness (3) A

This seminar style course integrates formal and non-formal learning experiences to intentionally prepare kingdom learners for a wide range of intercultural opportunities. This mentor-based, character-oriented learning experience encourages participants to develop a theological framework for understanding themes such as vocational direction, tolerance for risk and intercultural sensitivity. Working with an IM/MI faculty member and a local mentor, learners will explore a wide range of issues that stem from the lived experience of their mentors.

Note: Taught as a Directed Study. Normally taken in conjunction with MI 712 Intercultural Internship, or MI 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Department

MI 712 Intercultural Internship (3) A

MI 712-CL Intercultural Internship (3)

An internship provides the student with an extended and in-depth practice of ministry for the purpose of integrating classroom input with experiential learning in an intercultural setting, and to learn the art of theological reflection on experience in the context of building a working relationship with others in ministry. An intercultural internship is normally a three (3) month full-time experience. Alternative intercultural internships may be arranged.

MI 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching (3) A

MI 720-CL Intercultural Ministry Coaching (3)

This course is designed as an alternative to Intercultural Internship for those who have ministry experience, who are presently or recently in full or significant part-time intercultural ministry. The course expects the student to be actively involved in a guided mentoring relationship with a colleague in ministry. This relationship will involve intentional theological reflection on ministry and mutual accountability. The student will engage in self and peer evaluation.

Prerequisite: Please refer to "Internship Program" for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

Co-requisite: MI 705

MI 745 Mission/Intercultural Studies Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of intercultural ministry. Topics will vary and may include intercultural themes that revolve around worldview, religion, or philosophy. Potential projects may include ministries to a range of local-born and overseas-born new Canadians. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

MI 750 Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program). It is an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in Intercultural Ministry. Potential projects may address concerns among the Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, First Nations, etc., that will enrich the learner's understanding of a particular people, culture or contemporary issue.

Prerequisite: Please refer to "Internship Program" for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

Co-requisite: MI 705

New Testament

NT 502 Synoptic Gospels (3) A

NT 502-CL Synoptic Gospels (3)

NT 502-OL Synoptic Gospels (3)

An introduction to New Testament studies and exegetical skills through the study of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

NT 602 The Gospel of Matthew (3) O

NT 602-CL The Gospel of Matthew (3)

An expositional study of the Gospel of Matthew and an exploration of the literary, argumentative, historical context, and theological content of the Gospel. Particular attention is given to Matthew's theology of Christ, common and distinctive theological features of Matthew, parables, and various methods employed in the study of Matthew.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 603 The Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (3) O

A detailed thematic and exegetical study of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, with special attention given to Luke's theology of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the life and mission of the church.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 604 The Johannine Literature (3) O

A reading of and reflection upon the Gospel and Letters of John, noting their literary form, historical context, and theological content. Particular attention is given to those topics and themes that constitute a unique and profound contribution to the New Testament and to the Christian faith.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 605 The Pauline Letters (3) O

NT 605-CL The Pauline Letters (3)

An exploration of the thirteen Pauline letters investigating the life, ministry, and theology of Paul, based on an exposition of the letters in their argumentative, historical, and literary contexts. Attention will be given to practical concerns of application and hermeneutical issues raised in applying Paul's letters in the global world today.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 606 Romans (3) O

NT 606-CL Romans (3)

This course explores the life, ministry, and theology of Paul as it comes to expression in his letters to the Romans. By means of expositional analysis, particular attention is given to Paul's Gospel, his theology of God, the cross, the law-free Gospel, the Holy Spirit, and ethics. Students develop skills in exegesis and capacity to critique theological systems commonly used to interpret Romans and Galatians.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 607 The Corinthian Correspondence (3) O

An expositional study of 1-2 Corinthians and an exploration of the literary, argumentative, historical, and theological context of the letter. Particular attention is given to Paul's theology of Christ, his theology of ministry, leadership, and pastoral care. Practical and hermeneutical concerns that arise in applying 1-2 Corinthians today are addressed.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 608 The Prison Epistles (3) O

NT 608-CL The Prison Epistles (3)

An exploration of Paul's theology as it comes to expression in Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon. Attention is given to the historical, argumentative, and literary contexts of each letter. Particular attention is given to Paul's theology of Christ, his theology of ministry and the church, as well as pastoral and hermeneutical concerns that arise in applying these books today.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 609 The Book of Revelation (3) O

NT 609-CL The Book of Revelation (3)

This course reclaims the powerful message of the Book of Revelation for today. Special attention will be paid to Revelation as a work of early Christian literature deeply influenced by the prophetic witness of the Old Testament, by events and attitudes of the first century world, and by the early Christians' experience of Jesus himself. Students will be introduced to the insights offered by current scholarly engagement with Revelation, and will be given the opportunity to reflect together on the enduring significance of this book for society today.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 615 The Gospel of Mark (3) O

NT 615-CL The Gospel of Mark (3)

A detailed thematic and exegetical study of the Gospel of Mark, with special attention given to Mark's theology of God, his Christology, and his understanding of discipleship. Consideration will be given to literary, historical and theological characteristics of the gospel.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 644 The General Epistles (3) O

NT 644-CL The General Epistles (3)

A survey of the contents, literary form and historical context of the letter to the Hebrews, and the letters of James, Peter, and John. Particular attention will be given to the contribution of these books to the full witness of the New Testament to the person and work of Jesus.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 645 Special Topics in New Testament (3) O

NT 645-CL Special Topics in New Testament (3)

A course in New Testament on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

NT 650 New Testament Book Study (3) O

NT 650-CL New Testament Book Study (3)

A study of a particular book or books of the New Testament. Course may be repeated for credit as the books under consideration change.

NT 665 New Testament Educational Travel (3) O

This course includes both an academic and travel component and will provide an in-depth experience of the destination and its connection to the New Testament. Course may be repeated for credit as destinations change.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

NT 705 Advanced Reading: Cognate Field (1.5) A

A Study in New Testament as a cognate field is required for those concentrating in Old Testament or Theology in the Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies) program. This course involves a preliminary study of enduring and recent issues in the study of New Testament. Mastery of a set of relevant Greek texts may be required. This course is a supervised study and culminates in a final examination which is the New Testament Cognate comprehension examination.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students

Note: This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek (3) B

This study of a New Testament book based on the Greek text provides an opportunity for the student to practice the integration of Greek language study and exegesis with an intensive study of the material selected. Course may be repeated for credit as the books under consideration change.

Prerequisite: BL 521 and BL 522

Note: This course is cross-listed as BL 621.

NT 720 Advanced Reading: Concentration (3) A

A comprehensive study of enduring and recent issues in the study of the New Testament as well as mastery of set Greek biblical texts. This course is a supervised study and prepares students for the New Testament Concentration comprehensive exam in the Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies) program.

Note: This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students.

NT 745 New Testament Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of New Testament studies. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

NT 750 New Testament Independent Study (3) O

An opportunity for the advanced student (at least one-half through their program) to research, write, and report on an aspect of the New Testament of particular interest and significance. Under the guidance of the instructor, the student is expected to exercise the requisite skills and initiative in bringing the project to completion.

NT 790a Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semesters of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program

NT 790b Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semesters of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: NT 790b and CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program

Old Testament

OT 502 Pentateuch (3) A

OT 502 Pentateuch-CL (3)

OT 502 Pentateuch-OL (3)

An introduction to Old Testament studies and exegetical skills through the study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

OT 602 The Historical Books/Former Prophets (3) O

OT 602-CL The Historical Books/Former Prophets (3)

A study of the books of Joshua through 2 Kings to understand their theological perspectives of the periods of the conquest, the judges, and the monarchy up to the exile. Issues of Israelite historiography, literary narrative techniques, Ancient Near Eastern background and culture will be considered.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 611 The Prophetic Literature (3) O

A study of prophetic literature in the Old Testament with an introduction to the prophetic movement, the prophetic corpus as a whole, and interpretation of prophecy. This course will include a major focus on a limited portion of the prophetic corpus with attention to its historical, literary and contemporary contexts. A working knowledge of Hebrew is required for those pursuing programs that require biblical languages.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 612 The Wisdom Literature (3) O

OT 612-CL The Wisdom Literature (3)

An exegetical study of the books of Job, Proverbs, Song of Songs, and Ecclesiastes. These books will be examined for their contents, theological messages, poetic styles, and settings within the wisdom literature genre in the Ancient Near East as well as their impact on and relevance to contemporary issues.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 614 The Psalms (3) O

An exegetical study of the Psalter with attention given to content, literary form, historical context and theological teaching. The students will be shown how the psalms can be used in the context of the church on both corporate and individual levels.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 615 Isaiah (3) O

OT 615-CL Isaiah (3)

OT 615-OL Isaiah (3)

An exegetical study of the book of Isaiah with attention given to content, literary form, historical background, structure, hermeneutics, and theological teaching. Students will explore significant themes in the book such as worship, the exalted king, the servant of the Lord, as well as the use of Islamic texts in the New Testament.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 618 Ezekiel (3) O

OT 618-CL Ezekiel (3)

An exegetical study of the English text of the book of Ezekiel with attention given to content, literary form, historical background, structure, hermeneutics, and theological teaching.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 620 Preaching the Old Testament (3) O

This course will explore the ongoing relevance and application of Old Testament teachings for contemporary Christians. Topics include the continuity between the Old and New Testaments, ethical and moral implications for how Christians live practically in light of the authority of the Old Testament, and ways to accurately transmit and creatively proclaim the Old Testament in contemporary culture.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 630 Old Testament Theology (3) O

A study of the major theological themes of the Old Testament with a view to their fulfillment in the New Testament and impact on church and society today.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

OT 645 Special Topics in Old Testament (3) O

OT 645-CL Special Topics in Old Testament (3) O

A course in Old Testament on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

OT 650 Old Testament Book Study (3) O

OT 650-OL Old Testament Book Study (3)

OT 650-CL Old Testament Book Study (3)

A study of a particular book or books of the Old Testament. Course may be repeated for credit as the books under consideration change.

OT 665 Old Testament Educational Travel (3) O

This course includes both an academic and travel component and will provide an in-depth experience of the destination and its connection to the Old Testament. Course may be repeated for credit as destinations change.

Prerequisite: 3 credits in OT

OT 705 Advanced Reading: Cognate Field (1.5) A

Study in Old Testament as a cognate field is required for those concentrating in New Testament or Theology in the Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies program. This course involves a preliminary study of enduring and recent issues in the study of Old Testament. Mastery of a set of relevant Hebrew texts may be required. This course is a supervised study and culminates in a final examination which is the Old Testament Cognate comprehension examination.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students

Note: This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew (3) B

OT 710-CL Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew (3)

This study of an Old Testament book based on the Hebrew text provides an opportunity for the student to practice the integration of Hebrew language study and exegesis with an intensive study of a selected biblical book. The book selected varies each semester. Course may be repeated for credit as the books under consideration change.

Prerequisite: BL 512

Note: This course is cross-listed as BL 622.

OT 720 Advanced Reading: Concentration (3) A

A comprehensive study of enduring and recent issues in the study of the Old Testament as well as mastery of set Hebrew biblical texts. This course is a supervised study and prepares students for the Old Testament concentration comprehensive exam in the Master of Arts in Biblical/Theological Studies program.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students

Note: This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

OT 745 Old Testament Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of Old Testament studies. Students will be expected to do research and present their findings to the class. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

OT 750 Old Testament Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in Old Testament. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

OT 790a Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semester of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program

OT 790b Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semester of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: OT 790a and CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program

Pastoral Theology

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development (3) A

PT 501-CL Personal Formation and Development (3)

This course helps the student develop a rule of life that fits their personality, season of life, and unique situation. It explores the nature and goal of spiritual formation, as well examines our rich inheritance of spiritual practices from Scripture and church history. The student will also be asked to undertake an intensive study of one biblical or historical figure in light of that individual's spiritual formation (and, if warranted, deformation). Overall, the emphasis will be on the student cultivating increasing Christ-likeness expressed through their God-given personality.

Note: An additional fee for MBTI testing will apply.

See Financial Information section for details.

PT 530-CL Conflict Management in the North American Chinese Church (3)

This course is taught in Cantonese. This course is designed to help Chinese-speaking Christian leaders establish a basic understanding of conflict and conflict management in their church ministry. This course includes a basic understanding of conflict, a biblical view of conflict, and an analysis of each participant's personal conflict management style. The Chinese concept of "great harmony" and "great honour" are introduced and the relational pattern of thinking is reviewed. The effect of multiculturalism in the Canadian Chinese churches is examined. Guidelines are presented to enable leaders to be competent conflict managers.

PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship (3) B
PT 601-CL Theology and Practice of Worship (3)

This course will expose students to the various traditions of Christian worship; provide them with a biblical, theological, and philosophical framework for the evaluation of the theory and practice of these traditions; and thereby enable them to develop a clear understanding of the nature and practice of corporate worship. It will also give students experience in evaluating, planning, and leading services of worship.

PT 610 Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care (3) A
PT 610-CL Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care (3)

This course introduces the student to the ministry of "care of souls." Aspects of congregational care and ministry through ritual are explored. Students will begin to develop specific care giving skills.

Prerequisite: PT 501 or an undergraduate degree in Theology

Note: this course cannot substitute for SC 501.

PT 611 Ministry and Practice of Reconciliation (3) O
PT 611-CL Ministry and Practice of Reconciliation (3)

A study of the theme of reconciliation, considering the topic biblically, theologically, and practically. The course will examine the meaning and application of reconciliation at personal, interpersonal, corporate, and societal levels.

Prerequisite: PT 501

PT 612 Life of David (3) O
PT 612-CL Life of David (3)

A literary and theological study of the story of David as found in 1 and 2 Samuel. The course focuses on the story of David's life as man and leader with all its tensions, contradictions, serendipities, and opportunities, and on David's relationship with God. The course is not oriented to leadership principles but to wisdom for the journey as Christian leaders.

Prerequisite: PT 501

PT 645 Special Topics in Pastoral Theology (3) O

A course in pastoral theology or pastoral care on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

PT 650-CL Pastoral Ministry in the North American Chinese Church (3)

This course is taught in Cantonese. An exploration of key contemporary issues and challenges related to pastoral ministry in a Chinese church context. The course seeks to examine church practices and apply the student's theological understanding to the local church ministry. Since Chinese churches in North America are bi-cultural, pastors need to be sensitive to the language and the background of the congregation when leading church functions. Appropriate biblical responses and pastoral methodologies for ministering to the 21st Century Chinese churches in North America will be examined.

PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice (3) A
PT 710-CL Ministry Values and Practice (3)
PT 710-OL Ministry Values and Practice (3)

This course provides the opportunity for learners to examine their beliefs concerning ministry and the practice of ministry as reflective practitioners. The formation of a reflective practitioner in ministry includes: (1) the integration of spiritual formation and the working out of continual calling; (2) the practice of spiritual disciplines; (3) the development of skills and methods necessary for theological reflection and understanding professional values and practice in ministerial settings.

Prerequisite: PT 501 or TH 501

PT 712 Ministry Internship (3) A
PT 712-CL Ministry Internship (3)

Internship provides the student with an extended and in-depth practice of ministry for the purpose of integrating classroom input with experiential learning, and to learn the art of theological reflection on experience in the context of building a working relationship with another person in ministry. Internship is normally a three month full-time experience. Alternative internships are arranged for those in full-time ministry or with extensive ministry experience. In some cases, a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) experience may be substituted (see SC 715 for description).

Prerequisite: Please refer to "Internship Program" for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

PT 720 Ministry Coaching (3) A
PT 720-CL Ministry Coaching (3)

This course is designed as an alternative to Ministry Internship for those who have ministry experience, who are presently or recently in full or significant part-time ministry, or who have previously completed an internship. The course expects the student to be actively involved in a guided mentoring relationship with a colleague in ministry. This relationship will involve intentional theological reflection on ministry and mutual accountability. The student will engage in self and peer evaluation.

Prerequisite: Please refer to "Internship Program" for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

PT 745 Pastoral Theology Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of pastoral ministry or spiritual care. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

PT 750 Pastoral Theology Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in pastoral ministry and care. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

Poverty Studies and Community Development

PV 501 Poverty in Western Society (3) B

This course will provide an overview of the origins and understanding of poverty in western society from both a theoretical and theological standpoint. This will include a review of the sources of vulnerability that contribute to poverty and the psycho-social impacts of poverty on vulnerable populations and the broader society. Strategic approaches to poverty reduction will be explored along with the respective roles of the church, state and civil society in preventing, alleviating and reducing poverty.

PV 502 Poverty and Human Rights: Theory, Theology and Practice (3) B

This course will provide a sound understanding of poverty from a human rights perspective. The course will focus on the role of international human rights law in addressing the structural causes of poverty and how a human rights framework fits within a Judeo-Christian framework. A theological framework and critique of the human rights approach will be explored.

Preaching and Communication

PR 501 Between Two Worlds: Scripture for Preaching and Teaching (3) A

PR 501-CL Between Two Worlds: Scripture for Preaching and Teaching (3)

PR 501-OL Between Two Worlds: Scripture for Preaching and Teaching (3)

An exploration of the principles and practices for navigating between the text of scripture and the world we live in. Students will take away theological insights, practical tools, and fresh inspiration for faithfully reading scripture and communicating its meaning and content effectively in their own setting.

Prerequisite: OT 502 or NT 502

Note: This course cannot be used for the MDiv Program.

PR 610 Expository Preaching (3) A

PR 610-CL Expository Preaching (3)

This course develops skills of "bridging" from biblical exegesis to expository preaching. Students will learn deductive and inductive methods of sermon-making. Consideration is also given to the basic principles that guide the effective delivery of the sermon. Opportunities are provided for each student to practice the principles and skills taught.

Prerequisite: PR 501 or BL 511 and BL 512 or BL 521 and BL 522

PR 620 Preaching the Old Testament (3) O

This course will explore the ongoing relevance and application of Old Testament teachings for contemporary Christians. Topics include the continuity between the Old and New Testaments, ethical and moral implications for how Christians live practically in light of the authority of the Old Testament, and ways to accurately transmit and creatively proclaim the Old Testament in contemporary culture.

Prerequisite: NT 502 or OT 502 and PR 501 or PR 610

PR 622 Preaching New Testament Genres (3) O

This integrative course bridges the gap between exegesis of the New Testament and homiletics. Students develop skills in exegeting passages from the different genres of the New Testament (Gospels and Acts, Epistles, Revelation) and sculpting sermons that are true to the biblical writers' argumentative designs, and persuasive and convincing to a contemporary audience.

Prerequisite: NT 502 or OT 502 and PR 501 or PR 610

PR 645 Special Topics in Preaching (3) O

A course in preaching or communication on a topic of current interest or specialized study. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

PR 702 Advanced Preaching (3) O

This course assumes the skills developed in PR 610. It presents additional approaches to preaching in contemporary, multicultural contexts. Narrative and topical preaching will be emphasized, along with techniques such as storytelling that bring the text to life. Students will examine audiovisual techniques in support of preaching.

Prerequisite: PR 610

PR 730 Preaching Clinic (3) B

This course provides opportunity for exploring special interest areas of homiletics, sermonizing, preaching and other types of oral communication. Students will design their own learning plans in consultation with their instructor.

Prerequisite: PR 610 or equivalent

PR 745 Preaching and Communication Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of preaching and/or communication. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

PR 750 Preaching Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to develop specialized preaching skills and/or to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in preaching. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

Spiritual Care

SC 501 Foundations of Spiritual Care (3) B

An introduction to the scope and provision of spiritual care within various institutional settings. The course will integrate readings, spiritual assessments, theological reflection, verbatim/case reviews, and classroom presentations and discussions.

Note: this course cannot substitute for PT 610

SC 507 Psychological Impacts of Poverty (3) B

An exploration of the impacts of poverty on human psychological development. This course will examine the effects of poverty on the maturation of the brain; cognitive, social and emotional abilities; and health outcomes. Also considered will be the influence of living in poverty on the understanding of self and others and on how this influence contributes to risk and resilience. Instruction will consist of lectures, class activities and development of a targeted intervention strategy.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as PS 307

SC 610 The Ministry of the Chaplain (3) O

This interactive course will help students learn more about the skills and gifts necessary for institutional ministry, and explore the "art" of chaplaincy. Students will examine the challenges of ministry in multi-faith, multicultural settings, and reflect on their own styles of ministry.

SC 613 Transformative Justice in Prison Ministry (3) O

This course will reflect on the “inner imprisonment” of offenders as it relates to grief, control, violence, addiction and relational dysfunction. It will also explore four dimensions of prison ministry: pastoral theology, hospitality ministry, prophetic ministry, and ministry to prison staff.

SC 615 Spiritual Care of the Dying (3) O

This course will address the theological issues and pastoral challenges presented in the care of dying persons and will provide useful clinical constructs to enhance the practice of spiritual care. It will explore suffering and death, the place of hope and faith, contemporary palliative care, ethical issues, the assessment of spiritual and religious needs, models of pastoral intervention, the use of prayer and ceremony, and planning for bereavement care.

SC 625 Professional Ethics (3) O

Exploration of the ethical development of persons in the helping professions, particularly within the context of Christian ministry. We will explore professional ethics in situations involving informed consent, confidentiality, conflict of interest, honesty, whistleblowing, and public trust. The impact of accountability on individuals, employers, and professional ethical standards will be considered within the context of contemporary social issues.

SC 645 Special Topics in Spiritual Care (3) O

A course in spiritual care on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care (6) A

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) seeks to engage students at levels of personal and professional growth. The process initiates and fosters ongoing reflection on various kinds of “relationships” (with God/Divine, self, and others) as these emerge within learning and ministry contexts. Likewise, the process invites students to consider how their personal story relates with their professional life. Finally, students are asked to study and research a variety of ministry disciplines within health institutions as well community health and faith community settings. Throughout this program, the focus will be on “integration” – i.e. of faith and health, theology

and the human sciences, identify and ministry. Competencies will be assessed by reflecting on personal and professional functioning as informed by the standards of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC/ACSS) and tailored through an individual learning/serving covenant.

Note: this course has pass/fail grading. Admission is regulated by Alberta Health Services.

SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II (6) A

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) seeks to engage students at levels of personal and professional growth. The process initiates and fosters ongoing reflection on various kinds of “relationships” (with God/Divine, self, and others) as these emerge within learning and ministry contexts. Likewise, the process invites students to consider how their personal story relates with their professional life. Finally, students are asked to study and research a variety of ministry disciplines within health institutions as well community health and faith community settings. Throughout this program, the focus will be on “integration” – i.e. of faith and health, theology and the human sciences, identify and ministry. Competencies will be assessed by reflecting on personal and professional functioning as informed by the standards of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (CASC/ACSS) and tailored through an individual learning/serving covenant.

Note: this course has pass/fail grading. Admission is regulated by Alberta Health Services.

SC 745 Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of chaplaincy and spiritual care. Students will be expected to do research and present their findings to the class. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

SC 750 Spiritual Care Independent Study (3) O

For the advanced student (at least one-half through their program), an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in chaplaincy and spiritual care. Intended primarily for those students with highly individualized needs, the study emphasizes self-direction and initiative from the student.

SC 790 Graduating Essay (0) A

Each student will complete a graduating essay which will be evaluated as pass/fail. This graduating essay will typically be a summative reflection on the integration of the student's biblical and theological studies and their chosen career and/or personal giftedness.

Systematic, Constructive and Historical Theology

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith (3) A

TH 501-CL Introduction to Christian Faith (3)

TH 501-OL Introduction to Christian Faith (3)

The course is designed for students who have no previous training in theology. It is an introduction to the discipline of theology, its nature, necessity, methodology, and contours. The course emphasis is on the content of theology rather than the practice of theology per se. The course concentrates on the classical loci of Christian theology surveyed under the following categories: (1) Revelation; (2) God; (3) Creation, Fall, and Redemption; and (4) the Church and Its Future. Throughout the course, particular attention is paid to the relevance of theology to Christian praxis.

TH 610 Creation, Fall and Redemption (3) A

TH 610-CL Creation, Fall and Redemption (3)

The course is an in-depth examination of the Christian doctrines of creation, fall, and redemption. The course has two major foci. It examines, on the one hand, the work of the triune God in creation and preservation; and on the other, the place of humanity within the created and redeemed order. Other issues that are considered include: evil and the fall in their spiritual and cosmic dimensions, ecology and the cultural mandate, etc.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 611 Church and Its Future (3) A

TH 611-CL Church and Its Future (3)

The course is a study of the Christian teaching about the Church in its constitution, characteristics, and destiny. Topics include the images of the Church in the Bible, its mission and ministries, and its place in the revelation of the Last Things. The treatment of the subject is biblical, historical, and theological. Beyond the Church, the course also considers the implications of the revelation of the Last Things for Israel, the church, and the nations.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 615-CL History and Theology of the Chinese Church (3)

The course is a study of the Christian teaching about the Church in its constitution, characteristics, and destiny. Topics include images of the Church in the Bible, its mission and ministries, and its place in the revelation of the Last Things. The treatment of the subject is biblical, historical, and theological. Beyond the Church, the course also considers the implications of the revelation of the Last Things for Israel, the church, and the nations.

Prerequisite: TH 501 or TH 610

TH 620 Historical Theology (3) O

TH 620-CL Historical Theology (3)

This course is designed as an introduction to the continual, historical flow of Christian doctrinal thought and expression. As a survey of two thousand years of Christian history and development, it will necessarily be limited in scope to those historical and theological figures and events that play particularly significant roles in shaping the Church's various doctrinal formulations. This course includes non-Western developments in historical theology.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 621 Apologetics (3) O

This course is a survey and examination of the history of, and rationale for Christian apologetics. This includes an introduction to and exploration of the key questions and arguments that have risen in both the traditional and the contemporary context. The course also focuses on the relation between faith and reason, revelation and knowledge, belief and unbelief, and church and culture – all with the intent of more deeply learning what it means to be a faithful and thoughtful Christian witness.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 622 Christianity and Culture (3) A

TH 622-CL Christianity and Culture (3)

TH 622-OL Christianity and Culture (3)

The course is a critical examination of different attitudes toward culture adopted by the Church throughout history. The texts of representative theorists of culture such as Paul Tillich, Richard Niebuhr, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Stanley Hauerwas, and Jacques Ellul are assessed in light of biblical patterns and the requirements of a postmodern paradigm. Practical questions such as the relationship between the sacred and the secular, the role of art, the place of work and leisure, and the significance of political engagement receive particular attention. The course also seeks to develop an integrated model of God, humanity and culture focusing on current debates and their bearing on Christian mission.

Prerequisite: TH 501 or TH 610

TH 623 Christian Ethics (3) O

TH 623-CL Christian Ethics (3)

A study of influential ethical models current in contemporary moral philosophy. An evaluation of these models provides material for the construction of a Christian ethic based on the Scriptures and the moral teaching of the Church.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 630 Theology of Mission (3) O

A comprehensive biblical study of the centrality of mission in the heart of God, as this theme progressively unfolds in the Old and New Testament Scriptures. The course focuses on the significance of mission for the church today.

Prerequisite: TH 501 and MI 503

TH 640 Alliance History and Thought (3) A

TH 640-OL Alliance History and Thought (3)

This course is a survey of the origins of The Christian and Missionary Alliance movement in its social/cultural context. The continuities and changes are then traced historically as The Alliance developed to the present. In this, an evaluation of Alliance “distinctives” will form a central theme.

Notes: This course is cross-listed as CH 610 and is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as HI 362/REL 362.

For the online version of the course there is a class limit of 20 students and preference is given to those living outside of Calgary.

Prerequisite: TH 501, CH 501 or TH 610. Prerequisite will be waived for students who are in a denominational credentialing process.

TH 641 History and Polity of the Church of the Nazarene (3) B

This course traces the formative influences that led to the American Holiness movement and the Church of the Nazarene. The polity of the Church, as well as her major figures and events, are explored. Attention will be given to the themes of holiness theology in the context of the growth of the Church of the Nazarene.

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 358

TH 645 Special Topics in Theology (3) O

TH 645-CL Special Topics in Theology (3) O

A course in theological studies on a topic of current interest or specialized study. Course may be repeated for credit as topics change.

TH 650 Contemplative Theology (3) B

A study of contemplative theology as political theology. This course explores the writings of particular theological figures in Christianity who have emphasized the radical possibilities of contemplative practices for both church and world. These thinkers understand the correlation between belief and society with the result that their writing challenges the social and religious values of their day.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 651 Trauma and Theology (3) B

An interdisciplinary study of trauma and theology. The course addresses the unique challenges that the phenomenon of trauma poses to classical and contemporary Christian theology, and the insights of particular Canadian experiences of and research on trauma. These studies will deepen the student's ability, as a theologian, to respond to the complex challenges confronting traumatized persons and communities.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 663 Theology in the Modern Era (3) B

TH 663-CL Theology in the Modern Era (3)

A study of those late-nineteenth and twentieth century theological movements and thinkers who have significantly shaped contemporary theological trends and discussions.

Prerequisite: TH 501

TH 667 Theologies from the Margins (3) B

A study of the theological expressions of those groups historically sidelined by theological dialogue and development. Particular attention will be paid to Liberation, Feminist, Black and Minjung theologies, as well as the debate regarding Process and Openness theologies.

Prerequisite: TH 501

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 367.

TH 669 Trajectories in Sixteenth Century Reformation Thought (3) B

A comparative analysis of continental Magisterial Protestant, Catholic, and Radical Reformations within the context of early modern European society. A broad spectrum of subjects will be covered including soteriological and ecclesiological themes, church/state relations, political/socioeconomic theories, structures of family life, and the relationship between the Reformation and Renaissance.

Prerequisite: TH 501

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 369.

TH 674 Theology of Holiness (3) B

This course consists of a study of the doctrine of Christian holiness, stressing its biblical basis and surveying the breadth of its historical interpretations. Particular attention will be given to the late nineteenth-century Holiness Movement, its context, participants, theological offspring and classic texts. The formative, experiential, and ethical aspects of this doctrine will be emphasized.

Prerequisite: TH 501 or TH 610

Note: This course is cross-leveled at the undergraduate level as REL 374.

TH 675 Theological Research Practicum (3) A

An introduction to research tools and the efficient use of theological resources. Practical application is emphasized with attention to information access, information literacy, basic research (concepts, planning, and resources), retrieval, and critical analysis and thinking. This course may not be used as an advanced substitute in Theology and Christian Thought. This course is restricted to MA(BTS) students.

TH 700 Advanced Hermeneutics (3) B

This course provides an orientation to key issues in theological hermeneutics essential to the interpretation of the Bible and the study of theology. The course will describe ancient and contemporary reflection on hermeneutics as well as provide an opportunity for students to develop a hermeneutic appropriate for the study of Bible and theology within a confessional context.

Prerequisite: One of the following: BT 501, NT 502, OT 502, TH 501

Note: This course is cross-listed as BT 700.

TH 702 Trinitarian Theology (3) O

The uniqueness of Christian faith is that it worships God as one in three persons. The course, which is predicated on the conviction that the Trinity is a highly practical doctrine, investigates its origin and development. On the one hand, the inquiry, which is exegetical, historical, and philosophical, examines the particular contribution of Church councils such as Nicea and Constantinople as well as the particular contribution of individuals such as Augustine, the Cappadocian Fathers, and Thomas Aquinas in the formulation of Christian doctrine of the Trinity. On the other hand, the course critically examines the more recent proposals of Trinitarian theologies. A particular effort is made to demonstrate the implications of the Trinitarian faith for Christian worship and praxis.

Prerequisite: 3 credits in Theology at the 600 level or above

TH 704 Narrative Theology (3) O

The course is designed to develop an understanding and appreciation of the category of "story" for theological reflection. From a historical perspective, the course examines the rise of narrative theology, its division in two schools (Yale and Chicago), and the efforts presently underway to unify the two schools. Beyond the current historical interest, the course seeks to identify the weaknesses and the strengths of the narrative approach to the practice of theology in a postmodern context. Some suggestions will also be made as to how the positive insights of narrative theology can be applied to evangelical preaching.

Prerequisite: 3 credits in Theology at the 600 level or above

TH 705 Advanced Reading: Cognate Field (1.5) A

Study in Theology as a cognate field is required for those concentrating in Old Testament or New Testament in the Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies program. This course involves a preliminary study of enduring and recent issues in the study of Theology.

Note: This course is a supervised study and culminates in a final examination which is the Theology Cognate comprehension examination.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students. This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

TH 708 Postcolonial Theologies (3) O

This course seeks to achieve two objectives. First, it seeks to investigate the theologies emergent from the postmodern critique of modernity. Second, by focusing on postcolonial theologies, it seeks to pay attention to theological expressions from the global South. This course takes the colonial phenomenon as a foil to identify trends and strategies in these theologies that are at the same time theologies of identity and theologies of otherness.

Prerequisite: 3 credits in Theology at the 600 level or above

TH 710 Readings in Postmodern Theologies (3) O

An in-depth study of selected currents and/ or selected individual theologians who have made a significant contribution to the development of theology in recent years. These currents and/or individuals are considered within the context of the postmodern epistemological approaches to theology.

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

TH 720 Advanced Reading: Concentration (3) A

A comprehensive study of enduring and recent issues in the study of theology and mastery of a set of primary texts in theology. This course is a supervised study and prepares students for the Theology Concentration comprehensive exam in the Master of Arts in Biblical/Theological Studies program. Note: This course is conducted as an individual Directed Study, requiring permission of the Registrar, Dean and instructor.

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students

TH 745 Theological Studies Seminar (3) O

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue prominent in theology and Christian thought. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

TH 750 Theology Independent Study (3) O

An opportunity for the advanced (at least one-half through their program) student to research, write, and report on an aspect of theology of particular interest and significance. Under the guidance of the instructor, the student is expected to exercise the requisite skills and initiative in bringing the project to completion.

TH 790a Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semester of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program.

This course is restricted to students in the MA(BTS) Program.

TH 790b Thesis (6) A

Designed for students pursuing programs that require a thesis. Students will write a research thesis in the area of concentration under the supervision of appropriate faculty member(s). After the thesis proposal is approved, the thesis is registered during the final semester of the degree program. Credit is granted when the thesis is defended successfully in a public meeting and approved by program faculty.

Prerequisite: TH 790a and CGPA of 3.0 for course work in the program. This course is restricted to students in the MA(BTS) Program.

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