

## **Welcome to Ambrose Seminary!**

Dear Students,

Welcome to Ambrose Seminary! Our mission is to prepare Christians to serve and lead the church in its mission in the world. To that end, we seek to learn how to serve God and His creation by providing:

- a solid academic understanding of the Christian faith through biblical studies, theology, history, practical theology, and intercultural and Christian studies;
- a community that fosters integrity of character that leads to spiritual formation;
- practical ministry skills to be effective leaders; and
- an environment that integrates the academic, spiritual, and practical aspects of ministry to produce reflective practitioners.

It is my hope that as we journey together as a community of learners that we would discover what it means to be and act as servant leaders that transform our world!

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Academic Dean  
Professor of Practical Theology  
Faculty of Theology

### ***Important Information***

The Academic Calendar is a guide to Ambrose University College'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. The Academic Calendar also contains some of the policies and regulations all students of Ambrose University College are required to observe. At the time of registration, each student agrees to be bound by the policies and regulations of Ambrose University College and of the program in which the student is enrolled. Students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with all policies, procedures, rules and regulations by which they are bound. While academic advice is available, students are responsible for ensuring that their academic programs, including course selections, meet Ambrose University College's regulations in all respects. Program Planning Guides based on the Academic Calendar are also available for students, faculty and advisors.

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**List of Important Dates  
2012-2013**

**Fall 2012**

Residence opens	September 2
Orientation	September 3-4
Classes begin	September 5
Convocation Chapel	September 6
Registration Revision Period	September 5-16
Last day to enter course without permission, withdraw from a course; change to audit and receive tuition refund	September 16
Community Days (Spiritual Emphasis Days)	September 26-27
Thanksgiving (no classes)	October 8
Graduation Application deadline	October 12
Last day to request revised time for a final examination	October 29
Academic Advising Week for first-year students	November 5-9
Remembrance Day (no classes)	November 12
Last day to withdraw from courses without academic penalty	November 12
Last day to apply for a time extension for coursework	November 26
Last day of lectures	December 4
Music Juries	December 5
Final Examination Period	December 6-14
Christmas Break begins	December 15

**Winter 2013**

Residence opens	January 7
Orientation	January 8
Classes begin	January 9
Convocation Chapel	January 10
Registration Revision Period	January 10-20
Last day to enter course without permission, withdraw from a course; change to audit and receive tuition refund	January 20
Community Day (Program Day)	January 31
Family Day (no classes)	February 18
Winter Module classes/Mid-semester Break	February 19-23
Returning Scholarship Application deadline	February 26
Last day to request revised time for a final examination	March 4
Global Impact Day	March 6
Youth Legacy Conference	March 15-17
Last day to withdraw from courses without academic penalty	March 22
Ambrose Research Conference	March 25
Good Friday (no classes)	March 29

Academic Advising Week	April 1-15
Last day to apply for a time extension for coursework	April 1
Last day of lectures	April 9
Music Juries	April 10
Final Examination Period	April 11-19
Graduation	April 27
Internship Seminar	April 29–May 1

**Spring 2013**

Spring Module Weeks	April 29-May 3
	May 6-10
	May 13-17
	May 21-25

## **General Information**

### **Contact Details**

#### *Campus Office Hours*

Main Reception 403.410.2000

We are open Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Mountain Time and Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. At any time, you are welcome to leave voice mail, fax, or e-mail and we will respond to your inquiry promptly.

#### *Enrolment Office*

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Website: [www.ambrose.edu](http://www.ambrose.edu)

### **Location**

Ambrose University College campus is located at 150 Ambrose Circle SW, Calgary, Alberta.

Calgary, a city of over one million people, is located 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 College 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, computer commons, 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 Athletic/Performing Arts Centre boasts a full-size gym plus stage and sound system to accommodate from 600-1000 people. Banquet facilities, locker rooms and a weight room round out the building. Ambrose University College's Music Department enjoys a dedicated choir room, practice rooms, and a music lab space.

### **Library**

The Ambrose Library serves Ambrose University College and Ambrose Seminary. With more than 100,000 volumes and 223 (print) journal subscriptions, it is the largest theological library in the Prairies and one of the largest private academic libraries in western Canada. Particular strengths include theology, biblical studies, pastoral studies, missions, 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 archival collections on the history of Ambrose's institutional predecessors. The Ambrose Library archives are also the official repository for the records of The C&MA in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

A professional librarian and associate staff members 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 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 college 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 entity, Ambrose University College, the official Canadian school of both The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the Church of the Nazarene Canada. Ambrose also serves the wider Christian community with approximately 40 denominations and just over 700 students.

### **History of Seminary Education at Ambrose University College**

Ambrose Seminary education began in 1970 in Regina, Saskatchewan with the creation of Canadian Theological College, renamed Canadian Theological Seminary in 1982. In May 2007 Ambrose University College was formed as the 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 the 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 following:**

- Association of Theological Schools (ATS)

Ambrose Seminary has been an accredited member of the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada since 1989. This accreditation indicates that Ambrose Seminary complies with the ATS accrediting standards. 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.

**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 Universities and Colleges in Canada (WARUCC)*

## **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.

### **Admission Information**

Students wishing to apply to Ambrose Seminary are invited to apply online. For more information contact the Enrolment Office at 1.800.461.2222 or 403.410.2900, or email [enrolment@ambrose.edu](mailto:enrolment@ambrose.edu).

Regular mail:

Enrolment Office  
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### **Application Deadlines**

The completed application form, all supporting documents, official transcript(s), and the appropriate application fee should be submitted by the following deadlines. For all admission information and deadlines visit [Admissions - How to Apply](#).

#### *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 North America*

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

#### *Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)*

- April 1 for Fall Semester
- August 1 for Winter Semester

### **Full Admission**

Upon receipt of all application information, the documents will be reviewed and Full Admission to a Seminary program will be offered to eligible students. A letter of acceptance will be sent.

All application documents for a Seminary program, including official transcripts, must be submitted prior to registration. Registration may not be permitted if the application file is incomplete.

The Seminary reserves the right to deny admission if it judges the overall academic record unacceptable, notwithstanding admissions standards.

### **Application Deferral**

Upon acceptance into a Seminary program, students are permitted to postpone beginning their studies for one year. After a deferral of more than one year, students must reapply should they wish to study at Ambrose Seminary.

### **Entrance Qualifications**

#### **Personal Qualifications**

Recognizing that the primary purpose of the Seminary is to prepare students for Christian ministries, applicants must evidence a personal commitment to Christ that has existed at least one year prior to the projected date of enrolment. Applicants also should evidence balanced personality, reputable character, and a motivation to learn.

#### **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 and;
- must have maintained a minimum GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale in the last two years of study.

Applicants for the Master of Arts (Biblical/ Theological Studies) program must possess

- a baccalaureate degree or its educational equivalent from a recognized or accredited university, college, or Bible college, and
- have maintained a minimum undergraduate cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale in the necessary pre-requisite courses to qualify for admission.
  - Required pre-requisite courses:
    - 6 credits in Theological Studies
    - 6 credits in New Testament Studies
    - 6 credits in Old Testament Studies
    - 6 credits in Biblical Greek
    - 6 credits in Biblical Hebrew

Those who do not yet have an undergraduate degree should consider completing a degree with Ambrose University College

#### **Language Qualifications**

Applicants must have the ability to express themselves well in both verbal and written communication in English. In addition to the Testimony that is required as part of the application process, applicants may be asked to submit writing samples prior to admission.

Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language. Such applicants may demonstrate English proficiency by 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 7.0 on the IELTS Academic test.

One or more of the above may be required. Determination of English Proficiency is left to the discretion of the Enrolment Department.

\*The TOEFL institution code for Ambrose is 8915.

### **English Language Requirements for Chinese Language Programs**

#### **Master's degree programs**

Applicants whose first language is not English must demonstrate proficiency in the English language.

Such applicants may demonstrate English proficiency by one of the following:

- graduation from a college or university where English was the medium of instruction; or
- a minimum score of 500 on the paper-based Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test, or a minimum score of 61 on the internet-based TOEFL\* test; or
- a minimum score of 5.5 on the IELTS Academic test

#### **Certificate and Diploma Programs**

Applicants are not required to provide proof of English Proficiency for admission to Certificate and Diploma programs because the language of instruction is in the Chinese language. If a student wishes to enrol in an English language course, or change to a Master's level program, he or she will be required to provide proof of English proficiency as stated above.

### **Admission Categories**

Applicants may be granted admission with status in one of the following categories:

- Regular Student
- Mature Student
- Transfer Student
- Former Student

#### **Regular Student**

Students who have applied and have been granted Full Admission to a Seminary program are considered to be regular students.

#### **Mature Student**

The criteria to be used for the admission of students without undergraduate degrees (otherwise referred to as "mature students") to Ambrose Seminary are the following:

- Mature applicants will normally be considered for admission to Ambrose Seminary only if they have completed at least 60 semester hours of undergraduate course work or its equivalent from a recognized school prior to admission. Applicants who have engaged in a comprehensive evaluation or assessment program by a sponsoring church body, who are being recommended for ministry preparation, and who are judged by that body as competent to engage in graduate level biblical, theological, and ministerial training may be considered for admission with less undergraduate course work.

- Mature applicants with less than 60 credit hours of undergraduate course work must demonstrate at least ten (10) years of adult life experience by providing a written “portfolio of prior learning” that identifies and describes all aspects of learning gained through employment, volunteer service, ministry and other endeavours. This portfolio is to document the student’s life experiences and to demonstrate their similarity to learning that would be gained through formal undergraduate education. For additional information on this form of prior learning assessment, see the website for the Council on Adult Education Learning (CAEL) at [www.cael.org](http://www.cael.org).
- Mature applicants admitted to Ambrose Seminary on the basis of these criteria will normally be admitted to any Seminary diploma program. Upon the successful completion of at least ten Ambrose Seminary courses (30 credits), the Mature Student may be admitted to the MDiv program, MAIM, or MALM programs by the admissions committee of the faculty.

The evaluation of undergraduate academic transcripts for Mature Student admission will be done by the Ambrose Seminary Admissions Administrator and the Academic Dean. Review of the applicant’s Prior Learning Portfolio will be done by the Ambrose Seminary Admissions Committee and the Academic Dean.

**Please note:** Academic credit is not awarded for experiential learning demonstrated in the Prior Learning Portfolio. Its purpose is to assist in providing an “objective means” for evaluating the mature applicant’s background and suitability for enrolling in a graduate level program of study at Ambrose Seminary.

#### **Transfer Student**

Students who are in good standing in their previous work in another post-baccalaureate institution are welcome to apply. Such students are required to submit official transcripts of their entire post-baccalaureate education, as well as official transcripts of their undergraduate degree. Transfer credits will be determined on an individual basis.

#### **Former Student**

Former students who wish to re-enter Ambrose Seminary after an absence of one year must submit a completed Supplementary Application for Re-admission for the program they wish to enter. The re-application process also applies to students who were suspended from Ambrose and wish to return to continue studies. Official transcripts of any studies undertaken during such an absence are required. Re-admitted students will be required to fulfill current degree program requirements. Students with a record of academic difficulty may be re-admitted on academic probation. Before students may re-enter, their student account must be paid in full. Please note that re-entry requirements do not apply to students who were absent on internship.

#### **International Students**

For international applicants, the application process, including obtaining TOEFL or IELTS results and a Canadian Study Permit, may take as long as six or eight months. Therefore, the application process should be started well in advance of the semester in which the applicant intends to register. All students from countries other than Canada must possess a valid Canadian Study Permit and passport prior to entry to Canada, or be Canadian Permanent Residents or Citizens. International students must present their letter of acceptance from Ambrose Seminary, and proof of finances to cover costs of

education and living expenses while in Canada to Canadian Immigration officials. Prospective students are advised to begin the application process one year prior to anticipated enrolment.

For further information on International student services see Student Development section.

### **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.

## **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.

### **Learning Outcomes**

Ambrose Seminary seeks to implement its mission statement through the development of educational and formational learning outcomes for the graduates of all degree programs. These learning outcomes are associated with specific attitudes, knowledge and skills. We acknowledge that learning domains are not easily separated and that there is a complex interplay that exists in these and other areas of learning. However, the categories of attitudes, knowledge and skills can be useful indicators of some of

the changes we intend for students engaged in a community of learning where serious theological inquiry, reflection and dialogue is encouraged. The following outcomes express the priorities we have as we shape and evaluate our courses, programs, and our faculty and students.

Our graduates are expected to:

- understand and appropriate their vocation and identity in Christ;
- achieve integration in the personal, theological, and ministerial dimensions of their lives;
- manifest godliness and exercise their God-given gifts and abilities;
- provide godly nurture through counselling and mentoring;
- serve and lead effectively in a variety of settings;
- interpret the Bible faithfully and relevantly according to a clearly articulated hermeneutic;
- reflect theologically from the perspective of an evangelical tradition that has been informed and enriched by the breadth of Christian tradition;
- grow in their ability to bear witness to the Gospel and to lead the church in its mission;
- communicate effectively and relevantly about diverse topics;
- embrace the worldwide mission of the church in all of its local, international, private, and public dimensions;
- practice and advocate lifelong learning.

Through various degree programs students will have the opportunity to develop increased depth and competency in specific outcomes as they prepare for various areas of ministry. The academic programs of Ambrose Seminary derive from our mission statement and the learning outcomes articulated above. The following lists the available programs of study and the total credit hours required for completion of each program. Note that the Master of Arts (Biblical/ Theological studies) program has specific academic prerequisites that may lengthen the program of study. See the academic program details for further information. The certificate programs are not intended to provide adequate preparation for professional ministry. They do, however, provide a combination of courses that can become the basis of a more advanced diploma or degree program.

## **Program Listing**

### **Master of Divinity**

90 credits

### **Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)**

60 credits

**Master of Arts (Christian Studies)**

60 credits

**Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries**

60 credits

**Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry**

60 credits

**Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry (Chinese Language)**

60 credits

**Diploma in Christian Studies**

30 credits

**Diploma in Intercultural Ministries**

30 credits

**Diploma in Leadership and Ministry**

30 credits

**Diploma in Leadership and Ministry (Chinese Language)**

30 credits

**Certificate in Chinese Ministries**

15 credits

**Certificate in Christian Studies**

15 credits

**Certificate in Intercultural Ministries**

15 credits

**Certificate in Leadership and Ministry**

15 credits

**Master of Divinity**

**90 credits**

The Master of Divinity degree (MDiv) seeks to prepare students for professional church ministries including those of pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor, women's ministries, children's ministries, etc. This degree is the standard for those preparing for a credentialed ministry position in many denominational settings, since it provides both depth and breadth in biblical, theological and practical studies. The MDiv program is not usually sufficient graduate study for undergraduate or graduate teaching careers, but can serve as preparation for a doctoral program.

The MDiv program at Ambrose Seminary provides a number of advantages for students. The Ambrose Seminary MDiv provides a distinctive and practical approach to the study of biblical languages. The Greek and Hebrew sequence is designed to provide the student with a knowledge of biblical languages that is tailored to meet the needs of a student preparing for the ministry of the Gospel. This approach assists the student in knowing how to study scripture intensely and reflectively. The learning objective is to enable graduates to know how languages of the Old and New Testaments work and how to use the resources available – grammars, dictionaries, concordances, commentaries, and other grammars and translations – and to use them with understanding. This approach also seeks to enable a knowledge and appreciation of how history and culture affect the way we communicate the Scriptures to our present world. It provides graduates with life-long skills in using tools available to the student of Scripture. The Master of Divinity curriculum also provides a foundation from which students can proceed to advanced studies in biblical languages.

The Ambrose Seminary MDiv also focuses on spiritual formation and professional development in every course that is taught. Every course contains components that seek to address the nature of the student's spiritual growth in an integrative fashion across the curriculum. The curriculum also focuses on the active engagement of learning in the classroom with practice in ministry. The expectation is to bring practical experience back into the classroom and to do substantive theological reflection on those experiences with peers and mentors. The goal is to produce graduates who can think and reflect biblically and theologically regarding issues they will be facing in the practice of ministry.

To accomplish this "theological reflection on the practice of ministry," we expect that all students enrolled in MDiv programs will be involved in a ministry setting by their second term of enrolment. It is our intention that students will be active participants in the ministry of a local church where they will be able to serve and receive the spiritual support and guidance that all believers need. Such active participation in ministry will lead to increasing awareness and responsibility as they engage in their studies.

All Master of Divinity program students are required to use the E-portfolio system throughout the duration of their program. This e-portfolio will be owned by the student and the one-time fee covers the cost for 5 years. This portfolio will help gauge and track the learning and development of the student with proper feedback from faculty and staff. Training sessions will be given at the beginning of each semester.

### **Internship**

To prepare for Internship, students must apply to the Internship Program during the September prior to starting an Internship (i.e. MA students must begin to prepare for Internship in their first year of full time studies and MDiv students must begin to prepare for Internship in their second year of full time studies) and attend a pre-internship orientation meeting. All potential ministry interns are given an assessment packet (a fee is charged for this) to assess readiness for Internship at the pre-internship orientation meeting. An interview with the director of Field Education is required in October to discuss and review the assessment packet. For Prerequisites and more information, please refer to the "The Internship Program."

### **Required Courses**

#### *Biblical Languages 12*

BL 511 Language of the Old Testament

BL 512 Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis

BL 521 Language of the New Testament  
BL 522 Introduction to Greek Exegesis

*Biblical Studies 18*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations  
NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

6 credits in Old Testament  
6 credits in New Testament

*Historical and Theological Studies 12*

CH 501 Christianity in History  
TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context course.*

TH 610 Creation, Fall, and Redemption  
TH 611 The Church and Its Future

*Practical Theology 15*

ED 501 Teaching and Learning  
ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation  
PR 701 Expository Preaching  
PT 501 Personal Formation and Development  
PT 712 Ministry/Intercultural Internship OR IM 720 Ministry/Intercultural Coaching

*Mission and Evangelism 6*

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach  
WM 501 Missions in Global Perspective

**Students may choose between a focus in Intercultural Ministries or Pastoral Ministries (27 credits)**

*Intercultural Ministries Focus 18*

WM 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry  
WM 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions  
WM 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Competence  
IM 501 Intercultural Competence  
TH 711 Christianity and Culture  
CC 501 Introduction to Counselling **or** PT 610 Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care

*Electives 9*

*Pastoral Ministries Focus 15*

OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew **or** NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek  
TH 711 Christianity in Culture **or** TH 715 Christian Ethics  
CC 501 Introduction to Counselling  
PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship  
PT 610 Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care

*Electives 12*

## **Master of Arts (Biblical/Theological Studies)**

**60 credits**

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 reflection on Bible and Theology. Persons training for pastoral ministry may also benefit from this program. The degree's intensive mentoring model with thesis production provides a personalized and concentrated environment for deep reflection on biblical and theological studies.

The MA(BTS) program seeks to broaden and deepen a student's understanding of and competency in biblical and theological studies, to prepare students for doctoral studies in Bible and Theology, and to prepare students for a vocation in biblical and theological education. Although the thesis reflects a student's chosen concentration, the program is designed to ensure that the student has the competency to understand the connectedness of the three disciplines.

At the beginning of the MA(BTS) program the student must declare one of Old Testament, New Testament, or Theology as their concentration. The student is also required to do advanced study in the remaining two fields which are designated as cognate fields or studies. Whichever concentration is chosen advanced work in both biblical languages is a requirement of this program. In addition to the learning outcomes for all programs offered at Ambrose Seminary, the curriculum of the MA(BTS) is designed around nine specific learning outcomes that we expect to see at the conclusion of this program of study.

*Upon completion of the application to the MA(BTS) program, the student may be admitted to the Pre-MA(BTS) Program until such time as the prerequisites for the MA(BTS) are completed with an average of GPA of 3.0 or higher. When admitted to the Pre-MA(BTS) Program, a student may begin the course work required in the MA(BTS) Program while completing the prerequisites. Admission to the MA(BTS) Program requires approval of the program faculty.*

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.

### **Required Courses**

*Prerequisite Studies*

6 credits in Theological Studies

6 credits in New Testament Studies

6 credits in Old Testament Studies

6 credits in Biblical Greek  
6 credits in Biblical Hebrew

*Concentration Studies 30*

Students are required to take 30 credits in one of the following fields of concentration: Old Testament, New Testament, or Theology. Concentration studies must include:

OT/NT/TH 700 Advanced Hermeneutics (3 credits)  
12 credits in advanced (600-700 level) electives in the chosen concentration  
OT/NT/TH 720 Advanced Reading Course (3 credits)  
OT/NT/TH 790 Thesis (12 credits)

*Cognate Studies 15*

Students are required to pursue advanced (600-700) level course work in the two program fields which are not 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 OT 705, NT 705 or TH 705 Advanced Reading Cognate Field (Comprehensive Examinations) - (1.5 credits each)

*Advanced Biblical and Research Languages 9*

Old Testament concentration requirements:

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis  
BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis  
OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew

New Testament concentration requirements:

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis  
BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis  
NT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek

Theology concentration requirements:

BL 621 Advanced Greek Exegesis  
BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis  
And one of the following:  
TH 7XX **or** OT **or** NT 710 **or** RL 6XX Language for Theological Research

*Professional and Scholarly Development 6*

ED 501 Teaching and Learning **or** ED 701 Formation of the Teacher  
TH 675 Theological Research Practicum

**Master of Arts (Christian Studies)**

**60 credits**

The Master of Arts (Christian Studies) is designed for students who are looking to pursue biblical and theological studies specifically geared to their interests, giftedness and careers. The flexibility of this degree allows for students to develop their initial studies in Old Testament, New Testament and

Theology into a specialization or to develop the interdisciplinary aspects of these disciplines, their giftedness, their ministries and professions. The design of this program is specifically not intended to prepare persons for professional career ministry and therefore this degree program will not require an internship.

### **Required Courses**

#### *Biblical Studies 6*

OT 501 New Testament Foundations

NT 501 Old Testament Foundations

#### *Theological Studies 3*

TH 501 Introduction to the Christian Faith

#### *Practical Theological Studies 6*

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

#### *Christian Studies Electives 24*

12 credits in Old Testament and/or New Testament

12 credits in Theology and Christian Thought

#### *Electives 21*

#### *CS 790 Graduation Essay 0*

In addition to these 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 and theological studies and their chosen career and/or personal giftedness.

### **Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries**

#### **60 credits**

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 Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries students are required to use the E-portfolio system throughout the duration of their program. This e-portfolio will be owned by the student and the one-time fee covers the cost for 5 years. This portfolio will help gauge and track the learning and development of the student with proper feedback from faculty and staff. Training sessions will be given at the beginning of each semester.

### **Internship**

To prepare for Internship, students must apply to the Internship Program during the September prior to starting an Internship (i.e. MA students must begin to prepare for Internship in their first year of full



time studies and MDiv students must begin to prepare for Internship in their second year of full time studies) and attend a pre-internship orientation meeting. All potential ministry interns are given an assessment packet (a fee is charged for this) to assess readiness for Internship at the pre-internship orientation meeting. An interview with the director of Field Education is required in October to discuss and review the assessment packet. For Prerequisites and more information, please refer to the “The Internship Program.”

### **Required Courses**

#### *Biblical Studies 12*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

3 credits in Old Testament

3 credits in New Testament

#### *Theological Studies 6*

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context*

TH 711 Christianity and Culture

#### *Practical Theology 12*

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

PR 601 Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

#### *Intercultural Ministries 24*

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

IM 501 Intercultural Competence

IM 712 Intercultural Internship **or** IM 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching

WM 501 Missions in Global Perspective

WM 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry

WM 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions

WM 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness

3 credits in EV, IM or WM

#### *Electives 6*

### **Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry**

#### **60 credits**

The Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry (MALM) program provides enhanced preparation for professional ministries in a range of specialized areas. This program is designed to enhance the ministries of experienced pastors and for those preparing for a support ministry role and wishing a

program that enables them to focus on a particular ministry area such as education and discipleship, counselling, or leadership and ministry.

All Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry students are required to use the E-portfolio system throughout the duration of their program. This e-portfolio will be owned by the student and the one-time fee covers the cost for 5 years. This portfolio will help gauge and track the learning and development of the student with proper feedback from faculty and staff. Training sessions will be given at the beginning of each semester.

### **Internship**

To prepare for Internship, students must apply to the Internship Program during the September prior to starting an Internship (i.e. MA students must begin to prepare for Internship in their first year of full time studies and MDiv students must begin to prepare for Internship in their second year of full time studies) and attend a pre-internship orientation meeting. All potential ministry interns are given an assessment packet (a fee is charged for this) to assess readiness for Internship at the pre-internship orientation meeting. An interview with the director of Field Education is required in October to discuss and review the assessment packet. For Prerequisites and more information, please refer to the "The Internship Program."

### **Required Courses**

#### *Biblical Studies 12*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

3 credits in Old Testament

3 credits in New Testament

#### *Theological Studies 6*

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context.*

TH 711 Christianity and Culture **or** TH 715 Christian Ethics

#### *Leadership and Ministry 27*

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

IM 501 Intercultural Competence

PR 601 Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice

PT 712 Ministry Internship **or** PT 720 Ministry Coaching

*Specialized Ministry Electives 12*

These elective credits must be taken in areas of applied ministry course work (CC, ED, EV, IM, PR, PT, SC, WM).

*Electives 3*

**Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry – Chinese Language  
60 credits**

**Required Courses**

*Biblical Studies 12*

OT 501-CL Old Testament Foundations

NT 501-CL New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

3 credits in Old Testament

3 credits in New Testament

*Theological Studies 6*

TH 501-CL Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context.*

TH 711-CL Christianity and Culture **or** TH 715-CL Christian Ethics

*Leadership and Ministry 27*

CC 501-CL Introduction to Counselling

ED 501-CL Teaching and Learning

ED 503-CL Leadership and Leadership Formation

EV 501-CL Personal and Corporate Outreach

IM 501-CL Intercultural Competence

PR 601-CL Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501-CL Personal Formation and Development

PT 710-CL Ministry Values and Practice

PT 712 Ministry Internship **or** PT 720 Ministry Coaching

*Specialized Ministry Electives 12*

These elective credits must be taken in areas of applied ministry course work (CC, ED, EV, IM, PR, PT, SC, WM).

*Electives 3*

## **Diploma in Christian Studies**

### **30 credits**

The Diploma in Christian Studies (DipCS) provides basic preparation for lay ministry that has been enhanced by concentrated study in Bible and theology. For those qualified and wishing to pursue a graduate degree core course work and certain electives taken in this diploma program may be applied to the requirements of the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program, Master of Arts (Christian Studies) program or the Master of Divinity program.

#### **Required Courses**

##### *Biblical Studies 6*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

##### *Theological Studies 6*

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context.*

TH 711 Christianity and Culture

##### *Practical Theology 3*

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

##### *Electives 15*

## **Diploma in Intercultural Ministries**

### **30 credits**

The Diploma in Intercultural Ministries (DipIM) provides, in some circumstances, basic preparation for intercultural ministries. In particular cases, the diploma will meet the minimum standards for those appointed to missionary service with The Christian and Missionary Alliance. 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.

#### **Required Courses**

##### *Biblical Studies 6*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

*Theological Studies 6*

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context.*

TH 711 Christianity and Culture

*Practical Theology 3*

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

*Intercultural Ministries 15*

Five of:

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

IM 501 Intercultural Competence

WM 501 Mission in a Global Perspective

WM 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry

WM 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions

Any 6 credits in EV, IM, or WM

**Diploma in Leadership and Ministry**

**30 credits**

The Diploma in Leadership and Ministry (DipLM) provides basic preparation for lay ministry that has been enhanced by concentrated study in leadership and ministry. The diploma can be applied fully to the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program for those who qualify for the degree program.

**Required Courses**

*Biblical and Theological Studies 9*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Note: Students with previous academic study in either OT or NT may take an advanced substitute course in the place of either OT 501 or NT 501. Students with previous academic study in both OT and NT may take one advanced substitute course in either OT or NT and take the NT/OT 700 Advanced Hermeneutics course.*

TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Note: Students with prior academic study in theology may take TH 601 Theology in Context.*

*Leadership and Ministry 12*

Four of:

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PR 601 Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

*Specialized Ministry Electives 6*  
6 credits in CC, ED, PR, PT or SC

*Electives 3*

**Diploma in Leadership and Ministry  
(Chinese Ministry Focus)**  
**30 credits**

The Diploma in Leadership and Ministry (Chinese Ministry Focus) provides basic preparation for lay ministry that has been enhanced by concentrated study in leadership and ministry. All 30 credits in this diploma are available in Chinese language instruction. The one-year diploma can be applied fully to the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program, for those who qualify for admission to the degree program.

**Required Courses**

*Biblical and Theological Studies 9*

NT 501 **or** NT 501-CL New Testament Foundations

OT 501 **or** OT 501-CL Old Testament Foundations

TH 501 **or** TH 501-CL Introduction to Christian Faith

*Leadership and Ministry 12*

Four of:

CC 501-CL Introduction to Counselling

ED 501-CL Teaching and Learning

ED 503-CL Leadership and Leadership Formation

EV 501-CL Personal and Corporate Outreach

PR 601-CL Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching

PT 501-CL Personal Formation and Development

*Specialized Ministry Electives 6*

Any two courses in CC, ED, EV, IM, PR, PT, SC or WM

*Electives 3*

**Certificate in Chinese Ministries**  
**15 credits**

The Certificate in Chinese Ministries program consists of five courses taught in Cantonese and is offered in collaboration with the Canadian Chinese Alliance Churches Association (CCACA). This certificate seeks to provide C&MA theological and ministry distinctives to Chinese Alliance workers across Canada. This certificate also seeks to meet the pastoral demand of local church growth, church planting and overseas mission. The target group includes lay leaders, part-time and full-time seminary students, and pastors in ministry. This program emphasizes the biblical, practical and contextual values of North American

Chinese churches. Courses taken through the Certificate in Chinese Ministries may apply to other Ambrose Seminary diploma and degree programs.

### **Required Courses**

Five of:

CC 501-CL Introduction to Counselling  
CH 610-CL Alliance History and Thought  
CH 615-CL History and Theology of the Chinese Church  
ED 501-CL Teaching and Learning  
ED 503-CL Leadership and Leadership Formation  
ED 628-CL Marketplace Ministry: Discipleship in the Secular Workplace  
EV 501-CL Personal and Corporate Outreach  
PR 601-CL Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching  
PR 701-CL Expository Preaching  
PT 501-CL Personal Formation and Development  
PT 530-CL Conflict Management in the North American Chinese Church  
PT 650-CL Pastoral Ministry in the North American Chinese Church  
WM 530-CL Missions in Chinese Perspective

### **Certificate in Christian Studies**

**15 credits**

This certificate is for those who desire a basic preparation for lay ministry. The courses in this certificate can be applied to the Diploma in Christian Studies for those who qualify for the program.

### **Required Courses**

*Biblical and Theological Studies 6*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations  
NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Electives 9*

### **Certificate in Intercultural Ministries**

**15 credits**

This certificate is for those who desire a basic introduction to the challenges of intercultural ministry. The courses in this certificate can be applied to the Diploma in Intercultural Ministries for those who qualify for the degree program.

### **Required Courses**

*Biblical and Theological Studies 6*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations **or** NT 501 New Testament Foundations  
TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith

*Intercultural Ministries 9*

Three of:

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought  
EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach  
IM 501 Intercultural Competence  
WM 501 Missions in Global Perspective  
WM 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry  
WM 613 Third Millennium Trends and Issues in Missions  
Any two courses in EV, IM, or WM

### **Certificate in Leadership and Ministry** **15 credits**

The Certificate in Leadership and Ministry provides basic preparation for lay ministry that has been enhanced by concentrated study in leadership and ministry. The certificate can be applied fully to the Diploma in Leadership and Ministry program for those who qualify for the Diploma program.

#### **Required Courses**

*Biblical and Theological Studies 6*

OT 501 Old Testament Foundations

NT 501 New Testament Foundations

*Leadership and Ministry 9*

Three of:

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling

CH 610 Alliance History and Thought

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

Any one course in CC, ED, PR, PT, or SC

### **The Internship Program**

#### **The Philosophy of Internship**

Internship is an integral part of preparation for ministry. It provides the intern with an extended, in-depth practice of ministry for the purpose of integrating classroom input with field experience. In addition, Internship provides our interns with a working relationship with another person in ministry rather than just a place to carry out practical Christian service. The intern is exposed to all forms and facets of the ministry but the primary focus in this experience is on the intern as a disciple in development and on the pastor-mentor as a teacher leader.

#### **The Objectives of Internship**

By the end of the Internship, the student should be able to

- explore and evaluate their personal identity as a ministering part of the Body of Christ;



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

#### **Internship Prerequisites and Requirements**

An Internship or Ministry Coaching approved by the Field Education department is required for the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries, and the Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry program. The Director of Field Education assists in locating and approves appropriate internships.

The following prerequisites must be successfully completed by the end of the Winter semester before an Internship can be considered:

#### **Master of Divinity (Pastoral Ministries Focus)**

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling  
 ED 501 Teaching and Learning  
 PR 701 Expository Preaching  
 PT 501 Personal Formation and Development  
 PT 601 Theology and Practice of Worship  
 PT 610 Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care

#### **Master of Divinity (Intercultural Ministries Focus)**

CC 501 Introduction to Counselling **or** PT 610 Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care  
 ED 501 Teaching and Learning  
 IM 501 Intercultural Competence  
 EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach  
 PR 701 Expository Preaching  
 PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

#### **Master of Arts in Intercultural Ministries**

IM 501 Intercultural Competence  
 ED 501 Teaching and Learning  
 EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach  
 PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

### **Master of Arts in Leadership and Ministry**

ED 501 Teaching and Learning

EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach

PT 501 Personal Formation and Development

PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice

The minimum duration for an Internship is three months on a full-time basis in a ministry context, usually in a church setting. Part-time Internships are permitted with the approval of the Director of Field Education. To prepare for Internship, students must apply to the Internship Program during the September prior to starting an Internship (i.e. MA students must begin to prepare for Internship in their first year of full time studies and MDiv students must begin to prepare for Internship in their second year of full time studies) and attend a pre-internship orientation meeting. All potential ministry interns are given an assessment packet (a fee is charged for this) to assess readiness for Internship at the pre-internship orientation meeting. An interview with the director of Field Education is required in October to discuss and review the assessment packet.

The appointment of an Internship field site will be approved usually in February. This is followed by a 3-day compulsory Internship Seminar in late April for all ministry interns and mentors. The goal of the Internship Seminar is to prepare the intern and mentor for an effective internship.

The goals of the Internship Seminar are

- to build healthy relationships between the mentor, intern and the seminary;
- to help the intern and mentor understand the importance of soul nurture;
- to address ministry practice and theological reflection issues.

In order to make the most of the Internship experience, student interns meet weekly with their mentor for evaluation and feedback sessions. To ensure that the student is actively involved in ministry, an Internship contract, which specifies types and frequency of an intern's ministry involvement, is signed by both the intern and supervising mentor before Internship begins. Moreover, field advisors will visit the internship site to give formative assessments.

The intern receives a monthly allowance, room and board, travel allowance while ministering, and a love offering at the end of Internship from the assigned church. Churches from various denominations participate in the Ambrose Seminary Internship program. The Seminary reserves the right to place students in participating churches.

### **Intercultural Internships**

All prerequisites must be completed before the end of the Winter semester. The Intercultural Internship is done concurrently with the course WM 705 Mentoring for Intercultural Effectiveness and can be done on a full-time (minimum of three months) or part-time basis. Because of the nature of Intercultural Internship, the three-day Internship Seminar is not required. Instead, the following process is followed for intercultural interns:

1. The student secures the field site and writes a proposal for Internship, which is submitted and approved by the Chair of Intercultural Ministries Cluster and Director of Field Education.

2. The student fulfils course requirements for WM 705 and the assessments and learning contract from the Field Education Department for IM 712. The Chair of Intercultural Ministries Cluster and Director of Field Education will each meet with the student to go over course requirements and syllabus for WM 705 and IM 712 before Internship begins.
3. The student arranges the financial and living arrangements with the field site.
4. After the completion of the Internship the student will debrief with the Director of Field Education.

### **Ministry Coaching**

Ministry Coaching, which is an alternative to Internship for those who have ministry experience, is designed for those who are presently or recently in full-time or significant part-time ministry. Also, students who have done an Internship in their Ambrose undergraduate ministry program may apply for Ministry Coaching. The Director of Field Education will determine a student's qualifications and ministry experience for Ministry Coaching. The intent of this course is for a student to seek and build an intentional relationship with a mentor for the purposes of personal and theological reflection on the practice of ministry. Ministry Coaching can be done 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, the student should be able to

- develop the capacity to engage in theological reflection upon ministry;
- provide opportunity to practice new professional responsibilities in the practice of ministry;
- integrate theological reflection/beliefs of ministry with the practice of ministry;
- find and know how to develop and maintain a relationship with a mentor;
- produce a ministry project that deals with some 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 400-hour learning experience in a supervised clinical setting, usually undertaken in a hospital. Ambrose is a seminary of register and has affiliation agreements with Regina-Qu'Appelle Health Region in Saskatchewan and Alberta Health Service in Calgary. Normally, this learning experience, called a "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 care giving in context.

Students wishing to complete Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for credit towards a degree at Ambrose Seminary are invited to discuss this option with the Director of Field Education. When applying to take a CPE unit through the Supervisors of the Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice and Education (CAPPE), students should register and pay through Ambrose Seminary for SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care.

Given that students will have already paid a tuition fee to CAPPE approximately equivalent to 3 credits of tuition at Ambrose Seminary, the tuition charge applied to SC 715 would be that of a regular 3 credit course (rather than a 6 credit course).

Upon provision of the student's final CPE evaluation and with the approval of the Ambrose Seminary Director of Field Education, the successful completion of one CPE unit will fulfill the requirements of this 6 credit hour course.

SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care will be applicable to the MDiv degree as follows:

- PT 712 (provided all internship prerequisites have been met) and one elective; or two open electives

SC 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care will be applicable to the MALM degree as follows:

- 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 one elective; **or**
- Two specialized ministry or open electives.

Students taking a second CPE unit, for which they would like to earn credit towards an Ambrose Seminary degree, should register and pay through Ambrose Seminary for SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II. Upon provision of the student's final CPE evaluation and with the approval of the Ambrose Seminary Director of Field Education, the successful completion of a second CPE unit will fulfill the requirements of this 6 credit hour course.

SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II will be applicable to the MDiv degree as two open electives and to the MA/LM as two specialized ministry or open electives.

Both CS 715 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care and CS 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.

Students who have already completed a CPE unit and who would like to earn credit towards an Ambrose Seminary degree for this work may register and pay for CS 715 and/or SC 716, as appropriate. Provision of the student's final CPE evaluation and the approval of the Ambrose Seminary Director of Field Education will fulfill the course requirements in this case.

## **Student Development**

Men and women from more than twenty denominations and more than a dozen countries, with a variety of ministry goals and undergraduate backgrounds, make up the diverse Seminary student body. Career missionaries in the student body and faculty contribute to the global perspective of the community. Students lead the World Missions Society, which fosters active support of and commitment to the worldwide mission of the church. Students identify and promote strategic financial projects, encourage prayer for missions, and work with the administration to plan and lead a Global Impact Day.

The Seminary Student Council provides leadership for a number of activities during the year and works closely with the faculty and the Vice President of Student Services to provide opportunities for all students to engage in meaningful community events.

Most faculty members have experience in church ministries and many have pursued their advanced studies against the backdrop of that experience, wrestling with the intersection of scholarship and ministerial practice. As a result, faculty members bring to their students a heart for the church and a marked concern for the integration of learning with life and ministry. They care deeply about their disciplines and they keep that passion alive by professional development, research and contact with a worldwide network of their peers.

In addition to formalized programs, the Seminary's commitment to an integrated model of learning is expressed in a variety of opportunities for personal reflection, spiritual development and close contact with faculty as mentors and fellow believers.

Faculty members seek to not only be instructors, but also to be mentors and fellow learners, to make themselves available to give counsel and to pray with students. Some lead small groups that meet for nurture and encouragement.

Significant in the life of the community are times of worship – opportunities to “be still and know that I am God.” At regular chapel services, prayer meetings, and Global Impact Day, the community gathers to listen to God's Word, to sing, to pray, and to observe the Lord's Supper.

Ambrose Seminary provides opportunities where the issues of academics, spirituality, personal development, vocation, and ministerial practice are brought together.

Ambrose Seminary provides a high level of student service throughout the student's academic career and beyond. Placement services and vocational resources include the facilitation of accreditation for those seeking ministry with The C&MA, the provision of various workshops, maintenance of current information on ministry openings and communication with potential employers.

Student Development integrates faith, learning, and living into the academic experience of our students through co-curricular programs, activities and services. Further information on student services and Student Development can be found in the [Student Handbook](#).

## **Spiritual Development**

We intentionally seek to help students develop their Christian faith through

- community chapels;

- one-on-one time with the campus chaplain;
- Community Days;
- Spiritual retreats;
- prayer retreats;
- Spiritual direction;
- residence floor meetings and small groups.

Further information is available at [Spiritual Life](#).

### **Community Lifestyle Standards**

The Seminary has set forth lifestyle standards that express the nature of this particular Christian community, enhance the purposes of the community, and provide for the life and growth of community members. These standards are based on scriptural principles, insights from various academic disciplines, and appreciation for the evangelical heritage of the Seminary and its constituency. A detailed treatment of standards of conduct and of Seminary policy regarding disciplinary process is available in the Student Handbook.

Responsibilities inherent in membership in the Seminary community involve both general patterns of community lifestyle and particular requirements regarding specific activities. In signing an application for admission, the applicant assumes responsibility to maintain these standards upon acceptance as a student at the Seminary.

Scripture does not provide specific teaching regarding all behaviour; controversy regarding individual practices has arisen throughout the history of the church. Nevertheless, the Seminary has established guidelines for all students which specifically prohibit particular practices, including: dishonesty, all forms of academic dishonesty, theft, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behaviour, profanity, gossip, racism, infringement of the rights of others, disregard for governmental authority, abuse of one's body through the use of harmful substances, the practice of gambling, the possession and use of tobacco and alcohol on campus, hazing, harassment, hateful communication, sexual harassment and assault, and any behaviour that threatens the safety of a student.

Violation of these guidelines will lead to disciplinary action. While the first concern of such action is restoration, a violation of a serious nature or consistent disregard for the standards of the community may result in dismissal from the Seminary.

### **Career Development**

Our Career Development Centre assists students to develop a strategy for life-long vocational and career management, whether in ministry, business or other fields.

The Centre provides assistance to students in researching and making decisions about career and vocational choices, training, and future education. In addition, help is available from the Centre to develop effective job search strategies, resumes, career portfolios, and interview skills. Local and

international employment opportunities are posted to assist students in finding employment. A number of workshops, tools and services are offered to help students prepare for the transition from school to the workplace. Further information can be found at the [Career Development Centre](#).

## **International Student Information**

### **Study Authorization (Canadian Study Permit)**

#### **U.S.A. Students**

Once accepted into Ambrose Seminary, students from the U.S.A. apply for their Study Permit at the Canadian border when they are crossing into Canada to begin their studies at Ambrose. U.S. students must be prepared to present their letter of acceptance, proof of finances, and any other required personal identity items at the border in order to obtain a Study Permit.

#### **Students from Outside North America**

Once accepted into Ambrose Seminary, international applicants must complete an "Application for a Study Permit" (IMM 1294) available from the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website ([www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca)). This application form must be submitted to the Canadian Embassy office responsible for your area of processing. If your application is approved, you will be issued a Study Permit at this time.

A temporary resident visa to visit Canada may also be required, and the Immigration Canada website has a list of countries and territories whose citizens need a Study Permit and a visa. These documents are available from the Immigration Canada website at [www.cic.gc.ca](http://www.cic.gc.ca), or any Canadian Embassy, High Commission, or Consulate outside of Canada, and must be obtained before traveling to Canada. Students attempting to enter Canada without these documents may be refused entry, and may be required to depart immediately. International students will not be permitted to register in any courses at Ambrose Seminary without the proper authorization.

The time needed to process Study Permit applications varies from country to country; it is advisable to contact the nearest Canadian office as soon as the following documentation is available:

- Letter from the Seminary, confirming admission as a student.
- Proof of sufficient funds to pay for travel, living expenses, and all tuition costs. (What constitutes such proof may vary from country to country. For example, some may be asked to show a bank statement; others may be expected to submit a statement by a financial sponsor.)
- Valid passport, travel or identity items. The nearest Canadian Immigration office will confirm what documents are required; these will vary according to the applicant's country of citizenship.
- A medical exam may be required of some applicants.
- A personal interview may be conducted in some cases, depending on the student's country of citizenship.
- A processing fee. The fee to process student authorization applications is presently \$125CAD, but is subject to change.

### **Health Coverage as an International Student**

Alberta has a publicly administered and funded health care system that by which Albertans receive universal access to medically necessary hospital and medical services. To apply for Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and review costs associated with this coverage please contact Government of Alberta Health and Wellness at [www.health.alberta.ca](http://www.health.alberta.ca).

### **Financial Aid**

Ambrose University College understands that finances are a vital aspect of university life and is committed to helping students achieve their educational goals through a Financial Aid program. Our Financial Aid Coordinator assists students with scholarship applications, emergency relief, student employment and budget outlines. For further information see [Financial Aid](#).

### **Athletics**

Ambrose University College varsity teams compete under the name "Ambrose Lions." The team colors are black, gold, and white. Ambrose Lions compete in the Alberta Colleges Athletic League in Volleyball, Basketball and Soccer, and in the Calgary Adult Hockey league. Team members are committed to excellence in character, sport and academics and strive to be examples in the league and community.

A strong intramural program kicks off the season with flag football at McMahon Stadium, home of the Calgary Stampeders. The Ambrose Lions play and practice in the on-campus gymnasium. The gymnasium can accommodate 500 spectators, has a weight room, a medical training room and private team rooms. Further information can be found at [Athletics](#).

### **International Students**

Our Director of International Students assists international students with housing needs, health care questions, understanding their rights and responsibilities as non-Canadians residing in Canada, and provides a listening ear. It is our desire to make their transition to Calgary a positive experience.

#### *International Student Employment*

International students are now eligible to apply for work permits if they meet specific requirements. See the Director of International Students 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 affordable and offers various types of payment options. See the International Student Coordinator for more details.

### **Learning Services Centre**

The Learning Services Centre provides opportunities for students to develop and gain the skills they need to study and succeed academically. Students who face learning challenges can receive assistance at the Learning Services Centre. The Centre provides advocacy for students with learning difficulties and works to organize and implement accommodations to ensure that all students have equal opportunities in the classroom. The Learning Services Centre also offers workshops for students looking to enhance their academic skills. Ambrose 101 is a semester-long weekly gathering for first-year students. Ambrose 101 helps to ensure students experience a smooth transition to seminary life.



**Counselling**

Confidential personal, pastoral, and vocational counseling is available to all students through the Student Services Department. There is a modest fee for personal counseling. Visit [Counselling Services](#) for more information.

**Student Government**

Each year students elect representatives to the student government. These elected officers represent the interests of students to the University College administration. They also promote and organize activities and events on campus.

**Harassment**

Ambrose University College 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. The Ambrose University College policy on sexual harassment can be found on our website.

## **Financial Information**

### **Application Fees (Non-refundable)**

Canadian and US students: \$70

International Students: \$100

Application for Readmission \$40

### **Late Application Fee (after August 1)**

Seminary (Canada and USA): \$100

### **Payment Deadlines**

#### **Tuition Deposit**

A non-refundable tuition deposit of \$250 is required before students can register through their Student Portal. The deposit will be applied to tuition charges.

For all students, 100% of semester tuition and fees are due before the first day of classes; with a late fee and interest charges placed on accounts after the Registration Revision Period ends. Any unpaid balance from a previous semester must be paid in full before registration for a new semester will be processed. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, Visa, MasterCard or debit card.

Students who are unable to pay all their fees upon registration must make acceptable arrangements with the Finance Office. A payment deferral fee of \$125 will apply to such deferred payment arrangements. An interest charge will be applied to any outstanding accounts, at the rate of 1.33% per month (16% per annum). Acceptable deferred payment arrangements may include post-dated cheques, approved Canada/provincial student loan proceeds, scholarships, and bursaries.

Payment deferral forms are available at the Finance Office and should be completed and approved before classes begin to speed the registration process.

### **Tuition Fees**

*Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice.*

### **Undergraduate Tuition**

- Tuition Fee \$324 per credit hour
- Auditing Fee \$165 per credit hour

### **Required Fees**

- Registration Fee \$5 per credit hour
- Student Services Fee \$13 per credit hour
- Student Association Fee \$3 per credit hour

### **Other Fees**

#### **Additional Course Fees**

- Internship Seminar Fee \$35
- Internship Security Check \$15
- MBTI Personality Test - Varies based on course taken

### **Registrar/Registration Fees**

- Late Registration Fee \$50
- Graduation Application Fee (final year only) \$125 (after Oct 12 deadline - \$200)
- Replacement Degree \$200
- Letter of Permission \$20
- Appeal of Final Grade Fee \$50
- Transcript \$8 (plus GST) per institution address  
(Official transcripts are only issued when all fees and outstanding amounts are paid in full. Rush delivery and courier services incur additional charges.)

### **Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) Licensing Fee \$60**

### **E-portfolio and Assessments (Total \$270)**

- ***\$100 charged in the Fall semester for E-Portfolio Fee***
- ***\$170 charged in the Winter semester for Assessments attached to E-portfolio***

All MDIV, MALM and MAIM Ambrose Seminary students are required to use the E-portfolio system throughout the duration of their program. This e-portfolio will be owned by the student and the one-time fee covers the cost for five years. This portfolio will help gauge and track the learning and development of the student with proper feedback from faculty and staff. Training sessions will be given at the beginning of each semester.

### **Athletic Fees (Annual)**

- Basketball, Futsal (soccer), Volleyball \$250
- Hockey \$500

### **Campus Services Fees**

- Mailbox key replacement charge \$10
  - Mailbox rentals are available to off-campus students
- Ambrose I.D. card replacement \$50
- Computer Printing \$.10 per page
- Parking \$200/semester + GST
  - Parking is also available in monthly, weekly, daily or hourly increments
- Lockers are available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **Residence and Meal Plans**

#### **Residence Options**

- 3 person suite **\$1,259/semester**
- 2 person suite **\$1,479/semester**
- Single unit **\$2,300/semester**
- Large single unit **\$2,700/semester**

Residence room options above are based upon availability.

Room Reservation Fee (refundable damage deposit) \$375

Late Reservation Fee \$50

The \$375 deposit will be held as a non-refundable Room Reservation Deposit. The deposit will become your damage deposit once you move into residence. In order to receive a refund, students planning on not living in the residence for the fall semester must notify the Residence Director in writing prior to June 15.

In order to receive a refund, students planning on not returning to the residence for the January semester must notify the Residence Director of their withdrawal in writing by December 1.

### **Residence Refunds**

Students who are fully withdrawing from Ambrose Seminary or are being asked to leave the 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 enter a four month lease.

### **Meal Plan Options**

All residence students are required to participate in the meal plan supplied by our professional food-services team supporting healthy living and a busy academic schedule. The meals are served in the main campus building with a good variety of healthy and popular choices.

- **Bronze \$1,399/semester**
  - Provides weekly: 10-11 meals, 7-8 beverages and snacks
- **Silver \$1,549/semester**
  - Provides weekly:12-13 meals, 7-8 beverages and snacks
- **Gold \$1,699/per semester**
  - Provides weekly14-15 meals, 8-9 beverages and snacks

Unused balances from the Fall semester are transferrable to the Winter semester. Any unused balances as of April 30 are forfeited.

### **Discounts**

- **Audit Volume Discount**
  - 100% of audit fee for 1 audited course. To qualify students must be registered in 15 credit hours per semester.
- **Alumni Discount**
  - Alumnus receive a 50% discount on audited courses (subject to availability, some restrictions apply). Other related fees apply.
- **Seniors' Discount**
  - Seniors (65+) receive a 50% discount on audited courses (subject to availability, some restrictions apply). Other related fees apply.
- **Spousal Discount**
  - When both husband and wife attend Ambrose University College, each with a course load of 9 credit hours or more per semester, one spouse will receive a discount equal to the tuition cost of one full course (3 credit hours) in that semester.
  - *Application Forms must be completed each semester and are available from the Finance Office or can be downloaded from the website.*

## Refunds

1. Students who reduce or change their course load after the Registration Revision period are not eligible for a refund in tuition.
- In case of serious illness, or other unusual circumstances beyond the student's control, refunds beyond those outlined or exceptions to the financial policies stated in this Calendar may be considered and authorized by the VP of Finance and Operations on an individual basis.

### **For full withdrawal from Ambrose Seminary, the following refunds will apply:**

Tuition refund for total withdrawal from Ambrose Seminary before:

- the end of the Registration Revision period – 100%
- the end of the 1st week after Registration Revision period – 80%
- the end of the 2nd week after Registration Revision period – 70%
- the end of the 3rd week after Registration Revision period – 60%
- the end of the 4th week after Registration Revision period – 50%

Residence refund for total withdrawal from Ambrose Seminary before:

- the end of the Registration Revision period – 80%
- the end of the 1st week after Registration Revision period – 80%
- the end of the 2nd week after Registration Revision period – 70%
- the end of the 3rd week after Registration Revision period – 60%
- the end of the 4th week after Registration Revision period – 50%

**NOTE:** No refunds are available after this date. Required fees are not refundable. Scholarships and other financial awards will be withdrawn.

## Scholarships

### **Entrance Scholarships**

Ambrose University College offers Entrance Scholarships to new students in the areas of academic excellence, leadership, music and athletics.

#### Eligibility and Criteria

- Available to students (under the age of 21) with a minimum 75% average on Ambrose general admissions requirements
- Available to 'mature students' (21 and over) with an accompanying resume and two letters of reference
- Available to 'new' students who enrol at Ambrose for a minimum of 9 credit hours for two consecutive semesters
- Students must have submitted an Application for Admission with the application fee to be eligible
- Entrance Scholarships will be applied to student accounts in two equal payments (one each semester) towards the cost of tuition
- Students who withdraw from Ambrose without completing one entire semester will be responsible for the repayment of the Entrance Scholarship
- Entrance Scholarship application forms may be found at: [www.ambrose.edu/finance/forms](http://www.ambrose.edu/finance/forms).

### **Transfer Scholarship**

Ambrose offers Transfer Scholarships to new students based on academic excellence at their current post-secondary institution.

### **Eligibility and Criteria**

- Available to students who are currently enrolled in and will not graduate from another post-secondary institution and are transferring to Ambrose and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8 on a 4.0 GPA scale
- Students must submit an Application for Admission with the application fee to be eligible
- Students who withdraw from Ambrose without completing one entire semester will be responsible for the repayment of the Transfer Scholarship
- Transfer Scholarships will be applied to student accounts in two equal payments (one each semester) towards the cost of tuition.

### **Returning Student Scholarships**

Ambrose University College has annual scholarships available for continuing students who have completed at least one semester and are grade point average based. The scholarship committee awards these scholarships to students on the basis of a completed application and established criteria. The application and selection process occurs in the second semester of each academic year.

## **Financial Aid**

### **Student Financial Assistance Fund Program**

The purpose of the Student Financial Assistance Fund Program (SFAF) is to provide a means by which donors can give financial assistance to students who demonstrate financial need in accordance with criteria established by the Student Financial Assistance Fund Committee. Students are encouraged to investigate possibilities for assistance from family, local church, employers and local community organizations.

The following guidelines apply:

- The student must be registered for six or more credit hours;
- A Student Financial Assistance Fund application form must be submitted to demonstrate financial need in accordance with the criteria established by the SFAF Committee;
- Eligibility for assistance will be determined by the SFAF Committee and based upon the demonstrated level of financial need that cannot be met by personal resources. The amount of assistance granted is governed by the funds available. Academic proficiency will be a secondary consideration in awarding assistance.

All donations will be directed to the Student Financial Assistance Fund which is a general holding fund for assistance to students who are eligible based on the criteria indicated above.

Donors may direct their gifts to one or more of the following groups:

- students in Ministry programs;

- students in Arts and Science programs;
- international students; or
- students in financial need.

Please note that donors wishing to assist individual students may do so but will not receive a charitable donation tax receipt for any gift designated to a specific student. Such gifts should be directed to the Accounts Receivable Clerk in the Finance Office.

## **Academic Policies**

Students are responsible to familiarize themselves with all academic policies. Acceptance into Ambrose constitutes agreement by the student to comply with all academic policies.

The Academic Calendar (including official errata and addenda) is the official authority on all course and program requirements.

Inquiries related to these policies, including applications for exceptions to policies or requests for judgments on situations not covered by these policies, should be directed to the Office of the Registrar.

## **Important Information**

During the semester, the Ambrose email account serves as the primary mode of official communication with students. Information delivered to a student's Ambrose email address will be considered official notification.

## **Change of Personal Information**

Students must notify the Registrar immediately of any changes in personal information including changes in address, name, marital status, citizenship. Students who wish to change either their surnames or given names must provide proof of an official name change, in the form of legal documentation. A Change of Personal Information form, to be used for this purpose may be obtained at the Office of the Registrar or on the Ambrose University College website ([www.ambrose.edu/registrar](http://www.ambrose.edu/registrar)). Ambrose University College is not responsible for incorrect mailing, missed deadlines or failure to receive information when these incidents are due to the student's failure to report a change of address.

## **The Academic Year**

The Academic Year consists of two primary semesters of a minimum of 13 weeks in class each semester, plus an examination period. See the List of Important Dates 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. Most Seminary courses are offered in a format that meets one period per week for the duration of the semester.

## **Course Load**

The normal full student load is 15 credit hours per semester. This full load is required if students wish to complete degree programs in the minimum time required. The Registrar may grant approval of loads in excess of 15 credit hours per semester to students who have demonstrated superior ability. A student's cumulative GPA will be a factor in determining permission to exceed this limit. Students seeking approval for an overload must submit a Request for Course Overload form to the Office of the Registrar.

## **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 three courses. To continue in studies past the third course, students 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**

Students enrolled in a program at another post-baccalaureate institution who present a Letter of Permission from their home institution may take the course(s) specified in the Letter of Permission. Visiting Students are not required to complete an application but may need to submit official transcripts to meet course prerequisites.

### **Class Attendance**

The general expectation is that students will attend all classes in which they are registered. An instructor may determine and include in the syllabus an attendance policy appropriate to the particular course. Although attendance is not taken at other Seminary gatherings attendance is strongly encouraged. These gatherings are important times for all students as they are expected to participate in the community of learning. These out-of-class activities focus on building group identity, engaging in theological and spiritual reflection, and facing spiritual challenges as a 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 with due dates are set forth in the individual course syllabus.
2. Each professor will establish a policy for late work for the duration of the course in the syllabus.
3. Written assignments are required to give evidence of familiarity with the subject and of thoughtful interaction with the sources. As students advance in their Seminary careers, they are expected to demonstrate increasing evidence of critical appraisal of what they read and of 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**

### **Change of Program**

Change of Program Application forms are available online or from the Office of the Registrar.

Requests for transfer from one Ambrose Seminary program to another require that students meet any applicable program admission requirements as well as approval of the Registrar.

Some degree program changes also require approval from the Academic Dean or the faculty. Students should also be aware of differences in core courses and program requirements and are advised to consult the Finance Office concerning their student loans prior to submitting their Change of Program Application. The effective date is immediate upon admission to the new program. There is no fee for this process.

Requests for a change from one program of study to another require the approval of the Registrar. Some degree program changes also require approval from the Academic Dean or the faculty. Change of Program application forms are available online ([www.ambrose.edu/registrar](http://www.ambrose.edu/registrar)) or from the Office of the Registrar. When a program change is made, courses satisfactorily completed at Ambrose Seminary will be transferred, to the extent that they satisfy requirements in the new program. Students are cautioned that transferring to a new program may extend the time needed to complete study, especially when core or prerequisite courses for the new program have not been completed. Relevant course work completed at other institutions (if any) will then be examined and re-evaluated for transfer credit in light of the new program requirements. There is no fee for this process.

### **Earning a Second Degree**

The maximum number of master's degrees granted to any student by Ambrose Seminary is two. To earn two master's degrees at the Seminary, the following conditions must be met:

- The specific requirements of each degree must be fulfilled.
- The student has met the admission requirements of the second degree.
- The second degree must have a different specialization from the first degree.
- The student meets all of the stated degree requirements of the second degree.
- At least 30 credit hours of work at Ambrose Seminary toward the second degree shall not have been applied to the first degree.
- The total requirements for any two 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 by which students select and enroll in classes for upcoming semesters. Fall registration must be accompanied by a non-refundable deposit. Students become registered in a class only after the non-refundable deposit is received and 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, the student will be notified on the Student Portal that he/she is on the waitlist for that class.

### **Course Selection**

Students are responsible for ensuring that the courses they are taking are appropriate for their 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 at [Course Descriptions](#). A minimum grade of C- is required in order for a course to meet the requirements as a pre-requisite.

Particular care should be exercised in selecting courses as not all courses are offered every year. Note the frequency is listed in the Course Description.

Each Ambrose Seminary student has been assigned an academic advisor who can assist the student in understanding academic requirements and program choices. Additional assistance may be obtained from the Office of the Registrar.

### **Registration Period**

Students admitted to an Ambrose program may register for courses through the Student Portal after the official schedule is published. Registration information, course schedules and Student Portal access information are available on the Ambrose website at [www.ambrose.edu/registrar](http://www.ambrose.edu/registrar). Students who wish to register in a course without being admitted to a program must submit a Registration Form for Individual Courses (which is available online at [www.ambrose.edu/registrar](http://www.ambrose.edu/registrar)) to the Office of the Registrar.

Registrations must be submitted through the Student Portal. Where possible, login information to access the Student Portal will be forwarded to the student. If the student does not have this information they may contact the IT Help Desk or the Office of the Registrar to arrange for a username and password. Registration and registration revisions by phone or email cannot be accepted. Changes to the course schedule, including cancellation of classes, may be made without prior notice. A student's timetable will be amended accordingly. Students are responsible for all financial and academic policies and penalties as listed in this Academic Calendar.

Due to circumstances such as class size, prerequisites or academic policy, registration through Student Portal does not guarantee that a course will be added or removed from a student's registration.

### **Directed Study**

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

Directed Studies will be considered in the following instances:

- The student's cumulative GPA is 2.0 or higher;
- The student's degree program must be at least 50% completed;
- The course is a required course in a student's degree program (elective courses are not eligible for Directed Study); and
- The course has been unavailable to the student due to unavoidable circumstances.

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

Students wishing to undertake a Directed Study must submit a completed application form to the Office of the Registrar not later than the Registration Revision period of the semester in which the Directed Study will be attempted. The Directed Study course will not be officially registered until all necessary approvals and a course syllabus have been obtained.

### **Independent Study**

Independent Study consists of 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. A student may earn a maximum of 20% of their degree program and no more than 50% of the curricular division requirements through Independent Study courses.

Students wishing to undertake an Independent Study must submit a completed application with the Office of the Registrar not later than the Registration Revision period of the semester in which the Independent Study will be attempted. The Independent Study will not be officially registered until all necessary approvals and the course syllabus have been obtained.

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

- The student's degree program is at least 50% completed;
- The student's cumulative GPA is 3.50 or higher;
- The proposed research topic is relevant to the student's degree;
- The proposed research does not substitute for an existing scheduled course; and
- Written approval has been secured.

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

### **Auditing a Class**

Individual classes may be audited with the approval of the Registrar, in consultation with the instructor. Audit students are required to attend class but will not be required to complete assignments. No credit is granted for such courses. Assignments and exams of auditors will not be graded, although reading may be required. If a student does not attend an audited class regularly, an audit-fail (AUF) final grade will be assigned. Audit courses will be noted as such on a student's transcript. Students taking 15 or more credit hours in any semester may audit free-of-charge one class in that semester, subject to the approval noted above. A Request to Audit form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for approval.

**Course Overloads**

The Registrar may grant approval of loads in excess of 15 credit hours per semester to students who have demonstrated superior ability. A student's cumulative GPA will be a factor in determining permission to exceed this limit. Students seeking approval for an overload must submit a Request for Course Overload form to the Office of the Registrar.

**Registration Revision Period**

During Registration Revision Period students may add, drop or change a course from credit to audit through the Student Portal with no academic or financial penalty. For modular courses, the registration revision deadline is before 4 p.m. on the first day of class. Students are responsible for any change of registration made necessary by final grades at the end of a semester. Please consult the List of Important Dates for specific dates of the Registration Revision Period.

**After Registration Revision Period**

No tuition refunds are granted for any course changes. Students may not add courses to their current term schedule. Students may not change from credit to audit. Students may withdraw from courses with financial penalty (no refund of tuition). When withdrawing from a course, a grade of W will appear on the transcript. Withdrawal from a course must be submitted by the final date to withdraw, which is noted in the List of Important Dates.

**Repeating Courses**

A student 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 the student's transcript. This new grade will be used to calculate the student's cumulative GPA and the original attempt will appear with the code '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**

Students intending to withdraw from some or all of their courses must do so through the Student Portal. The dates by which students may voluntarily withdraw from a course without penalty are noted in the List of Important Dates. If student intends to withdraw from a course after the Registration Revision Period then application must be made through the Office of the Registrar by submitting a withdrawal form.

A grade of 'W' will be recorded on the student's transcript for any withdrawals, regardless of cause, from courses made after the end of the Registration Revision period and before the Withdrawal Deadline (also noted in the List of Important Dates). 'W' grades are not included in grade point average calculations. A limit on the number of courses from which a student is permitted to withdraw may be imposed.

A student obliged to withdraw from a course after the Withdrawal Deadline because of health or other reasons may apply to the Registrar for special consideration. For modular courses, the registration revision deadline is before the afternoon of the first day of class.

**Withdrawal from Ambrose**

Students withdrawing from Ambrose Seminary must complete a Withdrawal from Seminary form, available from the Office of the Registrar. The date of withdrawal will be the date this form is signed by the Registrar. If eligible, the Finance Office is able to make monetary adjustments to a student's account only after receiving this form. See Financial Information for further details. Incomplete forms cannot be processed.

**Failure to Withdraw**

Students are liable for the fees for all courses in which they are registered. Students who register and decide not to attend, but do not cancel their registration during the Registration Revision period, shall be charged tuition and compulsory fees according to the Ambrose University College fee assessment schedule listed in this Academic Calendar under Financial Information.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course, but who fail to do so by the applicable date, will receive the grade earned in accordance with the course syllabus.

**Transfer Credit****New Students**

Transfer credit may be granted for previous graduate studies at recognized institutions. Evaluation of transfer credit is done by the Registrar's Office at the time of a student's admission to a particular degree program and requires the submission of official transcripts sent directly from the institution where the credits were earned. In cases where the student's transcript is in a language other than English, it is the responsibility of the student to provide Ambrose Seminary 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 hours allowed in the particular degree program selected.

Students may register for courses prior to the completion of any necessary transfer credit evaluation. However, since credit can be granted only once for similar course work, students should be aware that registering for courses prior to the completion of their transfer credit evaluation may result in reduced transfer credit.

**Reasons Transfer Credit May be Denied**

- The courses you took are not appropriate for your program
- You have completed more courses than the maximum allowed by the program or institution
- You did 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**

By Letter of Permission, degree students may take courses at other properly accredited institutions for transfer into a degree program. Such permission is subject to approval by the Registrar. Requests for a Letter of Permission should be made through the Office of the Registrar. Except by special permission, the number of courses taken as a visiting student in a regular semester shall not exceed the number of credits taken at Ambrose Seminary. Residency and graduation requirements must be observed if the student plans to graduate from Ambrose Seminary.

**Conditions of Transfer**

Applicants wishing to transfer credits should take note of the following:

- A student must have earned a grade of not less than 'B' in all courses for which transfer credit is desired;
- A minimum of 30 credits for all Master of Arts programs and 45 credits for Master of Divinity must be completed at Ambrose Seminary;
- Transfer credits will not be awarded towards any certificate or diploma program at Ambrose Seminary;
- Students will not be permitted to complete courses at another institution during their 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 ABHE 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**

Students are encouraged to build on their previous studies by taking advanced standing in those areas of study where prior course work overlaps significantly with the content of required courses in their degree program. No credit is granted for previous course work, but students may be approved to substitute a course at a higher level or study in the same area. Approval to make such substitutions is obtained from the Registrar. Factors considered in awarding advanced substitute include previous course content, level of study, grade obtained, and date of study.

### **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 transcripts, qualifying examinations, and demonstrated learning. More information is available from the Office of the Registrar.

### **Transcripts**

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

Students are responsible for ensuring the accuracy and completeness of their 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 College seal, and are printed on security paper. They are issued by the Office of the Registrar.

Official copies of a student's transcript will be provided upon written request from the student, but only when all fees and outstanding amounts have been paid in full. Official transcripts may be issued to the student personally or to whomever the student designates in writing. When requesting transcripts be issued directly to a named person, the transcript will be sent in a seal envelope to the student who may forward it to the individual. Two sealed copies of the student's official transcript are provided to all graduates without charge.

Students requiring official transcripts of their academic record may request these using the Transcript Request Form, which is available online and through the Office of the Registrar. Transcript Request Forms may be returned to the Office of the Registrar either in person, by regular mail, by fax or as a scanned attachment to an email to registrar@ambrose.edu. Transcripts cannot be issued on the basis of a telephone call or email request. The student's signature is required for all requests.

A fee is charged for each transcript provided and payment must be made at the time of the request. Information regarding current costs of transcripts is available in the Financial Information section. Optional courier delivery is available for an additional charge. Rates vary according to the destination.

Official transcript request forms 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 is 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 College seal. Students should note that unofficial transcripts may not always be accepted by other institutions. Current students may access their unofficial transcript through their Student Portal.

**Please note:** Ambrose Seminary cannot release any transcript from another institution, residing in the student file that may have been collected as part of the admissions or transfer credit process.



**Withholding of Documents**

If there is any outstanding indebtedness to Ambrose Seminary degree parchments and official transcripts 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. Students unable to complete individual assignments by the due date may request a time extension from the course instructor. Time extensions granted by the course instructor may not extend beyond the last day of the semester (last day of exam period).

Students unable to complete their course work prior to the end of the semester, due to circumstances beyond their control, may apply for a Time Extension through the Office of the Registrar. Such applications will be reviewed by the Registrar, together with the instructor or dean.

Normally, Time Extension Applications will be considered only in the following circumstances:

- the quality of prior course work has been satisfactory;
- circumstances beyond the student's control, such as an extended illness or death of a family member, that make it impossible for the student to complete the course work on time; and
- the student submits a Time Extension Application to the Registrar on or before the date specified in the List of Important Dates.

If granted, Time Extensions do not excuse a student from the Final Examination where one has been scheduled for the course.

A temporary grade of 'TX' will be assigned until the revised due date provided by a Time Extension, or until the required course work is complete – whichever is earlier. A final grade of 'F' will apply to (a) all course work submitted after the end of the semester unless a Time Extension has been granted; and (b) all course work submitted after the revised due date provided by a Time Extension.

**Scheduling of Final Examinations**

The dates for Final Examinations are noted in the List of Important Dates. Students and instructors must be available for examinations up to the last day of the examination period. Individual examinations are scheduled by the Registrar. Students are advised not to make travel plans outside of Calgary before the end of the final examination period. The Examinations Timetable will be published before the start of the semester and will be posted on the Ambrose University College website. Final examinations must be taken at the time specified in the official Examinations Timetable.

**Re-scheduling Examinations**

Students finding it necessary to write a final examination at a time other than the scheduled final examination slot must file a Request for a Revised Final Examination form no later than one month prior to Final Examination week. This date is noted in the List of Important Dates.

Such a request will normally only be considered on the following basis:

- The scheduled final examination slot conflicts with another examination; or

- The scheduled final examination slot results in three examinations in one 24 hour period.

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

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

Students absent from a final examination due to unforeseen circumstances must apply for a deferred final examination within 48 hours of the missed examination.

Late applications for a re-scheduled examination due to examination time slot conflicts will not be accepted. In the case of the student having two examinations in the time timeslot, students will be required to write both examinations in the same timeslot. In most cases an extra hour is granted.

### **Final Examination Papers**

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

### **Grade Reports**

Upon completion of each semester, students may view grades for courses in which they were officially registered for that semester through their Student Portal. Students 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 the student is enrolled. Pass/fail credit hours are not used in calculating GPA or cumulative GPA. Similarly, grades from transfer credits are not considered when calculating a student's GPA or cumulative GPA.

The cumulative GPA is the average calculated by adding the total quality points a student has earned in all courses and dividing the total by the sum of all credit hours in which the student has been enrolled at Ambrose Seminary.

### **Letter Grade and Grade Point Average**

The grading system used at Ambrose Seminary 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	Minimal Pass	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 Seminary-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 Dean's List recognizes superior academic achievement. Deans' List achievements at Ambrose will be recorded each semester on the student's official transcript.

At the end of each academic semester, the Vice President for 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 Seminary. This applies to students in diploma and degree programs only.

**Appeal of Grades**

Students are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of information on their transcript. An appeal for change of final grade on any course must be made to the course instructor within one week of receiving notification of the final grade. An appeal for change of final grade must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar in writing within 30 days of receiving notification of the final grade, providing the basis for appeal. A review fee of \$50.00 must accompany the appeal to review final grades. If the appeal is sustained, the fee will be refunded. Students should be aware that the possible outcomes of a grade appeal are for a grade to be raised, lowered, or remain the same.

**Academic Dishonesty**

The campus community is committed to fairness, due process, and proper compassion. At the same time, given our mission, we cannot overlook failures of personal integrity in academic matters and will deal with them in an effort to seek the best interest of all concerned. In the case of breaches of academic honesty such as plagiarism or cheating on examinations, the matter will be immediately reported to the Academic Dean and will become a part of the student's record.

A student may appeal to the Academic Affairs Committee and, if exonerated, any record of the incident will be removed from the student's record. Students are advised that normally, in the first incident of cases of academic dishonesty, the faculty member will assess the penalty which may be as severe as a failure grade for the assignment, the examination, or for the course. These penalties are determined on the degree and type of incident.

In extreme cases of academic dishonesty and/or in the case of repeated violations the faculty member and/or the Academic Dean will bring the matter to the Academic Affairs Committee of the faculty. The Academic Affairs Committee will review the evidence and make a final decision on the penalty to be imposed. The student may present any additional information that may be relevant to the final decision. Repeated violations and/or an unrepentant attitude could lead to immediate dismissal from the school.

**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, notebook, 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. Any attempt to obtain credit for academic work through fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest means is plagiarism. 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.

Briefly put, a student commits plagiarism when, in the course of completing an assignment, he/she uses material taken from a source (e.g., a book, an article, a lecture, or a web page) without giving proper acknowledgement of that source. This is an ethical and moral issue because by plagiarizing, whether done knowingly or unknowingly, a student is doing three things:

First, the student is stealing ideas and information from another person without properly acknowledging his/her indebtedness to that person. Although ideas, information, and thoughts are intangibles, from a scholarly perspective they are the property of the one who has expressed them, and to use them without acknowledgement is a form of stealing.

Second, the student is lying to the faculty. The student is implicitly leading the faculty member to believe that the information, ideas, and/or thoughts are his/her own, rather than acknowledging their true origin.

Third, the student is showing disrespect to the one whose ideas he/she is using by not acknowledging the author with those ideas. It is recognized that there are facts, ideas and perspectives which are commonly acknowledged to the point where citation of a source is not needed (e.g., Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Wittenberg Cathedral on October 31, 1517). However, a student should be careful to ensure that, in using commonly held ideas he/she is not unwittingly perpetuating what is in fact either untrue or may be questioned by others (e.g., Martin Luther started the Reformation).

Plagiarism includes:

- 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 – 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.

### **Procedures for Appeal**

A student has the right to appeal a decision made in response to academic dishonesty or suspension from Ambrose Seminary 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 (AAC) of the General Faculties Council. The appeal must be made in writing within seven days of the student 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**

Students wishing to receive a degree must submit a Graduation Application form to the Office of the Registrar no later than the date noted in the List of Important Dates. Graduation Application forms are available online ([www.ambrose.edu/registrar](http://www.ambrose.edu/registrar)) and from the Office of the Registrar.

A Graduation Application fee of \$125 must accompany the application. Applications received after the deadline may be accepted for consideration. Those that are accepted will be charged a fee of \$200. Graduation applications received after the prescribed deadline may be held until the next convocation ceremony.

The Graduation Application form alerts the Office of the Registrar to review a student's academic record for the purpose of granting a degree. All students who wish to graduate must, therefore, complete the Graduation Application form by the prescribed deadline, irrespective of whether or not they plan to attend the convocation ceremony. The Graduation Application fee similarly applies to all graduands, irrespective of attendance at the convocation ceremony.

Where more than 12 months have elapsed since the student was last registered in course work within their degree or diploma program and have remaining requirements to fulfill, the student will be required to submit an Application for Readmission in order for the conferring of the degree or diploma to be considered. Similarly, in cases where students apply for a degree which differs from the program in which they were last or are currently registered, a Change of Program form will be required. In both cases, students should note that they will be obliged to meet all degree program requirements in effect at the time of readmission or transfer before the degree or diploma will be conferred.

Students seeking to apply courses taken at another institution towards their degree must list any such courses for which transfer credit has not already been granted on their Graduation Application form. Official transcripts showing suitable final grades (as defined in the Transfer Credit section of this Academic Calendar) must be provided to the Office of the Registrar no later than one month prior to convocation. Ambrose University College does not accept responsibility for obtaining official transcripts of grades from other institutions for the student.

Where official transcripts have not been received before the prescribed deadline, students may not expect to have their names added to the graduation lists or to be recommended for their degree until the following convocation. Irrespective of cause, no student names will be added to the convocation program later than two weeks before the ceremony.

Students completing degree requirements in spring session, summer session, or fall session will not receive their degrees prior to the following convocation. At the request of the student an official letter may be issued indicating the student has completed all of the academic degree requirements of their program.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Students alone are responsible for meeting all applicable requirements for graduation.

To be considered eligible for graduation, a student must meet all of the following requirements:

- All the degree program requirements 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 Seminary and/or may include transfer credit consistent with Ambrose Seminary policy.
- The 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.
- A completed Graduation Application form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar by the deadline listed in the List of Important Dates.
- a graduation application fee must accompany the application. This fee will be refunded to those students who applied, but are ultimately not eligible to graduate;
- All students must be approved for graduation by vote of the appropriate faculty.
- Provide evidence of Christian faith and character during attendance at Ambrose Seminary. At the time of graduation, students will be asked to respond to and sign a form which may include, but is not limited to, the following affirmations:
  - The student has a personal adherence to orthodox Christian beliefs and doctrines, as reflected in a universal church creed.
  - The student has a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

- The student's lifestyle is in conformity with that delineated in the "Community Lifestyle Standards" (as adopted by the faculty and detailed in the Student Handbook).
- The student is not under any disciplinary process at Ambrose Seminary related to the "Community Lifestyle Standards"
- The student is not under any disciplinary action by a local church, district, or denomination on a matter considered a disciplinary offence by the Seminary.

### **Outstanding Accounts**

Students owing the Seminary any fees, fines, or other charges will not be permitted to graduate, will not be permitted to participate in ceremonies, will not be listed in the convocation program, and will not receive official transcripts or degree parchment.

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

### **Graduating In Absentia**

All students who wish to graduate must complete the Graduation Application form by the prescribed deadline, irrespective of whether or not they plan to attend the convocation ceremony. The Graduation Application fee similarly applies to all graduands, irrespective of attendance at the convocation ceremony. Degree parchments will be mailed to all graduands who have advised the Office of the Registrar that they will not attend convocation approximately one month after the ceremony.

### **Degree Parchment**

It is Ambrose Seminary policy to use the full legal registered name of students on the degree parchment. Changes in name must be supported by legal documentation at the time of application.

### **Replacement Degrees**

In extraordinary circumstances, such as loss of degree parchment by fire, Ambrose University College will issue replacement degree parchments for a fee of \$200.

A Replacement Degree Application form is available online or from the Office of the Registrar. 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. Winter module courses are offered in this format on campus during the winter semester break. Further modular courses are offered in the spring semester. Additional modular courses are offered occasionally in diverse locations.

Registration and payment in full is due for all modular courses on the first day of class. Students may drop modular courses and receive a full refund only prior to the second class session. Students may voluntarily withdraw from modular courses, or change their registration in the course from credit to audit, without academic penalty, only prior to completing 70% of the course.

### **Online Courses**

A limited number of online courses are offered during the timeframe of regular semester classes. Most online courses are offered in Online Group Study format, using a “virtual classroom” in which several students participate. Since the instructional component of these courses (group work, class discussions, and student/instructor dialogue) takes place on the Web, all online students require an email account. 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 minimum grade of C - 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 course numbers normally indicate courses designated for first-year students.

- 600 series course numbers normally indicate courses designated for second-year students.
- 700 series course numbers normally indicate courses offered at an upper level appropriate for third-year students.
- Courses that noted OL means the course is offered online.
- Courses that noted CL means 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) A**

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) A**

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) A**

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) A**

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) A**

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

**BL 622 Advanced Hebrew Exegesis (3) A**

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

**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

## **Christian Counselling**

**CC 501 Introduction to Counselling (3) B**

An introduction to counselling theory and skills with particular emphasis on pastoral counselling. This includes an introduction to theological and psychological foundations and to issues of integration. A major focus is on skill development. Secular and Christian approaches will be presented and critiqued

with a view to implications for Christian counselling. Application will be made to problem management, opportunity development, and spiritual mentoring. This course is also offered as:

**CC 501-CL Introduction to Counselling (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese Language)

Prerequisite: CC 501

**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**

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**

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.

## Christian History

**CH 501 Christianity in History (3) B**

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. This course is also offered as:

**CH 501-CL Christianity in History (3) B** (Course is offered in Chinese Language)

**CH 501-OL Christianity in History (3) B** (Course is offered online)

**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: WM 501

**CH 610 Alliance History and Thought (3) A**

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. Note: Class limit of 20 students for the online version of this course. This course is also offered as:

**CH 610-CL Alliance History and Thought (3) A** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

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

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

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**

An introduction to the life and thought of John Wesley, and the history and theology of the Wesleyan movement.

Prerequisite: CH 501

**CH 645 Special Topics in Christian History (3) O**

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.

**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.

**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 660 Exploring the ‘Dream Experience’ in Christian Spirituality (3) B**

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

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

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.

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

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).

**CS 663 Spiritual Companions (3) B**

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.

**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.

**CS 790 Graduating Essay (0) A**

In addition to the required courses in the MA(CS) degree, each Master of Arts (Christian Studies) 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, Discipleship and Leadership**

### **ED 501 Teaching and Learning (3) A**

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. This course is also offered as:

**ED 501-CL Teaching and Learning (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**ED 501-OL Teaching and Learning (3) B** (Course is offered online)

### **ED 503 Leadership and Leadership Formation (3) B**

Students will grow in their responsibility, spirituality and identity as leaders. They will develop their personal and organizational skills in vision, character development, self-management, vision, motivation and leadership style. They will increase their ability to manage the following: change, strategy, conflict, time, finances, institutional and contextual culture, power, recruitment, placement, diversity and giftedness, delegation, meetings, and self-managing teams. Students will be able to develop leaders using equipping and multiplication strategies. This course is also offered as:

**ED 503-CL Leadership and Leadership Formation (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

### **ED 505 History and Philosophy of Christian Education (3) O**

A survey and criticism of educational personages and philosophies, especially those that have affected the church's ministry of education. Examines key Biblical insights on teaching and learning. Guides and informs in the formation of one's own philosophy of Christian Education.

Prerequisite: ED 501

### **ED 603 Psychological and Social Foundations of Education (3) O**

Studies the cognitive, moral and faith development changes in people through the life cycle. Investigates how knowledge, skills and attitudes are formed. Surveys select learning theories.

Prerequisite: ED 501

### **ED 606 Discipleship and Mentoring in the Church (3) A**

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 620 Foundations of Children's Ministry (3) A**

In order to develop a good foundation for children's ministry this course will explore biblical, theological, sociological and educational principles that shape our approach to ministering to children. Various

models (traditional and contemporary) of children's education will be discussed. The goal is to look at not only the "what" or "how" of children's ministries, but ultimately to understand 'why' we do what we do. Special attention will be paid to the life of the Children's Pastor and the vital importance of nurturing one's relationship with Christ.

### **ED 621 Teaching Children for Faith Formation (3) A**

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

### **ED 622 Strategies of Children's Ministry (3) B**

This course will take what students have learned in Foundations of Children's Ministry and Teaching Children for Faith Formation and put it into a working plan. Taking into account the 'why' of Children's Ministry, a child's developmental and faith formation and one's own personal ministry philosophy students will understand practically what it takes to lead the ministry with purpose. With a focus on strategies, leadership and the day-to-day ministry necessities, this course will give the student 'tools' that help them implement the necessary components purposefully into a ministry setting.

Prerequisite: ED 501

### **ED 623 Family Life and Ministry (3) O**

A course that equips the learner to develop healthier families within the body of Christ and in the community. Studies key issues related to marriage and family including developing a Christian family emphasis, supporting diverse families, the family life cycle, and intergenerational learning. The course also overviews premarital counselling and enrichment programs in the church.

### **ED 626 Volunteer Ministry (3) O**

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) O**

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 640 Foundations of Youth Ministry (3) A**

This course is an examination of the place of youth ministry in the total program and function of the local church. We will reflect on present and historical practice in youth ministry. We will pay special attention to the theological framework for repentance, grace, incarnation, kingdom community, redemption and hope in youth ministry and practice relevant communication of these theological issues.



**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.

Prerequisite: ED 640

**ED 642 Discipleship and Mentoring in Youth Ministry (3) B**

This course will examine the Biblical disciple and the subsequent life change that occurs while committing to being a devoted follower of Christ. Discipleship is seen as the passing on of Christ-likeness. This course will examine and discuss the process and implementation of discipleship. It will examine a holistic approach to strength-based mentoring, character development and application of Resiliency Assessment Inventories, and how they apply to maturing, devoted disciples of Christ.

**ED 643 Contemporary Issues for Youth Ministry (3) B**

This is a study of current issues facing adolescents, including consideration of self acceptance, peer pressure, relating to parents and other authority figures, school and jobs, friendship and dating, sex mores, eating disorders, fashion, media, tolerance, suicide, multiculturalism, and music and drugs.

**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 681 Foundations of Worship Arts (3) A**

This course will explore Worship Arts Ministry from theological, sociological, missiological and practical perspectives. Students will learn the role of the worship leader/pastor as Shepherd, Artist and Theologian. Practical exercises integrated with personal spiritual reflection will provide a foundation for Biblical worship and sound ecclesiology.

**ED 682 Worship Leadership Strategies (3) B**

This course will combine classroom study with practical worship service design and implementation, including a significant lab component realized through Chapel services. Students will work together to create appropriate impactful, reflective worship services as they develop the core disciplines of a worship leader: shepherd, artist and theologian.

Prerequisite: One of: ED 620, ED 640, ED 681

**ED 701 Formation of the Teacher (3) O**

This course seeks to provide an understanding of significant issues for those anticipating a career where teaching is a major part, whether in a local church setting or in higher education. The course provides an overview of educational philosophy, adult learning theories, the role and expectations of the teacher in diverse organizational contexts, available educational resources, educational assessment and

evaluation, teaching methods, strategies for personal and professional development. Strategies to assist those seeking to make a career move into teaching will also be covered.

**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.

## **Evangelism**

**EV 501 Personal and Corporate Outreach (3) A**

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. This course is also offered as:

**EV 501-CL Personal and Corporate Outreach (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**EV 501-OL Teaching and Learning (3) B** (Course is offered online)

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

This course 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: EV 501 or WM 501

**EV 645 Special Topics in Evangelism (3) O**

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

**EV 702 Local Church, Mission, and World Evangelization (3) O**

This course will explore the biblical and theological role of the local church in evangelism in the community and around the world. By considering the process of planning a congregational evangelism program, students will discover strategies for cultivating mission awareness, recruiting and cultivating missionary candidates, caring for missionaries, organizing missionary conferences and raising funds for world missions. This course will provide ideas and resources for local church workers and missionaries, enabling them to partner effectively in the promotion of missions.

Prerequisite: EV 501

**EV 704 Gospel, Western Culture and Church Growth (3) O**

A brief theological and historical analysis of the rise of modern Western culture and the development of denominationalism within this context. With the collapse of Christian values in shaping the culture and the emergence of the secular milieu, attention is given to: the exploration of how congregations and denominations grow in the West within the present new realities; evaluation of them from biblical and theological perspectives; and developing adequate strategies for renewal, evangelism and growth.

**EV 730 Evangelism Practicum (3) O**

Supervised involvement in a specific church related evangelism program. Two consecutive semesters may be required.

Prerequisite: EV 501

**EV 745 Seminar (3) O**

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of evangelism. Topics will be developed in consultation with a faculty member prior to the semester. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings to the class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

Prerequisite: EV 501

**EV 750 Evangelism Independent Study (3) O**

For the advanced students (at least one-half through their program). It is an opportunity to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in Evangelism.

Prerequisite: EV 501

## **Intercultural Ministry**

**IM 501 Intercultural Competence (3) A**

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 “oneness,” 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. This course is also offered as:

**IM 501-CL Intercultural Competence (3) A (Course is offered in Chinese language)**

**IM 504 Ministry to Ethnic People (3) O**

This course is an integrative and interdisciplinary study to prepare participants for ministry to a particular ethnic group. Participants will examine a wide range of topics that include a historical review and anthropological analysis of issues germane to their particular study. Of particular interest will be the participants’ application of insights from pastoral methodology and missiological strategy.

**IM 645 Special Topics in Intercultural Ministry (3) O**

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

**IM 712 Intercultural Internship (3) A**

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.

**IM 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching (3) A**

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.

Prerequisites: Please refer to "Internship Program" section of the Academic Calendar for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

Corequisite: WM 705

**IM 745 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.

**IM 750 Intercultural Ministry 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.

Prerequisites: Please refer to "Internship Program" section of the Academic Calendar for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

Corequisite: WM 705

**New Testament****NT 501 New Testament Foundations (3) A**

This course offers an introduction to the content, context, and interpretation of the New Testament. As such, it focuses upon the following three components: (1) an introduction to exegetical tools useful for reading, interpreting, and applying the New Testament; (2) a survey of the New Testament writings with particular attention to the respective historical settings, persuasive designs, and theological content of the four Gospels, Acts, Letters, and Revelation; and (3) an appreciation of the essential features of first-century Judaism and the wider Greco-Roman world. This course is also offered as:

**NT 501-CL New Testament Foundations (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**NT 501-OL New Testament Foundations (3) B** (Course is offered online)

**NT 601 Jesus and the Synoptic Gospels (3) O**

This course considers the life of Jesus of Nazareth according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Key subjects include: the historical context of Jesus and the Gospels; various methods employed in the reading of the Gospels; introduction to the study of the Gospels; the common and the distinctive theological features of Matthew, Mark, and Luke; the life and ministry of Jesus; parables; and the role of the Gospel story of Jesus in the ongoing life and ministry of the Church today.

Prerequisite: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 602 The Gospel of Matthew (3) O**

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. This course is also offered as:

**NT 602-CL The Gospel of Matthew (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 603 The Gospel of Luke (3) O**

A detailed thematic and exegetical study of the Gospel of Luke, with special attention given to Luke's theology of Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the Kingdom of God.

Prerequisite: NT 501 or equivalent

**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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 605 The Pauline Letters (3) O**

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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 606 Romans and Galatians (3) O**

This course explores the life, ministry, and theology of Paul as it comes to expression in his letters to the Romans and Galatians. 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: NT 501 or equivalent

**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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 608 The Prison Epistles (3) O**

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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 609 The Book of Revelation (3) O**

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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 610 The Acts of the Apostles (3) O**

A thematic and expositional analysis of the Acts of the Apostles considering and correlating two key variables: Acts in its own day, as a witness to the emerging gospel shaped church and its impact upon the wider Greco-Roman environment; and Acts in our own day, as its witness is given expression in the life and mission of the church in today's world.

Prerequisite: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 613 Prayer in the Bible (3) O**

A detailed study of the prayers of Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, Paul and others, focusing on the theology prominent within narrative prayers. Study of the Biblical text is accompanied by reflection concerning the implications of these prayers for contemporary, public, and private prayer. Understanding the ways in which ancient men and women used different kinds of prayers in diverse situations will help us know how to pray when we are angry, depressed, terrified, confused, sorrowful, joyful or thankful.

**NT 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: NT 501 or equivalent

**NT 633 Biblical Theology of Suffering (3) O**

How does the Word of God help us when life is full of pain and trouble? Is our suffering caused by sin? By Satan? Is it part of God's plan? How does God desire for us to respond when we suffer? In this course we will explore the teachings of Scripture to understand God's perspective on these and related questions.

**NT 645 Special Topics in New Testament (3) O**

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**

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.

**NT 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.

Prerequisites: NT 501, OT 501, TH 501 or equivalent

**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. 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 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Greek (3) A**

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.

Prerequisites: BL 521 and BL 522

**NT 715 New Testament Texts (3) O**

An in-depth study of a particular New Testament text or combination of texts not currently covered in other course offerings. Subjects considered will include historical and canonical context, literary features, and theological significance, all with a view to appreciating the specific contribution of the text(s) to the Christian faith.

Prerequisites: NT 501, BL 521, BL 522

**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 790 Thesis (12) 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.

## **Old Testament**

**OT 501 Old Testament Foundations (3) A**

This course lays the foundation for Old Testament study by providing a window into the historical, cultural and geographical background, the literary and theological content and the practical relevance of the Old Testament. The goal is to provide a framework that will enable students to experience the text of the Old Testament throughout their lives through a three-dimensional reading. The student will not only gain an understanding of the content of these books and their backgrounds, but also consider and develop an approach to interpreting these texts theologically within a modern context. This course is also offered as:

**OT 501-CL Old Testament Foundations (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**OT 501-OL Old Testament Foundations (3) B** (Course is offered online)

**OT 601 The Pentateuch (3) O**

A study of the books of Genesis through Deuteronomy as to their contents and theological messages in the light of Ancient Near Eastern history and culture. The critical methodologies will be introduced, but the major emphasis will be how literary aspects of the books correspond with and enhance the theological messages.

Prerequisite: OT 501 or equivalent

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

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 501 or equivalent



**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 501 or equivalent

**OT 612 The Wisdom Literature (3) O**

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 501 or equivalent

**OT 613 Prayer in the Bible (3) O**

A detailed study of the prayers of Moses, David, Solomon, Jesus, Paul and others, focusing on the theology prominent within narrative prayers. Study of the Biblical text is accompanied by reflection concerning the implications of these prayers for contemporary, public, and private prayer. Understanding the ways in which ancient men and women used different kinds of prayers in diverse situations will help us know how to pray when we are angry, depressed, terrified, confused, sorrowful, joyful or thankful.

**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 501 or equivalent

**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.

Prerequisites: OT 501 and PR 601

**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 501 or equivalent

**OT 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: OT 501 or equivalent

**OT 633 Biblical Theology of Suffering (3) O**

How does the Word of God help us when life is full of pain and trouble? Is our suffering caused by sin? By Satan? Is it part of God's plan? How does God desire for us to respond when we suffer? In this course we will explore the teachings of Scripture to understand God's perspective on these and related questions.

**OT 635 Prayer and the Old Testament (3) O**

A detailed study of the prayers of Moses, David, Solomon, Hezekiah and others, focusing on the theology prominent within narrative prayers. Study of the Biblical text is accompanied by reflection concerning the implications of the ways in which Old Testament believers used different kinds of prayers in diverse situations will help us to know how to pray when we are angry, depressed, terrified, confused, frustrated, sorrowful, joyful, or thankful.

**OT 645 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**

A study of a particular book or books of the Old Testament. Course may be repeated for credit as the books under consideration change. This course is also offered as:

**OT 650-CL Old Testament Book Study (3) B** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**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.

**OT 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: NT 501, OT 501, TH 501 or equivalent

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

**OT 710 Advanced Biblical Study in Hebrew (3) A**

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

**OT 715 Old Testament Texts (3) O**

An in-depth study of a particular Old Testament text or combination of texts not currently covered in other course offerings. Subjects considered will include historical and canonical context, literary features, and theological significance, all with a view to appreciating the specific contribution of the text(s) to the Christian faith.

Prerequisites: OT 501, BL 511, BL 512

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

Prerequisite: Restricted to MA(BTS) students.

**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 790 Thesis (12) 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.

## **Preaching and Communication**

**PR 601 Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching (3) A**

This course trains students in the methods of exegesis of the various genres of the Bible for purposes of preaching and teaching. Students will develop and test their skills in the preparation of portions of scripture for these purposes. This course is also offered as:

**PR 601-CL Interpreting Scripture for Preaching and Teaching (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisites: NT 501 or OT 501 or equivalent

**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. Prerequisites: OT 501 or equivalent and PR 601 or PR 701

**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. Prerequisites: NT 501 or equivalent and PR 601 or PR 701.

**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 701 Expository Preaching (3) B**

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. This course is also offered as:

**PR 701-CL Expository Preaching (3) O** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisites: PR 601 or BL 511 and BL 512 or BL 521 and BL 522

**PR 702 Advanced Preaching (3) O**

This course assumes the skills developed in PR 701. 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 701

**PR 730 Preaching Clinic (3) O**

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.

Prerequisites: PR 701 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.

## **Pastoral Theology**

### **PT 501 Personal Formation and Development (3) A**

This course provides students with the opportunity to explore and expand their self-understanding in the areas of vocation, spirituality, sexuality, and personality. Attention will be given both to traditions of Christian faith and practice and to contemporary analytical instruments. Please note: An additional fee for MBTI testing will apply. See Financial Information section for details. This course is also offered as: **PT 501-CL Personal Formation and Development (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

### **PT 502 Wholeness for Ministry Spouses (3) O**

This course provides a formational strategy for spouses of those preparing for or currently in ministry. The course incorporates principles of spiritual formation, defines and applies theological and psychological components of healthy self-esteem, and describes personality type characteristics with implications for marriage and ministry. The course assists in the identification of natural and spiritual gifts and interests, and outlines relevant methods for self-care, stress management, and burnout prevention. In addition, students will gain an understanding of the processes of change and transition.

### **PT 503 Skills for Ministry Spouses (3) O**

This course focuses on skill development for spouses of those preparing for or currently in ministry. It incorporates principles of basic communication, counselling, leadership skills, and ongoing skill development. The course describes the dynamics of crisis and other issues and problems frequently encountered by the spouses and families of those in fulltime ministry. It recommends resources for ministering in these situations, and explains how to create and carry out prevention plans, growth counselling and teaching in areas such as pre-marital counselling, marriage enrichment, family communication, encouragement and mentoring.

### **PT 510 Ministry Foundations (3) O**

Includes biblical/theological foundations of the nature and mission of the church and implications for pastoral and lay ministry. Various philosophies and styles of ministry are examined in order to help students develop their own philosophy of ministry. Contemporary issues in today's society and the church's response are also examined.

Prerequisite: PT 501

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

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**

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. This course is also offered as:

**PT 601-CL Theology and Practice of Worship (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: PT 501 or completed undergraduate theology degree

**PT 610 Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care (3) A**

This course introduces the student to the ministry of “care of souls.” Aspects of congregational care and ministry through ritual are explored. Students will examine ministry to institutionalized persons and will begin to develop specific care giving skills. This course is also offered as:

**PT 610-CL Theology and Practice of Spiritual Care (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: PT 501 or an undergraduate degree in Theology

**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) O**

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**

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. This course also offered as:

**PT 710 Ministry Values and Practice (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: PT 501 or TH 501

**PT 712 Ministry Internship (3) A**

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 CS 715 for description). This course also offered as:

**PT 712-CL Ministry Internship (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisites: Please refer to “The Internship Program” section of the Academic Calendar for a list of the course prerequisites and program requirements.

**PT 720 Ministry Coaching (3) A**

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. This course also offered as:

**PT 720 Ministry Coaching (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisites: Please refer to “The Internship Program” section of the Academic Calendar 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.

**Spiritual Care****SC 510 Introduction to Institutional Ministry (3) O**

What is an institution? What makes ministry in an institution different from that in a church? What role does spiritual and religious care have in an institution? What do chaplains do? What are the spiritual needs of people who live or work, long- or short-term, in an institution? These and other related questions will guide our learning in this course.

**SC 520 Spiritual Care Giving in Ministry Teams (3) O**

This course orients volunteers to the ministry, resources and relationships of spiritual care giving. The course will assist the student in developing skills required for giving spiritual care in various contexts.

**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 612 Introduction to Parish Nursing (3) O**

This course will survey the emerging practice of parish nursing. It will equip the professional nurse to integrate faith and health while focusing on health promotion, health maintenance, and illness prevention.

**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 645 Special Topics in Spiritual Care (3) O**

A course in chaplaincy and 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) O**

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a four hundred hour learning experience in a supervised clinical setting, usually undertaken in a hospital. Normally, this learning experience, called a “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 care giving in context.

**SC 716 Clinical Education in Spiritual Care II (6) O**

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a four hundred hour learning experience in a supervised clinical setting, usually undertaken in a hospital. Normally, this learning experience, called a “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 care giving in context.

**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.



## **Theology and Christian Thought**

### **TH 501 Introduction to Christian Faith (3) A**

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. This course is also offered as:

**TH 501-CL Introduction to Christian Faith (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**TH 501-OL Introduction to Christian Faith (3) O** (Course is offered online)

### **TH 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.

Prerequisites: TH 501 and WM 501

### **TH 601 Theology in Context (3) A**

The course is an initiation into the art and science of theological inquiry and construction. Using case studies, the course investigates the particular conceptual tools that specific traditions and/or individuals make use of in their theological inquiries and constructions. The goal of the course is to help students develop their own theological method that is at the same time evangelical, critical, integrative, and innovative.

Prerequisite: TH 501 or its equivalent

### **TH 610 Creation, Fall, and Redemption (3) A**

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, the ecology and the cultural mandate, etc. This course is also offered as:

**TH 610-CL Creation, Fall and Redemption (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: TH 501 or TH 601

### **TH 611 Church and Its Future (3) A**

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 or TH 601

### **TH 620 Historical Theology (3) O**

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 640 Alliance History and Thought (3) A**

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.

Note: Class limit of 20 students for the online version of this course. This course is also offered as:

**TH 640-CL Alliance History and Thought (3) O** (Course is offered in Chinese language)

**TH 501-OL Alliance History and Thought (3) O** (Course is offered online)

Prerequisites: TH 501 or CH 501 (Prerequisites will be waived for students who are in a denominational credentialing process.)

**TH 645 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 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: NT 501, OT 501, TH 501 or equivalent

**TH 702 Trinitarian Theology (3) B**

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) B**

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 706 Theology in the Modern Era (3) B**

The course is a study of the rise of the phenomenon of modernity and its impact on the practice of theology as an academic discipline. The approach to the course, which is both historical and thematic, is designed to illustrate the interaction between context and content in theology.

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

**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.

Prerequisites: 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 711 Christianity and Culture (3) A**

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. This course is also offered as:

**TH 711-CL Christianity and Culture (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

Prerequisite: TH 501 (MDiv students must also complete one additional theology course)

**TH 715 Christian Ethics (3) O**

An introduction to philosophical, Biblical and theological bases for personal and social morality, and to the process of moral decision-making. Attention is also given to selected contemporary issues in ethics

such as birth control, genetic engineering, civil disobedience, business ethics, capital punishment, war, and issues related to the edges of life.

Prerequisite: TH 501 (MDiv students must also complete one additional theology course)

### **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 790 Thesis (12) 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.

## **World Mission**

### **WM 501 Missions in Global Perspective (3) A**

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. This course is also offered as:

**WM 501-CL Missions in Global Perspective (3) A** (Course offered in Chinese language)

### **WM 510 Biblical Theology of Mission (3) B**

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.

Prerequisites: TH 501 and WM 501

**WM 511 Cultural Anthropology for Intercultural Ministry (3) A**

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.

**WM 515 Muslim Faith and Practice (3) B**

This course is a survey of Muslim religious practice and belief, including the role of the hadith (traditions). Special attention will be paid to the place of Muhammad in Muslim history and tradition.

**WM 530-CL Missions in Chinese Perspective (3) O**

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.

**WM 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: WM 501

**WM 605 Missions in the Local Church (3) O**

The purpose of this course is to demonstrate that world mission is at the heart of the work of Christ's Body, the church. Lectures and class discussions will biblically and theologically define the missional role of the local church in its local and global (glocal) outreach. Practical instructions will move towards current best practices in cultivating mission awareness, recruiting and nurturing candidates, caring for international workers, and organizing local mission events.

**WM 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: WM 501

**WM 633 Contemporary Religious Movements (3) O**

Presenting the gospel to adherents of various contemporary religious groups is a significant task of the church. This course undertakes a study of various contemporary religious movements in order to develop an understanding of their basic teachings and practices. Of particular interest are the historical, sociological and theological factors that shape and underpin these movements.

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

Establishing Communities of Faith in Multi-cultural 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: EV 501 or WM 501

**WM 640 Urban Theology (3) O**

This course is an introduction to a biblical understanding of the city. Missiological implications for developing a global perspective of urban ministry will be explored. The approach will include theological, historical and sociological analysis of the urban context. Participants will develop projects that address some of the practical implications for holistic ministry in urban settings.

**WM 641 Urban Mission and Ministry (3) B**

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.

**WM 645 Special Topics in World Missions (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.

**WM 700 Missions Research Project (3) O**

A research project culminating in a graduate paper on a chosen country, people group, or area of work related to the participant's future intercultural ministry. This course may fulfill the requirements for candidates with various mission agencies, but is open to all MA (IM) and Dip IM students.

Prerequisite: WM 501

**WM 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 faculty member and a local mentor, learners will explore a wide range of issues that stem from the lived experience of their mentors.

Corequisite: Normally taken in conjunction with IM 712 Intercultural Internship, or IM 720 Intercultural Ministry Coaching.

**WM 711 Christianity and Culture (3) A**

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 (MDiv students must also complete one additional Theology course)

**WM 722 Religious Pluralism (3) O**

This course compares and contrasts the tenets of religious pluralism with the biblical teaching of the unique nature of Jesus Christ. Consideration will be given to the effects of religious pluralism as it permeates societal values and postmodern worldview.

**WM 745 World Missions Seminar (3) O**

An advanced seminar addressing a particular theme, group of themes, or critical issue in the field of world missions. Possible areas of study may include world religions, unreached peoples, and advanced missiology. Participants will be expected to conduct research and present their findings in class. May be repeated for credit as topics change.

**WM 750 Independent Study (3) O**

An opportunity for the advanced student (at least one-half through their program) to research, organize and write on a subject of special interest in world missions. Under the guidance of the instructor, the student is expected to exercise the requisite skills and initiative in bringing the project to completion.

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