

BIBLE (BI)

BI 101 Understanding the Old Testament - 3 Hours

A survey of the setting, history and literature of the Old Testament. Emphasis is given to major Old Testament themes, including covenant, salvation, worship, wisdom, justice and righteousness, and messianic hope. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 111 Understanding the New Testament - 3 Hours

A survey of the setting, history, and literature of the New Testament. Emphasis is given to major New Testament themes, including the person and work of Jesus Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the theology of Paul, and the Christian in society. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 210 Biblical Interpretation - 3 Hours

This course is designed to acquaint the student with a basic understanding of the principles of biblical interpretation as well as the primary tools of biblical research. The student will then apply these principles and tools to the study of a selected New Testament epistle. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 221X Intermediate Greek - 3 Hours

Building on the foundation laid in GR 121-GR 122 this course equips students for applied exegesis of the Greek New Testament. Emphasis is placed on exegetical method and practical application, with the goal of building lifelong habits for the use of Greek in interpreting the New Testament. Prerequisites: GR 121-GR 122. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with GR 221X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 222X Intermediate Greek - 3 Hours

Continuation of BI 221X/GR 221X. Prerequisite: BI 221X or GR 221X. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with GR 222X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 275 Teaching the Bible - 3 Hours

A study of theories and methods of teaching the Bible utilizing instructional objectives. Students will prepare and present lesson plans to demonstrate their proficiency in the stating and accomplishing of appropriate educational objectives. Prerequisite: BI 210. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 289 Topics in the Bible - 2 Hours

A topics course in Bible offered at an extension site. (A matriculated Trinity College student may not take an extension course for credit.) Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 302 Pentateuch - 3 Hours

A study of the content, theology, and criticism of the Pentateuch. Emphasis will be on major themes like creation, fall, salvation, election, covenant, ethics and worship. A selection of the most important chapters of the Pentateuch will be exegeted in detail and developed from theological and literary perspectives. Prerequisites: BI 101, BI 210. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 304 Old Testament Prophetic Books - 3 Hours

A study of the historical setting and message of the Old Testament prophets. The course will survey all the prophetic books briefly, and focus in some detail on Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, and Zechariah. Selected passages will be exegeted in class using methods taught in BI 210 Biblical Interpretation. Prerequisites: BI 101, BI 210. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 306 Old Testament Poetic Books - 3 Hours

A study of the poetic books of the Old Testament: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Lamentations. Emphasis will be on major themes like praise, lament, messianic hope, the fear of the Lord, the problem of suffering and the nature of wisdom. A selection of representative psalms and the most important chapters in Wisdom Literatures will be exegeted in detail and developed from a theological and literary perspective. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered Fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 308 Old Testament Historical Books - 3 Hours

A consideration of the basic outline of Israelite history contained in the books of Joshua-2 Kings, Ezra, Nehemiah, and 1 and 2 Chronicles. In addition to content and theology, emphasis is on the historiography of the biblical authors and differing modern historiographical approaches to these Old Testament books. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 312 Life of Christ - 3 Hours

A study of the life of Jesus Christ, with emphasis on crisis events. Attention is given to the uniqueness of each of the four Gospels, to the development in Jesus' ministry, and to the topic of Messiahship, kingdom of God, discipleship, and controversy. Prerequisites: BI 111, 210. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 313 New Testament Church - 3 Hours

A study of early Christianity based on the Book of Acts and the New Testament epistles. Attention is given to the historicity of Acts, the careers of Peter and Paul, and the dynamics that spread the church into the Roman world. Prerequisites: BI 111, 210. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 321 The End Times - 3 Hours

A study of eschatology in its historical, hermeneutical, and theological context. Consideration will be given to issues of interpretation and theology with an exegetical emphasis on the book of Revelation. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 334 Old Testament Theology - 3 Hours

An examination of the message of the Old Testament, with special emphasis on Jesus in the Old Testament and topics such as law and grace, Israel and the church, promise and fulfillment, and covenant and faith. Prerequisites: BI 101, 210. Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 335 Theology of the General Epistles - 3 Hours

A study of major theological themes of the general epistles including Christology, Soteriology, and Sanctification. Prerequisite: BI 111, BI 210 recommended. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 336 Theology of the Pauline Epistles - 3 Hours

A study of major theological themes of the Pauline literature including Soteriology, Ecclesiology, and Theology proper. Prerequisite BI 111 required, BI 210 recommended. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 350 Topics in the Bible - 1-3 Hours

A study of an individual book or topic in Old Testament or New Testament. May be repeated for different books or topics. Prerequisites: BI 101 or BI 111 and BI 210. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 362 Messiah in the Old Testament - 3 Hours

A study of the concept of promise and fulfillment as it applies to the major texts in the Old Testament that deal with the messianic hope and an examination of the various ways these texts are quoted and used in the New Testament. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 390 Experiential Learning in Biblical Studies - 0-2 Hours

This course will fulfill the professional experience general education requirements for students in Biblical Studies. Students may write and present a paper at a professional conference, write and present a paper from any BI 300 or 400 level course to the TC Biblical Studies Department faculty or serve as tutor in one of these courses: BI 101, BI 111, BI 210, BRS 231, GR 121-122. Requires approval of one of the full time faculty members of the department. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 400 Romans - 3 Hours

A study of the background, content, and theology of Paul's letter to Rome; emphasis is placed on the development of major themes of the book. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 405 New Testament Theology - 3 Hours

An in-depth study of the central tenets of the Christian faith with emphasis on the doctrines of God, the church, sin, and salvation. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 415 Theological Issues - 3 Hours

An examination of theological issues within selected categories of systematic theology with an emphasis on the key doctrines in each category as viewed from differing theological perspectives. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 430 The Book of Acts - 3 Hours

A study of the background, content, and theology of the early church as found in Acts. Emphasis is placed on the development of the early church, the missionary journeys, and the relationship of the gospels and epistles to the historical events in Acts. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BI 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Advanced study in special topics for students who have demonstrated ability in biblical studies. The preparation of a research paper will normally be required. Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. Offered each semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 452 Biblical Studies Seminar - 3 Hours

An in-depth study of selected problems and recent developments in biblical studies. Attention will be given to tools, principles, and practice of research and writing in biblical studies. May be repeated for different topics. This course fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone requirement for students in the Biblical Studies major. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111, BI 210. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BI 453 Seminar in Discipleship and Justice - 3 Hours

A study of the call of the gospel and responses to it in various aspects of society, seeing these as integral to faith. A survey of several important problems and areas of need in modern society where the Christian is called to act, this course is intended to stimulate thought regarding Christian discipleship and involvement in the world. Some of these problems will not have simple answers, and perhaps more questions will be raised than answers found, but it is hoped the process will lead to increased social consciousness and involvement as an expression of being a follower of Christ. This course fulfills the IDS 499X Integrative Thought Capstone for students in the Biblical Studies major. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.