

BIBLICAL AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES (BRS)

BRS 231 Christian Doctrine - 3 Hours

A study of the major doctrines of Christianity as taught in the Bible, with some emphasis on the development of doctrines in the history of the church and the various options held by the Christian church. Prerequisite: BI 101 or BI 111. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 321X American Church History - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of Christianity in America from the colonial period to the present. Special attention is given to the Protestant evangelical tradition. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with HI 321X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 322X Topics in Church History - 3 Hours

An examination of selected themes, topics, or periods in the history of the Christian church since 400 A.D. with a particular emphasis on the relationship between church history and social, intellectual, political, and cultural history. May be repeated for credit if topic concentration differs. Topics have included Reformation and Puritanism. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with HI 322X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 330 Christian Evidences - 3 Hours

An examination of the concept of "evidence" and a rigorous study of the historical events and documents upon which Christianity rests, as well as a comprehensive overview of the presuppositions and conceptions that are inimical to orthodox Christianity and how they may be handled. Prerequisite: Any two of the general education requirement courses (BI 101, BI 111, or BI 210). Offered spring semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 332 Biblical Theology - 3 Hours

A survey of the methods and content of biblical theology. Emphasis is on the Bible's storyline, examining how the books and corpora of the Bible contribute to the unfolding history of redemption. Attention is given to themes of temple, sacrifice, priest, rest, kingship, exile, idolatry, promise, messiah, wisdom, and others. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 336 Topics in Contemporary Theology - 3 Hours

A consideration of specific theologians and theological movements within 20th-century Christian thought. The course may include studies in neo-orthodoxy, third world theologies, process theology, theologies of hope, as well as consideration of the current evangelical spectrum of thought and practice. Prerequisites: BI 101 or BI 111, BRS 231. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 338 Theological and Sociological Foundations of Evangelism - 3 Hours

A study of the theology of evangelism and contemporary sociological factors of conversion. This course will examine the gospel message and biblical reasons for doing evangelism, as well as consider issues in understanding why people convert in order to formulate an evangelical understanding of evangelism. The course will give consideration to contemporary evangelistic methods and evaluate them in light of the material presented in class. Students will be challenged to make evangelism a component of daily life whether in a vocational ministry or a secular occupation. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

BRS 340X History of Christianity - 3 Hours

A survey of the history of the Christian church from the New Testament to the present. Approximately equal time is spent on the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern periods. Offered fall semester in odd-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; other modes as scheduled. Cross-listed with HI 340X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online, and REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 341 Theology: Prolegomena, Scripture, Theology Proper - 3 Hours

This course begins by clarifying the nature, method, and necessity of theology. Discussion then moves to the doctrine of Scripture, including revelation, inspiration, illumination, and inerrancy. This course concludes with the study of the existence and nature of God (including the Trinity), God's works of creation (including angels), and providence. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 342 Theology: Christ, Humanity, Sin, Salvation - 3 Hours

This course covers the study of the person and work of Christ. It treats the nature of man both as a creature and as a sinner, including original sin, imputation of sin, and the nature and consequences of individual acts of sin. Discussion focuses on both the atoning work of Christ and on the application of the work of Christ by the Holy Spirit that runs from election through conversion and justification all the way to glorification. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 343 Theology: Holy Spirit, Church, Last Things - 3 Hours

This course begins with the study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Focus then shifts to the doctrine of the church. Topics include the nature, mission, function, organization, and ordinances of the church, the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in ministry, and the relation of Israel to the church. The course concludes with a treatment of the Last Things in relation to individuals (including the intermediate state and the resurrection of the body) and in relation to the following corporate groups: the church, Israel, and the nations. Delivery mode: REACH/Excel adult undergraduate.

BRS 350 Topics in Biblical and Religious Studies - 1-3 Hours

A study of selected biblical or religious topics. May be repeated for different topics. Offered on demand for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 359 Topics for Honors Students - 3 Hours

Selected topics not taught under specific course titles. Depending on the topic, the course will be designated as falling under one or more departments. May be repeated for credit if the topic differs. Offered spring semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 360X Foundations of Intercultural Ministries - 3 Hours

An examination and exploration of biblical and cultural issues related to a student's preparation for intercultural ministry. Students will pursue an understanding of these issues through research, interviews, and discovery learning experiences. The course is designed as an essential element in the student's process of preparing for CM 445 Internship in Intercultural Ministries. Offered spring semester in even-numbered years for Deerfield traditional undergraduate. Cross-listed with CM 360X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 363X Survey of Religious Diversity - 3 Hours

A survey of the world's major religions, including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other religious movements. The specific aim of the course is to learn how to understand and engage a full range of religious worldviews from the perspective of the Christian faith. Special attention is given to comparing and contrasting religious movements with the historic Christian faith. The course probes various dimensions of the problem of religious truth, explores the possibility of constructing a systematic understanding of religions, and seeks to formulate creative and thoughtful responses to the problem of religious diversity. Offered fall semester for Deerfield traditional undergraduate; online as scheduled. Cross-listed with PH 363X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate, online.

BRS 430 Advanced Topics in Religious Studies - 1-3 Hours

Selected courses taught at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Open only to qualified juniors and seniors with approval from the Director of the School of Biblical and Religious Studies and TEDS professor. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 437X Music in Worship - 3 Hours

The study of biblical, theological, historical, and practical concepts and patterns for worship of all major Christian traditions. The types of music and the roles music has played in the worship of various historical traditions will be considered in light of the theology of those traditions. Includes the study of congregational song. Student projects will include planning, leading, and evaluating music in worship. Prerequisites: BI 101 and BI 111 or permission of instructor. Offered fall semester in even-numbered years. Cross-listed with MUW 437X. Delivery mode: Deerfield traditional undergraduate.

BRS 450 Independent Study - 1-4 Hours

Advanced study in special topics for students who have demonstrated ability in religious 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.