CHRISTIAN STUDIES (CST)

CST 1011: Survey of the Old Testament (3)
A survey of the content of the Old Testament in its historical and cultural setting, with a particular emphasis upon its relevance for today. Themes such as canonicity, historicity, inspiration, and textual issues will also be introduced to the student.

CST 1012: Survey of the New Testament (3)
A survey of the content of the New Testament in its historical and cultural setting. This course will examine the New Testament text, its development and transmission, and its relevance for today.

CST 2011: Introductory Biblical Hebrew I (3)
This course is an introduction to the basics of biblical Hebrew. Emphasis is placed upon basic forms, grammatical structure, and vocabulary of the Hebrew language.

CST 2012: Introductory Biblical Hebrew II (3)
This course is a continuation of Introductory Biblical Hebrew I. Emphasis is placed upon grammar, syntax, translation, and exegesis of the biblical Hebrew text. Prerequisite: CST 2011 or permission of the instructor based upon written examination.

CST 2111: Elementary Koine Greek I (3)
The basic grammar of Koine Greek for understanding, pronouncing, reading, and writing.

CST 2112: Elementary Koine Greek II (3)
This course is a continuation of Elementary Koine Greek I with emphasis on grammar, pronouncing, reading and writing of biblical Greek. Prerequisite: CST 2111 or permission of the instructor based upon written examination.

CST 2200: Evangelism (3)
An introduction to evangelism, with reference to its biblical base, personal preparation, practical implications, and its effective application. Emphasis will be placed upon the content of the gospel message and the nature of Christian discipleship.

CST 2300: Pentateuch (3)
A study of the first five books of the Bible. Prerequisite: CST 1011 or permission of the instructor.

CST 2310: Major and Minor Prophets (3)
A study of the content and historical background of the prophetic books of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: CST 1011 or permission of the instructor.
CST 2400: Life and Teachings of Jesus (3)
A study of the life and teachings of Jesus with primary emphasis on the canonical Gospels. Prerequisite: CST 1012 or permission of the instructor.

CST 2410: Life and Letters of Paul (3)
A study of the life and teachings of Paul with primary emphasis on the Pauline Epistles and the book of Acts. Prerequisite: CST 1012 or permission of the instructor.

CST 2500: Homiletics (3)
An introduction to the art of developing sermons through extensive biblical exegesis. Attention will be given to biblical and historical backgrounds, as well as primary preaching resources. Students will be required to prepare and to present sermons.

CST 2650: Christian Classics (3)

CST 2700: Survey of Christian Education (3)

CST 2800: Introduction to Youth Ministry (3)
This course is a basic survey exploring the theological and practical foundations of Youth Ministry. The student will be introduced to current issues, trends, and resources for Youth Ministry, and will also study the objectives and goals of the total Youth Ministry program of the local church.

CST 2900: Introduction to Philosophy and Worldview (3)
A study of the major conceptual systems or worldviews that have shaped philosophical thought and history. The major areas of philosophy will be examined including metaphysical, epistemological, and axiological considerations. Moreover, the course will explore the social, moral, and theological implications of philosophical thought as it relates to both collective and individual worldviews.

CST 3001: Introduction to Christian Leadership (3)
A study of the responsibilities and qualities of the Christian leader. The basic biblical principles of ecclesiastical leadership and the principal themes of effective and successful ministry are examined.
CST 3030: World Religions (3)  
A study of the origins, development, beliefs, and practices of the major religions of the world. Each religion will be examined from a biblical and evangelical perspective in order to prepare the Christian to communicate the Gospel more effectively with the adherents of other belief systems.

CST 3111: Church History Survey I (3)  
A study of the growth and development of Christianity from the New Testament era through the Renaissance and Reformation.

CST 3112: Church History Survey II (3)  
A study of the growth and development of Christianity from the Reformation era to the present.

CST 3225: Hermeneutics (3)  
A study of the basic principles of the interpretation of language, applied particularly to the books of the Old and New Testaments. Prerequisite: CST 1011 or CST 1012 or permission of the instructor.

CST 3300: Christian Worship (3)  
A study of the nature of worship in biblical perspective and a survey of the development and practice of worship in the Christian church.

CST 3425: Christian Counseling (3)  
A study of the principles and techniques of Christian counseling. Emphasis is placed on the importance of a biblical orientation in the counseling process.

CST 3550: History and Practice of Christian Missions (3)  
This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of Christian missions. A historical panorama of world missions is presented, and careful attention is given to the biblical and theological basis of missions. The course investigates and evaluates various missiological models, especially in relation to the establishment of churches in a transcultural context. Moreover, the course orients the student regarding the role of the local church in the field of missions.

CST 3625: Philosophy of Religion (3)  
In this course consideration is given to the logic of religion, theistic realism, the nature of religion, as well as major problems often associated with religious thought.

CST 3725: Systematic Theology I (3)  
This course offers a systematic approach to understanding biblical themes and doctrines. Course content includes a study of the following doctrines: God, Scripture, angels, sin, and Jesus Christ. Prerequisite: CST 1011 or CST 1012 or permission of the instructor.
CST 3726: Systematic Theology II (3)
This course offers a systematic approach to understanding biblical themes and doctrines. Course content includes a study of the following doctrines: salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and eschatology.

CST 3850: Ministry to Children and Family (3)
This course is a basic overview of the ministry to children and their families in the local church setting. Specific attention will be given to the life cycle and development of the child. In addition, the student will be introduced to the administration and programming aspects, the skills for curriculum development, and future trends affecting ministry to children and families.

CST 3875: Youth Ministry Recreation, Camping, and Retreats (3)
Methods and principles of Youth Ministry leadership and administration are studied and related to recreational ministry, camping, and retreats. Prerequisite: CST 2800.

CST 3880: Contemporary Youth Problems and Issues (3)
This course will survey current issues and problems facing young people in contemporary culture. Specific attention will be given to the development of skills and methods for counseling adolescents in the ministry setting. Prerequisite: CST 2800.

CST 3885: Youth Ministry Programming (3)
An examination of the skills for effective programming in a contemporary youth ministry setting, including a detailed study of the administrative and management role of the youth minister and the elements for curriculum development. Prerequisite: CST 2800.

CST 3990: Special Topic in Christian Studies (3)
Variable subject content. This course may be taken more than once for credit provided that the student is studying a different topic each time.

CST 4050: Supervised Ministry Internship (3)
This course requires 112 hours of supervised participation in a church or other approved Christian organization. The internship is designed to provide students with practical experience in their chosen career path. Prerequisites: a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75, departmental approval, for majors in Christian Studies or Youth Ministry.

CST 4125: Change and Conflict Management in Christian Ministry (3)
An overview of the leadership dynamics regarding change and conflict management in Christian ministry settings. Students will be introduced to the skills needed for managing conflict and leading organizational change. Prerequisite: CST 3001 or permission of the instructor.
CST 4200: Mission Area Study (3)
An introduction to a selected region of the world, for the purpose of preparing students for future ministry in that particular geographical area. The course provides both an historical overview of the region and an introduction to key socio-political, cultural, and religious aspects of its current situation. The information presented will be evaluated in consideration of a broader global context. This course may be taken more than once for credit provided that the student is studying a different region each time.

CST 4250, 4260: Independent Study (3)

CST 4380: Contemporary Theology (3)
A review of recent major theological trends with a focus on major representative theologians from the modern era. Prerequisite: CST 1011 or CST 1012.

CST 4400: Christian Apologetics (3)
Various approaches to the apologetic task will be investigated. Attention will be given to the systematic and rational defense of the Christian faith against many serious contemporary challenges. Topics include such areas as tests for truth, a critique of relativism and pluralism, the problem of miracles, and the historicity of the Christian faith. A primary aim of the course will be the practical application of apologetics in the church’s ministry. Prerequisites: CST 3725 and CST 3726.

CST 4500: History of Religion in America (3)
A study of the development of religion in America. In particular, the role that Christianity has played in shaping American thought and society will be explored.

CST 4525: Baptist History (3)
A study of the origin and expansion of the Baptist denomination in the world, including an analysis of its theological development.

CST 4600: Christian Ethics (3)
An introduction to the major lines of ethical thought in the Christian tradition. Philosophical, theological, and biblical sources will be examined in the light of their relationship to contemporary ethical issues.

CST 4711: Old Testament Book Study (3)
An exegetical and analytical study of selected Old Testament books. This course may be taken more than once for credit provided that the student is studying a different Old Testament book each time. Prerequisite: CST 1011.

CST 4712: New Testament Book Study (3)
An exegetical and analytical study of selected New Testament books. This course may be taken more than once for credit provided that the student is studying a different New Testament book each time. Prerequisite: CST 1012.
CST 4800: Youth Ministry in Theory and Practice (3)
A study of Youth Ministry in the local church setting, considering the theology and psychology of such ministry, with emphasis on the practical issues of method, technique, and resources. Prerequisites: CST 2800, senior standing, for Youth Ministry majors only.

CST 4820: Youth Ministry Methods (3)
This course is a concentrated study of the different methods used in ministering to youth. The student will do a major research project (subject to approval from the professor) on a specific methodology in the field of Youth Ministry. Prerequisites: CST 2800 and senior standing.

CST 4911: Old Testament Hebrew Exegesis (3)
An advanced course in which consideration is given to textual, grammatical, syntactical, literary, and historical issues through a verse-by-verse analysis in a variety of genres in the Hebrew Bible. The course will accentuate proper methods for discovering the meaning of a text and applying it in teaching and preaching. Students may repeat this course if the biblical books or text selections are not duplicated. Prerequisites: CST 2011 and CST 2012.

CST 4912: New Testament Greek Exegesis (3)
An advanced course in which attention is given to textual, grammatical, syntactical, literary, and historical issues through a verse-by-verse analysis of selected passages in the Greek New Testament. The course will emphasize sound exegetical principles employing linguistic tools that will aid in translating and uncovering the meaning of a text and applying it in teaching and preaching. Students may repeat this course if the biblical books or text selections are not duplicated. Prerequisites: CST 2111 and CST 2112.
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