

RICE Course Descriptions

ADMINISTRATION

Church Administration

[3 credits]

ADM400

A study of the legal, biblical, organizational “how to’s” of church leadership. Discuss practical and biblical mandates of functioning as a corporate body while following God’s directives.

Money and Godly Stewardship

[3 credits]

ADM102

Explore the issue of money and stewardship in the context of God’s Word; contrast it against the backdrop of modern-day materialism.

BIBLE

Archaeology

[3 credits]

BIB425

Explore the relationship between archaeological finds in Bible lands with biblical history, with an emphasis on the apologetic value of supporting the Bible’s accuracy.

Hermeneutics

[3 credits]

BIB100

Examine the principles of biblical interpretation using the inductive method of study. Learn how to incorporate God’s Word into your life; relate these truths to others.
Prerequisite: COM101 English I

New Testament Survey I

[3 credits]

BIB101

Course will cover a background study and overview of the New Testament. Examine the four Gospels’ common characteristics and distinctive features. Study the book of Acts and the record of the beginning and early history of the church.

New Testament Survey II

[3 credits]

BIB102

Survey the Pauline and non-Pauline epistles and how they shared testimony, delivered exhortations/commands, and interpreted the truths of the gospels. An overview of Revelation.

Old Testament Survey I

[3 credits]

BIB103

Study the Old Testament books with an emphasis on history, geography, typology, and chronology; explore the distinctive theme and purpose of each book and its contribution to the unity of the Bible.

Old Testament Survey II

[3 credits]

BIB104

A brief study of the five poetic books (Job-Song of Solomon) and a survey of the Major (Isaiah-Daniel) and Minor Prophets (Hosea-Malachi). Emphasis will be placed on historical background, prophetic themes, doctrinal truths, and personal application.

Typology

[3 credits]

BIB200

Explore Bible types—Old Testament personalities, practices, or objects that prefigure Jesus Christ—with an special emphasis on employing careful interpretive principles.

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<i>Daniel and Revelation</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB290</i>
Compare and contrast the two primary apocalyptic books of the Bible with a focus on understanding end times scenarios.		
<i>Ephesians & Colossians</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB300</i>
Develop an understanding of who Christ is and what His life and death mean for the believer; Explore the preeminence of Christ in salvation, in the life of the believer and in all Creation.		
<i>Eschatology</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB301</i>
Interpret world events in light of prophecy including Millennialism, Great Tribulation, Anti-Christ, Armageddon, and the Second Coming of Christ.		
<i>Galatians</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB302</i>
Comprehensive study of the truth of the Gospel. Course will cover the grace of Jesus Christ in the life of the believer, and the believer's standing in Christ.		
<i>Gospel of John</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB403</i>
A study of the life of Jesus Christ and the signs proving the divinity of Christ.		
<i>Nehemiah</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB303</i>
A study of the restoration of Jerusalem and the revival of God's people.		
<i>Pastoral Epistles</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB304</i>
A study of biblical principles, qualifications, and application for leadership in I and II Timothy, Titus and Philemon.		
<i>Synoptic Gospels</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB402</i>
Compare and contrast the story of Jesus as recorded in the first three Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke—with an emphasis on personal spiritual application.		
<i>Romans</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>BIB304</i>
Study of the theological treatise to the Romans; address issues of sin, justification, and the sanctifying work of the cross in the life of the believer.		

COMPUTERS

<i>Introduction to Computers</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>COM102</i>
Become familiar with your mouse, monitor, and personal computer. Learn the function of the keys, Windows terminology and concepts, how to format text, save information as a file, file management, create folders, and shortcuts on your desktop. Typing skill required.		
<i>Microsoft Access</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>COM200</i>
Create databases, establish tables, forms, queries, and reports in a database. Prerequisite: basic Windows knowledge and typing skill.		
<i>Microsoft Excel</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>COM201</i>
Organize information in a spreadsheet format; learn basic spreadsheet functions.; analyze and present reports. Prerequisite: Basic typing skills.		

Microsoft PowerPoint [3 credits] **COM220**
Intro to presentation technology and applications; features of Power Point; planning, organizing and producing an effective presentation.

Microsoft Word Level I [3 credits] **COM104**
Learn to open, save and print documents; basic text correction and formatting; editing techniques. Prerequisite: typing or keyboarding skill.

Microsoft Word Level II [3 credits] **COM105**
Learn about templates and form feature, mail merge, and how to use Word with other Microsoft Office products. Create and manipulate tables. Prerequisite: Microsoft Word Level I.

Microsoft Publisher [3 credits] **COM230**
Learn how to use this software to create newsletters, brochures, and various types of note cards.

Math Basics for Ministry [3 credits] **COM100**
Review the use of basic mathematics to solve practical word problems. Learn how to use percentages, bar graphs and pie charts to analyze and present data, keep a checkbook ledger, budget preparation and track income and expenses using Microsoft Excel.

Sign Language [3 credits] **COM220**
American Sign Language (ASL) is a visual language with its own unique rules of grammar and syntax. Sign language is not a universal language -- each country has its own sign language, and regions have dialects.

ENGLISH

English I **ENG101**
Practice writing skills through speaking, listening, reading and writing; study basic grammar, vocabulary, and reading skills.

English II **ENG102**
Writing a variety of essays. Reading material will be included.

HEALTH

Take Charge of Your Health [3 credits] **HEA102**
Learn about the covenant of health with our God.

HISTORY

Black Church History [3 credits] **HIS202**
Study the formation of the African American church with emphasis on leaders and theological background.

Church History [3 credits] **HIS465**
Review Apostolic times to the present; emphasis on the Patristic, Medieval, Reformation, and Modern eras.

LANGUAGE

Biblical Greek I [3 credits] **COM301**
Gain an introductory understanding of the language of the New Testament with an emphasis on the Greek alphabet, vocabulary, sentence structure, and biblical interpretation.

Biblical Greek II [3 credits] **COM302**
Further an introductory understanding of the language of the New Testament with an emphasis on the Greek alphabet, vocabulary, sentence structure, and biblical interpretation.

Biblical Hebrew I [3 credits] **COM410**
Gain an introductory understanding of the language of the Old Testament with an emphasis on the Hebrew alphabet, vocabulary, sentence structure, and biblical interpretation.

Biblical Hebrew II [3 credits] **HEB302**
Further an introductory understanding of the language of the Old Testament with an emphasis on the Hebrew alphabet, vocabulary, sentence structure, and biblical interpretation.

LEADERSHIP

Visionary Leadership [3 credits] **LEA321**
Explore the three categories of strengths behind Jesus' leadership techniques: the strength of self-mastery, the strength of action, and the strength of relationships. Increase your awareness in mastering them to become an empowered leader.

MINISTRY

Counseling [3 credits] **MIN330**
Explore emotional and spiritual problems among Christians using biblical counseling techniques.

Evangelism [3 credits] **MIN210**
Study practical approaches to personal evangelism. Learn how to initiate conversation, present the Gospel and lead to Christ. Spend thirty hours in evangelism. Present biblical principles of effective evangelism. Survey selected cults' basic tenets, personalities, publications, and enlistment strategies.

Marriage Enrichment [3 credits] **MIN211**
Build a marriage that includes biblical principles on how to have a relationship that is solid, satisfying, and pleasing to the Lord.

Christian Ethics [3 credits] **MIN111**
Examine critical questions such as abortion, euthanasia, bioethics, human sexuality, politics, war, capital punishment, race, the arts, and the environment from a biblical viewpoint.

Spiritual Formation [3 credits] **MIN110**
Investigate biblical principles for sanctification. Learn how to apply them to Christian living. Develop a personal relationship with God and minister to others.

<i>Ministry of Discipleship</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN210</i>
Discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ and the process by which disciples grow in Christ both spiritually and personally.		
<i>VBS and Other Summer Ministries</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN402</i>
Develop creative expression of faith, concentrated Bible study, evangelism, and family reinforcement. Research other creative ministries for all age groups.		
<i>Spiritual Warfare</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN220</i>
Learn how to apply spiritual armor. Topics include how to change lives, the expository preaching process, the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, and the power of prayer, spiritual warfare, and how to discern the voice of God.		
<i>Intercessory Prayer</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN201</i>
Define intercessory prayer. Subjects include: the task of intercession, pleading your case, identification in intercession and prophetic intercession.		
<i>Pastoral Psychology</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN300</i>
Discover the role and relationships of pastoral ministry including a philosophy of ministry and the mindset that reflects a pastoral calling.		
<i>Prison Ministry</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN410</i>
Explore prison issues and challenges and methods of relating and ministering to individuals.		
<i>Sunday School Ministry</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN301</i>
Define the traditional purposes, functions, and organization of the local church Sunday School program and the inclusion of children, youth and adults.		
<i>Missions</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN401</i>
A survey of missions with emphasis on the present worldwide scene, the biblical basis of missions, and how all believers can get involved. Every believer's life will be enriched with the knowledge of God's work through His people around the world.		
<i>Teaching and Preaching Practicum</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>MIN450</i>
Learn how to select topics & scripture for teaching and preaching, make an outline and then finalize the presentation. Students will prepare and present sample teaching and preaching sessions for review.		
<i>Homiletics</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>HOM482</i>
Examine sermon construction and delivery; discuss different types of sermons.		

SCIENCE

<i>Creation</i>	<i>[3 credits]</i>	<i>SCI201</i>
Discover the biblical and scientific truths about original man, and the amazing wonders of God's original earth. Learn how to understand the evolutionary stance from a biblical perspective.		

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TEACHING

Christian Education

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EDU110

Expand your understanding of the philosophy, scope, and practices of Christian Education within a church setting, including educational programs for all age levels.

Teaching Techniques

[3 credits]

EDU210

Acquire techniques that include methodology, insights from current research, classroom usage, learning style, and principles of selection for specific purposes and audiences.

THEOLOGY

Apologetics

[3 credits]

THE460

Study reasons why we know Christianity to be true; provide practical ways to help students defend their faith.

Theology I

[3 credits]

THE390

Expand your knowledge of selected doctrinal areas; historic church creeds; the Bible as the final authority.

Theology II

[3 credits]

THE490

Continue research of selected doctrinal areas; historic church creeds; the Bible as the final authority.

World Religions and Cults

[3 credits]

THE220

Teach how to react to and deal effectively with other religions and cults; contrast the truths of Biblical Christianity to the subtle lies of the cults. Articulate the Christian faith, the Word of God, and expose the error of the cults.

Women in Ministry

[3 credits]

THE207

Look at God's plan for women: a plan of equality and release in the home and church. Read several contemporary books; apply the truth to your own life.

WORSHIP

Practice of Worship

[3 credits]

WOR302

Evangelism and worship—taking worship to the streets—public worship—definitions of praise—our call to worship—prayer and worship—music and worship—Christ and worship.

Fundamentals of Worship

[3 credits]

WOR410

Prepare and orchestrate worship service; role of pastor, worship leader, worship team; leading worship. Preparing properly for a worship service. Effective rehearsals; small group worship. Understand different Christian expressions of worship.

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