

WCBCS STUDENT CATALOG

BACHELOR COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - 3 HOURS

BIBLE

BIBL 101 - Biblical Interpretation - This course explores the principles and practices of interpretation. Attention will be given to the various literary forms of the biblical books. Students will learn how to clarify the meaning of the text and how to apply that meaning to ministry contexts.

BIBL 102 - Life of Christ - This course explores the life of Christ described in the four gospels. Studying both chronological events and important themes, students will be able to recount the major aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. The course will stress the redemptive work of Christ.

BIBL 201 - Old Testament Survey - This course covers the 39 books of the Hebrew Bible. Issues like authorship, history, and theological significance will be treated. Students will learn how to interpret the Old Testament with a view toward the preparation of sermons and teaching materials.

BIBL 202 - New Testament Survey - Students will analyze the background, structure, and thought of the 27 books that make up the New Testament. Opportunities will be given for students to express in sermons and other forms of communication what they learn from the New Testament.

BIBL 301 - Deuteronomy - In this book, Moses recounts the experiences of the Jews. These experiences include in their deliverance from slavery, reception of the Law, and wanderings in the wilderness. Students will learn about the significance of these events for the life of Israel.

BIBL 302 - Acts - The history and theology of the early church will be covered. Attention will be given to the themes and issues highlighted by the author Luke.

BIBL 401 - Prison Epistles - Students will learn the background to these letters in light of Paul's confinement by the Roman government. The doctrines and practical teachings of each letter will be analyzed with a view toward their application in the contemporary church.

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BUSINESS

BUSI 101 - Foundations of Business - This course will present basic material about the functioning of businesses and economies. Students will learn stewardship of resources of value to churches and ministries, such as equipment, buildings, and real estate. Students will also study biblical principles of investing, giving, and growing money.

BUSI 102 Business Ethics - This course will cover the biblical responsibilities of those in church business to relate from a standpoint of integrity and accountability, biblical stewardship, being "above reproach" in all matters of money, dealing honestly and transparently with everyone, tax matters, copyright laws, and the use of money in ministry.

BUSI 201 - Marketing - Students will learn the basic elements of informing and persuading people. The course material is geared toward churches making use of various social media to promote the ministry of the gospel.

BUSI 202 Business Communication- This course will study the practical side of communication (Written, Verbal, and Non-Verbal), oral presentations, writing assignments, composition, planning, team involvement, and skills essential to success in church ministry.

BUSI 301 Practical Church Business Administration - This course will study the practical responsibilities of those engaged in ministry including staff meetings, financial reporting, accountability, board meetings, business meetings, documentation of paper work, insurance policies, maintenance of facilities, and a variety of other practical materials that must be addressed regularly in ministry.

BUSI 302 - Accounting - This course outlines the essential aspects of financial record-keeping, tracking, budgeting, and reporting, particularly as applied to churches and ministries.

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BUSINESS, cont.

BUSI 401 Strategic Ministry – This course will study intentional ministry strategies that will help your church reach its target audience and continue to effectively carry out the overall mission and purpose of the church.

BUSI 402 Business Management – This course will give you the practical tools you need to manage a church or ministry including personnel and facilities management, roles in the organization, decision-making skills, and coordinating volunteers to do the work of the ministry.

COMMUNICATION

COMM 101 - Speech - This class will concentrate on oral communication as it pertains to church and ministry contexts. Special emphasis will be given to digital and online mediums. Students will learn how to preach sermons, create podcasts, and record videos.

COMM 201 - Social Media - This course will review the different forms of social media, including Twitter, Facebook, texting, email, and YouTube. Students will be taught how to make use of these forums for the purposes of reaching people for Christ.

COMM 301 - Sermon Preparation - Preaching sermons is one of the major responsibilities that ministers have. This course will help students plan out sermons, choose topics and Scriptures, and put together ideas. Students will deliver their messages for review and improvement.

COUNSELING

COUN 101 - Biblical Counseling - Students will learn the need for counseling as a ministry within the church. They will be introduced to a scriptural model of counseling which helps the minister guide suffering people from pain to redemption.

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COUNSELING, cont.

COUN 102 Introduction to Ethics in Counseling – This course will study various responsibilities of the minister in regard to confidentiality, legal issues, drawing healthy boundaries, moral responsibilities, and ethical dilemmas that the biblical counselor will encounter.

COUN 201 Marriage Counseling – This course will study the principles and techniques needed to provide counsel and healing for marriages. Topics that will be discussed include fair fighting, communication, and practical issues that face every couple. Additional helps will be given for pre-marital counseling to help couples avoid pitfalls in advance.

COUN 202 Family Counseling – This course will study the most common problems facing the family including, conflict, communication, love languages/styles, forgiveness, divorce and remarriage, blended families, relocation and moving, depression, and abuse (verbal, emotional, physical, and sexual).

COUN 301 - Counseling Life Issues - This course covers several of the most common issues dealt with in church counseling settings. These include pre-marital ministry; marriage, divorce, and parenting matters; and financial problems.

COUN 302 Grief and Trauma Counseling – This course will address responses of people in life issues such as death, addictions, rape/sexual abuse, suicide prevention, domestic violence, and other real-life traumas that will be encountered in ministry.

COUN 401 - Conflict Resolution - Students will learn how to mediate disputes and reconcile people. They will have the opportunity to practice the principles they learn in the course.

COUN 402 Counseling Victims of Abuse – This course will study the proper ways to minister to those who have gone through abuse; whether it is sexual, verbal, emotional, or physical. The counselor will be given information to better understand the abused and given techniques to help bring the person to a place of spiritual, emotional, and physical wholeness.

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ENGLISH

ENGL 101 - English 1 - This course will strengthen basic skills pertaining to vocabulary and grammar, reading comprehension, literary genres, listening and note-taking.

ENG 201 - English 2 - Students will study the structure and creation of various forms of written communication. The focus will be on those types that have particular relevance for ministry, including tweets, blog posts, book reviews, sermon outlines, and journal articles.

HISTORY

HIST 101 - Ancient Civilization - Students will examine the establishment and development of human society from the beginning of creation through the Renaissance. The course will study Asian, African, Middle Eastern, and European civilizations. This will include cultural, religious, economic, and political dynamics.

HIST 201 - Modern Civilization - This course outlines the development of society from the time of the Enlightenment up to the present. The civilizations to be covered include Asian, African, Middle Eastern, European, and American societies. How the church can engage these cultures in the contemporary context will be covered.

HIST 301 - Church History - Church history is a survey of the development of the Church from the close of the New Testament to this modern church. Special attention will be given to the issues faced by church leaders during this time span, how they dealt with those problems, and how those issues in history form the basis for many of the same issues faced in the Church today. While the people and dates are significant, this course will delve into their responses to the challenges presented by their cultures primarily.

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HUMAN SCIENCE

PSY 101 - Psychology - This course will present the key ideas of a sound biblical understanding of the human soul. Students will be introduced to the various schools of thought that deal with positive and negative issues. The course will highlight the nature of human growth and development, particularly as it relates to ministry matters.

SOC 201 - Sociology - Students will study social and relational psychological theories. Both pathologies and correctives will be discussed. The course will stress the role of the church as a mediator of God's redemptive grace in Christ.

MINISTRY

MINI 101 - The Life of the Minister - This course will teach students the value of developing their character and growing as disciples of Jesus. Topics to be discussed include devotions, family relationships, recreation, and time management. Students will also learn how to conduct weddings, funerals, and baptisms. They will be taught how to serve communion, minister to the sick, and engage in hospital and home visitations.

MINI 102 - Prayer - Students will study the biblical doctrine of prayer as communication with God. Different types of prayer will be explored and students will create and maintain a prayer journal.

MINI 201 - Leadership - This course presents a biblical theology of the calling, role, and impact of leaders. Students will discover and apply leadership principles described in God's Word and supremely exemplified by Jesus Christ.

MINI 202 - Evangelism and Outreach - This course deals with the basic principles of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Students will be introduced to methods of personal and corporate evangelism. They will also learn how to serve non-Christians so as to create opportunities to demonstrate God's love.

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MINISTRY, cont.

MINI 301 - Missions - Students will explore the history of cross-cultural missions from the call of Abraham to contemporary missionary work. Attention will be given to ways of interacting with people from different cultures.

MINI 302 - Group Dynamics - This course examines the structure of small groups. Students will learn how to start groups, develop meeting formats, handle relationship issues, and raise up new leaders and groups.

MINI 401 - Discipleship - This course will look at what it means to follow Jesus and learn from Him. Students will study biblical teachings as well as the writings of key leaders who've contributed to the theology and practice of spiritual formation and Christian education.

MINI 402 - Worship - This course examines the theology and experience of worship as described in the Bible. Students will also study worship ministries and practices from church-historical and contemporary perspectives.

MATH

MATH 201 - Statistics - This course will introduce key principles of the methods and practices of statistics. Students will learn how to analyze data in fields like economics, sociology, and popular culture. They will use this knowledge to formulate appropriate ministries.

MISSIONS

MISS 101 Practical Issues in Missions 1 - This course will help the student learn about the real-life issues that will be faced by a missionary including calling, relationships, culture shock, homesickness, "hitting the wall", and more.

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MISS 102 Practical Issues in Missions 2 - This course will go one step further for the person called to missions in dealing the practical issues faced while on the mission field.

MISS 201 Missions in the Book of Acts 1 - This course will survey the first half of the Book of Acts and view how mission ministry is seen as the heart of God from the inception of the church.

MISS 202 Missions in the Book of Acts 2 - This course will survey the second half of the Book of Acts and view how mission ministry is seen as the heart of God from the inception of the church.

MISS 301 World Perspectives - This course will address the biblical basis for community development and the Christian's involvement in Majority World development on the personal and systemic levels.

MISS 302 Cross Cultural Principles- This course focuses on how to make disciples and plant churches as missionaries ministering in various multicultural and cross-cultural settings: urban, rural, and tribal. Students will learn principles and strategies for successful evangelism and church planting efforts in difficult religious contexts.

MISS 401 Missions Anthropology - This course will deal with the fundamentals of culture, social structure, group organization, and social change studied as a basis for intercultural understanding and communication. Attention given to issues which constitute challenges and opportunities for cross-cultural workers.

MISS 402 Short-Term Trips - This course will give the student the basic tool and resources that are essential for planning a short-term mission trip with regard to finances, planning, working with a missionary, understanding, the culture, and staying focused on the real mission at hand.

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PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 101 - Ethics - This course outlines the basic moral issues that ministers deal with. These include matters like financial integrity, relational holiness, and truthfulness.

PHIL 301 - Critical Thinking - With the rise of the internet, people are exposed to more information than at any other time in human history. This class will help students learn how to process information, opinions, and arguments. They will gain skills in identifying logical structures and exposing fallacies.

PHIL 401 - Apologetics - Students will learn how to defend the truths of the Christian faith and respond to challenges. Students will be taught principles and methods of upholding biblical teaching.

SCIENCE

PHSC 201 - Physical Science - In this class, students will look at scientific methods and their application in the physical sciences. Digital technology, including computers, mobile devices, and the internet, will also be explored. Special attention will be given to making use of these resources for the ministries of the church.

HLTH 301 - Health Education Science - Studies indicate that ministry can be stressful. This course teaches students how to maintain their health so that they can fulfill their calling.

TECHNOLOGY

TECH 301 - Digital Technology - Students will learn about the various forms of technology and media in order to facilitate ministry. The course will go over practical issues related to hardware, software, and online resources. An emphasis will be on making such technology economically accessible for churches.

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THEOLOGY

THEO 301 - Systematic Theology 1 - This course provides a definition of theology and a rationale for its subject matter. Students will learn the doctrines of the Bible, God, Christ, the Spirit, and creation.

THEO 401 - Systematic Theology 2 - This course treats biblical teachings about salvation, the church, and the future.

WORSHIP

WORS 101 Worship Basics – This course will study the biblical importance of worship, the authentic worshipper, and engaging your audience in worship.

WORS 102 Building A Worship Team – This course will give the practical “nut and bolts” behind putting together a worship team that will honor God, lead others to a place of biblical worship, and form a ministry support team from which to live out life.

WORS 201 Creating Flow in a Worship Gathering – This course will teach students the practical aspects of building a worship “set” list, creating elements that will engage everyone in worship, interweaving creativity in the worship gathering, intentionality in planning, giving direction in worship, all while remaining genuine and authentic.

WORS 202 Basic Music Theory – This course will teach basic music theory including scales, chords, transposing, inversions, bass and treble staves, reading music, and the key matrix, as well as development of the musician’s ear.

WORS 301 Songwriting – This course will study the basics of songwriting including song structure, the hook, melody and harmonies, “God songs”, style, rhymes, and the message.

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WORSHIP, cont.

WORS 302 Worship Survey – This course will study the origin of worship and its relationship to the church throughout history, the evolution of worship music to the 21st century, and the role of various styles of music in worship.

WORS 401 Creative Technology - This course will study the various uses of technology in a worship gathering. Considerations will be given for the placement and aesthetics of the various genres to be employed in worship, building sets that reflect the message being conveyed, and practical elements of sound and lighting in worship.

WORS 402 Effective Vocals in Worship - This course will study the two sides of vocals in worship: 1) Practice; and 2) Performance. The various styles of music and harmonies will be examined, as will how to run a good vocal practice, choosing the proper harmonies to “fit” the song, singing and worship in a worship gathering, blend, and “matching” what’s being played with what’s being sung.

YOUTH MINISTRY

YMIN 101 Youth Ministry Foundations - This course will help the student to discover the essentials of youth ministry including personal mission, working under authority, dealing with difficult people, understanding your role/job, and the students to whom you’ve been called to minister.

YMIN 102 Speaking To Students - This course will provide the foundations for how to effectively communicate with students in a practical, relevant, and theologically sound manner. Numerous insights will be given as to creativity and depth.

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YOUTH MINISTRY, cont.

YMIN 201 Youth Culture - This course will study what's currently going on in an ever-changing youth culture and how youth ministries need to adapt to effectively reach students where they live.

YMIN 202 Youth Ministry Management - This course will help the student better learn how to effectively manage the youth ministry; everything from time management, communication, planning, documenting, safety requirements, and people systems will be addressed.

YMIN 301 Leadership Development - This course is designed to help leaders make leaders under their ministry. Practical tips will be given with regard to finding and choosing potential leaders, qualities to look for in a potential leader, and how to help the student reach their full potential in serving God and leading others.

YMIN 302 Youth Worship - This course will discuss the various components necessary for building a solid youth ministry worship team including recruiting, having a heart for worship, developing creativity in others, and building a true team mentality among the various band members.

YMIN 401 Counseling Students in Crisis - This course will look at and address specific crises which targets students and the practical ways in which the youth minister can help them through the crisis.

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BIBL 501 Biblical Interpretation – This course will provide an overview of the principles and techniques of properly interpreting the context of Scripture for strong biblical foundations and applications for study and teaching.

CMIN 501 Understanding Church Ministries – This course will study the various aspects of church ministry and how it all relates together as you seek to complete the mission of the local church. The student will learn effective ministry and management of the resources of the church.

CMIN 502 Practical Duties of the Minister – This course will study the practical responsibilities of the minister including funerals, weddings, hospital visitation, and other practical responsibilities that will be faced daily in the life of a minister.

COMM 501 Effective Teaching in the 21st Century – This course will study the principles of effective teaching in the 21st century including issues relating to the content of the teaching and the audience being spoken to.

COMM 502 Biblical Preaching – This course will study the process of putting together a message and/or lesson that will capture the attention of the audience and provide life changing result in the end. The student will focus on the proper interpretation of Scripture as the basis for preaching and learn how to implement visuals, stories, and other tools to assist the preaching experience.

COUN 501 Biblical Counseling – This course will study the proper ways to address various counseling situations that will occur in ministry and to minister to those in need in a sensitive, caring manner. The student will learn how to biblically respond to the demands of counseling.

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COUN 502 Counseling Skills and Techniques – This course will equip the biblical counselor with the necessary skills and techniques to be successful as a biblical counselor while helping the counselor learn how to build a biblical worldview, utilizing Scripture as the basis for healing, the effects of sin and hope of salvation, creating healthy attitudes, and helping clients deal with issues of guilt.

COUN 503 Counseling Abuse and Addictive Behaviors – This course will study the warning signs of abuse, the emotions of the abused, ways to speak to those who have been abused, the cycle of abuse, and ways to equip the abuser to end the cycle of abuse. The student will also study the various patterns of addiction, the cycle of addiction, how to break the addiction pattern, tools for recovery, and teaching addicts how to stay free.

COUN 504 Counseling Children and Adolescent Issues – This course will study the issues that face children and adolescents including suicide, changes in family life, drugs and alcohol, relationship issues, sexual issues, abuse, eating disorders, and self-image. The counselor will learn how to address those in need of counseling and biblical methods for bringing healing.

COUN 505 Grief, Trauma, and Depression Counseling – This course will study the cause and effects of trauma, the commonalities, the responses of those hurting, tools for healing, and the response of the counselor in the counseling setting.

ENG 501 English Composition – This course will study the basic principles of communication, with a special emphasis being given to writing. The student will learn the basics of writing and discover how to effectively communicate their thoughts on to paper for others to read. This is crucial in ministry as failure to properly communicate can result in creating additional problems.

LEAD 501 Church Growth Principles – This course will look at principles that have enabled some churches to grow and flourish, even in a culture of challenges. Learn what it took for these leaders to get where they are today and discover what will work in your personal ministry setting.

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LEAD 502 Christian Leadership – This course will study the meaning of true Christian leadership by looking at the life of Christ and will help the student discover ways to personally live it out and implement it in whatever ministry capacity in which they are serving. Several historical and current church leaders' lives will be discussed to help the student find their own personal leadership style.

LIFE 501 Christian Discipleship – This course will study the principles of Christian discipleship and how it applies to everyday life. In addition, the one being “discipled” will be challenged to disciple others. Special attention will be given to the call of Jesus’ disciples, the manner in which Jesus spent His time with His disciples, and how the student should share the disciple experience with others.

THEO 501 Old & New Testament Theology – This course will study the main themes of the Old and New Testaments as the student learns how the Bible was put together, the thread that weaves God’s message throughout, and the continuity of the purposes of God in the lives of His people. Key people and places will be highlighted to give an overall understanding of biblical history.

WORS 501 Worship Leadership – This course will study what worship is, how it is implemented in the local church, communicating through worship, practical ways to lead on the platform, the role of the worship leader, the relationship of worship to the church and its mission, the pastor/worship leader relationship, and sacrificial leadership.

WORS 502 Worship As Life – This course will study how worship is to affect every area of one’s life including private and personal worship, evangelism, the role of the Trinity, the ways of the worshipper, life transitions, balancing relevance in worship, and the role worship plays in eternity.

WORS 503 Playing Together As A Worship Team – This course will study the intricate, practical details of putting together a worship team including personal worship, necessary abilities/talents in each person, how to plan a rehearsal, guidelines for each instrument, pastoral care of a worship team, how to deal with and support in problem areas, and how to bring it all together for a worship gathering.

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WORS 504 Music Theory – This course will teach basic music theory including scales, chords, transposing, inversions, bass and treble staves, reading music, and the key matrix, as well as development of the musician's ear.

WORS 505 The Arts in Worship – This course will study the various uses of technology in a worship gathering. Considerations will be given for the placement and aesthetics of the various genres to be employed in worship, building sets that reflect the message being conveyed, and practical elements of sound and lighting in worship.
