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MASTER COURSE DESCRIPTIONS - 3 HOURS

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.

BUSI 501 - Leadership and Administration in Ministry - This comprehensive course equips students with essential skills and insights to effectively lead and manage within a ministry context. Students will discover how to navigate organizational dynamics, develop strategic plans, and inspire teams while staying true to the values and principles of ministry leadership.

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

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

CMIN 503 - Evangelism and Missions - This course equips students with essential skills and perspectives to engage in meaningful evangelism and missions work. Students will develop a deep understanding of sharing the Gospel and engaging in cross-cultural missions to impact communities worldwide.

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 teaching content and the audience being spoken to.

COMM 502 Biblical Preaching – This course will study the process of creating a message and/or lesson that will capture the audience's attention and provide life-changing results. 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 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 needing counseling and biblical methods for 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 counselor's response in the counseling setting.

DGDS 501 - Introduction to Digital Discipleship - This comprehensive course explores the intersection of faith and technology in the modern age. Students will learn how to effectively utilize digital platforms to spread the message of their faith, engage with online communities, and navigate the ethical challenges of online communication.

DGDS 502 - Digital Spiritual Formation - This course will explore the intersection of spirituality and digital technologies. Through a blend of theoretical discussions and practical exercises, students will examine how digital platforms and tools can be harnessed to enhance personal and spiritual practices in the modern digital age.

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DGDS 503 - Online Community Building - In this course, students will explore strategies for effective online engagement, content creation, and community management. Students will gain practical skills to navigate the digital landscape and cultivate vibrant online communities that foster meaningful connections and engagement.

DGDS 504 - Online Pastoral Care - In this course, students will explore the principles and practices of providing spiritual support and guidance in a digital age. Through interactive online discussions, case studies, and practical exercises, students will develop the skills needed to offer compassionate and effective pastoral care in virtual spaces.

DGDS 505 - Digital Outreach and Evangelism - In this course, students will explore the strategies and tools used in digital outreach and evangelism to effectively engage with diverse audiences and share messages of faith through online platforms.

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.

HIST 501 - Church History: Early Church to Reformation - In this course, students will engage in a comprehensive study of Church History from the Early Church period through the Reformation. Through rigorous analysis of theological, cultural, and political developments, students will examine the growth of the Church, its doctrines, and its interactions with broader historical contexts.

HIST 502 - Church History: Reformation to Modern Times - In this course, students will explore the transformative period of Church History from the Reformation to Modern Times. Through an in-depth analysis of key events, figures, theological shifts, and socio-cultural influences, students will gain a comprehensive understanding of how the Christian Church evolved and responded to the challenges and changes of the early modern era through to the contemporary context.

LANG 501 - Hebrew Language Tools - In this course, students will acquire advanced proficiency in Hebrew language tools, focusing on linguistic analysis, syntactic structures, and textual interpretations. Through rigorous study and application, students will develop a comprehensive skill set for effectively engaging with Hebrew texts and enhancing their scholarly research endeavors.

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LANG 502 - Greek Language Tools - In this course, students will engage in an in-depth exploration of Greek language tools, encompassing advanced methodologies and techniques for the analysis, interpretation, and utilization of Greek linguistic resources. Through rigorous instruction and scholarly inquiry, students will develop proficiency in employing diverse linguistic tools to enhance their comprehension and critical engagement with ancient Greek texts.

LANG 503 - Advanced Hebrew Language Tools - In this course, students will engage in an advanced study of Hebrew language tools, exploring intricate grammatical structures, idiomatic expressions, and nuanced textual analysis. Through rigorous exercises and scholarly discussions, participants will refine their linguistic proficiency and deepen their understanding of Hebrew language nuances, equipping them with advanced skills for comprehensive text analysis and interpretation.

LANG 504 - Advanced Greek Language Tools - In this course, students will engage with advanced linguistic and philological methodologies to deepen their proficiency in the Greek language. Emphasizing a comprehensive study of grammatical structures, lexical nuances, and textual analysis, students will refine their language skills to a higher level of precision and fluency.

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.

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.

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MEDM 501 - Introduction to Digital Media Ministry - In this course, students will engage in a comprehensive exploration of the foundational principles and practices underlying Digital Media Ministry. Students will develop a nuanced understanding of how digital media intersects with theological perspectives, communication theories, and ethical considerations within a ministry context.

MEDM 502 - Digital Storytelling for Ministry - In this course, students will engage in an in-depth exploration of Digital Storytelling and Multimedia Production for Ministry. Students will develop advanced skills in utilizing digital platforms and multimedia tools to effectively convey religious narratives and messages in diverse ministry contexts.

MEDM 503 - Digital Worship and Online Gatherings - In this course, students will explore the theoretical foundations and practical methodologies of Digital Worship and Online Gatherings within the context of contemporary religious practices. Through critical analysis and experiential learning, students will examine the integration of digital technologies and virtual platforms in facilitating meaningful religious expressions and fostering community engagement in digital environments.

MEDM 504 - Ministry Podcasting and Media Platforms - In this course, students will explore the strategic utilization of podcasting and various media platforms within the ministry context. Emphasizing theoretical and practical aspects, participants will analyze effective communication strategies, audience engagement techniques, and ethical considerations to effectively disseminate messages and promote engagement in ministry settings.

MEDM 505 - Digital Communication Ministry Strategies - In these courses, students will critically examine and apply advanced digital communication strategies and media platforms within the ministry context. Through rigorous analysis and practical engagement, students will develop a deep understanding of leveraging digital tools and media platforms to effectively communicate messages, engage communities, and enhance the impact of ministry endeavors.

MEDM 506 - Ethics in Digital Ministry - In this course, students will comprehensively explore the ethical and theological dimensions inherent in the context of digital ministry. Through rigorous analysis and critical examination, students will examine the complex interplay between digital technologies and religious practices, addressing pertinent ethical dilemmas and theological considerations that emerge in the evolving landscape of digital ministry.

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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.

THEO 502 - Theology of Digital Engagement - In this course, students will critically examine the intersection of theology and digital engagement, exploring the ethical, cultural, and theological implications of digital technologies in various contexts. Through rigorous analysis and theological reflection, students will develop a comprehensive understanding of how digital platforms influence communication, community, and religious expression in the contemporary world.

THEO 503 - Pastoral Theology and Ministry Skills - In this course, students will thoroughly study Pastoral Theology and Ministry Skills, focusing on the theological foundations, ethical considerations, and practical competencies essential for effective leadership and service within a pastoral context. Through rigorous examination of theological principles and hands-on application of ministry skills, students will develop a well-rounded understanding of pastoral responsibilities and enhance their abilities to engage in meaningful pastoral care, counseling, preaching, and congregational leadership.

THEO 504 - Practical Theology: Ministry Contexts and Challenges - In this course, students will engage in a comprehensive exploration of Practical Theology, focusing specifically on Ministry Contexts and Challenges. Through rigorous study and analysis, students will examine the intricate interplay between theological principles and the real-world complexities of various ministry settings, equipping them with the skills and insights necessary to navigate contemporary challenges and effectively serve their congregations and communities.

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 affects 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.

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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.

WORS 504 Music Theory – This course will teach basic music theory including scales, chords, transposing, inversions, bass and treble staves, reading music, the key matrix, and the 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.

CAPS 601 - Capstone Project - In this course, students will engage in a culminating Capstone Project that encompasses the synthesis and application of their acquired knowledge. The project consists of crafting three comprehensive 15-page papers, each focusing on distinct course topics of the student's selection, thereby showcasing a profound integration of theological insights and scholarly proficiency.
