

# **DALE KIETZMAN UNIVERSITY**

## **COURSE LISTING**

The following courses will be offered on a regular basis. Course numbers indicate the level at which the course is taught: 100s and 200s are lower division, best taken in the first or second year of study; 300s are upper division, best taken in the third and fourth year of study; 400s are courses that can be taken by undergraduate students in their final year of study or by graduate students; 500s are graduate level courses, reserved for graduate students only. When listed with both 300 and 500 numbers, the same course can be taken by either graduate or fourth year students, with a different number of credits assigned. Each unit of undergraduate credit will require 45 hours of work; each unit of graduate credit will require 60 hours of work. Most instruction will be given in the form of study assignments, research and exams.

Dale Kietzman School of Theology reserves the right to change program content and materials to keep up with new developments in the specific field of study.

### **BIBLE AND THEOLOGY (BTH)**

#### **BTH101: The Old Testament**

Student reads all of the Old Testament according to class schedule. The following information about each book is presented: the author, probable date of the book, to whom the book was written, cultural and geographical information (as possible), theme of the book, outline and key verse(s). 3 credits

#### **BTH102: The New Testament**

Student reads all of the New Testament according to class schedule. This course provides the student with a comprehensive overview of every book in the New Testament and essential background knowledge for New Testament studies. It describes the formation of the New Testament texts; explains how life, religion and culture in the time of Jesus influences common understandings of the New Testament; explains the synoptic problem and its effect upon our understanding of the gospels. 3 credits

**BTH103: Introduction to Missions**

Covers the implications of our Lord's Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20). Includes detailed study of the book of the Acts of the Apostles and a search of the Epistles, analyzing the evangelistic methods used in the early church. 3 credits

**BTH104: Methods of Bible Study**

Importance of personal daily Bible studies. Conducting Bible study sessions. A detailed study of the Inductive Bible Study method. 3 credits

**BTH105: The Christian Life**

A survey of basic Christian beliefs and how those beliefs inform and direct daily living in the modern context. Students will spend time examining a decidedly Christian worldview and how such a worldview is reflected in personal and community life. 3 credits

**BTH106: Foundations and Principles of Holistic Ministry**

This course lays the foundation for understanding the appropriate goals and strategies for churches and Christian ministries working in low-income communities. It is an orientation course that discusses the question of poverty, proposes a Biblical framework for understanding poverty and holistic development, and examines the role of the local church in the economic empowerment of poor people. 3 credits

**BTH107: Reading Skills (in a specific language)**

Master basic concepts related to reading skills development in a second language. Especially recommend for persons coming from an educational background in a language other than the language being used in studies here. 3 credits

**BTH108: Grammar (in a specific language)**

Especially recommend for persons coming from an educational background in a language other than the language being used in studies here. 3 credits

### **BTH109: Writing Academic Papers (in a specific language)**

Master basic concepts related to writing skills development in a world language; focusing on the characteristics of academic writing. 3 credits

### **BTH201: Introduction to Evangelism**

Effective proclamation of the Gospel; reaching the unreached; people-wise evangelism; encouraging men and women to accept Christ and make them disciples; transforming new Christians into responsible members of the Church. 3 credits

### **BTH202: The Person of the Evangelist**

Who is an Evangelist? Biblical standards for evangelists, qualities and qualifications; stewardship of time, talents and treasure; aspects of discipleship. Life-style of an Evangelist; the need for holiness. Effective Christian witness and life: How to be an example to new believers as well as unbelievers. 3 credits

### **BTH203: The Use of Visual and Audio Aids**

The use of Audio Cassettes and other audio-visual aids in Evangelism; story telling techniques; personal and group evangelism through audiocassettes; CDP cassettes played and specific applications discussed. 3 credits

### **BTH204: Making Disciples**

Evangelism is more than just introducing people to Jesus; it is more about fulfilling the commission to make faithful and ongoing disciples. This course will provide the student with the theoretical and scriptural basis for disciple making as well as with practical methodologies: principles of pre-evangelism; developing and communicating an evangelistic initiative within the local church; formulate and articulate a relevant personal salvation testimony. 3 credits

### **BTH206: Music Appreciation**

This course explores the ways in which music contributes to society with special emphasis on the ways music influences worship. 3 credits

### **BTH207: History of Africa**

This course surveys key events and personalities that helped shape the development of world civilization from its African roots. The material will enable the student to explore the developments of the modern era from the perspective of church history. 3 credits

### **BTH208: History of Cameroon (or other nation)**

This course will provide the student with an overall picture of the historical development of national life, and of the multiple people groups that make up the nation. 3 credits

### **BTH209: The Development of Judeo-Christian Civilization**

An overview of the past and present, with focus on understanding factors that enabled biblical faith to become a global phenomenon. The positive and negative impact of the Christian movement on culture and human development is examined, as well as principles for effective cross-cultural communication of biblical faith. 3 credits

### **BTH210: Culture Learning Methodology**

Focuses on learning how different cultures use verbal and non-verbal means to communicate; avoiding intercultural misunderstanding, resolving intercultural conflict; and observing interpersonal and group communication settings to comprehend implied messages. The course also provides practical instruction to help students understand another culture's view of the world and its practices and institutions, by interviewing people of that culture and participating in certain aspects of the culture. 3 credits

### **BTH212: Development Anthropology**

An introductory study of the major theories of anthropology and its contribution to the work of development. Topics to be covered are concepts of enculturation and acculturation; basic concepts of intercultural communication; social anthropology, kinship and other relationships; religion in culture; cultural relativity; and research methods in culture studies. 3 credits

### **BTH215/415: Intercultural Communication**

Focuses on learning how different cultures use verbal and non-verbal means to communicate, thus avoiding misunderstandings. The course also provides beginning instruction to help students understand another culture's view of the world and its practices and institutions. 3/2 credits

### **BTH301, 501: Hermeneutics**

This is a comprehensive course in interpreting the scriptures. It covers the major exegetical principles in detail and provides a lot of practical application in interpreting the more difficult passages of scripture. 301, 3 credits; 501, 2 credits

### **BTH302, 502: The Doctrine of the Church**

Explores the nature and purpose of the church as a local or community institution; includes a study of the organization of the church, and the ordinances of the church. 302, 3 credits; 502, 2 credits

### **BTH303, 503: Apologetics**

The Christian faith is under severe attack from new age thinkers and from skeptical humanists and scientists. This course will equip the student with the foundations for presenting the faith in a logical and intelligent manner. The major doctrines of the Christian faith, as revealed in the Bible, are compared to the beliefs of major world religions and cult systems. The differences are analyzed and critiqued. This course also contains training on how to use the knowledge so gained in reaching people from other cultures with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 303, 3 credits; 503, 2 credits

### **BTH304, 504: An Introduction to Systematic Theology**

Systematic Theology is a vitally important subject for anyone wanting to develop his or her Christian knowledge. The course objectives are to obtain a broad understanding of the theory of knowledge; to have a rudimentary appreciation of the history of theological thought and to become familiar with the names and basic teachings of the key theologians throughout the ages; to have a basic understanding of the distinctive of the various current schools of theological thought; to obtain an elementary understanding of key doctrines. 304, 3 credits; 504, 2 credits

### **BTH305, 505: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead actually resident in the spiritual dimension of the world today. It is vital, therefore, for every Christian to have a relationship with Him and be able to discern His work in the world and the church. One of the objectives for this course is for the student to analyze the difference between gifts, ministries and manifestations and to know what each is, and also for

the student to be able to minister effectively in the power of the Holy Spirit. 305, 3 credits; 505, 2 credits

**BTH307, 507: Homiletics**

The writings of several authorities on the subject from yesterday and today are examined and analyzed. The course also evaluates some of the sermons of the great preachers of the modern and classical eras. It is also a highly practical course which requires the student to develop and deliver several sermons. 307, 3 credits; 507, 2 credits

**BTH310, 510: Special Studies in Bible and Theology**

A guided examination of specific topics of Christian studies (biblical, theological, church history, ethical, missional, pastoral theology). Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. 1 credit

**BTH311, 511: Old Testament Exegesis**

A study of one or more Old Testament books emphasizing the development of skill in exegesis. Special emphasis will be given to the way literary form, structure, and vocabulary of texts should guide interpretation. Prerequisite: BTH110 or both BTH210 and 220. 311, 3 credits; 511, 2 credits

**BTH312, 512: New Testament Exegesis**

A study of one or more New Testament books emphasizing the development of skill in exegesis. Prerequisites: BTH 130 or both BTH 230 and 240. 312, 3 credits; 512, 2 credits

**BTH315, 515: Old Testament Ethics**

This course provides the student an opportunity to investigate the ethics inside the Old Testament, as well as asking and answering the question of the place of Old Testament ethics in the life of a believer in God post New Testament. Prerequisite: Previous Old Testament Coursework. 315, 3 credits; 515, 2 credits

**BTH330, 530: The Gospel According to John**

An intensive investigation of the Fourth Gospel, highlighting the significance of its literary structure and its rich theological and thematic texture. Prerequisite: BTH 130 or 230. 330, 3 credits; 530, 2 credits

### **BTH331, 531: The Parables of Jesus**

An intensive study of the background and Jesus' use of the parabolic mode of teaching as a dynamic vehicle, then and now, for communicating truth about the kingdom of God. Prerequisite: BTH 130 or 230. 331, 3 credits; 531, 2 credits

### **BTH340: Introduction to Christian Education**

A study of the historical, philosophical, biblical, and theological foundations for the accomplishing of Christian education in a church setting, with particular emphasis on the planning, implementation, and administration of educational programs. 3 credits

### **BTH341/541: Christian Missions**

An examination of the issues faced by today's Christian missionaries, including divine call, recruitment, theological issues, cultural problems, political involvement, methodology, and indigenization. Student involvement in missions-related activities is expected. 341, 3 credits; 541, 2 credits

### **BTH342: Evangelism**

A study of the principles of New Testament evangelism for the purpose of the development of students as lifestyle witnesses and of the equipping of students for the "equipping of saints for ministry" in local churches. Student involvement in evangelistic ministry is expected. 3 credits

### **BTH350: Biblical Interpretation**

A historical and theoretical consideration of interpretative methodology as illustrated by and applied to selected texts from various portions of the biblical materials. Core requirement for Bible and Theology majors. Prerequisite: Previous Biblical Studies coursework. 3 credits

### **BTH354: Comparative Worldviews**

An overview of several contemporary worldviews such as Christian Theism, Deism, Naturalism, Nihilism, Existentialism, Pantheism, New Age, and Postmodernism using a case studies approach. Attention will be given to cultural expressions of the various worldviews, particularly as seen in the so-called world youth culture of our day. 3 credits

### **BTH360, 560: Church History**

A survey of the development of the Christian church from the close of the New Testament period to the present time, with special attention to the origin of various denominations. Core requirement for Bible and Theology majors. 360, 3 credits; 560, 2 credits

### **BTH400: Special Topics in Christian Studies**

An examination of specific areas of theology, Bible, missions, etc. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. **2** credits.

### **BTH401: Basic Koine Greek**

The focus on this course is to aid the student in the accurate interpretation of the New Testament by giving him/her access to Greek language skills. The emphasis is not on the theory of the language, nor on the fluent reading of biblical Greek, but rather on the application of the language in exegesis, using analytical Greek language tools to interpret the Bible. 3 credits

### **BTH402: Introduction to Hebrew**

The focus on this course is to aid the student in the accurate interpretation of the Old Testament by giving him/her access to Hebrew language skills. The emphasis is not on the theory of the language, nor on the fluent reading of biblical Hebrew, but rather on the application of the language in exegesis, using analytical Hebrew language tools to interpret the Bible. 3 credits

### **BTH405: Pentateuch and Former Prophets**

An introduction to the Pentateuch and Former Prophets sections of the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near Eastern cultural and historical background of Israel's history and sacred literature. Special emphasis will be given to the ways in which the literary forms of the Old Testament express Israel's understanding of God's activity in the world and the history of the nation. Core requirement for Bible and Theology majors. 3 credits

### **BTH406: Latter Prophets and Writings**

An introduction to the Latter Prophets and Writings sections of the Hebrew Bible and the ancient Near Eastern cultural and historical

background of Israel's history and sacred literature. Special emphasis will be given to the ways in which the literary forms of the Old Testament express Israel's understanding of God's activity in the world and in the history of the nation. Core requirement for Bible and Theology majors. 3 credits

**BTH407: Jesus and the Gospels**

An investigation of the testimony provided by the Gospels concerning the life of Jesus of Nazareth, with special attention given to the critical issues prompted by such study. Core requirement for Bible and Theology majors. 3 credits

**BTH408: Paul and the Early Church**

An introductory consideration of the incidents, individuals, and issues included in the historical, epistolary, and apocalyptic portions of the New Testament. Core requirement and prerequisite for upper division courses (BTH 440, 441) for Bible and Theology majors. 3 credits

**BTH410: Special Topics in Old Testament**

An examination of specific area(s) of Old Testament study. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. Prerequisite: Previous Old Testament coursework. 3 credits

**BTH411: Special Topics in New Testament**

An examination of specific area(s) of New Testament study. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. Prerequisite: Previous New Testament coursework. 3 credits

**BTH412: Special Topics in Theology**

An examination of specific area(s) of Theology. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. Prerequisite: Previous Theology coursework. 3 credits

**BTH413: Special Topics in Church History**

An examination of specific area(s) of Church History. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. Prerequisite: Previous Church History coursework. 3 credits

### **BTH414: Special Topics in Christian Ministry**

An examination of specific area(s) of Christian Ministry. Course is repeatable for credit with a change in topic. Prerequisite: Previous Christian Ministry coursework. 3 credits

### **BTH420: Topics in Archaeology and History**

Topics may include surveys of archaeology and history of the lands of the Bible, travel seminars, or participation in an archaeological excavation and field school. Prerequisite: Previous Old Testament coursework. 3 credits

### **BTH421: Biblical History of Israel**

This course is an introduction to the history, historiography, and scholarship surrounding the biblical portrait of Israel from their origin to their return from exile. Prerequisite: Previous Old Testament coursework. 3 credits

### **BTH425: Christian Social Ethics**

The course will explore particular and pressing social ethics issues and perennial themes related to Christian living and the interplay between biblical Christian faith and contemporary social issues. Topics include introduction of key social problems, the Church's historical responses to those issues, current Christian positions, and the biblical teachings and core Christian doctrines (e.g., creation fall, redemption, image of God, neighbor love) which relate to these issues. Standard models of Christian engagement in society and responsibilities of the individual believer, the local church, and the global Christian Church will be considered. 3 credits

### **BTH440: Romans**

A study of Paul's most systematic and influential epistle, presenting his exposition of the "Righteousness of God" and its consequences for a Christian ethos. Prerequisite: BTH 130 or 240. 3 credits

### **BTH441: The Corinthian Correspondence**

An intensive investigation of the most "problem-oriented" of the Pauline letters. Special attention given to the cosmopolitan sociological environment of Corinth and to the resolution of church conflict. Prerequisite: BTH 130 or 240. 3 credits

**BTH442: Revelation**

An exploration of the nature and message of the Apocalypse of John—a “crisis document” from the late first Christian century. Emphasis placed on the importance of understanding the variety of interpretive approaches given to this writing. Prerequisite: BTH 130 or 240. 3 credits

**BTH450: Old Testament Theology**

An examination of the major theological concepts in the Old Testament, including a survey of the disciplines of biblical and Old Testament theology. Prerequisite: BTH 110 or 210-220. 3 credits

**BTH451: Biblical Preaching**

A study of the basic principles for preparing and delivering biblical sermons, with an emphasis on the writing, delivery, and analysis of expository sermons. Prerequisite: Previous Biblical Studies coursework. 3 credits

**BTH470: Christian Doctrine**

A study of the great doctrines of the Bible, with particular attention to the doctrines of God, humanity, sin, salvation, the person of Christ, the Church and last things. 3 credits

**BTH478: Congregational Care and Lay Counseling**

Describes the basic dimensions of the theory and practice of congregational care and counseling; explains how a congregation can function as a healing community; identifies the responsibility of the congregation within the local community; explores ways of developing a lay-counseling ministry in the local church/community. 3 credits

**BTH480: Pastoral Ministry & Leadership**

A study of the practical duties of the modern pastor, with emphasis given to problems arising in the performance of regular pastoral duties as well as those created by the environment. 3 credits

**BTH481: HIV/AIDS Counseling and Care Giving**

Explains the origins, effects, transmission, symptoms and the diseases associated with HIV/AIDS; suggests ways to counsel HIV/AIDS affected people in a variety of contexts; disseminates

accurate information about HIV/AIDS, facilitating the breakdown of negative attitudes, stereotypes and misconceptions around HIV/AIDS; promotes prevention strategies and suggests pre- and post- HIV test counseling. 3 credits

### **BTH482: Relationships, Marriage and Family**

Describes the complex nature of singleness and the choosing of a marriage partner; the conduct of pre-marital counseling; describes marital relationships and problems from a Biblical perspective; accurately assesses the health of a marital relationship; assists couples with their marital relationship; explains the causes of divorce and remarriage; defines a range of family issues, including assistance to dysfunctional families; explains sexuality, and the nature of violence and

### **BTH483: Educational Ministry in the Local Church**

A summary of the abuse within relationships and families. 3 credits total educational program of the local church, with primary attention to its organization and administration. Includes a study of the various educational agencies of the church such as the Sunday school, youth groups, children's groups, and special-interest groups. This course will examine the essentials of education as the process of discovery and development of human potential. Emphasis will be given to philosophical, psychological and biblical foundations of education; education in the purpose of the Church; and the globalization of education. The practical element of teaching will be stressed. A study of the nature and needs of adolescents, teaching methods and program resources for youth at the local church level. Emphasis is also placed upon the role of the youth minister, adult sponsors, and church-school inter-relationships. 3 credits

### **BTH484: Current Trends in Youth Ministry**

A research-oriented exploration of current youth trends and issues based on students' interests with objective of synthesizing their experiences. 3 credits

### **BTH485: Communications for the Church**

This course covers the theory of both communications and marketing, but focuses specifically on applications within the church environment. Teaches how to develop a communications strategy within the local church; collect and interpret research data

concerning the population served by the local church; implement a marketing plan through the local church. 3 credits

**BTH500: Supervised Ministry**

A course of supervised in-service training in a local church. Active participation in Christian ministry is expected (minimum 9 hours weekly) under supervision of a Field Supervisor. Pass/Fail. 3 credits

**BTH510: International Missions Practicum**

An extended missions experience designed to acquaint students with the implementation of mission principles in an international context. May be repeated once with a different missions context. Pass/Fail. 3 credits

**BTH499: Independent Study**

An opportunity for students who have demonstrated the ability to do independent work to pursue in depth a topic of particular interest. Courses listed in the catalog may not be taken as independent study. 3 credits

**BTH600 Thesis**

Credit is given for work on thesis research and writing for the MDiv degree program. Credit amount varies from 2 to 6 units as determined by the Program Director.