

# ZION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



## GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

*Preparing Leaders to be used by God*

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# **SECTION 1: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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## **HISTORY**

Zion Christian University was founded by the late Dr. Brian J. Bailey and the Board of Directors in 2003 and began operation in 2004. The University was established to serve as an international Pentecostal university that seeks to educate and prepare Christian leaders.

## **PURPOSE STATEMENTS**

### **OUR VISION**

It is the desire of Zion Christian University to impart a spiritual vision to all of our students through the courses. Firstly, we need to realize that the Lord desires to plant an onward vision within all of His people. Habakkuk 2:2 says, “Write the vision, and make it plain upon tablets, that he who reads it may run.” We all need a clear, God-imparted vision in order to hit God’s mark for our lives. Therefore, one’s spiritual vision is very important.

We are living in the last days, and whenever “the last days” are mentioned in Scripture, Mount Zion is often mentioned as well. Virtually all of the promises of God in Scripture will come upon the Church that is dwelling in spiritual Mount Zion. It is the ultimate goal of the Church of Jesus Christ, as is stated in Hebrews 12:22: “But you have come unto Mount Zion...” Geographically, Mount Zion is located in the southeast part of the city of Jerusalem. In ancient times it was called the city of David. Yet, it is not the physical mountain we speak of, but what it represents for each believer in the spirit.

To gain an understanding of the spiritual journey that we, as believers, are on, we need to study the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt, across the Red Sea, to Mount Sinai, through the Wilderness, across the Jordan River, into the Promised Land, and eventually to Mount Zion. This historical journey undertaken thousands of years ago is a type of our spiritual journey as believers from earth to heaven, and from newborn babies in Christ to mature fathers and mothers in the faith.

Even as the children of Israel continued on their journey, so are we called to move on with God until we reach Mount Zion. Zion Christian University Distance Education Program is dedicated to the pursuit of this vision. Our prayer is that no matter where you are on your Christian journey, the Lord will place a new progressive vision in your heart and that you will continue on all the way with Jesus. If you will give ZCUDEP the privilege of furthering your education, we will seek to impart this spiritual vision to your life, and the wisdom to enter into its fulfillment.

## **OUR PURPOSE**

Our purpose is to encourage students to pursue spiritual maturity by teaching the truth of God's word, promoting the adoption of a heavenly vision, seeking to cultivate godly character, and endeavoring to prepare students to be leaders God can use for His glory. The theme verse of Zion Christian University is John 8:32, where Jesus declared, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The degree programs of this institution are designed primarily for those who are preparing for Christian leadership.

## **STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Zion Christian University's Statement of forms the basis for our doctrine and curriculum.

1. We believe there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is the Maker and Preserver of all things visible and invisible.
2. We believe in the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ: that Jesus existed eternally with the Father, became a man by the miracle of the incarnation, in no degree ceasing to be God. He is Co-Creator of the world and humankind, the only Savior, and coming Judge.
3. We believe the whole canon of Scripture (both Old and New Testaments), as originally given, to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God, of supreme and final authority in all that it teaches and declares.
4. We believe all men are lost apart from the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; that sin is cleansed only through personal repentance and faith in the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that water baptism by immersion should follow receiving Christ as Lord and Savior.
5. We believe the redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing for the body as well as for the mind, soul, and spirit. Christ has an answer for every problem of mankind, physical or spiritual.
6. We believe miracles and the gifts of the Spirit are available to the Church today for the edifying and perfecting of its members.
7. We believe God will visit His Church in the last days and bring multitudes into the Kingdom, preparing us for Christ's Second Coming.
8. We believe the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as evidenced by speaking in other tongues, is promised to all who desire it, ask for it, and obey God.

9. We believe everyone will be resurrected (saved and unsaved) and will give an account to the great Judge, whose judgment is final and eternal.
10. We believe marriage is a holy institution set forth by God in His Word as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman for life and is to be a representation of the relationship between Christ and His Church. Any other definition of marriage is contrary to Scripture and the will of God.
11. We believe in the permanence of marriage and its sanctity, thus, that divorce and remarriage to another person is contrary to God's will.
12. We believe mankind should live according to the moral standards set forth in Scripture by living a holy life abstaining from; adultery, fornication, and sexual uncleanness (including homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, pornography, and other forms of moral impurity).
13. We believe God has ordained and created all authority consisting of three basic institutions: 1) the home; 2) the Church; 3) the state. Every person is subject to these authorities, but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and are governed by His Word.
14. We believe every Christian, as a steward of the portion of God's wealth entrusted to him or her, is obligated to support their local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully for the support of the Church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a person has no right to direct the use of the tithe or offering after the gift has been given.

## **PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT**

### **PHILOSOPHY OF CURRICULUM**

One of the most important aspects of a college or university is its curriculum. Even more important than how we teach is what we teach. In Matthew 5:19, the Lord Jesus Christ expressed the importance of what we do and what we teach others to do. Teachers, ministers, and educators are held accountable for what they teach others. Therefore, by God's grace, we must always seek to teach and preach the pure, unadulterated and undiluted Word of God.

The word "curriculum" in the Latin refers to a course that has a clearly defined finish line and goal. It literally means "to run a race." Habakkuk 2:2 says, "... Write the vision, and

make it plain upon tables, that he who reads it may run.” Through our curriculum we seek to place a vision and goal before our students of being transformed into the image of Christ and being filled with the knowledge of His Word and the power and anointing of His Holy Spirit. It is not enough to know the Word of God; we must put it into practice and reflect the beauty and nature of Christ in everything that we do. This is the goal of our curriculum.

## **AFFILIATION& ACCREDITATION**

Zion Christian University is a ministry of Zion Fellowship, Inc., a Pentecostal association of pastors, missionaries, churches, and Bible schools, whose headquarters are located in Waverly, New York. Over the past 20 years Zion Fellowship’s ministry has spread to nearly every continent of the world. For more information about Zion Fellowship, Inc. please visit [www.zionfellowship.org](http://www.zionfellowship.org).

Zion Christian University is a sustaining member of the Council of Private Colleges of America (CPCA) and the Florida Council of Private Colleges, Inc. (FCPC), which represents its member independent colleges and universities before any government or educational agency.

ZCU is an affiliate institution of the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) and as such, participates in and contributes to collegial and professional development activities of the association. Affiliate status does not, however, constitute, imply, or presume ABHE accredited status at present or in the future.

## **FACULTY & INSTRUCTORS**

### **STAFF**

The following is a list of the principal staff who handles the administrative duties at the university.

Rev. Linda Holmes, *Admissions Director*

*Bible, History, Theology*

Div.M.,\* Zion Christian University

Th.M., Zion University

B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM

Rev. Ma. Cecilia Baluyot, *Assistant*

*Bible*

Dip., Zion Ministerial Institute

B.Th., Zion University

Rev. Hee Kiong Lau, *Web Administrator*  
Dip., Zion Ministerial Institute

*\* Indicates a Candidate for*

#### **FACULTY AND INSTRUCTORS**

The following is a list of the principal faculty and instructors whose recorded lectures are utilized throughout the curriculum. Due to the development of the courses, lecturers may be changed without prior notice to enrolled students.

Dr. Brian Bailey (1925-2012)  
*Apologetics, Bible, Education, Theology*  
Th.D., Hebron International Bible Institute  
D.Div., Canada Christian College  
Ph.D., Vision Christian Bible Seminary

Mrs. Betsy Caram  
*Bible*  
Th.M., Zion University  
B.Th. Vision Christian Bible College  
Dip.B.S., Pinecrest Bible Training Center

Rev. Daniel Caram, Sr.  
*Bible, History, Theology*  
Th.M., Zion University  
B.Th., Vision Christian Bible College

Dr. Paul Caram  
*Bible, Hermeneutics, Theology*  
Ph.D., Th.M., Vision Christian Bible Seminary  
Dip.Min., Elim Bible Institute

Pr. Jason Gohl (Instructor)  
M.T.S., Zion Christian University  
B.Th., Zion University  
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, New York

Rev. Norman Holmes  
*Bible, Ministry, Theology*  
Th.M., Zion University  
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, New Mexico  
Dip.B.S., Elim Bible Institute

Rev. Linda Holmes  
*Bible, History, Theology*  
Div.M.,\* Zion Christian University  
Th.M., Zion University  
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, NM

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B.S., Western Governors University  
B.Th., Zion University  
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, New York

Mrs. Suzette Topper  
*Bible, Theology*  
M.T.S.,\* Zion Christian University  
B.Th., Zion University  
Dip.Min., Zion Ministerial Institute, NY

Rev. Robert Tucker, Sr.  
*Theology*  
M.A., Regent University  
B.Th., Zion Ministerial Institute, New Mexico  
Dip.Min., Elim Bible Institute

Rev. David Wallis  
*Bible, Theology*  
B.S., Auckland University  
Ministry Development Certificate, Faith Bible College

Mrs. Marilyn Wallis (Instructor)  
*Bible*  
Missionary for over 20 years

## **STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN CHARACTER & SERVICE**

It is the firm conviction of ZCUDEP that enrolled students should endeavor to exemplify Christian character and Christian service. The university holds a standard of excellence not just in instruction but also in encouraging godly character. As students of Zion Christian University, students should seek to honor the Lord through living a holy life and true godliness as set forth in Scripture. Therefore, students are to abstain from adultery, fornication and all sexual uncleanness, witchcraft, drunkenness, tobacco, and illegal drugs. ZCUDEP students should be actively involved in their local church and encouraging others in the pathway of righteousness and holiness by their words and actions.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Zion Christian University's Distant Education Program's office is located in Antipolo, Rizal.

The University's contact information is:

Email: [zcudep@zionph.com](mailto:zcudep@zionph.com)

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Hinapao, San Jose, Antipolo City  
1870, Rizal, Philippines

# **SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

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**Admissions**

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## **ADMISSIONS**

Zion Christian University Distance Education Program (ZCUDEP) accepts single or married male and female students regardless of age, race, color, national or ethnic origin. However, applicants must profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior in order to be admitted into ZCUDEP. The University retains the right to deny admission to any applicant that does not evidence, to the satisfaction of the University, a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to Zion Christian University Graduate Program is available to those who meet the following entrance requirements.

#### **Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.):**

1. Graduated with a four-year bachelor's degree from an acceptable post-secondary institution with a minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75, based on a 1 to 4 scale.
2. Fluency in reading, writing, and speaking the English language is required.
3. An official transcript from all schools attended where college credit was earned along with a non-refundable evaluation fee of PHP 500.00 for students residing in the Philippines or USD 20.00 for International students must be provided to the ZCUDEP Admissions Office.
4. The Admission Application (either online or scanned copy via email) must be entirely complete, sent in along with the non-refundable application fee of PHP 500.00 for students residing in the Philippines or USD 20.00 for International students.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

To apply for admission, applicants must complete the following steps:

1. Complete the Application for Admission which is included at the end of this catalog and on our website. Send it with a recent photo.
2. Send the non-refundable application fee of PHP 500.00 for students residing in the Philippines by bank deposit to ZCUDEP's BDO bank account, or USD 20.00 for International students through Paypal.
3. Have the online Pastor's/Minister's Recommendation Form completed by your senior pastor or mentor. If using a hard copy, complete the top portion of the Pastor's/Minister's Recommendation Form and then give it to your senior pastor (or if you are a senior pastor, to your mentor), for him or her to complete and return the scanned copy via email to [zcudep@zionph.com](mailto:zcudep@zionph.com).

4. Request a copy of all postsecondary transcripts to be forwarded to the Admissions Department. For admission into any program, OFFICIAL transcripts are required from all previous colleges and/or universities attended regardless of how many courses were taken or the nature of the work. A non-refundable fee per transcript evaluation will be PHP 500.00 for students residing in the Philippines or USD 20.00 for International students.
5. If you have studied at a Bible school or seminary and desire to transfer credits, request that an official copy of your transcript be sent to our Admissions Department for us to evaluate what transfer credits may be awarded.
6. The above forms, diplomas, and transcripts can be uploaded via online application or returned to us by email to [zcudep@zionph.com](mailto:zcudep@zionph.com).

It is the responsibility of the applicants to follow up on the completion of their files for submission. After the Admission Department receives and reviews all your admissions materials, applicants will receive an email stating their admission status.

#### **TRANSFERRING OF ZCU CREDITS**

The transferring of credits from Zion Christian University to other institutions is solely at the discretion of the receiving institution. Because each school has its own basic curriculum and educational philosophy, credit transfer is strictly up to the receiving institution and is out of the control of Zion Christian University.

#### **TRANSFER OF STUDENTS**

Students transferring to Zion Christian University from another school must provide official academic transcripts for evaluation. Because Zion Christian University considers some of its courses essential for graduation, a minimum of 30 credits must be completed at Zion Christian University to be granted a degree. Transfer Credit is only considered for courses that meet the following criteria:

- A minimum grade of C or a 2.75
- Taken in an acceptable school
- Applicable to Zion Christian University's program of study

The Registrar carefully reviews all cases and retains the right to not accept any credits that do not meet these specific requirements.

## GRADING SYSTEM

The following grading scale expresses the levels of academic achievement upon which submitted work is evaluated.

<i>Letter Grade</i>	<i>Numerical Equivalent</i>	<i>Grade Point Average</i>	<i>Standing</i>
A+	100	1.00	Excellent
A	96-99	1.25	Honor
A-	93-95	1.50	Honor
B+	90-92	1.75	Good
B	87-89	2.00	Good
B-	84-86	2.25	Good
C+	81-83	2.50	Average
C	78-80	2.75	Average
C-	75-77	3.00	Average
D+	73-74	3.25	Below Average
D	71-72	3.50	Below Average
D-	70	3.75	Below Average
F	69 and below	4.00	Failure
I		0.00	Incomplete
W		0.00	Official Withdrawal
UW		0.00	Unofficial Withdrawal

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The *Master of Theological Studies* is awarded to those students who have:

1. Satisfactorily completed a minimum of 40 credit hours of study.
2. Completion of a typed Thesis.
3. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 3.0.

## ACADEMIC HONORS

Students earning a grade point average of 1.5 or better will graduate with one of the following honors:

Summa Cum Laude	1.10-1.00
Magna Cum Laude	1.25-1.10
Cum Laude	1.50-1.25

## **ACADEMIC PROBATION & DISMISSAL**

### **ACADEMIC PROBATION**

When a student's grade during any given term is below 3.00 the student will receive a notice. If their grade is below 3.00 for two consecutive terms the student will be placed on academic probation for the following term. This action is recorded on the student's academic record. Students will be removed from academic probation at the end of the next term if their next grade is 3.0 or less.

### **ACADEMIC DISMISSAL**

Students who have completed at least one year of studies (3 terms) whose grade point average for their total studies falls above 3.0 are subject to academic dismissal. Students whose cumulative grade point average meets the 3.0 level, but fail to complete any subjects during two consecutive terms (8 months), are also subject to academic dismissal. Students who are dismissed may reapply after one year. Those who choose to reapply need to write as to why they feel they can become successful in their further studies.

### **REMOVAL FROM ACADEMIC PROBATION**

Students will be removed from academic probation at the end of the Term when their cumulative grade point average meets the academic status scale.

## **WITHDRAWAL FROM ENROLLMENT**

Students may withdraw from enrollment at any time by notifying the ZCUDEP Office. The student's transcript will reflect official withdrawal, "W". Any student who withdraws without notifying the ZCUDEP Office will be considered as having an unofficial withdrawal. As a result a "UW" will be permanently noted on their records and transcripts will not be sent to other schools.

## **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

### **TERM SYSTEM**

Zion Christian University operates on a four-month term system. The four-month term begins the date that course materials are emailed to the student. This allows our students flexibility and gives them the opportunity to study at their own pace. If students complete the term's course work before the four months have expired, they may register at any time for another subject and start their next term. If students cannot complete their subject within the four-month term, they will need to contact the ZCUDEP Philippines office. The students may then receive an extension of 4 months to finish their present course(s) at an extension fee of PHP 750.00 (for students residing in the Philippines) or USD 25.00 (for International students).

### **ADDING & DROPPING COURSES**

Courses can only be added or dropped during the given term by contacting the ZCUDEP office. No changes are complete until they are approved within the prescribed time limit. Please be aware that there is no refund or reimbursement for dropped courses. Required courses that are dropped must be repeated and completed at a later date before the student may graduate.

### **COURSE LOAD**

Students have the option of working on two or more courses simultaneously or working on one course at a time. This is left to the discretion of students based on what is most beneficial for them according to their time schedule and ability.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Students are required to email ZCU a monthly report regarding their academic progress. Monthly reports are worth 10% of the overall grade.

## **GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES**

### **INTEGRITY OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Zion Christian University recognizes the principles of truth and honesty as being absolutely essential. Students must diligently follow these principles in all academic course work, including assignments and examinations. By agreeing to the Student Disclosure Form, the student agrees to abide by these principles. Zion Christian University DEP requires students to complete all course assignments without unauthorized help from others.

Cheating or copying from other sources and claiming it as your own work is plagiarizing. Copying parts of sentences direct from a book (your textbook or other books) or from a website, without directly mentioning it as a quote and where it is from, is plagiarism. This can result in suspension from ZCUDEP. If students are suspected of cheating or plagiarizing, they will be notified immediately. After one warning, if this behavior persists the student's performance will be carefully reviewed and could result in academic dismissal.

# SECTION 3: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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## FEES AND PAYMENT POLICY

### Academic Fees

*The academic fees are subject to change.*

Fees	Within Philippines	International
Application	PHP 500.00	USD 20.00
Transcript Evaluation (if any)	PHP 500.00	USD 20.00
M.T.S. Course ( <b>per credit/unit hour</b> ) <sup>1</sup>	PHP 750.00	USD 25.00
M.T.S. Graduation <sup>2</sup>	USD 150.00	USD 150.00

<sup>1</sup> ZCUDEP Philippines requires full payment at the time of enrollment for each course. The enrolled course will only be accessible through E-Learning portal after full payment is received.

<sup>2</sup> When the requirements for graduation are met and the graduation fee is paid, ZCU USA will confirm each student's completion of the degree or master requirements and then print and mail their diploma to ZCUDEP Philippines.

### PAYMENTS

Payments to ZCUDEP can be sent through the option below:

1. For students residing in the Philippines, deposit your payment into ZCUDEP's BDO bank account, then email us the bank in slip you have deposited.
2. For International students, all payment will be made through Paypal.

# SECTION 4: STUDENT RESOURCES

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## GENERAL COURSE POLICIES

### GUIDELINES FOR RESEARCH WRITING

All papers must be prepared in accordance with the Modern Language Association (MLA) guidelines for research writing. It is highly recommended that students purchase the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers (6th Edition).

### COURSE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS

All assignments will be submitted through each folder found under the Assignments section in the E-Learning portal. Files should be in Microsoft Format (95 and above). A user guide with full instruction will be emailed to each applicant.

# **SECTION 5: PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

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**Method of Study**

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**Course Descriptions**

## **METHOD OF STUDY**

Zion Christian University seeks to provide a program through distance education that is easily accessible and affordable to all students. Due to the nature of distance education, students are able to study at home, work, or even during travel at their own pace and according to their schedule. Normally, courses require listening to audio lectures, reading various textbooks, and doing various assignments based on the audio, textbooks, and research. A detailed syllabus is provided for each course. It is important that students review all materials sent to them to ensure proper presentation and submission of their work.

## **CREDIT HOUR SYSTEM**

At ZCUDEP, one credit/unit hour of study is 15 academic hours or its equivalent. The university uses the following guidelines for courses:

- *Reading:* Each course has required reading. The reading requirement will be identified in the course syllabus and can be downloaded from the internet.
- *Audio:* Approximately 12 hours of required audio are required for each course. The audio requirement will be identified in the course syllabus and may vary according to the nature of the materials being studied.
- *Writing:* A course requires a total of 10-15 pages of written work to provide evidence of the students understanding of the subject being studied. All written assignments must conform to the format of the MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers as already discussed.

## **PROGRAMS OF STUDY**

We believe the goal of Christian education is to seek to bring students to spiritual maturity and make them complete in Christ. The purpose of our programs is to seek to enrich the student's personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, impart to the student a thorough knowledge of God's word, and prepare the student to be an effective leader who is able to rightly divide the word of God. The programs of Zion Christian University are theological in nature and therefore designed to prepare the student for Christian leadership positions.

# **MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

## ***40 Credit Hours***

The M.T.S. program is a 40 credit hour program designed to give students a solid and thorough understanding of the Bible and Pentecostal theology, as well as strengthen their ability to interpret the Word of God and communicate it to others. This program seeks to prepare pastors, missionaries, and teachers in churches and Bible colleges.

### **CORE COURSES: 28 CREDITS**

BBL501	Hermeneutics	2 credits
BBL503	Bible Survey	3 credits
HIS501	Church History	3 credits
MIN502	Christian Leadership	2 credits
MIN601	Ministry Gifts	3 credits
PHL602	Apologetics	2 credits
PTH601	Christian Maturity	3 credits
SYS501	Systematic Theology I	2 credits
SYS502	Systematic Theology II	2 credits
SYS601	Systematic Theology III	2 credits
SYS602	Systematic Theology IV	2 credits
THE601	Covenants	2 credits

### **CULMINATING THESIS: 3 CREDITS**

RES601	Thesis	3 credits
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### **GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES: 9 CREDITS**

Courses may be chosen from the general course list.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

### **DEPARTMENT OF BIBLICAL STUDIES**

#### **GENERAL BIBLE STUDIES (BBL)**

##### **BBL501 Hermeneutics: 2 credits**

Hermeneutics is the science of interpretation and is designed to help bridge the communication gap between the Scriptures and the receivers of His message. In this study, the use of technical words will be avoided, and the methods of the Master Teacher of the Universe, whose style was supernaturally uncomplicated, will be adopted. This study will supply valuable keys to open up the Scriptures by employing seven major laws of interpretation along with numerous other helps.

##### **BBL502 Women of the Bible: 1 credit**

This course develops the lives of many different women in the Bible. Through these biblical accounts, the role and significance of women is considered in the plan and purposes of God, as well as their influence on their families, friends, and even nations.

##### **BBL503 Bible Survey: 3 credits**

This course provides an overview of the Old Testament and New Testament books, as well as the Intertestamental period of biblical history. This course seeks to give well-grounded bases in the word of God to strengthen students' knowledge of the word of God and also His plan and purpose for their own lives.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES (NTS)**

##### **NTS501 Gospels I: 4 credits**

This course is a study of the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The Gospel of Matthew, written for the Jews, portrays the kingship of Christ. The purpose of this Gospel is to declare "those things which are most surely believed among us," to reveal Christ as the Son of Man, and to promote an intimate knowledge and understanding of our Savior in all His majesty and deity. The Gospel of Mark, written for the Romans, does not focus on detail, but moves quickly from one event in the life of Christ to another portraying Christ as a Man of action. This course will focus on the 18 recorded miracles, parables, and discourses of Christ.

#### NTS502 Gospels II: 4 credits

This course is a study of the Gospels of Luke and John. The Gospel of Luke, written for the Greeks, portrays the humanity of Christ and is characterized by joy, rejoicing, and praise. The purpose of this Gospel is to declare “those things which are most surely believed among us,” to reveal Christ as the Son of Man, and to promote an intimate knowledge and understanding of our Savior in all His humanity and deity. The Gospel of John, called “the spiritual Gospel,” contains many spiritual truths that are manifested through outward signs and symbols. This course will focus on the three sets of sevens: the seven I Am’s, the seven pre-resurrection signs, and the seven major public discourses of Christ.

#### NTS503 Acts: 2 credits

This study focuses on the beginning of the Church, and the Apostles, who were the foundation stones upon which the Church was built as recorded in the book of Acts. Acts is a divine account of the new move of God. This was a time of transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, salvation by faith in Jesus Christ to all mankind. Acts pinpoints the center of the fire of God in the move of the Holy Spirit, and studies the two main leaders of this revival, the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter.

#### NTS504 Parables of Jesus: 2 credits

This course seeks to give a deeper understanding of the parables taught by Jesus Christ in the gospels. The parables of Jesus teach believers how to live in every aspect of their earthly lives as well as impart discernment and understanding of the mysteries of the Kingdom. The course will cover the following topics: an introduction to the parables, the seven kingdom parables, the parables found in the gospels, and the parables relating to the end times. The truths found in the parables are relevant not only for the personal life of a believer, but for the church age as well.

#### NTS601 Pauline Epistles I: 3 credits

This course seeks to provide an overview of the most important Pauline Epistles: Romans and Galatians. The study of Romans covers the following themes: The wrath of God; The righteousness of God; and The life of God. An understanding of the book of Romans is essential as it gives a better understand of New Testament doctrines as well as the whole scope of scriptural truth. The study of Galatians looks at balance between good works and God's grace and covers the practical steps to Christian perfection as well as the warnings against the counterfeits of Christian perfection.

#### NTS602 Pauline Epistles II: 4 credits

This course seeks to provide an overview of the Pauline Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. The study of Ephesians explores the founding of the Ephesian church and the important doctrinal truths contained therein. The main emphasis of this study is love and spiritual warfare. The study of Philippians focuses on five main themes:

need for unity; blessings of suffering; mind of Christ; first resurrection; and peace of God. The study of Paul's epistle to the Colossians emphasizes the way to holiness. The major theme in Philemon is the restoration of the backslider, as illustrated through the life of Onesimus.

#### NTS603 Pauline Epistles III: 4 credits

The purpose of this course is to seek to provide an overview of the Pauline Epistles to the Corinthians and the Thessalonians. The study of I-II Corinthians covers the spiritual importance of the letters, the conditions that provoked Paul to address this church, the cultural and the religious mentality of this Greek city, and Paul's divine remedy to bring cohesion, order, and perfection. The study of I-II Thessalonians examines the main theme of the Second Coming of Christ as well as the importance of living a life of holiness, for each believer must be ready to meet the Lord when He comes to the end of his life.

#### NTS701 Hebrews: 2 credits

This course an in depth study of the epistle to the Hebrews. This epistle provides a solid understanding of the New Covenant as well as the greatness of Christ, who is superior to the prophets, the angels, Moses, and Aaron. The theme of this epistle is "Within the Veil," which relates to the Tabernacle of Moses and the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. This epistle shows how the shed blood of Jesus Christ opened the way for believers to come within the veil and into the very presence of God Himself, thus revealing the greatness of New Covenant. Lastly, the five warnings to the church and the priesthood of Melchizedek and Aaron are also considered.

#### NTS702 General Epistles: 3 credits

This course seeks to provide an overview of the General Epistles, which include the epistles of James, Peter, John, and Jude. The study of James covers the following five themes: The necessity of wisdom; the control of the tongue; faith without works is dead; impartiality; and prayer. The study of the epistles of Peter examines the epistles of Peter as well as the life of Peter. The study of the epistles of John will focus on the two themes: love as the essence of God's nature; and fellowship with the Father and His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The study of Jude concentrates on the main theme of this epistle, "being kept or preserved."

#### NTS801 Revelation: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to give the student a solid understanding of the book of Revelation, and a solid foundation of Biblical eschatology. The book of Revelation is examined verse by verse, highlighting the events that must take place before the Second Coming of Christ: the appearance of the two witnesses, the rise of the ten kings, the appearance of the Antichrist, and Christ's glorious Second Coming. The emphasis is upon personal preparedness.

## OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES (OTS)

### OTS501 Pentateuch I: 2 credits

The book of Genesis is the book of beginnings, and therefore is one of the keys to understanding the whole Word of God. A thorough understanding of Genesis is essential for the Bible student to grasp the whole scope of truth. This course covers the account of creation, the Fall, the Flood, the division of the nations, and the lives of the Patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The error of the theory of evolution and atheism is exposed. The emphasis of this course is the spiritual truth contained in each story and its application to the believer's life today.

### OTS502 Pentateuch II: 2 credits

The Journey of Israel is a study of the spiritual journey of every believer. It is based on the physical journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. This course will challenge the student to have an ongoing, progressive vision for his life. This is a required course for every program of study.

### OTS503 Pentateuch III: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to give the student a thorough knowledge and comprehension of the book of Leviticus. The book of Leviticus is a study of the ceremonial laws of offerings of the Old Testament and their fulfillment in the New Testament through the spotless life of our Lord Jesus Christ and their relevance to the life of each believer.

### OTS504 Era of the Judges: 1 credit

The purpose of this course is to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the books of Judges and Ruth, two of the nine historical books in the Word of God, emphasizing the difference between the Israelites who were constantly backsliding and turning away from the Lord during this period, and Ruth, who, although a foreigner from the land of Moab, was committed to following after the Lord with her whole heart.

### OTS601 Historical Books: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to study the lives and character of the kings as well as the kingdoms which they ruled. This study will seek to give students a historical background of the kingdoms of Israel, when united under the leadership of King Saul, David, and Solomon as well as the divided kingdoms, Judah and Israel. The theme of this study is the formation of a king and the importance of how we finish the race of life.

### OTS602 Restoration Era Books: 2 credits

The purpose of this study is to seek to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, while discussing the many different aspects of the natural

Restoration Era of Israel, and relating those aspects of natural restoration to the many aspects of the spiritual restoration of believers.

#### OTS701 Poetic Books I: 4 credits

The purpose of this course is to give a solid understanding of the Psalms. This course examines each psalm, considering the author, the circumstances surrounding the writing of the psalm, the historical setting, and the key truths in each psalm. The emphasis of this course is on enriching the devotional life of the believer through the study of the Psalms.

#### OTS702 Poetic Books II: 3 credits

This study seeks to give a deeper understanding of the Works of Solomon: Song of Solomon, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. Song of Solomon concentrates on the revelation of the life, dealings, and relationship between Christ and each believer who will make up His bride. Proverbs is full of instructions on practical living, concerning how to relate to God, family, neighbors, authority, and one's enemies. Ecclesiastes is a survey of the end of Solomon's life, including all his labors and gains, finding them to be but vanity and vexation of spirit. The purpose of Ecclesiastes is to instruct the young on the true values of life, which are to fear God and keep His commandments.

#### OTS704 Minor Prophets: 2 credits

This study examines the twelve Minor Prophets. This study seeks to give a solid grasp and understanding of the Minor Prophets, emphasizing the major themes of each book. Although historical, these books contain many prophecies for the last days and contain many spiritual truths for our lives as believers today.

#### OTS801 Major Prophets I: 2 credits

This study will seek to give a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies of Isaiah. The book of Isaiah gives a profound revelation and understanding of the life and ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and also speaks of events ranging from before creation to the new heavens and new earth. The study of Isaiah is divided into three parts: Prophetic Chapters – 1:1-35:10; Historical Events – 36:1-39:8; and Messianic Chapters – 40:1-66:24. Some of the major themes covered are the life of Christ in Isaiah, the Church in Isaiah, and prophecies concerning Israel.

#### OTS802 Major Prophets II: 2 credits

This study will seek to give a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies Jeremiah. The study of the book of Jeremiah is revelation of the heart and feelings of a tender, loving God reaching out to a backslidden people who were bent upon their own destruction. The book of Lamentation is a study that reveals the heartfelt sorrow of the weeping prophet for his people as they suffer the punishment from the Almighty for their sinful ways.

#### OTS803 Major Prophets III: 2 credits

This study will seek to give a deeper understanding of the book and prophecies of Ezekiel. There are four main divisions in this book: Prophecies against Judah and Israel (1:1-24:27); Prophecies against Foreign Nations (25:1-32:32); Restoration of Israel (33:1-39:29); and Vision of the New Temple, the Millennial Reign (40:1-48:35). This study examines the revelation of God's holiness given through the visions to the prophet as well as the prophecies contained in that book, particularly those indicative of events that take place in the last days, and even in the Millennial reign of Christ.

#### OTS804 Major Prophets IV: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to give a solid understanding of Daniel's prophecies concerning the last days, the nations that will arise in the last days and come against Israel, the reign of the Antichrist, God's purpose for the Church in the last days, and the Second Coming of Christ. This study will also consider the 10 trials from the book of Daniel, which give a picture of the types of trials that shall purify the Church before the Second Coming.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

#### HISTORY (HIS)

##### HIS501 Church History: 3 credits

This course is a study of the people, places, and events that shaped Church history, both positively and negatively. This study will explore the downward spiral of the church at the end of the first century and its rise again in recent centuries. The purpose of this course is to discover the reasons for the Church's departure from their first estate, but equally, to observe the restorative process. The Church of "His Coming" shall be completely restored, even exceeding her former glory.

##### HIS601 History of Israel: 2 credits

This course is a study of the history of Israel from the birth of this nation to its eternal place in the kingdom of God. Through this course the heart of God will be revealed for His precious land and His eternal purposes for His people. This study will cover the people, events, and nations that affected the land of Israel from a biblical perspective. This course will give the student an appreciation for the richness of the heritage of the nation of Israel, an understanding of its present struggles, and the glorious hope and future that await them at the coming of their Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY**

### **MINISTRY (MIN)**

#### **MIN502 Christian Leadership: 2 credits**

This study is an in-depth look at leadership from a biblical perspective. The focus of this study will be on the life of a leader, the qualities of leadership, as well as methods of leadership seen in Biblical leaders of distinction. This study will give the student a grasp of the necessary foundational ingredients of godly ministry and its application to our relationship with the Lord and His people.

#### **MIN601 Ministry Gifts: 3 credits**

This course provides an overview of the five fold ministry: Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, Evangelist, and Pastor. The Apostle covers the essentialities of apostleship, the role and godly characteristics of an apostle, as well as learning to discern between the true and false apostles. The study of the prophet covers the ministry gift of the prophet, the gift of prophecy, as well as the false prophets. The study of the teacher will cover the basic principles of teaching and the role of a teacher in a practical and spiritual manner. The study of the evangelist will cover the role of the evangelist in the body of Christ. The study of the pastor explores the responsibilities of a pastor and preparation for the position in Christ's Church.

#### **MIN603 Teacher Training: 1 credit**

This course is a study of the keys to the ministry and life of a teacher. This study will provide a foundation for teaching in a Christian setting by studying the importance of preparation through prayer and study as well as practical guides to assist in the methodology of teaching. This study will seek to give the student a solid grasp and understanding of the role of a teacher in both a practical as well as spiritual manner.

#### **MIN701 Essentials for Ministry: 3 credits**

The purpose of this course is to teach the art of effective preaching and anointed worship leading. The study of preaching covers the process of preparing and delivering a sermon for an effective message. The study of anointed worship explores the spiritual perspective of music and worship. Keys are given to discern the difference between pure worship and worship that is not pleasing to God.

## **DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY**

### **APOLOGETICS (PHL)**

#### **PHL602 Apologetics: 2 credits**

The purpose of this course is to give an understanding of how to contend for the Christian faith by proving the deity of Christ, the authenticity of the Bible, and expounding on the teachings of Moses, the Prophets, Jesus, the Apostle Paul and other notable apostles who fought a good fight and turned many into the paths of righteousness. This course seeks to encourage students to be a valiant soldier of Christ, who may put the enemy to flight and pry many from Satan's deceiving ways and subtle ruses through the word of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (PTH)**

#### **PTH601 Christian Maturity: 3 credits**

This course studies the various aspects of Christian character that are essential for leadership in ministry. The focus of this course is to give an understanding of the fullness of God's desire for the lives of believers as well as find a new freedom from the prisons of the self-life. This course seeks to pinpoint the answers to questions that Christians face, enabling them to advance from spiritual infancy into mature sons and daughters, stable and grounded in the Word of God and a personal relationship with Christ.

### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (SYS)**

#### **SYS501 Systematic Theology I: 2 credits**

This course studies the following five major areas of doctrine: God, Christ, Man, Sin, and Salvation. These doctrines are examined in-depth and are studied in light of Scripture. The purpose of this course is to give the student answers to important doctrinal questions and establish a sure foundation in doctrinal understanding.

#### **SYS502 Systematic Theology II: 2 credits**

This course seeks to give the student a thorough knowledge and comprehension of the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit, the seven Spirits of the Lord, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, and the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led life. The purpose of the course, however, is not to give the student an intellectual knowledge of the Holy Spirit, but rather that the student comes to know the Holy Spirit in a new and intimate way.

#### SYS601 Systematic Theology III: 2 credits

This course seeks to give the student a solid understanding of the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, including His pre-existence, His birth and early years, His ministry, His crucifixion, and His resurrection. This is one of the most important studies for any student of the Bible. The emphasis in this course is upon the application of the life of Christ for us as believers.

#### SYS602 Systematic Theology IV: 2 credits

This is a study of the events leading up to the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus and His actual return. Some of the primary topics covered are: the Church of the Last Days, the Ten Kings, the Antichrist, the Two Witnesses, the selective Rapture, the Abomination of Desolation, the Great Falling Away, Personal Preparation, Heaven and Eternal Judgment, the Millennial Reign of Christ, and Kings and Priests. The purpose of this course is to give students an understanding of the last days so that they will not be deceived and furthermore so they will be prepared for the Second Coming.

#### THEOLOGY (THE)

##### THE601 Covenants: 2 credits

The purpose of this course is to give the student a deeper understanding of the Old and New Covenants. This course will contrast the two covenants and the mediator of the two covenants, to reveal why the Old Covenant was unattainable and through salvation in Jesus Christ, our mediator, the New Covenant is attainable. The main theme of the course is the promise of the New Covenant, which is, full redemption and salvation to the uttermost.

### **DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH**

#### RESEARCH STUDIES (RES)

##### RES601 M.T.S. Thesis: 3 credits

The purpose of a master's thesis is to provide an opportunity for students to undertake independent and concentrated research on a topic of interest within the realm of their program of study. The Thesis a culminating event for graduate programs.

*“And ye shall know the truth,  
and the truth shall make you free,” John 8:32*