



SUMMIT

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

COURSE CURRICULUM GUIDE
2023-2024



WELCOME!

Attending a church that is also an international Bible school presents a unique opportunity. If you call TSC Summit your spiritual home, you are invited to seize that unique opportunity by signing up for a Summit course! The Christian life should be marked by depth, both in our *affection for* God and our *knowledge of* God. Summit's classroom is a place where that can happen. As *your Bible School*, it is our joy to help you go cultivate more depth in your relationship with God.

AUDITING COURSES

This is an invitation for you to *audit* a Summit course. This means you are enrolled as a member of the course but are not required to complete any work. You will experience personal enrichment by attending the lectures and participating in learning activities, but without the pressure of completing assignments and projects. (NOTE: Audited courses do not count as transferrable credit to other colleges.)

OVERVIEW OF COURSES

Core Curriculum

Summit typically functions on a 16-week academic calendar (September-December; January-April).

A typical 3-unit course includes:

- Three 60-minute classroom sessions per week or two 90-minute classroom sessions per week
- Approximately 3-5 hours of homework time per week
- It is estimated that students will complete approximately 90 hours of work per 3-unit course per academic semester

Summit's curriculum is uniquely designed in that students take the same course schedule over their two-year period of enrollment. Courses are intended to build upon one another and provide the most strategic learning experience.

Elective Courses

Summit's electives are crafted to both build off what is being learned in the core curriculum as well as to provide students with the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in a more specific area of ministry or theological study. Different course subjects are offered each term and students are permitted to register for the elective of their choice. This also provides opportunity for the two classes to integrate with each other. Four broad categories are noted for the elective courses. In each term, one elective from each category should be represented. The categories are as follows:

- Biblical Studies
- Theology
- Vocational Ministry
- General Education

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIB132 New Testament Survey

Course Instructor: Rev. Ross Kibodeaux

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | Jordan Hall
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays | 8:00-9:00 AM

Course Description: An overview of the twenty-seven letters found in the New Testament that were authored by various writers and leaders of the early church. Students will learn the historical background, major themes, and messages of each of these letters in light of what was taking place during the founding of the Christian church (as described in the Book of Acts). Emphasis will be made on the application of the truths found within each letter.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Explain the New Testament books within their proper historical setting.
2. Evaluate each part of the New Testament in its intended emphasis and context.
3. Discuss each part of the New Testament in relation to the other portions of scripture.
4. Examine key historical figures and describe their importance to the background of the New Testament.
5. Effectively apply foundational truths found in the New Testament to our modern context.

BIB233 Biblical Interpretation

Course Instructor: Daniel Sheard, PhD

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | M11
- Mondays | 2:00-3:00 PM
- Thursdays, Fridays | 8:00-9:00 AM

Course Description: Learning to understand the Bible on its own inspired terms is an essential skill for the student of God's Word. The focus of this course is on aiding students in doing so by equipping them with the right tools for study. Using an inductive model of Bible study, students will learn how to critically read the text of scripture, engage its historical-grammatical context, and draw conclusions that are naturally read out of the biblical text. Time will also be taken to review various issues and challenges arising in the realm of hermeneutics, preparing students to engage other perspectives in an informed manner.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course, the student will be able to do the following:

1. Demonstrate understanding of the biblical interpretation process through reading, discussion, and assignments.
2. Evidence understanding of historical, literary, and cultural context and its impact upon the interpretation of scripture.
3. Interpret biblical passages with sensitivity to their genre and authorial intent.
4. Explain application of biblical principles and passages.
5. Select, research, exegete, and defend personal conclusions about interpretation of biblical passages.

THEOLOGY

THE132 Theology of Health & Wellness

Course Instructor: Thomas Jones, MDiv

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | Jordan Hall
- Tuesdays, Thursdays | 9:10-10:40 AM

Course Description: The Western mind often underappreciates the biblical perspective that a person's whole being is sacred. The Apostle Paul's teaching on the fundamental nature of bodily resurrection shows us that our external body is as essential to being human as our internal components of soul and spirit. As such, we must understand how to care for and minister to *the whole person*. This course will provide students with a basic yet biblical understanding of how to help themselves and their communities effectively pursue: 1) Physical Wellness through basic nutrition, exercise, and the use of sports as a ministry tool; 2) Emotional Wellness through examining the purpose and effects—positive and negative—of relationships, as well as the need for honest introspection guided by Scripture and the Spirit; 3) Mental Wellness through learning a Gospel-centered approach to depression, suicide prevention, and various challenges and treatments associated with mental illness.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Comprehend the essential and sacred nature of their whole self as outlined in Scripture.
2. Implement a Wellness Plan that enables them to assess and care for their physical, emotional, and mental health.
3. Aid others in pursuing Holistic Wellness.
4. Enjoy life in a more meaningful and worshipful way.

THE133 Redemptive History

Course Instructor: Rev. Nik C. Godshall, MA

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | Jordan Hall
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays | 8:00-9:00 AM

Course Description: The story of Scripture is driven with a redemptive thrust. The whole canon tells one coherent story about God glorifying Himself through His redemptive acts and judgments. This course explores how both the Old and New Testaments progressively display God's covenantal nature, the establishment of His Kingdom, and its ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Through understanding Scripture's metanarrative, the Church understands how Jesus makes all the power of all God's New Covenant promises available to her.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Read the Bible with a theocentric eye.
2. Follow the theme of covenant throughout the Biblical narrative.
3. Understand Christ as the complete fulfillment of all God's intentions for history.
4. Live a life defined by the rights and promises given to us in Jesus Christ, the Heir and Hero of God's Covenant Story.

THEOLOGY

THE232 Christian Theology II

Course Instructor: Rev. Nik C. Godshall, MA

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom M11
- Mondays & Tuesdays | 9:10-10:40 AM

Course Description: This is an exploration of the Church's fundamental doctrines by way of engagement with the various categories of Systematic Theology. The approach to this course is distinctly doxological, in that it operates on the premise that the Christian must be captivated in both heart and mind by God, the object and ground of their study. Theology is not merely a pursuit for the intellect, but a source of inspiration for worship and affection. With this guiding principle in place, time will be taken to examine the doctrine of Christ (Christology), the doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology), the nature of salvation (Soteriology), the Last Things (Eschatology), and the nature of the church (Ecclesiology).

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Comprehend the basic doctrines of the Christian faith.
2. Trust and appreciate the value of the Scriptures as the only inspired and infallible Word of God.
3. Maintain a balanced, thorough, and biblically based study of theology.
4. Experience deeper and more meaningful worship, stemming from a broadened understanding of God's greatness.

VOCATIONAL MINISTRY

MIN232 Leadership Development

Course Instructor: Josiah DeRoos, MA

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | M11
- Thursdays & Fridays | 9:10-10:40 AM

Course Description: Students will be introduced to leadership studies through examining biblical, historical, cultural, and personal leadership models. The course combines a study of organizational structure and processes while emphasizing the importance of the leader's character. Additionally, the course addresses personal and spiritual formation methods, and analyzes strategies for developing the leadership skills of others in diverse ministry contexts.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Grasp the importance of clarity and communication in leadership.
2. Live out a philosophy of leadership that is grounded in the characteristics, principles, and patterns set forth in Scripture.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with their own style of leadership, as well as personality strengths and weaknesses.

4. Be able to clearly define healthy organizational leadership and team building principles and practices.
5. Formulate a personal “to-be” list for character formation and growth.

MIN234 The Gospels & Ministry Paradigms

Course Instructor: Pastor Tim Williams

Course Time & Location:

- Classroom | M11
- Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays | 8:00-9:00 AM

Course Description: This course is designed to introduce an applied gospel theology as well as a contextualized ministry foundation to students preparing to serve in modern contexts. The supernatural principles of Jesus’ life within Second Temple Judaism will be transformed in applicable ways for church life today. The course will explain how Jesus’ method was radically practiced in the cultural setting of rabbinic Judaism, lived out within Roman occupation and Greek city-states, and the thrived among the seekers of 1st century Palestine. It will also address how we can assess and employ similar principles in 21st century settings.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Understand the Gospels within their proper historical setting.
2. Explore the life and ministry of Christ as revealed in the Gospels.
3. Analyze the interplay between Jesus’ teaching and miracles, and the historical milieu of His first century world.
4. Make coherent applications of the Gospels’ content into modern ministry contexts.

ELECTIVE COURSES

*All electives take place on Tuesdays from 2:00PM-3:30PM and on Wednesdays from 9:10-10:40AM.
Any exceptions are noted below the course description.*

BIB136 Narrative Themes of the Bible

Course Instructor: Timothy Williams

Course Location: Heritage Room

Course Description: Because the Bible tells one story about one God, it is no surprise that the same themes appear throughout the 66 books of the Canon. One of the most potent ways in which these themes manifest is narrative—whether history, parable, or poetry, the Bible repeatedly uses story to convey propositional truth about God, His ways, and His relationship with humanity. This course endeavors to explore the appearance and function of the Bible’s major theological themes in various Old and New Testament narratives. In so doing, students will discover how these ancient narratives still bear relevance and authority in our lives today.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will be able to do the following:

1. Trace the major theological themes which run from Scripture’s beginning to its end.
2. Understand the Bible’s use of narrative to communicate propositional truth about God.
3. Live a life defined by the realities conveyed through Scripture’s narrative texts.

BIB236 Romans

Course Instructor: Jency Acosta, M.Div.

Course Location: Campus Center

Course Description: Romans was written by our favorite redeemed Pharisee, Paul the Apostle. This course will dive deep into the theology of Paul who has arguably had the greatest impact on Christian theology after Christ. In this course, we will consider the historical background and cultural context of Paul the Apostle and the letter to the Romans. We shall also consider its main theological themes, while exegeting the passages within the letter. Finally, we will compare Romans to the other letters of Paul and the book of Acts (Acts chronicles the journey and development of Paul). The hope is that the student would attain greater understanding, truer worship, and practical application as a result of this excursus into Romans. Romans has had a profound impact upon the Church’s greatest minds, and it continues to be the quintessential Pauline contribution to the theology of the Christian community. Understanding Romans is crucial to the Christian life.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will do the following:

1. Understanding the Historical Context and Cultural Background of Romans
2. Understanding the Theological Themes of Romans
3. Exegeting the Text of Romans
4. Applying the Admonitions and Embracing the Encouragement of Romans

THE134 Defending the Faith*

Course Instructor: Thomas Jones III

Course Location: Jordan Hall

Course Description: The Bible tells us that we ought to be able to provide a defense for our hope. The world compels us to do the same. Our own hearts are strengthened and encouraged as faith seeks, not only understanding, but understanding in the context of controversy. This course will help the student to address life's tough questions while maintaining a tender heart toward those who have disagreed with the Christian confession.

Student Learning Outcomes – As a result of this course the student will do the following:

1. Recognize personal tendencies, strengths, and weaknesses in approaching others about Jesus.
2. Defend the Christian faith.
3. Address tough questions with love and a tender heart.
4. Formulate critical and biblical arguments that support sound doctrine and orthodox Christianity.
5. Address cultural concerns with evangelistic purpose.

**THE134 Defending the Faith takes place on Tuesdays from 2:00PM-4:00PM. There is also a Wednesday session from 9:10-10:10AM, but the professor is not present. Students engage in inquiry-based learning activities.*