

Ministerial Studies Diploma

Bible Division Courses

BIB 114 Christ in the Synoptic Gospels

A study of the life and teachings of Christ based on Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After a brief introduction to the world into which Jesus was born, it provides a chronological study of His life. Emphasis is given to the context of His teachings and miracles. The content is arranged to help students apply the principles of the study to their own lives and to use them in their preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

Christ in the Synoptic Gospels (IST) by Mike McClafin

Materials recommended:

Life of Christ by Ralph M. Riggs

BIB 115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

A thorough study of the content, purposes, principles, and applications of Acts. The course emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit in the early church and today. Attention is given to the geographical, numerical, cultural, and theological growth of the church from Jerusalem to Rome. The journeys of Paul are examined as the background for his epistles.

Materials required:

Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (IST) by George O. Wood

Materials recommended:

Acts: A Logion Commentary by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 117 Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians

A practical study of the principles Paul wrote to the churches during his imprisonment. The concepts are presented in language that is easy to understand with explanations, illustrations, and applications that make the concepts helpful to students in both their personal lives and ministries.

Materials required:

Prison Epistles: Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and Philippians (IST) by LeRoy Bartel

Materials recommended:

Ephesians by Francis Foulkes

BIB 121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible

An introductory course on the principles for interpreting Scripture. It summarizes the need for hermeneutical principles and explores the qualifications, tools, and goals of a biblical interpreter. This is followed by a historical survey of hermeneutics from early Jewish interpreters to the present. The course includes a unit on the general and specific principles for interpreting the Bible, a unit on genres, and a unit on applying the principles. Students develop their skills by practicing the principles in exercises that are provided.

Materials required:

Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible (IST) by Quentin McGhee, Carl Gibbs, and Willard Teague

Materials recommended:

Dictionary of Hermeneutics by James D. Hernando

BIB 212 New Testament Survey

A survey course giving the student background for understanding, teaching, and applying the principles of the New Testament. Key facts from each book of the New Testament are highlighted in a manner that can be used in preaching and teaching.

Materials required:

New Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

Encountering the New Testament by Walter A. Elwell and Robert W. Yarbrough

BIB 214 Old Testament Survey

A practical approach to the Old Testament that gives students material they can use in teaching and preaching. It covers significant details from every book in the Old Testament in an inspirational yet informative manner.

Materials required:

Old Testament Survey (IST) by Global University Staff and Faculty

Materials recommended:

They Spoke from God edited by William C. Williams

BIB 215 Romans: Justification by Faith

An in-depth study of the book of Romans. It focuses on Paul's systematic explanation of the gospel to the Romans and offers insight into the doctrines of sin, salvation, and sanctification. Students will learn how union with Christ and the indwelling Holy Spirit leads to spiritual growth.

Materials required:

Romans: Justification by Faith (IST) by William F. Lasley, with sermon notes by Richard Dresselhaus

Materials recommended:

Romans by F. F. Bruce

BIB 313 Corinthian Correspondence

A study of 1 and 2 Corinthians, providing the student with truths for teaching and preaching as well as practical assistance in dealing with the issues facing today's church. The student will learn how Paul instructed the Corinthians to deal with division and difficulty. By applying these same principles, the student will be prepared to deal with the challenges of ministry in the twenty-first century.

Materials required:

Corinthian Correspondence (IST) by James D. Hernando

Materials recommended:

1 and 2 Corinthians by Stanley M. Horton

BIB 318 Pentateuch

A study of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy with a practical approach that will provide preaching and teaching material. The Pentateuch forms the foundation upon which the New Testament covenant is based and is an important study for anyone wishing to understand the entire Bible more completely.

Materials required:

Pentateuch (IST) by Roger Cotton

Materials recommended:

The Dictionary of the Old Testament: Pentateuch edited by T. Desmond Alexander and David W. Baker

BIB 322 Poetic Books

A study of the five books of poetry or wisdom—Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Songs. These books cover issues like suffering, parenting, and the fear of the Lord, teaching us how to live. The course is designed to help the student in his or her own walk with God and in ministering to others who need instruction.

Materials required:

Poetic Books (IST) by Scott Ellington

Materials recommended:

A Psalm in Your Heart, Volumes 1 and 2 by George O. Wood

Theology/History Division

THE 114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

An examination of the four cardinal doctrines of the Assemblies of God: Salvation, Baptism in the Holy Spirit, Healing, and the Second Coming of Christ. After an introductory unit on the importance of doctrine, there is a unit of study on each of the doctrines. This course is essential to the further understanding of the complete Pentecostal message as presented in other courses.

Materials required:

Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended: *What the Bible Says About the Holy Spirit* by Stanley M. Horton

Canadian Pentecostal History - This course is presently in development

THE 211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective

A study of historic Christian doctrines as expressed through Protestant and evangelical traditions. The course provides a complete study of the "Statement of Fundamental Truths" of The General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Materials required:

Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective (IST) by Johnny Ford

Materials recommended:

Bible Doctrines by William F. Menzies and Stanley M. Horton

THE 245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come

A biblical study of end-time events written from a Pentecostal perspective. The course studies the Rapture, plus various views of the Tribulation and the Millennium. It provides excellent material for teaching and preaching on the second coming of Christ.

Materials required:

Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come (IST) by Zenas J. Bicket

Materials recommended:

Our Destiny by Stanley M. Horton

THE 311 Prayer and Worship

An overview of the biblical teaching on prayer and worship leads to practical considerations for cultivating intimacy with Christ in every aspect of life, from personal, private prayer to corporate celebration. Students will discover the joys and benefits of a dynamic prayer life and gain a fresh appreciation for the many ways in which the Holy Spirit makes prayer and worship both meaningful and powerful. An examination of some of the common challenges of prayer, such as learning to hear God's voice, the problem of unanswered prayer, and what to do when it seems God is not speaking, is followed by practical insight for becoming more effective and fervent prayer warriors.

Materials required:

Prayer and Worship (IST) by Cheryl Taylor and Russ Michaels

Materials recommended:

The Spirit Helps Us Pray by Robert L. Brandt and Zenas J. Bicket

Theology Division

MIN 123 The Local Church in Evangelism

The local church is the provenance of evangelism for reaching its community and the world. After a foundational, biblical theology of the Great Commission and the Holy Spirit's role in evangelism, this course proposes a comprehensive and integrated approach to evangelism in the local church that avoids over-compartmentalizing evangelism and discipleship. It focuses on a variety of evangelism methods, the evangelistic purpose of an organized fellowship of churches, and pastoral leadership in evangelism. The largest portion of the course is devoted to the evangelistic responsibility of all believers and practical biblical instruction concerning effective personal evangelism.

Materials required:

The Local Church in Evangelism (IST) by Randy Hurst

Materials recommended:

The Master Plan of Evangelism by Robert E. Coleman

MIN 181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry

A biblical approach to the relationships that are important to the minister, both personally and professionally. It looks at temperament theory and its relevance to human relations. This course examines relationships and ethics in view of the minister's personal growth, ministry challenges, people in the community and other ministers.

Materials required:

Relationships and Ethics in Ministry (IST) by T. Ray Rachels

Materials recommended:

Ministerial Ethics: A Guide for Spirit-Filled Leaders by T. Burton Pierce

MIN 191 Beginning Ministerial Internship

The first of three internships to be developed for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. Each internship will require the student to work with a local pastor to gain hands-on experience in various ministry activities. This course discusses the importance of a good attitude in ministry as well as many of the functions of ministry such as weddings and funerals. It also emphasizes servant leadership and the minister's devotional life.

Materials required:

Beginning Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Beginning Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended:

Spiritual Leadership by J. Oswald Sanders

MIN 223 Introduction to Homiletics

A basic study of the principles of Christian preaching. The course emphasizes biblical exposition and deals with practical matters such as the preparation of sermons, the sources of materials, the construction of sermon components, the variety of sermon types, and the delivery of sermons.

Materials required:

Introduction to Homiletics (IST) by Ian Hall

Materials recommended:

Pentecostal Preaching by Charles Crabtree

MIN 251 Effective Leadership

A biblical approach to the principles of leadership. This course applies those principles in the church setting, giving the student the practical skills needed to serve in a leadership role in the local church.

Materials required:

Effective Leadership (IST) by Ron McManus

Materials recommended:

Developing the Leaders Around You by John C. Maxwell

MIN 281 Conflict Management for Church Leaders

A biblical approach to conflict resolution. This course offers a scriptural way to deal with the inevitable occasions when conflict arises, particularly in a church setting. It offers practical principles for resolving the conflict in a manner that is pleasing to God.

Materials required:

Conflict Management for Church Leaders (IST) by Wayde I. Goodall

Materials recommended:

The Peace Maker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict by Ken Sande

MIN 291 Intermediate Ministerial Internship

The second of three required internships for the Ministerial Studies Diploma. This course helps the student develop the right attitude for ministry. It examines characteristics to be avoided and tests to be passed in the life of a minister. It further focuses on public aspects of ministry, such as teaching, preaching, and leading meetings. The personal life of the minister, including time management and personal health, are also discussed.

Materials required:

Intermediate Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Intermediate Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended: *Run with the Horses* by Eugene H. Peterson

MIN 325 Preaching in the Contemporary World

The purpose of this course is to help preachers present life changing messages that connect with the world around them. The course will focus on presenting messages that are true, clear, interesting, and relevant. Students will be challenged to present messages that are true to the intent and power of Scripture. The course will also examine the post-modern culture and offer help in making messages relevant to the needs and concerns of this audience.

Materials required:

Preaching in the Contemporary World (IST) by Doug Oss, Rochelle Cathcart, and David Crosby

Materials recommended:

360 Degree Preaching by Michael J. Quicke

MIN 327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law

An introductory study of many principles, procedures, and techniques used in today's business world as they apply to the local church and its leadership. Attention is given to organizing and staffing functions of the church, practical methods of raising money for the church's expenses, keeping good records, and managing the church's money, facilities, and equipment. It also gives students a practical understanding of the law in order to recognize and resolve legal questions confronting pastors and churches today.

Materials required:

Church Administration, Finance, and Law (IST) by Joseph W. Kilpatrick and Randy J. Hedlun

Materials recommended:

Church Administration Handbook edited by Bruce Powers

MIN 381 Pastoral Ministry

An examination of pastoral ministry in three areas: preparation, responsibilities, and relationships. The unit on preparation focuses on a pastor's qualifications, devotional life, and personal life. A unit on responsibilities analyzes preaching and teaching, worship, pastoral care, leading, training, forming cell groups, and special services. The final unit examines a pastor's relationships with lay leaders, staff, work, and calling. This is a principle-centered study to lay a lifelong foundation for the pastoral ministry.

Materials required:

Pastoral Ministry (IST) by Richard Exley

Materials recommended:

The Pentecostal Pastor edited by Thomas E. Trask, Wayde I. Goodall, and Zenas J. Bicket

MIN 391 Advanced Ministerial Internship

The third of three required internships for the Ministerial Diploma. Building on the foundation of the previous two internship courses, this course focuses on three attributes of the heart of ministry, characteristics to be avoided, tests that must be passed in the life of the ministry, basic areas of pastoral counselling, and other skills needed to be a successful pastor.

Materials required:

Advanced Ministerial Internship (student manual) by Michael Clarensau

Advanced Ministerial Internship (mentor manual) by Michael Clarensau

Materials recommended:

Courageous Leadership by Bill Hybels