

## Department of Biblical Studies and Theology (BSTH)

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### Mission Statement:

The Department of Biblical Studies and Theology seeks to prepare students for church-related ministry and seminary training by focusing on the study and interpretation of the Bible, theological analysis, and practical application.

**A Major in Biblical Studies and Theology (BSTH)** must satisfy the Basic Requirements and the requirements in one of the following three patterns:

#### **Basic Requirements for BSTH (18 hours):**

CHMN	1003	Spiritual Formation
CHMN	1013	The Practice of Ministry
PHIL	1003	Introduction to Philosophy
BSTH	2023	Biblical Exegesis
BSTH	3303	Baptist Heritage
BSTH	4403	Christian Theology

#### **Biblical Studies-General (42 hours)**

Basic Requirements.....	18
Biblical Backgrounds, BSTH 2053 .....	3
OT Theology or NT Theology, BSTH 4133 or BSTH 4233 .....	3
Biblical Studies.....	15
Homiletics (BSTH), 3413.....	3

#### **Biblical Studies-Language (45 hours)**

Basic Requirements.....	18
Biblical Backgrounds, BSTH 2053 .....	3
OT Theology or NT Theology, BSTH 4133 or BSTH 4233 .....	3
Greek, GREK 2203, 2213.....	6
Hebrew, HEBR 2103, 2113 .....	6
Homiletics (BSTH), 3413.....	3
Biblical Studies-OT.....	3
Biblical Studies-NT.....	3

#### **Biblical Studies-Theology (39 hours)**

Basic Requirements.....	18
Biblical Backgrounds, BSTH 2053 .....	3
History of Christianity, BSTH 4323 .....	3
OT Theology, BSTH 4133.....	3
NT Theology, BSTH 4233 .....	3
Biblical Studies.....	9

#### **Biblical Studies Classes:**

**OT Biblical Studies (noted with a single asterisk following course description):** BSTH 3103, 3073, 3113, 4103, 4113, 4133

**NT Biblical Studies (noted with two asterisks following course description):** BSTH 3203, 3213, 3223, 4203, 4213, 4233

**Special Note:** Students with a major in Biblical Studies and Theology (BSTH) may not seek a major or minor in Christian Ministries (CHMN), but they may

seek a major or minor in Philosophy and Ethics (PHIL). They may also seek a second minor in Greek (GREK) or Hebrew (HEBR).

**A Minor in Biblical Studies and Theology** (BSTH) must satisfy the following requirements (a total of 21 hours):

CHMN	1003	Spiritual Formation
BSTH	2023	Biblical Exegesis
BSTH	3303	Baptist Heritage
BSTH	4403	Christian Theology

Nine (9) additional hours of Biblical Studies classes

**A Minor in Hebrew** (HEBR) must take HEBR 2103, 2113, 3103, 3113, 4103, 4113.

**A Minor in Greek** (GREK) must take GREK 2203, 2213, 3203, 3213, 4203, 4213.

**2023. Biblical Exegesis.**

This course is designed to develop the student's skill in doing biblical exegesis (the study and interpretation of the Bible). Prerequisite: CORE 1113, 1123. **Fall, Spring.**

**2053. Biblical Backgrounds.**

A study of the historical, cultural, literary, and religious backgrounds of the Bible. Prerequisite: CORE 1113, 1123. **Spring**

**3073. Biblical Studies Trip.\***

This course consists of a study trip to one or more of the following areas: Israel, Palestine, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey, Greece or Italy. The focus will be on aspects of the archaeological and historical background of the Bible. Prerequisite: CORE 1113, 1123. **Summer of even-numbered years.**

**3103. Pentateuch.\***

An exegetical and theological study of the first five books of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

**3113. Latter Prophets.\***

An exegetical and theological study of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and/or the twelve minor prophets. The course includes an overview of Old Testament prophecy, a survey of each prophetic book, and a focused study of one selected prophetic book. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

**3203. Synoptic Gospels.\*\***

An exegetical and theological study of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke as they relate to one another. The course includes an in-depth look at the life, work, and teachings of Jesus Christ. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

**3213. Acts.\*\***

An exegetical and theological study of the book of Acts. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

**3223. Life and Letters of Paul.\*\***

A study of the life, ministry, and letters of the Apostle Paul. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

- 3303. Baptist Heritage.**  
This course introduces the student to Baptist distinctives by surveying church history, the rise of the Baptists, and the Baptist Faith and Message. It provides the background for courses in church history and Christian theology. **Fall, Spring.**
- 3413. Homiletics.**  
An introduction to the nature, preparation, and delivery of biblical sermons and Bible studies. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall, Spring.**
- 4103. Writings.\***  
An exegetical and theological study of the Old Testament Writings (I Chronicles through Song of Solomon and/or Daniel). Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**
- 4113. Former Prophets.\***  
An exegetical and theological study of Joshua, Judges, III Samuel, and/or I-II Kings. Special attention will be given to methodological issues related to reading and interpreting theological narrative. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 4133. Old Testament Theology.\***  
A study of the major theological concepts and themes of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**
- 4203. Hebrews and General Epistles.\*\***  
An exegetical and theological study of Hebrews, James, III Peter, and/or Jude. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 4213. Johannine Literature.\*\***  
An exegetical and theological study of the Gospel of John, the Letters of John, and/or the Revelation. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall of even-numbered years.**
- 4233. New Testament Theology.\*\***  
A study of the theological themes of the New Testament. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Spring.**
- 4323. History of Christianity.**  
A study of the development of Christianity from the close of the New Testament period to the present. Prerequisite: BSTH 3303. Also listed as BSTH 4323. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**
- 4403. Christian Theology.**  
An introduction to Christian theology, focusing on both method and content. Prerequisite: BSTH 2023/CHMN 2023. **Fall, Spring.**
- 4801-4893. Special Studies in Biblical Studies and Theology.**  
Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department and the Dean of the School. **On Demand.**

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\*Class fulfills Old Testament biblical studies elective

\*\*Class fulfills New Testament biblical studies elective

## **Biblical Hebrew (HEBR)**

### **2103. Elementary Hebrew I.**

An introduction to biblical Hebrew. This course focuses on the grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the Hebrew Bible with emphasis on translating from Hebrew to English. **Fall.**

### **2113. Elementary Hebrew II.**

A continuation of HEBR 2103, with added attention given to translating Hebrew narrative. The class will translate Jonah and selected texts from Genesis or Exodus. Prerequisite: HEBR 2103. **Spring.**

### **3103. Hebrew Reading I.**

An intermediate-level reading course emphasizing the translation of Hebrew narrative. The class will translate Ruth and other selected narrative texts. The course also includes an introduction to textual criticism. Prerequisite: HEBR 2113. **Fall of even-numbered years.**

### **3113. Hebrew Reading II.**

A continuation of HEBR 3103. Both narrative and poetic texts will be studied. Prerequisite: HEBR 3103. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

### **4103. Hebrew Exegesis I.**

An intermediate-level Hebrew exegesis course focusing on the development of the student's exegetical skills with narrative texts in the Old Testament. Prerequisite: HEBR 2113. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

### **4113. Hebrew Exegesis II.**

An advanced-level Hebrew exegesis course focusing on the development of the student's exegetical skills with prophetic and poetic texts in the Old Testament. Prerequisite: HEBR 4103. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

## **New Testament Greek (GREK)**

### **2203. Elementary Greek I.**

An introduction to New Testament Greek. The course focuses on the forms, grammar, and vocabulary of Koine Greek for the purpose of translating and interpreting the Greek New Testament. **Fall.**

### **2213. Elementary Greek II.**

A continuation of GREK 2203 with added emphasis on Greek syntax. Prerequisite: Greek 2203. **Spring.**

### **3203. New Testament Greek Reading I.**

A readings course focusing on the translation of various passages from the Greek New Testament. Prerequisites: GREK 2213. **Fall of even-numbered years.**

### **3213. New Testament Greek Reading II.**

A continuation of GREK 3203 adding selected readings from the Septuagint and the Apostolic Fathers. Prerequisites: GREK 3203. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

### **4203. New Testament Greek Exegesis I.**

A course on Greek syntax focusing on the application of a comprehensive exegetical method. Prerequisite: GREK 2213. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

**4213. New Testament Greek Exegesis II.**

A continuation of GREK 4203 with an introduction to textual criticism. Prerequisite: GREK 4203. **Spring of even-numbered years.**