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Department of Philosophy
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Worship Studies Program
   Associate Professor R. Hewell, Director

School Mission Statement

Grounding Affirmations:
   • We are human beings created in the image of God.
   • We are followers of Jesus Christ.
   • We are educators who teach and affirm evangelical Christianity within a Southern Baptist context
     while educating students to think critically about other theological and philosophical positions.
   • We advocate a servant-leader model of Christian life and ministry.
   • We seek to integrate quality scholarship with a vibrant Christian faith.

In Relation to our Local Community:
   • We seek to transform our local community by living as responsible citizens (i.e., loving our
     neighbors as ourselves), by being servant-leaders in the community, and by offering an authentic
     Christian witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in both word and deed.

In Relation to Churches:
   • We seek to offer a liberal arts education in the context of a Southern Baptist university under the
     lordship of Jesus Christ.
   • We seek to be involved in Christian ministry.
   • We seek to prepare students for effective Christian ministry.
   • We seek to offer resources to churches and church leaders.
   • We seek to edify and enhance churches.

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In Relation to the Broader University Community (including students not majoring in the School of Christian Studies):

- We will serve as faculty for select Interdisciplinary Studies courses (e.g., Survey of the Bible, Interpreting the Bible, Introduction to Liberal Arts).
- We will provide a biblical, theological, and philosophical foundation for all students.
- We will promote the integration of faith and learning along with the development of a Christian worldview among administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

In Relation to the Global Community:

- We seek to increase the university’s global awareness by facilitating opportunities for faculty and students to learn from other cultures.
- We seek to enhance the university’s involvement in the global Christian movement to transform the world.
- We seek to encourage faculty, staff and students toward individual participation in opportunities for Christian proclamation and service.

In Relation to Christian Studies Students:

(Please see the departmental mission statements.)

**Majors and Minors offered in Christian Studies**

**Major in Christian Studies** (with an emphasis in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministry, Christian Missions, Christian Theology, or Philosophy)

**Minor in Christian Studies**

**Major in Biblical Languages**

**Minor in Greek**

**Minor in Hebrew**

**Major in Worship Ministry**

**Major in Church Media/Production Arts**

**Major in Christian Media/Communications**

**Major in Philosophy**

**Minor in Philosophy**

A Major in Christian Studies requires the completion of the University CORE (55 hours), the Christian Studies Basic Requirements (34 hours), and a Christian Studies Emphasis (12 hours), and an Internship/Service Component. No minor is required for a Christian Studies major.

1. Christian Studies Basic Requirements (34 hours)

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2. Christian Studies Emphasis (12 hours)

Students must take twelve (12) hours of emphasis in one of the five departments: BIST, THEO, PHIL1, CHMN, MSSN.

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1 A traditional major and minor in Philosophy is also available. See the Department of Philosophy section for details. Students completing a Christian Studies Major may count only one of PHIL 3053 or 3063 toward a Philosophy emphasis.
3. Internship/Service Component

Fulfillment of the Internship/Service Component is achieved by one of the following:

1. Passing one of the following Internship classes: CHMN 3433 CHMN Internship, CHMN 4406 Supervised Hospital Ministry, MSSN 3433 MSSN Internship, or CMPA 3443 Church Media/Production Arts Internship. Completion of one of these CHMN or MSSN classes will also count toward the fulfillment of the Christian Studies emphasis in that area.

2. Completing one semester of TranServe (minimum 20 hours) through the Elrod Center.

A Minor in Christian Studies requires the completion of the following (total of 18 hours):

- THEO 1003 Spiritual Formation
- BIST 2023 Biblical Exegesis
- THEO 3323 History of Christianity OR
- THEO 4403 Christian Theology

Nine (9) additional hours from BIST, THEO, PHIL, CHMN, or MSSN – three of which must be at least three (3) hours at the Junior-Senior level.

A Major in Biblical Languages requires completion of the University CORE (49 hours), 30 hours of GREK and HEBR courses, a minor in Christian Studies (see above), and CHST 1001. Students may choose to major in Christian Studies in place of the minor.

This major equips students to read and interpret biblical texts directly from the language in which they were originally written. It provides an essential foundation for those desiring to be accurate biblical teachers, preachers or translators, as well as providing preparation for a variety of graduate studies at seminaries or other institutions of higher learning.

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

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

A Major in Worship Ministry requires the completion of the university CORE (52 hours; Fine Arts Menu amended: CORE 3113 FA Art or CORE 3133 FA Theatre Arts), and the Christian Studies, Worship Studies Emphasis, Music Minor, and Free Electives requirements outlined as follows. The Bachelor of Arts in Worship Ministry does not require a minor other than Music.

Christian Studies (25 hours)
- CHST 1001 Freshman Seminar
- CHMN 1023 Introduction to Christian Ministry
- BIST 2023 Biblical Exegesis
- THEO 3303 History of Christianity
- THEO 4403 Christian Theology

Six (6) hours from the following courses: BIST 3073, 3103, 3113, 3203, 3223, 4103, 4113, 4203, or 4243.

Six (6) hours from the following courses: CHMN 3103, 3123, 3153, 3223, 3403, 3423, 4113, 4213, or 4406.

Worship Studies Emphasis (23 hours)
- MUWA 2002 Foundations for Ministry through Music
- MUWA 3053 Congregational Song
- MUWA 3663 Applied Arts in Worship
- MUWA 4003 The Worshipping Church
- CHMN 3433 Internship
- CHMN 3793 Worship and Witness
- THEO 1003 Spiritual Formation
- THEO 3103 Theology of Worship

Music Minor (23 hours)
- MUTH 1002 Aural Skills 1
- MUTH 1012 Aural Skills 2
- MUTH 1022 Theory 1
- MUTH 1032 Theory 2
- MUHL 1312 Music Literature 1
- MUHL 2112 Music Literature 2
- MUAP 1XX1 Principal Applied (voice, piano, or instrumental)
A Major in Church Media/Production Arts requires the completion of the University CORE (55 hours) and a set of courses offered by the Schools of Christian Studies, Fine Arts and Humanities. This interdisciplinary major, designed to prepare graduates for media and production-related worship ministries in churches, combines foundational courses in theology, biblical studies, and ministry with the study of production arts and media.

No minor is required for a Church Media/Production Arts major.

Christian Studies (29 hours)
- CHST 1001 Freshman Seminar
- THEO 1003 Spiritual Formation
- CHMN 1023 Introduction to Christian Ministry
- CMPA 1010.5 Church Media/Production Arts Practicum (must be taken twice)
- BIST 2023 Biblical Exegesis
- BIST Three Hours of Jr-Sr elective from BIST
- CHMN 3123 Communicating the Gospel OR
- CHMN 4213 Homiletics
- THEO 3103 Theology of Worship
- CMPA 3443 Church Media/Production Arts Internship
- THEO 3323 History of Christianity
- THEO 4403 Christian Theology

Fine Arts (18 hours) (See School of Fine Arts for course descriptions)
- ART 1003 Visual Fundamentals OR
- THEA 2023 Fundamentals of Design
- THEA 2013 Fundamentals of Stagecraft
- ART 2083 Graphic Design I
- ART 3033 Graphic Design II
- THEA 3033 Stage Lighting and Sound
- MUWA 4003 The Worshipping Church

Humanities (6 hours) (See School of Humanities for course descriptions)
- COMM 2053 Introduction to Video Production
- COMM 3133 Advanced Video Production OR
- COMM 3023 Introduction to Photography

Twelve (12) additional hours, six of which must be at the Junior-Senior level, from the Pruet School of Christian Studies, the School of Fine Arts, the Department of Mass Communications, or the Hickingbotham School of Business.

A Major in Christian Media/Communications requires the completion of the University CORE (55 hours) and a set of courses offered by the Schools of Christian Studies and Humanities. This interdisciplinary double major, designed to prepare graduates for media-related vocations in Christian organizations, institutions, and ministries, combines foundational courses in theology, biblical studies, and ministry with the study of mass communications. Students completing this program will receive a double major in Christian Media/Communications and in Mass Communications.

No minor is required for a Christian Media/Communications major.

Christian Studies (37 hours)
- CHST 1001 Freshman Seminar
- THEO 1003 Spiritual Formation
- PHIL 1003 Introduction to Philosophy
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Nine (9) additional hours in Mass Communications (COMM), or six (6) hours in Mass Communications (COMM) and Advanced Composition (ENGL 3003).

**Worship Studies Program**  
Associate Professor R. Hewell, Director

The Worship Studies Program is an interdepartmental initiative of the Pruet School of Christian Studies and the School of Fine Arts Division of Music. This collaborative effort offers three degree options for students interested in preparing for worship-focused ministry:

- Bachelor of Arts in Worship Ministry – Pruet School of Christian Studies
- Bachelor of Arts in Church Media/Production Arts – Pruet School of Christian Studies
- Bachelor of Music in Worship Arts – School of Fine Arts, Division of Music

**Christian Studies (CHST)**

**1001. Freshman Seminar.**
This course will begin the process of building and sustaining a learning community within the Pruet School of Christian Studies and OBU. **Fall.**

**Church Media/Production Arts (CMPA)**

**1010.5 Church Media/Production Arts Practicum.**
Students will work in areas of on-campus productions, such as Chapel and special events. The major requires students to take this Practicum twice; to be taken in consecutive Fall/Spring semesters. For CMPA majors only. **Fall, Spring.**

**3443. Church Media/Production Arts Internship.**
The internship consists of a supervised production arts experience in a church. The internship must be approved by the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries and the Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. The Course will be graded on a Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory basis where Satisfactory is defined as a grade of C or higher. For CMPA majors only, or with permission of the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries. **Fall, Spring.**
Department of Biblical Studies (BIST)
Professor S. Duvall, Chair

Mission Statement:

The Department of Biblical Studies 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.

This course is designed to develop the student’s skill in doing biblical exegesis (the study and
interpretation of the Bible). Prerequisites: CORE 1113, 1123. [CAC-W] LOGOS Software Fee $315
Fall, Spring.

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. Prerequisites: 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: BIST
2023. Fall.

An exegetical and theological study of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and 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: BIST 2023. Spring of odd-numbered
years.

3203. Life of Christ.
A study of the life, ministry and teachings of Jesus Christ as presented in the four Gospels.
Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Spring.

3223. Life and Letters of Paul.
A study of the life, ministry, and letters of the Apostle Paul. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Fall.

An exegetical and theological study of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Ruth,
Esther, Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Spring of even-numbered
years.

An exegetical and theological study of Joshua, Judges, I-II Samuel, and I-II Kings. Special
attention will be given to methodological issues related to reading and interpreting theological
narrative. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Fall of even-numbered years.

4203. General Epistles.
An exegetical and theological study of Hebrews, James, I-II Peter, and Jude. Prerequisite: BIST
2023. Fall of odd-numbered years.

An exegetical and theological study of the book of Acts. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Spring of even-
numbered years.

4243. Revelation.
An exegetical and theological study of the book of Revelation. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Spring of
odd-numbered years.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department of Biblical Studies and the Dean of the
Pruet School of Christian Studies. On Demand.

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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 Spring of even-numbered years.

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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 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. LOGOS Software Fee $315 Spring of even-numbered years.

Department of Christian Ministries (CHMN)
Professor T. Carter, Chair

Mission Statement:
The Department of Christian Ministries seeks to help students understand the theology, nature, and challenges of Christian ministry and to prepare students for effective ministry in the 21st century.

1023. Introduction to Christian Ministry.
An introduction to Christian ministry, including theological foundations and practical applications. Fall, Spring.

2223. Introduction to Student Ministry.
An introduction to the foundations, relationships, and programming of student ministry in the local church. Fall of odd-numbered years.

3103. Christian Counseling.
A study of principles and techniques of counseling with attention given to certain problem areas confronting Christian counselors. Spring.

3123. Communicating the Gospel.
An introduction into the process of moving from the biblical message to a presentation of the gospel. The course will include Bible studies, multi-media presentations, teaching events, and other means of communicating the gospel. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. [CAC-O] Fall, Spring.
3153. Discipleship Ministry in the Church.
A study of how church leaders can help Christians mature in their faith through the ministry of discipleship. The course includes theological background and a survey of traditional, contemporary and creative methods of discipleship. Prerequisite: THEO 1003. Fall of odd-numbered years.

3223. Advanced Student Ministry.
A study of selected life issues encountered by students and ministers to students. Prerequisite: CHMN 2223. Fall of even-numbered years.

3403. Evangelism and the Church.
An introduction to the theology and methods of evangelism and church growth. Spring of even-numbered years.

A serious study of the theology of ministry and the ministry tasks common to most full-time ministers, such as leadership issues, crisis ministry, relational ministry, and spiritual development. Prerequisite: CHMN 1023. Spring of odd-numbered years.

3433. CHMN Internship.
The internship consists of a supervised ministry experience and must be approved in advance by the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries and the Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. The course will be graded on a Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory basis where Satisfactory is defined as a grade of C or higher. Fall, Spring.

3793. Worship and Witness.
A study of worship practices among Christians in relationship to the living witness of worshipers. Attention will be given to the persuasive influence of various elements and acts of worship in forming the distinctive identity of Christ’s followers as the Church, being “in the world, but not of the world.” Spring of even-numbered years.

A study of critical issues related to the ministry of Christian counseling including contemporary cultural, psychological, and sociological trends. Prerequisite: CHMN 3103. Spring of odd-numbered years.

4213. Homiletics.
A study of the nature, preparation, and delivery of biblical sermons and Bible studies. This course will investigate both traditional and contemporary methods of sermon writing and style. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. [CAC-O] Fall.

4323. Ministry Recreation.
A study of church recreation, Christian camping, and outdoor ministry. The course will examine theological foundations and practical applications for ministry recreation. The course is designed for students preparing to lead ministries that will utilize recreation. Spring of odd-numbered years.

4406. Supervised Hospital Ministry.
A supervised practicum designed to help students increase proficiency in interpersonal skills and ministry in a hospital environment. Prerequisites: Junior standing and faculty approval. Also listed as SOCI 3006. Summer I (at Baptist Medical Center in Little Rock).

Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries and the Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. On Demand.
Department of Christian Missions (MSSN)

Professor T. Carter, Chair

The Department of Christian Missions seeks to help students understand the history, theology, purposes and challenges of the Christian mission, and to prepare students to proclaim the Gospel effectively in the global community of the 21st century.

Special Note: Students seeking to acquire a Christian Studies major with an emphasis in Christian Missions are expected to participate in at least one pre-approved international missions experience. More experience is desirable.

2303. Introduction to Christian Missions.
A study of the biblical basis of missions and a survey of current missiological trends and practices. Fall, Spring.

3073. Christian Missions Study Trip.
This course consists of a study trip providing international or national missions experience. The focus will be on the study of missions through classroom preparation and practical application on the mission field. **Summer of odd-numbered years.**

3103. ESL.
A study of current methods and materials used for teaching reading, writing, listening and speaking in English as a Second Language, with a view to how such programs are utilized in mission work. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

3203. Missiology.
An in-depth inquiry into the biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic dimensions of current missiological thought and practice. Prerequisite: MSSN 2303 or permission of instructor. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

3323. Contemporary Cults.
An examination of important contemporary cult groups in relationship to the Christian faith. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

3343. History of Missions.
A survey of the expansion of Christianity through missions from Pentecost to the present. **Fall of even-numbered years.**

3403. World Religions.
A study of the major living religions other than Christianity. **Fall, Spring.**

3433. MSSN Internship.
The internship consists of a supervised, cross-cultural missions experience and must be approved in advance by a designated Department of Missions faculty member and the Dean of the Pruett School of Christian Studies. The course will be graded on a Satisfactory-Unsatisfactory basis where Satisfactory is defined as a grade of C or higher. **Fall, Spring.**

4303. Missions Methodology.
A survey of methodologies used by missionaries in the past, an introduction to contemporary methodologies and a look at future trends in missiological practice, with a view to evaluating their biblical relevance and relationship to the expansion of Christianity. Prerequisite: MSSN 2303 or permission of instructor. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

4313. Intercultural Communication.
A study of the principles that impact the success (or failure) of the communication process between people from different cultures. Students will learn to “exegete” a cultural audience and create strategies for communicating important messages, biblical or otherwise, to that culture. Also listed as SPCM 4313. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing or consent of instructor. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

4323. Islam.
An examination of the beliefs, practices, and diverse communities of Islamic traditions. Topics include contemporary issues and Christian response. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing. **Fall.**

Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department of Christian Missions and the Dean of the Pruett School of Christian Studies. **On Demand.**
Department of Christian Theology (THEO)  
Professor M. Pate, Chair

Mission Statement:
The Department of Christian Theology seeks to introduce students to the systematic study of the Christian faith and to help them create a theological foundation for their expressions of this faith. The focus is on inspiring and equipping students to reflect theologically on their own lifestyles, their ministries as professionals or laypeople, their encounters with people of other faiths or ideologies, and their personal expressions of worship.

1003. Spiritual Formation.  
A course focusing on the personal spiritual growth of students involved in Christian ministry.  
Fall, Spring.

3103. Theology of Worship.  
A biblical and theological study of Christian worship and prayer with special emphasis on their communal dimensions. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Spring of odd-numbered years.

3323. History of Christianity.  
A study of the development of Christianity from the close of the New Testament period to the present with emphasis on evangelical forms of the faith and special attention to Baptists. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing. Fall, Spring.

3203. Christian Apologetics.  
A study of the Christian faith as a comprehensive world view. Special attention is paid to Christian responses to secular objections and competing world views. Spring of even-numbered years.

4433. History of American Christianity  
A study of varied expressions of faith, movements and controversies among Christians in the United States from the colonial age to present. Included will be summary introductions of other large religious groups such as Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing. Spring of odd-numbered years.

4133. Old Testament Theology.  
A study of the major theological concepts and themes of the Old Testament. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Fall of odd-numbered years.


4403. Christian Theology.  
A systematic study of the Christian faith, focusing on both method and content. Prerequisite: BIST 2023, Senior Standing. Fall, Spring.

4533. Spiritual Life in Romans  
This course is an advanced study of Christian spirituality as reflected in the theological framework of Paul’s letter to the Romans. Prerequisite: BIST 2023. Fall of even-numbered years.

Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department of Theology and the Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. On Demand.

Latin (LATN)

2203. Elementary Latin I.  
An introduction to classical Latin. The course focuses on grammar, syntax, and vocabulary. On Demand.

2213. Elementary Latin II.  
A continuation of LATN 2203. On Demand.

3203. Intermediate Latin I.  
A course focusing on the upper reaches of classical Latin grammar and syntax. On Demand.

3213. Intermediate Latin II.  
A course focusing on the translation of various classical Latin poems and prose pieces. On Demand.
Department of Philosophy (PHIL)
Professor B. Eubanks, Chair

Mission Statement:
The Department of Philosophy seeks to provide a context in which students can think critically and creatively about fundamental questions posed by human life and experience. Confident that the search for truth ultimately points toward God as its source, we encourage students to participate in and contribute to the philosophic quest for truth, wisdom, and the meaningful life. We seek to engender a reflective approach to life that produces integrity of belief and action.

In the discipline of Philosophy, students may choose (1) to major in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Philosophy or (2) to receive a traditional major in Philosophy (see below).

For Christian Studies majors an emphasis in Philosophy requires 12 hours from the classes listed below, excluding 1003 and 4013 which are required as part of the Christian Studies Basic Requirements.

Students seeking a traditional Major in Philosophy must satisfy the following requirements (total of 27 hours):

- PHIL 1003 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1023 Logic
- PHIL 4053 Philosophy of Religion
- THEO 4403 Christian Theology

Two of the following:
- PHIL 3223 Ancient Philosophy
- PHIL 3293 Modern Philosophy
- PHIL 4233 Contemporary Philosophy

Nine (9) additional hours of PHIL classes.

A Minor in Philosophy must satisfy the following requirements (total of 18 hours):

- PHIL 1003 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1023 Logic

Twelve (12) additional hours from PHIL, six of which must be at the Junior/Senior level.

1003. Introduction to Philosophy.
A study of the basic concerns of philosophy which seeks to introduce the student to the spirit of reasoned inquiry and to encourage a reflective approach to life. **Fall, Spring.**

1023. Logic.
An introduction to critical thinking and traditional logic including argument analysis, fallacies, and basic symbolic logic. **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

2163. Death and Dying.
A study of the role of death in human experience, including historical and cultural views of death and afterlife, the nature of grief, and ethical issues related to death and dying. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

3053. Western Political Thought I
As a systematic intellectual enterprise, theories of political philosophy address perennial problems of political relations. This course is an intensive analysis of the principal political theorists in the Western tradition from Plato through Machiavelli. Primary emphasis on their texts is complemented by consideration of the historical contexts within which they wrote. Also listed as PSCI 3053. **Fall.**

3063. Western Political Thought II.
As a systematic intellectual enterprise, theories of political philosophy address perennial problems of political relations. This course is an intensive analysis of the principal political theorists in the Western tradition extending from Hobbes onward. Primary emphasis on their texts is complemented by consideration of the historical contexts within which they wrote. Also listed as PSCI 3063. **Spring.**

3073. Metaphysics and Epistemology.
A study of contemporary problems and issues in metaphysics and epistemology. **Spring of even-numbered years.**
3183. **Issues in Science and Religion.**
A study of the processes and products of theological reflection and scientific inquiry and issues that arise in the interaction of the two enterprises. Also listed as NSCI 3183. **Fall of even-numbered years.**

3223. **Ancient Philosophy.**
A study of the ideas and arguments of major philosophers of ancient Greece and Rome. Prerequisite: PHIL 1023 or permission of instructor. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

3293. **Modern Philosophy.**
A study of major philosophers and philosophical movements from the Renaissance through the 18th Century. Prerequisite: PHIL 1023 or permission of instructor. **Fall of even-numbered years.**

4013. **Christian Ethics.**
A study of ethical analysis and decision-making within the context of a Christian worldview. **Fall, Spring.**

4053. **Philosophy of Religion.**
A study of the philosophy of religion, its method and the philosophical issues related to religious commitment. [CAC-W and CAC-O] **Fall of odd-numbered years.**

4233. **Contemporary Philosophy.**
A study of major philosophers and philosophical movements of the 19th and 20th Centuries. Prerequisite: PHIL 1023 or permission of instructor. **Spring of odd-numbered years.**

4243. **Workplace Ethics.**
A study of ethical issues, dilemmas and desirable virtues pertinent to the workplace and common to many professions and careers. **Spring of even-numbered years.**

4783. **On the Ouachita.**
An interdisciplinary and place-based approach to environmental ethics. The course incorporates perspectives from disciplines such as history, natural science, and leisure studies and requires field work and travel after the end of the regular semester. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor. Also listed as BIOL 4783, HIST 4783, and LST 4783. **On Demand.**

4801-4893. **Special Studies in Philosophy.**
Independent study in philosophy. Prerequisite: Permission of the Chair of the Department of Philosophy and the Dean of the Pruet School of Christian Studies. **On Demand.**