# Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries

Evangel University's Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries (TGCM) draws upon Central Bible College, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, and Evangel University's experience in preparing pastors, missionaries, chaplains, theologians, and educators for Spirit-empowered leadership in ministries worldwide.

Integrating the best of all three traditions, the department delivers enhanced ministerial education in a variety of traditional, hybrid, and accelerated formats. In association with the Center for Holy Land Studies, TGCM offers enhanced contextual learning in the land of the Bible.

Undergraduate degree programs are offered in Biblical Studies, Church Leadership - In Person, Church Leadership – Online, Intercultural Studies, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, preaching, Biblical Languages, and Philosophy. (Any of these may be designed as a pre-seminary program with appropriate elective courses.) Master's and doctoral degrees are awarded through Assemblies of God Theological Seminary at Evangel.

In the Fast Track "4+1" program, a student may earn a bachelor's degree leading to an accelerated Master of Arts degree from AGTS in a total of five years. The "4+1" program is also available to every student at EU through our Pre-Seminary Minor. Contact the department of Theology and Global Church Ministries for additional information and a degree plan.

**Core Curriculum.** To fulfill its stated purpose, EU prepares Christian men and women to be effective in the ministries of local churches, in their families, in their careers, and in their role as citizens. To this end, **all students are required to take 18 credit hours of biblical and theological studies as part of the Core Curriculum total of 53 - 59 credits (depending on your desired program).** The 18-credit requirement is met by the following sequence of 3-credit courses: BIBL 111, 115, and 116, one course in the BIBL 360s-370s series, ICST 350, THEO 320. New students are expected to take BIBL 111 in their first semester and to complete BIBL 115 and 116 within their first 4 semesters. Students are expected to complete one course from the BIBL 360s-370s series by the end of their junior year. ICST Global Connections (see below for more info) can be taken at any point, and THEO 320 is designed as the capstone Core Curriculum course.

ENGL 111 is required for all book studies. Because the curriculum of biblical and theological studies is integral to the mission of EU, students who do not plan to graduate from Evangel still are expected to take courses from this sequence during their semesters of residence at the university.

**Philosophy and the Humanities Elective.** All TGCM majors require 1-3 courses in Philosophy to complete the University's Core Curriculum humanities elective (see program requirements for details). Also, a philosophy course can serve as the humanities elective for a non-theology

student (see your program advisor to confirm)

**Biblical Languages.** As part of the Core Curriculum for the Bachelor of Arts degree, Theology dept majors should take one year of either Greek or Hebrew. Alternate languages are considered on a case-by-case basis in conjunction with one's advisor and the department chair, in relation to the calling of the student. For Bachelor of Science degree seeking students, a course if Biblical Languages Software is required as one of the two additional science-related courses required for the BS.

**Ministerial Credentials.** A credentialing seminar is offered through the TGCM. Any EU student can enroll in the credentialing course which may only be taken following the completion of the Core Curriculum and is recommended no earlier than the first semester of the student's senior year. Upon satisfactory completion of the Core Curriculum and the credentialing seminar and according to the policy of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, students who earn a bachelor's degree from Evangel have satisfied all educational expectations for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God as outlined by the General Presbytery. This policy applies only to ministerial licensing. To receive a higher level of credentials the student must review the policy of the district in which they are seeking credentials.

**Global Connections (ICST 350)**
As part of the Bible Core Curriculum, Evangel expects all students to have a cross-cultural experience. This requirement is met in two parts. One is the online 1-credit ICST 350 course which is offered every semester. The second part is a 2-credit lab experience which is completed by going one of the scheduled Global Connections trips. Local and previous experience lab options are also available. The 1-credit course and the lab should be taken in the same semester. See the Department of Theology for more information. theology@evangel.edu

**Fast Track "4+1" program**
Fast Track course replacements:

- THEO 560 for THEO 320
- HIS 528 for THEO 434
- HIS 556 for Church History Elective

**Bible and Theology Department**
Because the Bible stands at the center of Evangel University's curriculum, the courses offered by the Department of Bible and Theology are designed 1) to help students understand the content of the Old and New Testaments, 2) to provide tools that help students carefully and wisely interpret these Scriptures, 3) to increase students' understanding of Christian theology and, in particular, to develop an appreciation of the Pentecostal/charismatic tradition, and 4) to lay the foundation for Christ-centered decision-making in the home, within a fellowship of believers, in the workplace, and as active citizens.

## Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies

The Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries offers a major, a concentration, and a minor in Biblical Studies. These programs, particularly the major, prepare students for either graduate study or vocational ministry.

For all programs in Biblical Studies, the Department specifies how Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an

advising form available in the Department office. Each student should work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor from the Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries.
The ***Biblical Studies major*** consists of 30 semester credits beyond Core Curriculum requirements and can be earned as either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

To complete the BA degree, the following courses are required: BIBL 111, 115, 116, 296, 337, and two of 360s-370s (one from each testament), ICST 350, THEO 320, one of THEO 334-337, THEO 360, THEO 434, THEO 445 and 446, and six upper-division elective credits with either BIBL, CHMN, GREK, HEBR, ICST, JWST, PHIL, RELG, SERV, or THEO prefixes.
Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this major including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3).
- 10 hours of Greek or Hebrew (all in one year.
- 9 hours of Philosophy, including one logic-related course, one introductory course, and one upper-division course.

## Bachelor of Science in Biblical Studies

The ***Bachelor of Science degree in Biblical Studies*** requires the following courses: BIBL 111, 115, 116, 296, 337, and two of 360s-370s (one from each testament), ICST 350, THEO 320, one of THEO 334-337, THEO 360, THEO 434, THEO 445 and 446, and six upper-division elective credits with BIBL, CHMN, GREK, HEBR, ICST, JWST, PHIL, RELG, SERV, or THEO prefixes.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this major include:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- BIBL 353 Intro to Biblical Languages and Software
- A 3 credit Technology-related course
- 9 hours of Philosophy, including one logic-related course, one introductory course, and one upper-division course

The ***Biblical Studies concentration*** consists of 30 semester credits, including designated Core Curriculum requirements. The concentration consists of the following courses: BIBL 111, 115, 116, 296, 337, and one of 360s-370s, ICST 350, THEO 320, 434, at least one of THEO 334, 335, 336, 337, 444, 445, or 446, and 3 upper-division elective credits with BIBL, CHMN, GREK, HEBR, ICST, JWST, PHIL, RELG, SERV, or THEO prefixes.

**Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this concentration include:**

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- 6 hours of Philosophy including one logic-related course, one introductory or upper division course

The ***Biblical Studies minor*** consists of a minimum of 24 credits. The minor consists of the following courses: BIBL 111, 115, 116, 320, and one of 360s-370s, ICST 350 in addition to BIBL 296 and 3 upper-division elective credits with BIBL, CHMN, GREK, HEBR, ICST, JWST, PHIL, RELG, SERV, or

THEO prefixes. An option includes substituting one year of a biblical language for BIBL 296 and an upper-division elective. Students are strongly advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program for the Biblical Studies minor in consultation with an advisor from the Theology and Global

A ***Biblical Studies Minor can also be completed by completing*** BIBL 111, 115, 116, 320, and one of 360s-370s, ICST 350 and either one year of Greek or one year of Hebrew.

A ***Greek minor*** consists of 22 credits of Greek (or 12 credits beyond the first year). Requirements for the Greek minor include GREK 115 and 116 (5 credits each), 315 and 316 (3 credits each), and 415 and 416 (3 credits each). Church Ministries Department.

## Biblical Studies Courses

*Note: BIBL 296 and all courses above BIBL 300 require ENGL 111.*

**BIBL 111: Essential Christianity (3 cr.)** Introduces central concerns of the Christian life with emphasis on three main areas. Topics include spiritual growth, integration of faith and learning as a way of developing a Christian worldview and finding one's place in life in response to God's call. BIBL 115 or 116 may be taken concurrently with BIBL 111.

**BIBL 115: Old Testament Literature (3 cr.)** Introduces analytical survey of the Old Testament in its historical-cultural and literary context. Corequisite: BIBL 111 or Prerequisite: BIBL 111.

**BIBL 116: New Testament Literature (3 cr.)** Introduces analytical survey of the New Testament in its historical-cultural and literary context. Corequisite: BIBL 111 or Prerequisite: BIBL 111.

**BIBL 290/490: Readings in Biblical Studies (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in biblical literature under direction of a faculty member. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor.

**BIBL 296: Sophomore Seminar (3 cr.)** Introduces elementary principles of biblical interpretation and theological research methods. Topics include study of the English language versions of the Bible. Prerequisite: Sophomore status and ENGL 111.

**BIBL 337: Hermeneutics (3 cr.)** Explores study and application of biblical interpretation. Prerequisite: 2 semesters of Hebrew or Greek, BIBL 296, and ENGL 212, or permission of the professor.

**BIBL 350: Geography of Israel (3 cr.)** Examines the physical geography of Israel. Topics include topography, natural regional divisions, major cities and roadways, neighbors, defenses, climate, crops, rainfall, soil-types, produce, and demographics to help develop awareness of dynamics biblical authors assume their readers already know. Uses state of the art digitized satellite and video imagery to create a virtual Israel every class period. Prerequisite: BIBL 115 or BIBL 116.

**BIBL 351: Survey of Intertestamental History and Literature (3 cr.)** Discusses the history of Israel in the Intertestamental period. Topics include literary genres of the

period upon which reconstructions of its history are based, comparative analysis using historical and literary data and New Testament Interpretation. Prerequisite: BIBL 116 and 296, or permission of the professor.

**BIBL 352: Jewish Backgrounds of the New Testament (3 cr.)** Explores Palestinian Jewish backgrounds important to its understanding, which may otherwise go unexplained. Topics include history, culture, languages, religion, and institutions of the New Testament. Prerequisite: BIBL 115 and 296, or permission of the professor.

**BIBL 353: Introduction to Biblical Languages and Software (3 cr.)** Introduces the alphabet, morphology, grammar, and syntax of New Testament Greek and Old Testament Hebrew. Topics include intensive and extensive use of biblical software package, intelligent use of standard scholarly tools, application of benefits of computing technology to the task of interpreting Scripture. Requirements: Ownership of Mac of PC to use software.

**BIBL 355: The World of the Bible (3 cr.)** Provides students with onsite field and Bible study in Israel and Jordan. Topics include geographical characteristics of the land; historical, archeological, and cultural features which shaped the world of the Bible; its events and message. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, 116, and 296 or permission of professor.

**BIBL 360-369: Old Testament Biblical Studies (3 cr.)** Discusses Old Testament books or problems, including readings surveying the entire Old Testament. Topics include a unit on procedures for interpreting the Bible. Yearly, the department selects the specific studies, and course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisites: BIBL 115 and 116.

**BIBL 370-379: New Testament Biblical Studies (3 cr.)** Discusses New Testament books or problems, including readings surveying the entire New Testament. Topics include a unit on procedures for interpreting the Bible. Yearly, the department selects the specific studies, and course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisites: BIBL 115 and 116.

**BIBL 450: The Dead Sea Scrolls and The New Testament (3 cr.)** Explores the history of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls and subsequent Scrolls scholarship. Topics include identity and beliefs of the sect, contents of the scrolls, how the scrolls apply to Biblical studies, how to interpret the Scrolls texts, and how to use the information contained in the Scrolls to reconstruct intertestamental Judaism more accurately, and comparative use of the Scrolls in New Testament interpretation. Prerequisite: BIBL 115 and 296 or permission of the professor.

**BIBL 470-479: Special Topics in Biblical Studies (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include hermeneutical methodology, textual criticism, textual transmission, historical setting, or background to the text. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: BIBL 296 or permission of the professor.

**BIBL 496: Biblical Studies Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

## Religion Courses

**RELG 290/490: Readings in Religion (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as

needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in religion under direction of a faculty member. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor .

**RELG 334: Comparative Religions (3 cr.)** Explores the living religions of the world, comparing their historical and cultural backgrounds, philosophies, teachings, and influence. Cross-listed with ANTH 334.

**RELG 350: The Jewish Holocaust (3 cr.)** Explores the events and issues related to the Jewish Holocaust. Topics include oral history, poetry, media, and other reflections. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

**RELG 433: Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics (3 cr.)** Examines topics in the philosophy of religion. Topics include relation of faith to reason, arguments for God's existence, problem of evil, nature of miracles, historicity of the resurrection, challenge of religious pluralism, and coherence of Christian theism and its effective communication. Prerequisite: 3 hrs. of philosophy.

**RELG 435: Sociology of Religion (3 cr.)** Explores the study of religion and the church from the sociological perspective. Topics include theories about religion and society with focus on church attendance, secularization, and social change. Cross-listed with SOCI 435. Prerequisite: SOCI 111.

**RELG 439: Psychology of Religion (3 cr.)** Encourages students to think psychologically about religious phenomena from the perspective of evangelical Christianity. Topics include assumptions and methods of psychological approaches to the study of religious beliefs, experiences, and behaviors; integration of psychology and theology; and a review of research findings. Cross-listed with PSYC 439. Prerequisites: Junior standing and PSYC 112 or PSYC 138.

**RELG 470-479: Special Topics in Religion (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include the study of religion, religious traditions, themes, texts, or issues. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: BIBL 296 or permission of professor.

**RELG 496: Seminar in Religion (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

## Theology Courses

**THEO 290/490: Readings in Theology (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in theological literature. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor.

**THEO 320: Pentecost (3 cr.)** Explores the role of the Holy Spirit in personal transformation as demonstrated in the Pentecostal movement. Topics include interdisciplinary methods to ask, "How do stories shape our lives?", reading and writing spiritual and personal biographies and autobiographies to grasp the importance of "bearing witness" not only to the Pentecostal movement, but also to the world at large in their own lives. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, and 116.

**THEO 334: The Early Church (3 cr.)** Examines early Christian leaders and their

thoughts from AD 100 to 600. Topics include first four ecumenical councils. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, 116, and one PHIL course.

**THEO 335: The Middle Ages and Beginnings of Renewal (3 cr.)** Explores the development of theology and doctrine throughout the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Topics include Augustine, Boethius, Anselm, Thomas Aquinas, Wycliffe, and Hus. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, 116, and one PHIL course

**THEO 336: The Reformation and Its Legacy (3 cr.)** Introduces major societal/theological forces, events, and personalities that produced the 16th century Protestant Reformation. Topics include developments in the post-Reformation period including the Catholic reformation, rise of confessional Protestantism, and the wars of religion leading to the Peace of Westphalia (1648). Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, 116 and one PHIL course.

**THEO 337: Contemporary Christian Thought (3 cr.)** Analyzes theology from the 19th century to the present. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, 116 and one PHIL course.

**THEO 360: Systematic Theology Survey (3 cr.)** Examines systematic theology with a view to articulating a strategic summary of its major themes. Topics include revelation to eschatology and explicating the logical coherence of a Christian worldview. Prerequisites: BIBL 111, 115, and 116.

**THEO 434: Pentecostal Foundations (3 cr.)** Examines the history and theology of Pentecostalism. Prerequisite: THEO 320.

**THEO 440: Theology and Christian Literature (3 cr.)** Discusses writers who deal significantly with matters of Christian faith in their works. Cross-listed with THEO 440.

**THEO 445: Old Testament Theology (3 cr.)** Explains major Old Testament themes. Topics include hermeneutical issues and key figures in Old Testament study. Prerequisite: BIBL 337.

**THEO 446: New Testament Theology (3 cr.)** Explains major New Testament themes. Topics include hermeneutical issues and key figures in New Testament study. Prerequisite: BIBL 337.

**THEO 470-479: Special Topics in Theology (3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include theology, theological traditions, themes, texts, or issues. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: BIBL 296 or permission of the professor.

**THEO 496: Theology Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

**Fast Track course substitutions**
THEO 560 for THEO 320
HIS 528 for THEO 434
HIS 556 for Church History Elective

## Biblical Languages

The Theology and Global Church Ministries Department offers a major and a concentration in Biblical Languages, a minor in Greek, and a minor in Hebrew. These programs, particularly the major in Biblical Languages, are designed to prepare students

for either graduate study or vocational ministry.

The ***Biblical Languages major*** consists of 31 credits. The Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. The major consists of the following courses:

- GREK 115-116 Elementary Hellenistic Greek (10 credits)
- HEBR 115-116 Elementary Biblical Hebrew (10 credits)
- 9 additional credits (three terms) of either GREK or HEBR
- Six upper division (300 or 400 level) elective credits from the following: GREK, HEBR, Aramaic, Biblical Exegesis, Linguistics or Hermeneutics
- Other courses approved by the Department

The ***Biblical Languages concentration*** consists of 26 credits. These credits may be earned with 2 years of Greek (16 credits) and 1 year of Hebrew (10 credits) **or** 2 years of Hebrew (16 credits) and 1 year of Greek (10 credits).

A ***Greek minor*** consists of 22 credits of Greek (or 12 credits beyond the first year). Requirements for the Greek minor include GREK 115 and 116 (5 credits each), 315 and 316 (3 credits each), and 415 and 416 (3 credits each).

A **Hebrew minor** consists of 22 credits of Hebrew (or 12 credits beyond the first year). Requirements for the Hebrew minor include HEBR 115 and 116 (5 credits each), 315 and 316 (3 credits each), and 415 and 416 (3 credits each).

## Biblical Language Courses

**GREK 115-116: Elementary Hellenistic Greek (5 cr.)** Explains elementary grammar, syntax, and vocabulary with selected readings from the New Testament and other Hellenistic writings.

**GREK 315-316: Intermediate Hellenistic Greek (3 cr.)** Explores selected readings from various genre of the New Testament and other Hellenistic writings with attention to building vocabulary and expanding understanding of syntax. Topics include translation and exegetical procedures. Prerequisite: GREK 115-116 or equivalent.

**GREK 415-416: Advanced Hellenistic Greek (3 cr.)** Explores selected readings from various genre of the New Testament and other Hellenistic writings. Topics include exegesis, textual criticism, and theological application. Prerequisites: GREK 315-316.

**GREK 490-491: Independent Studies in Greek (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized reading program in Hellenistic Greek under the direction of a faculty member in the department. Prerequisites: Permission of professor, advisor, and department chair.

**GREK 496: Greek Studies Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor
HEBR 115-116: Elementary Biblical Hebrew (5 cr.) Explains elementary grammar, syntax, and vocabulary with selected readings from the Old Testament.

**HEBR 315-316: Intermediate Biblical Hebrew (3 cr.)** Explores selected readings

from various genre of the Old Testament with attention to building vocabulary and expanding understanding of syntax. Topics include translation and exegetical procedures. Prerequisite: HEBR 115-116 or equivalent.

**HEBR 415-416: Advanced Biblical Hebrew (3 cr.)** Explores selected readings from various genre of the Old Testament. Topics include exegesis, textual criticism, and theological application. Prerequisites: HEBR 315-316 or equivalent.

**HEBR 490-491: Independent Studies in Biblical Hebrew (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized reading program in Hebrew under the direction of a faculty member in the department. Prerequisites: Permission of professor, advisor, and department chair.

**HEBR 496: Hebrew Studies Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

## Philosophy

The Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries offers a concentration and a minor in Philosophy. These programs prepare students for graduate study and provide critical tools for a variety of academic endeavors.

For the concentration and minor in Philosophy, the department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. Students are advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor in the Bible and Theology Department.

The ***Philosophy concentration*** consists of 24 credits. The concentration includes the following courses:

- PHIL 110 or 111
- PHIL 115
- PHIL 330 and 337
- 12 elective credits with PHIL prefixes

The ***Philosophy minor*** consists of 18 credits. The minor includes the following courses:

- PHIL 110 or 111
- PHIL 115
- At least two courses from PHIL 335, 336, or 337
- 9 elective credits with PHIL prefixes

### Philosophy Courses

*Note: All courses above 300 require ENGL 111.*

**PHIL 110: Introduction to Critical Reasoning (3 cr.)** Explores informal and inductive reasoning. Topics include recognizing and evaluating arguments and fallacies in ordinary, literary, and scientific contexts. Meets Core Curriculum Humanities Option.

**PHIL 111: Introduction to Deductive Logic (3 cr.)** Explains principles of correct thinking, focusing on deductive reasoning. Topics include symbolic logic, proofs of validity, and beginning predicate logic.

**PHIL 115: Introduction of Philosophy (3 cr.)** Introduces the nature, problems, methods, concepts, and divisions of

philosophy. Topics include engaging key philosophical questions from a Christian perspective. Meets Core Curriculum Humanities Option.

**PHIL 118: Introduction to Ethics (3 cr.)** Introduces moral reasoning, key ethical systems, and a biblical ethical framework with a view to addressing the major moral issues in contemporary society.

**PHIL 230: History and Philosophy of Science (3 cr.)** Explores the history and philosophy of science and their effects on the actual practice of science today. Topics include an explanation of the logic and operation of science. Required by the State of Missouri for secondary science teacher certification. May be used to meet the Core Curriculum options. Cross-listed as GSCI 230.

**PHIL 290/490: Readings in Philosophy (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in philosophy under direction of a faculty member. Prerequisite: PHIL 115 and permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor.

**PHIL 330 Ancient & Medieval Philosophy (3 cr.)** A strategic survey of western philosophy from the Pre-socratics through the 16th century Scholastics. Special attention will be given to Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Boethius, Anselm and Aquinas. Prerequisite: three (3) credits of philosophy.

**PHIL 334: Political Philosophy (3 cr.)** Examines foundational principles of Western political and social philosophy from Augustine to the present. Topics include philosophers such as Aquinas, Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, and Marx. Cross-listed with GOVT 334.

**PHIL 337: Modern and Contemporary Philosophy (3 cr.)** Explores western philosophy from Descartes through Plantinga. Topics include important issues giving rise to the development of rationalism, empiricism, existentialism, postmodernism, and other important schools of philosophy. Meets Core Curriculum Humanities Option.

**PHIL 365: Aesthetics (3 cr.)** Explores the nature of art and beauty, including that of the natural world. Topics include key figures in the history of philosophy; theories regarding the nature of beauty, art, taste, and aesthetic experience; and Christian apologetic value of art and beauty. Meets Core Curriculum Artistic Expression Option.

**PHIL 415: Metaphysics and Epistemology (3 cr.)** Explores key topics and problems in metaphysics. Topics include general ontology- mind-body problem, and free will; epistemology- nature of knowledge, issues of foundationalism and coherentism, and skepticism.

**PHIL 433: Philosophy of Religion and Apologetics (3 cr.)** Examines topics in the philosophy of religion. Topics include relation of faith to reason, arguments for God's existence, problem of evil, nature of miracles, historicity of the resurrection, challenge of religious pluralism, and coherence of Christian theism and its effective communication. Prerequisite: PHIL 115.

**PHIL 470-479: Special Topics in Philosophy (3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include philosophical methodology, history,

axiology, and special area studies. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: Junior status and permission of professor
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**PHIL 496: Philosophy Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

## Bible Lands Study Program

Evangel students have the unique opportunity to study in the land of the Bible. Approximately every year, 2- to 3-week study trips (length varies from year to year) are taken to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan to study the Scriptures in their original contexts. Led by Theology and Global Church Ministries Department faculty, these experiences help students develop life-long tools to better understand the message of the Bible. Students have the option of earning 3 or 6 semester hours of credit through the Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries.

## Church Ministries Programs

The Church Ministries Programs exist to provide holistic Bible-based leadership programs to ensure the Body of Christ is being effectively matured and strengthened. Opportunities abound for well-prepared ministers who are thoughtful, passionate, and skilled in reaching their world with the love of Jesus Christ.

Evangel has equipped some of the world's great ministers and missionaries, helping them develop Bible-based thinking and reasoning, Holy Spirit inspired passion and compassion, and polished skills in preaching, teaching and leadership.

Professors in the Theology and Global Church Ministries department build on unique and diverse experiences in the local church and on the mission field when preparing and teaching courses. Evangel's embedded seminary also provides direct access to pursuing a graduate degree.

***Church Leadership Tracks.*** The Church Ministries Department offers a major, a concentration, and a minor in Church Leadership as well as a minor in Church Ministries. All Church Leadership programs, but particularly the major, are designed for those who are seeking to serve as leaders in the local church. They are intended to provide students with broad-based skill sets necessary for vocational, spiritual leaders.

For all programs in Church Ministries, the Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. Each student should work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor from the Theology and Global Church Ministries Department.
The ***Church Ministries (Leadership track) major*** is a comprehensive degree and consists of 53 semester credits and can be earned as either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The major consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, 337, Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Romans, CHMN 303, 311, 313, 320, 411, 420, 498, ICST 111, THEO 360, 444, either THEO 445 or 446, Apologetics and World Religions, PSYC 323, and 3 credit hours of Church Ministries elective.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this major including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)

- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- PHIL elective
- 6-8 hours of Greek or Hebrew (B.A. degree only)
- Intro to Biblical Languages and Software (B.S. degree only)
- Science elective (B.S. degree only)

The ***Church Leadership concentration*** consists of 27 semester credits. The concentration consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, CHMN 303, 311, 313 320, Pastoral Counseling, and 9 Church Ministries elective credits. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries program advisor.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this concentration including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Rhetoric (3)
- 3 hours of Philosophy

The ***Church Leadership minor*** consists of 18 credits. The minor consists of the following courses:
CHMN 303, 311, 320, and 9 elective credits with a CHMN prefix. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries program advisor.

Students are strongly advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program for the Church Leadership minor in consultation with an advisor from the Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries.

## Church Ministries Courses

**CHMN 303: Pentecostal Leadership (3 cr.)** Introduces practical guidelines for all, regardless of ministerial position, who feel the call to lead God's people. Topics include biblical characteristics of the leader, examination of major and minor figures of both testaments from a biblical-theological approach, leadership development, integrity, vision, Spirit-empowerment, servanthood, modeling, current leadership trends and/or methodologies in the church.

**CHMN 311: Great Commission Challenges 1 (3 cr.)** Explores a biblical theology of the Great Commission. Topics include an in-depth study of evangelism and discipleship principles, integration of discipleship principles within the context of the local Pentecostal church, presentation of a biblical God-centered Gospel and our Lord's approach to disciple making.

**CHMN 318: Pastoral Theology and Church Government (3 cr.)** Introduces biblical foundations of church governance. Topics include presbyterial, congregational, and Episcopal forms of church government, structure and organization of the Assemblies of God in the US including constitution and bylaws, unique tasks, and functions of pastoral ministry such as weddings, funerals, baptisms, baby dedications, and additional aspects of pastoral care.

**CHMN 320: Homiletics I (3 cr.)**
Introduces technical aspects of the sermon and its preparation. Topics include various kinds of sermons, analysis of students' prepared outlines.

**CHMN 411: Senior Capstone (3 cr.)**
Assists graduating students entering vocational ministry. Topics include credentialing, incorporation, parliamentary procedure, clergy tax, building maintenance, and risk management, maximization of leadership opportunities through the church staff and fellowship. Prerequisite: 90 hrs. of course work

**CHMN 420: Homiletics II (3 cr.)** Continues discussions from CHMN 320. Topics include practice of the preparation and delivery of sermons, class criticism, and development of rhetorical elements.

**CHMN 463: Preaching and Biblical Genres (3 cr.)** Examines genre-specific hermeneutical and homiletical principles for the preparation and delivery of biblical sermons. Topics include application of principles and student preaching.

**CHMN 470-479: Special Topics in Church Ministries (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include church ministries, youth ministries, children's ministries, and preaching. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: Junior status and permission of professor.

## Christian Service Courses

Christian Service courses prepare students for effective Christian witness and service. As such, they augment, but do not replace, EU's Core Curriculum courses in biblical and theological studies. These courses build on a biblical and theological foundation to provide specific strategies for witness and service, particularly for those who intend to serve as lay workers in the church or who wish to work in parachurch organizations.

*Note: All courses 300 and above require ENGL 111.*

**SERV 160: Introduction to Christian Service (2 cr.)** Introduces biblical theology of Christian service. Topics include survey of contemporary service and ministry opportunities in church and para-church organizations and service agencies. Prerequisite: BIBL 111

**SERV 210: Discipleship Training (1 cr.)** Introduces basic discipleship training. Topics include theological and practical groundwork for participating in the local church and sharing one's faith in the community.

**SERV 224: Lay Leadership (2 cr.)** Explores the total program of the church. Topics include organizational structure of the denomination and local church program. Prerequisite: SERV 160.

**SERV 290/490: Readings in Service (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in church ministry or community service under direction of a faculty member. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor .

**SERV 320: Public Speaking in the Church (3 cr.)** Introduces preparation of public presentations for use in the church. Topics include sermons, public Bible studies, devotional addresses, and storytelling, aids, reference sources, types and styles of public presentations in the church, outlining and constructing public presentations for specific audiences and occasions, preparing and delivering one or more public addresses. Prerequisite: THEO 216 or junior/senior standing.

**SERV 470-479: Christian Service Studies (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include methodology, history, or contemporary issues of Christian service and special area studies. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: Junior status and permission of professor.

**SERV 480-489: Special Service Topics (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include methodology, history, or contemporary issues of Christian service and special area studies. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: Junior status and permission of professor.

**SERV 496: Service Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

**SERV 498: Service Practicum (1-3 cr.)** Provides students with a supervised field experience in a church, service organization, or other institutional setting for practical application of the nature and scope of service. Prerequisites: Junior status and permission of program coordinator.

## Youth Ministries Programs

The Theology and Global Church Ministries Department offers a major, a concentration, and a minor in Youth Ministries. All Youth Ministries programs, but particularly the major, are designed to equip and prepare students for comprehensive ministry focused on youth. Graduates from this program are expected to serve as leaders in ministries that will impact students who are junior high school age through college age.

For all programs in Church Ministries, the Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. Each student should work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor from the Theology and Global Church Ministries Department.

The ***Youth Ministries major*** is a comprehensive degree and consists of 53 semester credits and can be earned as either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The major consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, 337, Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Romans, CHMN 203, 303, 313, 320, 323, 333, 393, 420, 433, 498, 412, THEO 360, and 445 or 446.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this major, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- PSYC 235 is recommended for the Social Science elective
- 3 hours of Philosophy
- 6-8 hours of a Foreign Language, Greek or Hebrew (B.A. degree only)
- Intro to Biblical Languages and Software (B.S. degree only)
- Science elective (B.S. degree only)

The ***Youth Ministries concentration*** consists of 27 semester credits. The concentration consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, CHMN 203, 323, 333, 393, 320, 412, 433, Adolescent Ethnography, and 3 Church Ministries elective credits. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries program advisor.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this concentration, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- 3 hours of Philosophy

The ***Youth Ministries minor*** consists of 18 credits. The minor consists of the following courses: CHMN 203, 323, 333,

393, and 6 Church Ministries elective credits. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries Department Chair.

Students are strongly advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program for the Youth minor in consultation with an advisor from the Department of Church Ministries.

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**CHMN 203: Strategic Youth Ministry (3 cr.)** Explores philosophy of youth ministry. Topics include call of a youth pastor, goal setting, developing a personal philosophy of youth ministry. For youth ministry majors, aspects of this course take place from within the residential component of the Youth Ministry Learning community.

**CHMN 323: Youth in Ministry (3 cr.)** Explores involving youth in ministry within the context of the local church. Topics include equipping youth for personally participating in various ministries of the church, discovery and implementation of spiritual gifts and natural abilities, engagement of active contributions towards the mission of the larger community of faith, applying theological information towards fulfilling biblical mandates, and missional living. Prerequisite: CHMN 203.

**CHMN 333: Youth Discipleship (3 cr.)** Explores the development of an effective strategy for youth discipleship. Topics include disciplining and mentoring youth advisors and students, leading students to develop a sustainable devotional life.

**CHMN 393: Youth Evangelism (3 cr.)** Discusses the personal evangelization of youth and ministry on the senior high school campus. Topics include legal and practical aspects of access and acceptable activities, Chi Alpha.

## Children's Ministry Programs

The Theology and Global Church Ministries Department offers a major, a concentration, and a minor in Children's Ministries. All Children's Ministries programs, but particularly the major, are designed in conjunction with the Assemblies of God national KidMin curriculum, Hydrate, for those who are seeking to minister to children within the context of the local church and beyond. They are intended to provide students with broad-based skill sets necessary for ministry to children in the 21st Century.

For all programs in Church Ministries, the Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. Each student should work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor from the Church Ministries program.

The ***Church Ministries (Children's and Family track) major*** is a comprehensive degree and consists of 48 semester credits and can be earned as either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The major consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Romans, CHMN 303, 313, 320, 326, 351-354, 498, 411, Children's Ministry Elective (3 cr.) THEO 360, 445 or 446,

Children's Ministry elective options include EDUC 226, 221, 271, SOCI 336, or PSYC 237.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this major, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3) (Effective Communication Option)
- 3 hours of Philosophy (Humanities Elective)
- PSYC 234 or PSYC 237 is recommended as a replacement for PSYC 138 Psychology of Healthy Relationships
- 6-8 hours of a Foreign Language, Greek or Hebrew (B.A. degree only)
- Intro to Biblical Languages and Software (B.S. degree only)
- Science elective (B.S. degree only)

The ***Children's Ministries concentration*** consists of 25 semester credits. The concentration consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, CHMN 326, 320, 351-354, 411, and 3 Church Ministries elective credits. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries program advisor.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- 3 hours of Philosophy

The ***Children's Ministries minor*** consists of 19 credits. The minor consists of the following courses: CHMN 311, 326, 351-354 and 3 Children's Ministries elective credits. Elective courses must be approved by the Church Ministries program advisor.

Students are strongly advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program for the Children's minor in consultation with an advisor from the Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries.

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**CHMN 326: Theology of Children's Ministries (1 cr.)** Explores programs, planning, outreach strategies, and basic concepts of ministering to children in the current culture. Topics include biblical basis and concepts of ministering to children; role of the parents in children's ministries; role of the Children's pastor about lay leaders/workers, senior pastor and other staff members, and the church in general.

**CHMN 351: Establishing Lifetime Faith in Children (3 cr.)**

**CHMN 352: Leading a Sustainable Children's Ministry (3 cr.)**

**CHMN 353: Engaging Children Through Creative Communication (3 cr.)** Discusses planning and promoting programs and events that minister to children. Topics include instruction on using puppets, video, human video, drama; fundraising and budgeting; developing children's church services, vacation Bible schools, neighborhood outreaches; disciplining children; and ministering to families.

**CHMN 354 Children's Ministry Today (3 cr.)**

**CHMN 366: Methods of Teaching the Bible to Children (3 cr.)** Explores methods and strategies for communicating biblical truth to children through grade six. Topics include methods of Bible study, how methods apply to various types of Biblical literature, application of course content by constructing and presenting lessons.

**CHMN 376: Age Level Discipleship (3 cr.)** Discusses foundational and clear understanding of discipleship as a continuous process from birth through adulthood. Topics include ministry to families as well as individuals.

**CHMN 423: Curriculum Development (3 cr.)** Explores the philosophy, purposes, and aims of curriculum. Topics include development of curriculum and related materials for Christian schools, hands on experience with existing curricular materials such as Radiant Life, A Beka, Bob Jones, Alpha Omega, and ACE.

**CHMN 465: Philosophy of Christian Education (3 cr.)** Provides an examination and normative evaluation of the educational objectives, assumptions, and general principles of contemporary philosophies and implications for religious education.

## Preaching Programs

The Theology and Global Church Ministries Department offers a major and a concentration in Preaching. All Preaching programs, but particularly the major, are designed for those who are seeking to establish excellent preaching skills in their preparation for vocational ministry. They are intended to provide students with broad-based skill sets necessary for biblical preaching.

For all programs in Church Ministries, the Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office. Each student should work out an individual program in consultation with an advisor from the Theology and Global Church Ministries Department.

The ***Church Ministries (Preaching track) major*** is a comprehensive degree and consists of 53 semester credits and can be earned as either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science. The major consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, 337, Synoptic Gospels, Acts, Romans, Systematic Theology Survey, CHMN 311, 313, 320, 411, 420, 463, 6 hours of Preaching electives, Ministerial Internship ICST 111, THEO 434, and 445 or 446, and 3 Church Ministries elective hours. Elective courses must be approved by a Church Ministries program advisor.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)
- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- 3 hours of Philosophy
- 6-8 hours of Greek or Hebrew (B.A. degree only)
- Intro to Biblical Languages and Software (B.S. degree only)
- Science elective (B.S. degree only)

The ***Preaching concentration*** consists of 27 semester credits. The concentration consists of the following courses: BIBL 296, CHMN 311, 320, 411, 420, 463, 6 hours Preaching electives, and 3 Church Ministries elective hours. Elective courses must be approved by a Church Ministries program advisor.

Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including:

- GNST 100 University Seminar (1)

- ENGL 212 Composition and Literary Analysis (3)
- 6 hours of Philosophy

The ***Preaching minor*** consists of 18 credits. The minor consists of the following courses: CHMN 320, 420, 463, Great Commission Preaching, and 6 Church Ministries elective hours. Elective courses must be approved by a Church Ministries program advisor.

Students are strongly advised to begin as early as possible to work out an individual program for the Peaching minor in consultation with an advisor from the Department of Theology and Global Church Ministries.

## Intercultural Studies (Missions)

The Intercultural Studies (Missions) program exists to prepare professional persons (*e.g.*, educators, businesspersons, diplomats, social workers) and professional missionaries for careers in cross-cultural ministry settings to advance the worldwide evangelistic task of the church. As the "global village" shrinks and the workplace becomes international and multi-national, it is more likely that Christians in a variety of technical and professional disciplines will spend part of their careers in a cross-cultural setting either in the US or abroad. The Intercultural Studies (missions) programs are designed to prepare men and women to do this effectively as skillful workers and as clear communicators of the gospel. The Intercultural Studies (Missions) programs combine studies in Bible, Pentecostal ministry, culture, and communication to equip students for the task of developing new generations of Spirit-empowered disciple-makers across cultural boundaries.

The Intercultural Studies (Missions) Program, which is interdisciplinary in both content and supervision, is tailored to the needs of individual students. Students seeking a major, concentration, or minor in the program must consult an advisor to review required core courses and choose an appropriate set of elective courses called "program electives." (Appropriate elective courses prepare the student for either short-term or career missions.) Students may select program electives from a pre-approved list of courses (see below) or suggest other selections from the University course offerings.

For all programs in Intercultural Studies (Missions), the Department specifies how the Core Curriculum requirements shall be completed. The specific requirements are listed in an advising form available in the Department office and in an online format. Students are encouraged to begin as early as possible to work out an individual Intercultural Studies program in consultation with an advisor in the Theology and Global Church Ministries Department.

Pre-approved program electives for all Intercultural Studies (Missions) programs include:

- Any upper-division (300 or 400 level) ICST course
- PSYC 439 Psychology of Religion
- RELG 334 Comparative Religions
- SOCI 337 The Urban World
- SOCI 435 Sociology of Religion
- SWK/PSYC/SOCI 332 Race, Ethnicity and Gender
- THEO 496 intercultural studies seminar

The ***Intercultural Studies (Missions) major*** focuses on an approach to missions through professional specialties such as business, teaching, social work, ESL, nursing, and creative access opportunities. The major will lead to a Bachelor of Arts degree consisting of 29 or 30 semester credits. The major includes the following courses.

**Required core courses (21-24 credits):**
ICST 111, 211, 310, 311, 335, 498, BIBL 296 and SOCI/SWK 296 (2-3) and 9-12 upper-division elective hours.

**Program Electives (9-12 credits):**
Program electives may be chosen from the list defined for the major. Other courses may be acceptable if they are proposed and approved by the program advisor for Intercultural Studies prior to enrolling in them. However, they must be upper-division courses (300 or 400 level).

**Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including**:

- COMM 205 Effective Communication (3)
- 6-8 hours of a foreign language
- SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSYC 138 Psychology of Human Relations (3)
- PHIL 110, 111, or 115 (3)

The ***Intercultural Studies (Missions) concentration*** consists of 24 hours. The concentration includes the following courses: ICST 111, 211, 310, 311, 335 and 9 upper division elective hours from the list defined as Program Electives for the concentration. Elective courses must be approved by an advisor in the Intercultural Studies program.

**Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including:**

- COMM 205 Effective Communication (3)
- SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSYC 138 Psychology of Human Relations (3)
- PHIL 110, 111, or 115 (3)

The ***Intercultural Studies (Missions) minor*** consists of 21 hours. The minor includes the following: ICST 111, 211, 310, 311, 335, 350, and 3 upper division elective hours from the list defined as Program Electives for the minor. Elective courses must be approved by an Intercultural Studies program advisor.

**Specific Core Curriculum courses are required for this program, including:**

- COMM 205 Effective Communication (3)
- SOCI 111 Introduction to Sociology (3)
- PSYC 138 Psychology of Human Relations (3)
- PHIL 110, 111, or 115 (3)

## Intercultural Studies (Missions) Courses

**ICST 111: Introduction to Intercultural Ministries (3 cr.)** Introduces contemporary missions work and its biblical basis.

**ICST 211: Working Cross-Culturally (3 cr.)** Examines practical aspects of cross-cultural living. Topics include personal and family adjustments, understanding and living among people who culture is different from one's own. Prerequisite: ICST 111.

**ICST 290/490: Readings in Missions (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include individualized program of reading and writing in missions literature under direction of a faculty member. Prerequisite: Permission of the department chair, academic advisor, and supervising professor.

**ICST 310: Intercultural Communication (3 cr.)** Explores the impact of culture on the communication process. Topics include developing an understanding of the diversity of cultures in the world and of ways cultural differences influence the ways people interact. Prerequisite: ICST 111.

**ICST 311: Best Practices in Modern Missions (3 cr.)** Discusses missionary history, principles, and methods. Topics include history of missions of the Assemblies of God. Prerequisite: ICST 111 and either ICST 211 or 310.

**ICST 335: Team Building and Sending Agencies (3 cr.)** Explores team dynamics and personality development. Topics include sending agencies, policies of the Assemblies of God World Missions and Assemblies of God Home Missions. Prerequisite: 9 hrs. of ICST courses.

**ICST 350: Global Connections (3 cr.)** Equips students to experience, reflect on, and evaluate cultures other than their own. Topics include visiting and learning from another culture, characteristics of cross-cultural communication, meaning for life from immersion and observation in another culture. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of program coordinator.

**ICST 470-479: Special Topics in Intercultural Studies (1-3 cr.)** These courses are available as needed. Topics include missions studies, themes, texts, issues, and geographical area studies or people groups. Course title is listed on the transcript. Prerequisite: Junior standing or permission of program coordinator.

**ICST 485: Contemporary Issues (3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Topics include selected studies in current missions issues or specialized strategies for specific people groups. Prerequisite: Junior standing or written permission of department chair.

**ICST 496: Intercultural Studies Seminar (1-3 cr.)** This course is available as needed. Prerequisite: Permission of professor.

**ICST 498: Cross-Cultural Practicum (1-3 cr.)** Provides students with a supervised field experience in a practical missions setting to expose prospective missionaries to the nature of Christian missions. Prerequisites: 6 hrs. of ICST and permission of program coordinator.