BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE  
Youth Ministries Concentration

The Department of Bible and Christian Ministries offers programs in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, youth ministry, women’s ministries, and missions.

PURPOSE
1. To enable students to increase in their knowledge of the contents of the Old and New Testaments and in their understanding of the major Bible doctrines.
2. To facilitate the development of students’ worldviews that are Biblically based
3. To facilitate the development of students’ lifestyles that are distinctly Christian as a result of the practical application of the truths of the Bible to everyday life.
4. To enable students to develop and practice Bible study methods that employ consistent and accurate principles of interpretation, and to cultivate within students the desire to continue to grow spiritually, based upon their personal study of the Bible.
5. To prepare students to be able to preach and teach the Bible effectively.
6. To provide an environment, in conjunction with Highland Park Baptist Church, that will give students the opportunity to learn and develop leadership skills in practical Christian ministry.
7. To prepare graduates who are equipped for a lifetime of Christian leadership and serviced characterized by effective evangelism and discipleship.

OBJECTIVES
1. The student will demonstrate knowledge of the contents of the Bible and understanding of the major doctrines of the Bible.
2. The student will be competent to carry out the responsibilities of the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
3. The student will demonstrate the skills for the specific ministry for which he or she is preparing.
4. The student majoring in Bible will be prepared to pursue graduate work in that field.

Bible Program Curriculum

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN BIBLE  
FOUNDATIONAL STUDIES (19 hours)  
(Must be completed within the first 45 hours of the program) (Transfer students must complete within their first two semesters)

- ACAD-1013 Success Orientation for Online Students
- CHMN-1033 Personal Life and Evangelism
- CISS-1003 Computer Fundamentals
- ENGL-1013 English Composition I
- ENGL-1023 English Composition II
- COMM-1003 Speech Communication
- *MATH- Mathematics Requirements

*To complete the General Core mathematics requirement, students may be required to enroll in preparatory mathematics courses each semester until MATH-1013 Mathematics for Application or a higher-level mathematics course is completed.
GENERAL CORE CURRICULUM (38 hours)

Bible/Theology/Philosophy
- BIBL-1113 Old Testament Survey
- BIBL-1413 New Testament Survey
- BIBL-2713 Bible Study Methods
- PHIL-2013 Biblical World View
- THEO-2113 Bible Doctrines I
- THEO-2123 Bible Doctrines II

History
- HIST-1043 Survey of Western Civilization I
- OR
- HIST-1045 Survey of Western Civilization II

Humanities/Literature Selection
- INTD-3013 Humanities
- AND
  Literature Selection (one of the following)
  - British Literature I (ENGL-2013) OR II (ENGL-22113); American Literature I (ENGL-2203) OR II (ENGL-2213); World Literature I (ENGL-2303) OR II (ENGL-2313)

Physical Education (1 hour)
This course is a one hour activity requirement.

Laboratory Science Selection (4 hours)
Social Studies Selection (6 hours)

DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS
- BIBL-2513 Life of Christ
- HIST-4703 Survey of Church History
- ICST-1013 Global Focus in the Local Church
- PSYC-3713 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling

CONCENTRATION REQUIREMENTS
- PSYC-2233 Adolescent Development
- CHMN-2303 Introduction to Youth Ministry
- CHMN-2343 Youth Discipleship
- CHMN-4313 Current Issues in Youth Ministry
- BIBL-2723 Hermeneutics
- *PAST-3203 Pastoral Theology
- *PAST-3303 Homiletics I
- *PAST-3313 Homiletics II
- *PAST-4713 Church Administration
  *Women majoring in Youth Ministry may substitute Intercultural Studies, Psychology, Speech or Women’s Ministries electives.
- THEO-3513 Apologetics
- CHMN-4889 Ministry Internship
ELECTIVES
General Electives (1-16 hours)

DEGREE TOTAL.................................................................................................................. 120 HOURS

Course Descriptions:

ACAD 1013 Success Orientation for Online Students  1 credit hour (Fall and Spring) This course is designed to help students in their academic adjustment from high school to college. The student will be introduced to essential academic skills such as goal-setting, study organization, time management, textbook mastery, listening, memory, note-taking, motivation for study, test-taking, study strategies in other classes and orientation to University services. All incoming first-time freshmen, any transfer student with less than thirty hours of transfer credits and any student admitted on provisional acceptance or academic probation must enroll in this program for one semester.

CHMN 1033 Christian Life and Evangelism  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) An in-depth study of how to lead people to Christ. This course is designed to introduce the student to principles of Christian living and evangelism. Special attention will be given to the theology of all aspects of evangelism, including the follow-up. Various methods of approach and presentation will be considered. Memorizing scripture and communicating the gospel will be emphasized.

CISS 1003 Computer Fundamentals  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) Introduction to basic computer terminology and basic computer skills using word processing, spreadsheet, email and presentation software. A perspective of computer applications is also provided. $25.00 fee required.

ENGL 1013 English Composition I  3 credit hours (Fall and spring) (Prerequisite: ENGL-0103 or a score of 19 or higher on the ACT English section) Introduction to the principles of effective composition and the application to writing paragraphs and essays on topics related to personal experiences. Grammar and mechanics are taught in relation to writing.

ENGL 1023 English Composition II  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (PREREQUISITE TO ALL LITERATURE COURSES) (Prerequisite: ENGL-1013) English Composition II is a more complex study of rhetorical principles developing the critical essay and formal research paper. Students learn how to read and write critically in response to literary genres (film, poetry, prose, and drama). In addition, students study and apply methods of research to demonstrate skills in developing a thesis and supporting comprehension in reading, expression, and documentation.

COMM 1003 Speech Communication  3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) The principles and attitudes that are necessary for good communication in the Christian life. Through lectures, exercises and graded experiences, the student is exposed to several of the most common communication situations.
BIBL 1113 Old Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER OLD TESTAMENT COURSES)
A brief introduction to the Bible as a whole, an overview of the entire Old Testament and a survey of
the authorship, date and occasion of writing, theme, purpose and contents of each Old Testament
book. Special attention is given to the first chapters of Genesis and the national history of Israel.
Significant features of each book are pointed out and timeless, universal truths in each book are
emphasized. $30.00 fee required.

BIBL 1413 New Testament Survey 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(PREREQUISITE TO ALL OTHER NEW TESTAMENT COURSES) (Prerequisite to all other New
Testament courses) A survey of the political, social, moral and religious background of the New
Testament including a study of the authorship, date and occasion of 116 writing, theme, purpose and
contents of each New Testament book. Special emphasis is given to certain books such as the Gospel
of Matthew and the Acts of the Apostles. Special emphasis is given to the significance of the
crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Significant features of each book are pointed out
and timeless, universal truths in each book are emphasized. $25.00 fee required.

THEO 3113 Bible Doctrines I 3 credit hours (Fall only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1413) A study of the Biblical doctrines of the Scriptures, God (including the
Trinity and God the Father), the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. $25.00 fee required.

THEO 3123 Bible Doctrines II 3 credit hours (Spring only)
(Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, 1114) A study of the Biblical doctrines of angels (including Satan and fallen
angels), mankind, sin, salvation, the church, and last things (future things). $20.00 fee required.

HIST 1043 Survey of Western Civilization I 3 credit hours (Fall Only)
A survey of Western Civilization to 1789. The study will begin with the influence of the Ancient Near
East and extend to the spreading Western intellectual tradition and the significance of its ideas within
a political, historical chronology to 1789.

HIST 1053 Survey of Western Civilization II 3 credit hours (Spring Only)
A survey of Western Civilization from 1600 to the present. The study surveys Western intellectual
traditions and the significance of their ideas within a political, historical chronology into the modern
era.

INTD 3013 Humanities 3 credit hours (Fall and Spring) (Prerequisite: HIST-1043 or HIST-1053)
The study of the major characteristics of Western Culture and the evidence of those characteristics in
architecture, music, sculpture, literature, painting, and philosophy. Students will experience the
professional arts by attending the theater, museum, and concert hall as opportunities arise and as the
instructor directs.

ENGL 2103 British Literature I (Medieval to Renaissance) 3 credit hours (Prerequisite:
ENGL-1023) The reading of literature from Britain (England and its colonies) from its beginnings
through the seventeenth century. The course treats major authors and works in the social and
historical context of their times and seeks to relate pertinent values, ideas, and world views expressed
therein to theistic and biblical truth.
BIBL 2513 Life of Christ 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: BIBL-1413)
A study of the earthly life and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, together with an examination of the major theological and practical implications of His teaching, as recorded in the four Gospels. Special emphasis is given to the significance of Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection. $15.00 fee required.

HIST 4703 Survey of Church History 3 credit hours (As Needed)
A survey of the church from the beginning to the present. Emphasis is on the early development, the Reformation period, and modern missionary and evangelistic movements.

ICST 1013 Global Focus in the Local Church 3 credit hours (Fall Semester)
A course introducing the world missions ministry of the local church grounded in the Old Testament and re-commissioned in the New Testament. In addition to presenting the Biblical basis for missions, the course identifies Biblical strategies for developing local church missions ministries that motivate and maximize individual and corporate participation.

PSYC 3713 Fundamentals of Biblical Counseling 3 credit hours (Fall Only)
(Prerequisite: PSYC-1003 or PSYC-2213) A study of the biblical perspective of change in the client and counselor along with developing interpersonal skills to enhance personal ministry with others.

PSYC-2233 Adolescent Development 3 credit hours (Fall Only) (Prerequisite: PSYC-1003 or PSYC-2213) Recent research dealing with adolescents is studied, with emphasis placed on the interaction of cultural, social, and personal family variables. Spiritual variables are integrated into the developmental process.

CHMN 2303 Introduction to Youth Work 3 credit hours (Fall only) An introduction to youth ministry within the framework of the local church with emphasis on the qualifications and character of the youth minister. Discipleship, leadership training, development of philosophy, Christian schools and relationships are discussed.

CHMN 2343 Youth Discipleship 3 credit hours (Spring only) The examination of various programs designed to promote the spiritual development of teens. Students will develop a plan for training adults and teens to serve as leaders in a local church’s youth ministry. Students will study different youth programs including camps, retreats, missions trips and evangelistic outreaches.

CHMN 4313 Current Issues in Youth Ministry 3 credit hours This course examines up to date youth culture trends and seeks to guide the student in finding biblical principles to effectively minister to teens.

BIBL 2723 Hermeneutics 3 credit hours (Fall only) Equips the student with the basic tools by which he can study and interpret the Word of God for himself. Guidelines for interpreting and harmonizing specific passages are given. Principles for interpreting special types of Biblical literature are addressed.

PAST 3203 Pastoral Theology 3 credit hours Pastoral Theology is a study of the office and work of the pastor from a Biblical perspective. This course includes a study of the qualifications, roles, and preparation for the office of pastor as well as the various responsibilities, administrative and
otherwise, of the New Testament pastor. Attention is given to developing personal health and well-being as well as to issues confronting the contemporary pastor.

**PAST 3303 Homiletics I** 3 credit hours (Fall only) (Prerequisite: BIBL-2723) Instruction pertaining to the preparation and delivery of sermons. Sermonic structure and outlining are studied. Emphasis is placed upon the development of the preacher’s perspective of preaching. Students prepare sermons and deliver them in class under the supervision of the instructor.

**PAST 3313 Homiletics II** 3 credit hours (Spring only) (Prerequisite: BIBL-3303) Additional instruction in the preparation and delivery of sermons. Emphasis is placed upon the development of the preacher’s homiletic and delivery. Students prepare sermons and deliver them in class under the supervision of the instructor.

**PAST 4713 Church Administration** 3 credit hours Attention is given to the business of administrating the local church, organizing and equipping the church office with needed files, and developing a thorough Procedures Manual for the church. This is the management work of the pastor and his staff.

**THEO 3513 Apologetics** 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: BIBL-1113, BIBL-1413) A consideration of both the factual evidences and the philosophical arguments in support of the Christian faith. The major objections to Christianity are considered and answered.

**CHMN 4889 Ministry Internship I** 3 credit hours (Prerequisite: Department chair approval) Placement in an approved ministry setting for 240 hours of supervised ministry. Students prepare a detailed summary of the internship. $50.00 fee required.