

STS Bible College

Masters Degree Course Descriptions

Introduction To Exegetics & Hermeneutics: This course will explore the various methods of interpreting scripture. It will begin with a booklet called Rightly Dividing the Word. It will continue with a text book called How to Understand Bible by T. Norton Sterrett. It will be driven by the statement of Jesus in John 5:39-40.

Advanced Systematic Theology: This course will explore the systematic theology and emphasize the various doctrines. The Text book is the Manual of Christian Doctrine by Louis Berkhof.

Advanced Biblical Theology: This course will view the bible from the redemptive- historical hermeneutical lens. Text will be Essential Questions; Discovering the Apostles Doctrine by Joseph Machuta.

Eschatology: This course will view all of the eschatological position developed over the history of the church. It will include a look at the various millennial positions found in each system.

Preterism, Amillennialism, Post-millennialism: This course will look in depth at various eschatological views and study the apologetics of each system

The Creeds of the Church: This class will look at the various creeds of the church and compare them to the proof texts of each. Westminster Confession of Faith, the Remonstrants, the Canons of Dort et.al.

The Reformation and the 20th Century Church: This course will explore the history of the church since the reformation. It will look at the conditions and dynamics in the development of Protestantism.

Church History II: This course will explore the history of the Christian Church from the Apostles to the 1970 s. Students will examine the positions of various Christian thinkers by examining their writings. This will be a survey course that will look at various epochs of Christian history examining the notable events and creeds.

Exegetics & Hermeneutics Advanced: This course will explore the various methods of interpreting scripture. It will begin with a booklet called Rightly Dividing the Word. It will then explore the different ways in which scripture has been interpreted.

Church History Part 1: This course will explore the history of the Christian Church from the Apostles Through Augustine. Students will examine the positions of various Christian thinkers by examining their writings. This will be a survey course that will look at various epochs of Christian history during this period, examining the notable events and creeds.

Advanced Homeletics: This course will examine different types of preaching. Students will contrast expository preaching with proof text preaching. Each of the sermons in the book of Acts will be analyzed. Likewise, sermons of great preachers throughout history will be examined and

discussed. The topics of discussion will be individuals such as Spurgeon, Dr. King, Dr. Ironsides, Martin Luther, and George Whitfield, to name a few. Preaching Style will also be examined.

Dispensationalism/Covenant Theology: This course will examine the theology and exegetics behind three different theological systems; Dispensationalism, Covenant Theology, and New Covenant Theology. Students will work with text books as well as internet material. The places where they are in agreement will be examined as well as the places where they differ.

Exegetics/Hermeneutics II: This course will be a continuation from the introductory course. The introductory course will be a prerequisite to taking this course. The debate between Augustine and Pelagius will be examined. We will look at Calvin, Luther, Arminius

Old Testament: This course is an introduction to the Old Testament. It will be examined by its various major divisions; the Pentateuch, the Poetry and Wisdom books, The Major Prophets and the Minor Prophets. It will be an over all survey of the Old Testament.

Church and the Community: This course will explore and define the role of the church in the community at large. There will be a discussion of social programs that the church can administer to the needy, the disenfranchised, the broken hearted, and the bound of our communities.

The Pastor in the Church: This course will look at the multifaceted duties of the shepherd. Being an overseer or a pastor is much more than preaching on Sunday and conducting bible study and prayer services.

New Testament: This course will be an introduction to, and an over view of, the New Testament. It will be examined by its various divisions; the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, the Epistles, and the Apocolypse. The occasion and recipients of the epistles will be examined as well.

Evangelism: This course will survey the biblical mandate to the church for evangelism. It will examine practical techniques for implementing this mandate. It will provide training skills to equip a person to develop an evangelistic plan.

Counseling/Biblical Perspective: This course is designed to provide the pastor or minister the skills to counsel from a biblical perspective. The text book will be Competent to Counsel by Adams.

Exegetics Independent Study OT: This course will provide the student with the opportunity to conduct and share independent study. Each student will be assigned to write a commentary on the Old Testament book of their choice. They will then share their writings with the other students in the class. The sharing will be in the form of an oral presentation.

Exegetics Independent Study NT: This course will provide the student with the opportunity to conduct and share independent study. Each student will be assigned to write a commentary on the New Testament book of their choice. They will then share their writings with the other students in the class. The sharing will be in the form of an oral presentation.

Thesis: The Master Degree thesis shall be a original work theological paper of no less than 10,000 words and no more than 12, 000 Words. This thesis will be over seen by a Thesis Advisor who will be assigned at the beginning of the semester. This thesis will count for 8 credit hours.