

CHRISTIAN LIFE COLLEGE-MADISON
Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies- 64 Credits

Humanities (10 credits)

Teaching Methods and Principles (Credits: 3 – CLCM #CO111-M) – This course features a study of the methods and principles of oral communication as they apply to various teaching and learning situations. This course will explore learning theories, teaching preparation, characteristics of the learner/environment, and will also analyze teaching techniques that will merge learner needs, expectations, and abilities. The student will also be given an opportunity to observe and apply the principles of effective teaching.

English 1 (Credits: 3 – MATC Catalog #20801201) - The first course in communication skills at the college level, developing student abilities in critical reading, writing, listening, and speaking, for both exposition and argumentation. The course emphasizes summarizing, analyzing, and synthesizing information from sources, and develops research and presentation skills. The class assumes competence in English grammar and paragraph structure.

English 2 (Credits: 3 – MATC Catalog #20801202) - This course is a continuation of English 1. Students will use advanced research skills to write papers from across the curriculum. Research papers will be informative and persuasive in nature and will be based on topics from academic disciplines (social sciences, literature and the humanities, or science and mathematics). Students will conduct research using primary and secondary library resources, surveys and questionnaires, observation, and interviews and will use the MLA format and one other format (APA, Chicago) to document their sources. Students will be asked to prepare 25-35 pages of polished writing.

Introduction to Academic Writing (Credits: 1—CLCM #HU098-M) This course is designed to reinforce essay composition skills and introduce students to the practice of writing for academic purposes. It will prepare students for courses in which research writing is a requirement. It introduces basic research writing skills including: conducting research, note taking, paraphrase, summary, direct quotation, positioning, and APA style citation.

Social Science (6 credits)

Introduction to Sociology (Credits: 3 – MATC Catalog #20809203) - Introduces students to the field of Sociology. Defines and examines the concepts and realities of social structure, culture, socialization, complex organizations, class, inequality, social groups and social change. Special emphasis is given to institutions such as the family, religion, education, politics, economics and the media.

Foundations of Western Civilization (Credits: 3 – CLCM #HI120-M) – Students will discover the essential nature, evolution, and perceptions of Western civilization from its humble beginnings to the dawn of the modern world. With these 96 lectures on the people, places, ideas, and events that make up Western Civilization, award-winning scholar and teacher Thomas F. X. Noble of the University of Notre Dame invites the student to explore the vast and rich territory of Western civilization.

Natural Science (3 credits)

College Math (Credits: 3 – CLCM #NS101-M) - A basic introduction to the concepts and theory of elementary mathematics. Topics include arithmetic, algebra, trigonometry, problem solving, set theory, numeration systems, whole numbers, rational and irrational numbers, and consumer mathematics.

Biblical and Theological Studies (24 Credits)

Old Testament Survey (Credits: 3 – CLCM #BI101-M) - The Old Testament serves as the beginning of the revelation of God's heart for humanity. For some, the Old Testament can be a daunting challenge. Yet, the revelation of God in the Old Testament makes our New Testament faith fuller and richer. The Old Testament offers an exciting discovery of the character and ways of God. From the beginning of the world in the opening chapters of Genesis thru to the last prophecies of Malachi, God was clearly at work in humankind, preparing the world for the revelation of His Son, Jesus Christ. We have the privilege of hearing God's revelations of himself through all of this history and the challenge of applying it to our world today.

New Testament Survey (Credits: 3 – CLCM #BI102-M) - Understanding the New Testament is a daunting but exciting task. Our world is so different from that of the first century. Yet it is important to understand the context and content of the New Testament if we are to be faithful followers of Jesus. This survey addresses the who, what, where, when, why, and how questions that readers of the Bible may have, such as: How can we tell if what is written in the New Testament is true history or just mythology? When were these books written and why? And, what can today's believers get out of letters addressed to people who lived two millennia ago? Taught in an easy, informal style, this survey is accessible and enjoyable to anyone who wants to better understand the New Testament.

Systematic Theology I (Credits 3 – CLCM #TH201-M) - Systematic Theology I is a study in the foundations of Christian, Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Scripture, God, man and the person of Christ. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to gospel ministry in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation.

Systematic Theology II (Credits: 3 – CLCM #TH202-M) - Systematic Theology I is a study in the foundations of Christian, Evangelical theology. With particular emphasis on understanding the teaching of Scripture as a whole and in its unity, this course will focus on the doctrines of Salvation, Church and End Times. Special emphasis will be given to the practical application of these doctrines to gospel ministry in contemporary culture. The course will also provide an occasion for students to think deeply on these theological truths, especially of how they relate to their own understanding of God and His creation.

Life and Letters of Paul (Credits: 3 - CLCM #BI221-M) - A study of the life of Paul as it is traced through the New Testament writings. Students will examine his conversion experience and subsequent ministry with an emphasis on his mission to the Gentile world. Key biblical themes will be addressed in this course.

The Tora Story (Credits: 3 - CLCM #BI112-M) - A comprehensive study of the first five books of the Bible. The early history of man is studied with emphases on the creation the flood, the patriarchs, the exodus, the law, the tabernacle, and history.

Jesus: His Words and Works (Credits: 3 - CLCM #BI111-M) A study in the nature, origin, religion and cultural background of the four Gospels. Emphasis will be given to each narrative and its contribution to the understanding of Jesus. A detailed examination of what the Gospels teach about Jesus' ministry, message, death and resurrection.

Old Testament Historical Books (Credits: 3 - CLCM #BI201-M) - The study of the Old Testament from Joshua to Esther which deals with the nation of Israel in its rise, disruption, fall, captivity and restoration. Special emphasis is given to the background for the further study of the prophets.

Christian Studies – 18 Credits

Spiritual Formation (Credits: 3 - CLCM #MS201-M) This course has been designed to provide a biblical, theological and experiential foundation for the process of being conformed to the image of Christ. It will explore the meaning of biblical Christianity and its relation to faith and practice, giving special attention to spiritual formation through prayer, devotional reading, contemplation, and other spiritual disciplines. The lectures will help the student form a paradigm for spiritual growth and maturity that will affect both the individual and those to whom they minister.

Pre-Reformation Church History (Credits: 3 – CLCM #MS321-M) Pre-Reformation Church History will introduce students to the thought and life of the Christian church from Pentecost to the dawn of the Protestant Reformation. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of doctrinal, institutional, and ethical patterns including the tracing of core theological issues within the various traditions of the church. *Pre-Reformation Church History* will provide students with a fascinating and panoramic view of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the first fifteen centuries of the church.

Post-Reformation Church History (Credits: 3 – CLCM #MS331-M) Post-Reformation Church History will introduce students to the thought and life of the Christian church from the Reformation to the dawn of the modern day. Special emphasis will be placed on the development of doctrinal, institutional, and ethical patterns including the tracing of core theological issues within the various traditions of the church. *Post Reformation Church History* will provide students with a fascinating and panoramic view of the dramatic events, colorful characters, and revolutionary ideas that shaped the past fifteen centuries of the church.

Introduction to Hermeneutics (Credits: 3 - MS221-M) The term hermeneutics can be intimidating to most people. It not only sounds very academic, but it is also foreign to most of our vocabularies. On the other hand, the act of interpretation (hermeneutics) is as common as communication itself. Whenever someone speaks, a listener interprets what that speaker means. In the same way, everyone who reads the Bible interprets what it means. This course will help students understand the various parameters of biblical interpretation and how specific methods are applied to Bible study. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the original, intended meaning of scripture in its canonical context as the basis upon which to prepare expositions and make appropriate contemporary applications.

Introduction to Christian Leadership (Credits: 3 – CLCM #MS203-M) This course is designed to move students into deeper levels of understanding regarding the significant concepts and theories that shape our contemporary understanding of leadership development and function in a Christian context. From this primary context, students will be guided into discoveries of personal individual styles, strengths, and opportunities for growth in an effort to enhance personal leadership competencies. This course will also have a deliberate focus on the development of personal character, the deeper life in Christ, and Christ-like servant leadership.

Mission, Evangelism and Discipleship (Credits: 3 – CLCM#MS205-M) This course is designed to ground believers in the basic biblical principles of missions, evangelism, and discipleship so that the church can accomplish its God-given task of bringing lost people to Christ and building them up in Christ.

Field Education—3 Credits

Field Education (Credits: 3 – CLCM #MS412-M) The student will experience a variety of responsibilities in an approved local church (either the student's home church or one selected by the Lead Instructor) under the leadership of the pastor and/or staff member.