SWK 340 Generalist Practice with Individuals (3)
_Fall_
This course will offer experiential learners skills to conduct community-centered generalist practice with individuals. Using strength-based interviewing skills, students will actively participate in simulations. Prerequisites: Formal admission to the program.

SWK 350 Generalist Practice with Groups & Families (3)
_Spring_
This course will offer experiential learners the skills to conduct community-centered generalist practice with groups and families. Students will engage actively in simulations using and adapting a variety of intervention methods across diverse settings. Prerequisites: SWK 340 and formal admission to the program.

SWK 360 Generalist Practice with Organizations and Communities (3)
_Fall_
This course will offer experiential learners the skills to conduct community-centered generalist practice with organizations and communities. Students will engage actively in simulations using and adapting a variety of organizational administration and asset-based community development approaches across diverse settings. Prerequisites: SWK 340, 350, and formal admission to the program.

SWK 365 Organizational Leadership and Development (3)
_Fall_
This capstone assessment course fulfills the college capstone requirement, through the planning and implementation of a community social action project. Models and concepts surrounding leadership in social work will be explored and practiced. Prerequisites: Formally admitted to the program.

SWK 370 Community Social Action Policy (3)
_Fall_
This course will energize and mobilize students for involvement in community-centered social action. Students will model assimilation and commitment to effecting dynamic social change within community through their leadership and development of a social change project. Prerequisite: SWK 210 or permission of instructor.

SWK 399 Independent Study (1)

SWK 400 Field Education (10)
_Spring_
This course provides an exciting opportunity for students to gain valuable experience in a social work field-practicum setting. This formal practicum experience will allow students to put into practice the knowledge and skills they have gained throughout the social work program. Prerequisites: SWK 340, 350, 360, and formal admission to the program.

SWK 401 Field Education Seminar (2)
_Spring_
This seminar course will assist students in monitoring their progress toward achieving learning objectives in field practicum. Students will share and learn from each other around issues of community-centered generalist practice. Prerequisites: Concurrent enrollment in SWK 400.

THEO THEOLOGY

THEO 121 Biblical Foundations: The Old Testament & Its Fulfillment (3)
_Fall, Spring, Summer_
This course studies biblically derived foundational concepts which are basic to all Christian academic work, including the Bible as divine revelation, creation, humans as God’s image bearers, the covenant, cultural mandate, sin and judgment, salvation, the kingdom of God, and how such Old Testament themes find their fulfillment in the ministry and message of Christ in the New Testament gospels. Fulfills one of the theology Foundations requirements.

THEO 122 The Church & Christian Traditions (3)
_Spring, Summer_
Building upon THEO 121, this course is a study of the beginning of the Christian Church since Pentecost, the expansion of the Church, the New Testament Epistles and eschatology, and a study of the major Christian traditions, their historical backgrounds, and their beliefs and practices, and stance toward culture. Prerequisite: THEO 121. Fulfills one of the theology Foundations requirements.

THEO 200 Biblical Exegesis & Hermeneutics (3)
_Fall_
This course will invite students to engage the content of the both the Old and New Testaments and will introduce students to strategies for sophisticated Christian readings of the Bible. Covering all of the literary genres of the Bible, the course will emphasize interpretational and hermeneutical practices that will facilitate wise and careful readings of particular texts within their wider theological, ecclesial, historical, geographical, and cultural contexts. This course builds on THEO 121/122 and prepares students for upper level Biblical studies electives. Prerequisites: THEO 121 and 122.
THEO 221 Bible Literature: The Pentateuch (3)

Fall
The Pentateuch (Genesis through Deuteronomy) is considered as the foundational document for both the Old and New Testaments. The main emphasis is placed on the content of these books and the relationship that they sustain with the rest of the Bible. Brief consideration is given to the problem of the Documentary Hypothesis, Form Criticism, and the Mosaic authorship of these books. Prerequisite: THEO 121.

THEO 222 Bible Literature: Historical Books (3)

Fall, Even
An introduction to the nature of biblical historiography as kerygmatic and of the principles for understanding the Bible’s historical writings, especially the books of Joshua through 1 Kings. Prerequisite: THEO 121.

THEO 223 Bible Literature: Wisdom Books (3)

Fall, Odd
A study of the content of Old Testament wisdom literature: Job, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs, Song of Solomon, and some of the Psalms. Students examine the structure, setting, and the literary forms that characterize this literature. The role of wisdom in biblical revelation and in Christian life is also discussed. Prerequisite: THEO 121.

THEO 224 Bible Literature: Prophets (3)

Spring, Odd
This study seeks an understanding of the nature of prophecy, the historical setting of the prophets, and the relationship between prophecy and fulfillment. Primary emphasis is upon the 12 minor prophets, Hosea through Malachi. Prerequisite: THEO 121.

THEO 231 Bible Literature: Gospel & Acts (3)

Spring, Even
This study of the four Gospels and the book of Acts examines the distinctive message of each. Topics include the historical setting of the New Testament, the kingdom theme in Jesus’ teaching, the early spread of Christianity, and basic issues in the interpretation of the Gospels and Acts. Prerequisite: THEO 121 or 122.

THEO 232 Biblical Literature: Epistles (3)

Spring
This introduction to the New Testament epistles surveys the contents and life setting of all the New Testament letters and places special emphasis on Pauline theology. Prerequisite: THEO 122.

THEO 233 Biblical Literature: Future in Biblical Perspective (3)

Fall, Even
Students study biblical teaching relating to the future or the last things, including such topics as the return of Christ, the resurrection, the last judgment, heaven and hell. The interpretive perspectives of pre-millennialism, post-millennialism, and a-millennialism are reviewed. The course includes a study of the books of Daniel and Revelation. Prerequisite: THEO 121.

THEO 242 Cross-Cultural Missions—CCS (3)

Spring
Students consider the biblical basis of a Christian mission to all nations and the methods and problems of doing mission work in another culture, foreign or domestic. Such problems include the need for word-and-deed ministry, crossing language and cultural barriers, contextualizing the Gospel in another culture, and communicating the full Gospel in hostile political or religious settings. Fulfills one of the cross-cultural studies Foundations requirements. Prerequisite: THEO 121 or 122.

THEO 285 Development of Global Christianity (3)

Varies
A survey of the history of Christianity from late antiquity to the present outside of the Western world, including the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Particular attention will be given to how the universal Christian faith is enculturated in non-Western cultures. This course is identical to HIST 285.

THEO 301 Basic Teachings of the Christ. Faith (3)

Fall
A study of the classical doctrines of the Christian church, including the basic beliefs about Scripture, God, creation, evil, Jesus Christ, salvation, the Holy Spirit, the church, and the future. The course examines the biblical basis of these doctrines and highlights of their historical development. Emphasis is on the Reformed perspective on these teachings, but viewpoints of other Christian traditions are considered. Prerequisites: THEO 121 and 122.

THEO 304 Nature & Ministry of the Church (3)

Spring
This course is a biblical and historical study of the church as the body of Christ. Institutional structures, offices, and the mission of the church are considered, including the educational ministry of the church. Prerequisite: THEO 122.

THEO 305 Living Issues in the Christian Trad. (3)

Varies
This course investigates historically and theologically major recurring issues in the life of the church. Specific controversies that may be studied include issues relating to creation and science, the meaning of salvation, the authority and interpretation of Scripture, the meaning of baptism, and the role of women in church office. Prerequisite: THEO 121 or 122.

THEO 306 Major World Religions—CCS (3)

Fall
This course is a study of traditional religions, Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam as living religions. Special attention is focused upon the worldviews inherent in the religions and the consequent social and cultural impact of these views of reality. Fulfills one of the cross-cultural studies Foundations requirements.
THEO 330 History of Christianity (3)
*Fall, Even*
Students study the development of Christian thought and the church as the covenant people of God from the Old Testament era to the present. After surveying the Old Testament origins of the Church, primary attention is given to the life of the Western church during the early, medieval, Reformation, and modern periods. This course is identical to HIST 330.

THEO 331 Religion and Society (3)
*Spring, Even*
This is a social and historical study of religious worldviews, religiously based practices, and worship in various societies. This course examines the origins, practice, and social effects of religion; religion as a social institution; and the mutual interactions of society and religion, including the study of churches, sects, and cults. This course is identical to SOC 331. Prerequisite: SOC 121 or THEO 121.

THEO 335 Calvinistic Tradition (3)
*Spring*
A study of significant philosophical and theological contributions in the works of thinkers in the Calvinistic tradition from the 16th century to the present with a critical exposition of selected texts. This course is identical to PHIL 335.

THEO 341 Reformed Confessions & Worldview (3)
*Summer*
An introduction to Reformed theology through a study of confessions from the Reformation era (Belgic Confession, Heidelberg Catechism, Canons of Dort) and the more recent past (Contemporary Testimony, Belhar Confession). The course also introduces the basic elements of the Reformed worldview that is grounded in this confessional theology. Prerequisites: THEO 121 and 122, or instructor permission.

THEO 343 Religion in America (3)
*Varies*
This course undertakes a historical and theological survey of religion in the United States as a means toward understanding the current pluralistic scene. Special emphasis is placed on the influence of Puritanism, evangelicalism, and liberalism upon American religious life. A number of current religious-political issues are also explored. This course is identical to HIST 343.

THEO 399 Independent Study (1)
*Fall, Spring*
This reading and/or learning experience course is open to qualified students with the approval of the department.

THEO 400 Field Education (2)
*Fall, Spring*

THEO 401 Senior Capstone (3)
*Fall*
This course offers an advanced exploration of issues relating to a Christian worldview. The student will also explore the implications of such a worldview in connection with an investigation of a significant theological issue, worldview, or figure. The course is taught as an independent study, or seminar, if numbers warrant. Prerequisite: theology major.