

**CALVIN COLLEGE  
CATEGORY I**

- REL 121 **Biblical Literature and Theology (3)**. F and S, core. A study of the unfolding of the history of redemption as set forth within the historical framework of the old Testament, Intertestament, and New Testament eras. Biblical books are analyzed, varying modes of literary expressions are examined, and the major themes of Scripture are explicated. Open only to first-year and sophomore students. Staff
- REL 131 **Christian Theology (formerly 201)**  
Christian Theology (3). F, S. A study of Christian theology in light of its historical development and ongoing significance, this course surveys the central teachings of the Christian Church as rooted in the Bible, formulated by key theologians, and summarized in the ecum
- REL 230 **The Doctrine of Revelation (3)**. F. core. This course is designed to help students to explore Reformed concepts of revelation in contemporary cultural context. Traditional models of general and special revelation and models of biblical inspiration and authority will be explored and developed in the context of modern and post-modern concerns in philosophy, science, and non-Christian religions. Not open to first-year students. Mr. J. Schneider.
- REL 251 **Christianity and the World's Religions (3)**. F. core. An examination of the relationship of Christianity to the religions of the world. An attempt is made to understand the phenomenon of religion from a theological perspective by investigating how various biblical and Christian writers have viewed Christianity's place in the religious history of the world. Special emphasis is placed on twentieth century attempts to confront the reality of religious pluralism. Not open to first-year students. Mr. R. Plantinga.
- REL 311 **History and Archaeology of Ancient Israel (3)**, alternate years. A study of the history of ancient Israel from the patriarchs through Ezra in the context of recent research on this topic. This course will consider the sources for reconstructing the history of Israel, including the Old Testament, Ancient Near Eastern literary remains, and archaeological evidence, as well as appropriate methods for interpreting Religion 252 these sources. Prerequisite: 121 or an intermediate biblical studies course
- REL 323 **Christian Origins (3)**. \* F. This course is the special topic for The Current Issues in New Testament Studies course. A historically oriented study of the origins of Christianity during the first century. This course will examine the Jewish and Greco-Roman context of first century Palestine, the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth, the history, practice, and theological formulations of the earliest Christian communities, and various Christian communities associated with both canonical and non-canonical Christian literature. Prerequisite: a biblical core course. *Mr. K. Pomykala.*
- REL 343 **Reformation Theology (3)**. \* A study of Christian doctrine as formulated in the Protestant Reformation and refined and elaborated by later Reformed theologians. Comparisons are drawn between the Reformed system and those of other branches of Christendom. Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion serves a basic text. Prerequisite: a systematic/historical core course. Not offered 1999-00

**REDEEMER UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**  
**CATEGORY I**

- REL 101 **Biblical Theology (F, W)** A survey of the progressive unfolding of the Biblical history of redemption which reaches its fulfillment in Jesus Christ. Special attention will be given to the unity of Scripture in terms of the coming of the kingdom. (Open only to Year I and II students.) Corequisite: Int 121.
- REL 201 **Theolog' I Interp. of the Bible**  
An introduction to the theological reading and interpreting of the Bible. This course involves a survey of the history of biblical interpretation and the variety of methodologies that have been used to study the Christian Scriptures. Prerequisite: REL-101
- REL 251 **Reformation Theology (F, W)** A study of Christian doctrine as formulated by the Reformed branch of the Christian church. Comparisons are drawn between Reformed theology and that of other branches of Christendom. Reference is made to Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion. Prerequisite: 101 and Interdisciplinary 121. (Not open to Year I students.)
- REL 255 **Spiritual Formation for Ministry**  
This course seeks to probe the following questions: who is the God that calls us? What does his calling tell us about him? how does the call participate in the Missio dei? how do we hear that call? how do my identity and character participate in my call, and how do I understand my identity and character more fully? how does God's transforming work in my life work its way within my call to ministry? What spiritual disciplines shape me so that I am able to minister? What kind of person does ministry need? (3.0 credits)
- REL 327 **New Testament Studies: The Pauline Epistles (W)\*** An intensive study of the historical, literary, doctrinal and ethical aspects of the Pauline epistles. Prerequisite: 101.

## **DORDT COLLEGE**

### **CATEGORY I**

#### **CORE 150 Biblical Foundation**

A survey of biblical revelation in its progressive unfolding of key ideas and institutions against their cultural-historical background and within their covenant setting. Emphasis is placed on the normativity of Scripture that reaches its fullness and fulfillment in Christ for all academic work.

#### **THEO 110 Biblical Studies Methods**

This course introduces interpretive approaches and practices for reading the Bible using a Reformed hermeneutical method. Students will become familiar with major resources for biblical study, interpret a variety of Old Testament and New Testament texts, and discuss the manner in which the varied contexts (e.g., social, cultural, theological) of the biblical world and contemporary readers inform exegetical study. This is a foundational course in the theology program to develop skills in biblical studies and theological writing. Open to all students seeking to develop their reading, understanding, and application of Scripture.

#### **THEO 111 Spiritual Formation**

What does the Christian life of faith and discipleship look like? This course will explore the history and practice of the spiritual disciplines by studying the faith lives of important figures in the history of Christianity. The purpose of this exploration is to help students see how God is at work in the history of the church so they can begin to articulate their experience of God's work in their own lives. This is a foundational course in the theology program. It is open to any student interested in learning more about spirituality and discipleship.

#### **THEO 210 Theological Methods (3)**

What are interpretive approaches and practices for studying theology from a Reformed perspective? In this course, themes for discussion include the doctrines of God, Christology, scripture, creation, fall, redemption, and eschatological consummation. Students will have an opportunity to study both the historical development of these theological topics, as well as their contemporary application

#### **THEO 215 New Testament: Gospels (3)**

This course will introduce students to detailed study of the content, themes, and purposes of each of the four canonical Gospels, as well as to the scholarly tools commonly used to interpret them. Students will practice close readings of portions of the Gospels and discuss the ways that the varied contexts in which these texts are read (e.g., canonical, theological) inform meaningful interpretation within the context of a historical-redemptive approach to scripture.

#### **THEO 216 New Testament: Epistles (3)**

This course will introduce students to detailed study of the content, themes, and purposes of Paul's letters (Romans, 1-2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1-2 Thessalonians, 1-2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon) and the General Epistles (Hebrews, James, 1-2 Peter, 1-2-3 John, Jude), as well as to the scholarly tools commonly used to interpret them. Students will practice close readings of portions of the letters and discuss the ways that the varied contexts in which these texts are read (e.g., canonical, theological) inform meaningful interpretation within the context of a historical-redemptive approach to scripture.

#### **THEO 231 Foundations of Mission and Ministry**

A study of the Bible's teaching about the mission of the people of God and how the Christian Church understands mission and ministry. The course also explores the contextualization of the gospel in the Western and global Church.

## KING'S COLLEGE

### CATEGORY I

#### BI 307 **Spiritual Formation**

This course introduces the biblical and theological principles of spiritual formation. Particular attention will be devoted to how individuals grow in deeper communion and intimacy with their triune God. Emphasis will also be devoted to articulating and cultivating a biblically balanced and healthy practice of spirituality for daily living.

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## KUYPER COLLEGE (formerly REFORMED BIBLE COLLEGE)

### CATEGORY I

#### BI 111 **Old Testament Survey**

This course provides a basic introduction to the Old Testament. Emphasis is given to the historical background and content of each Old Testament book. Students will learn how these books lay the foundation for God's story of salvation history, providing a basis for a biblical worldview. Attention is also given to the impact of the Old Testament for today and development of a biblically-informed theology that equips one for everyday living. This course is a prerequisite for an Old Testament Bible elective course. Fall.

#### BI 112 **New Testament Survey**

This course provides a basic introduction to the New Testament. Emphasis is given to the historical background and content of each New Testament book and how these books contribute to God's continuing story of salvation history, providing a basis for a biblical worldview. Attention is also given to the impact of the New Testament for today and development of a biblically-informed theology that equips one for everyday living. This course is normally a prerequisite for any New Testament Bible elective course. Winter.

#### Th 241 **Christian Doctrine I** 3 credit hours

This course examines Christian doctrine within the biblical and theological framework provided by covenant theology. It concentrates on the biblical teaching about the nature and source of theology (prolegomena), doctrine of God (theology proper), and doctrine of humanity (biblical anthropology). Pre-requisites: BI 101, BI 111 and BI 112.

#### Th 242 **Christian Doctrine II**

This course examines Christian doctrine within the biblical and theological framework provided by covenant theology. It concentrates on the biblical teaching about the doctrine of Christ (Christology), the doctrine of salvation (soteriology), the doctrine of the church (ecclesiology), and the doctrine of last things (eschatology). Prerequisites: BI 101, BI 111, BI 112 and TH241.

#### Th 458 **Creeds and Confessions**

This course contributes to the articulation of a biblical, Reformed worldview by studying the doctrinal themes of Scripture as summarized in the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, Belgic Confession, Canons of Dort and the Heidelberg Catechism. Particular attention is paid to the historical context of the documents and their relevance to today's church and culture.

**INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES**  
**CATEGORY 1**

1108AC/2108AC **Biblical Foundations**

This course will explore the Bible as the ongoing story of and for God and creation, paying special attention to the way in which God's story is intertwined with that of humanity and the world. In asking whether and in what way the Bible is also our story, we will attempt to identify which hermeneutical methods might help us discern its significance for present day life, including the academic enterprise.

**TRINITY COLLEGE**  
**CATEGORY I**

THEO 121 **The Old Testament and Its Fulfillment (3)** 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 and Christian Tradition**  
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 335 **Calvinistic Tradition**  
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

MIN 203 **Spiritual Formation**  
This course will introduce students to foundational concepts and practices in the area of the spiritual disciplines, which provide a needed pathway for their own spiritual formation and ability to teach spiritual formation to others. Stages of spiritual formation and its barriers also are discussed. Prerequisite: MIN 101 or permission of the instructor.

## TRINITY WESTERN UNIVERSITY

### CATEGORY I

- REL 101      **Introduction to Old Testament Studies (3 sem. hrs.)**  
An introduction to the major divisions of the Old Testament (Pentateuch, Prophets, and Writings), including an orientation to the following areas in the field of Old Testament studies: inspiration, principles of interpretation, canon, text, world of the Old Testament, historical backgrounds, archeology, theology, cri
- REL 102      **Introduction to New Testament Studies (3 sem. hrs.)**  
An introduction to the major writings of the New Testament (Synoptic Gospels, Pauline, and Johannine Writings), including an orientation to the field of New Testament studies in the same areas as under RELS 101
- REL 224      **New Testament Theology (3 sem. hrs.)**  
A study of the New Testament writings in their historical setting and chronological sequence with the goal of acquiring knowledge of their theological unity and diversity. Prerequisite(s): RELS 102. (3-0; 0-0)

## TYNDALE UNIVERSITY

### CATEGORY I

- BSTH101      **Old Testament Scripture**  
(formerly  
RLGS 1013)      Survey of the redemptive story in the three major divisions of the Old Testament (the Law/Torah, the Prophets and the Writings), including an orientation to the historical backgrounds, religious context, literary forms, apocryphal dimensions, prophetic elements, matters of canon, text, interpretation and critical issues.
- BSTH 102      **New Testament Scripture**  
(formerly  
RLGS 1023)      Survey of the redemptive story in the literature of the New Testament, including an orientation to the historical backgrounds, religious context, literary forms, matters of canon, text and interpretation, and critical issues.
- BSTH 270      **Intro to Christian Theology**  
(formerly  
RLGS 3603)      Provides an orientation to the central teachings of the Bible as revealed in the flow of redemptive history, including a focus on various theological traditions, methods of doctrinal reflection and the nature of biblical authority. Exclusions: BSTH 261, 360.
- SPIR 0700      **Spiritual Formation**  
This course provides an integrated study of the Christian life and the development of personal character shaped by the values and virtues of God's kingdom. The course includes examination of conceptual frameworks and major categories in spiritual theology, as well as understanding and practicing the spiritual disciplines through the use of personal as well as corporate disciplines. **Included in this course is a 48-hour retreat in which all students must participate. It should be made following the guidelines in the book Renew (among the required texts), unless the student wishes to attend the retreat for the on-the-ground class, which will take place from February 19 to 21, 2020 in Mississauga, Ontario. Details can be secured from the Instructor.**