

STUDENT HANDBOOK



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ARE BY JESUS CHRIST, TO THE GLORY
AND PRAISE OF GOD”

PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

Welcome to Cornerstone School of Ministry!

Come visit us in the heart of the Willamette Valley

From late September through early June we encourage you to come visit our classes at Cornerstone School of Ministry (CSOM). Located in Corvallis, Oregon, CSOM is hosted by Calvary Corvallis.

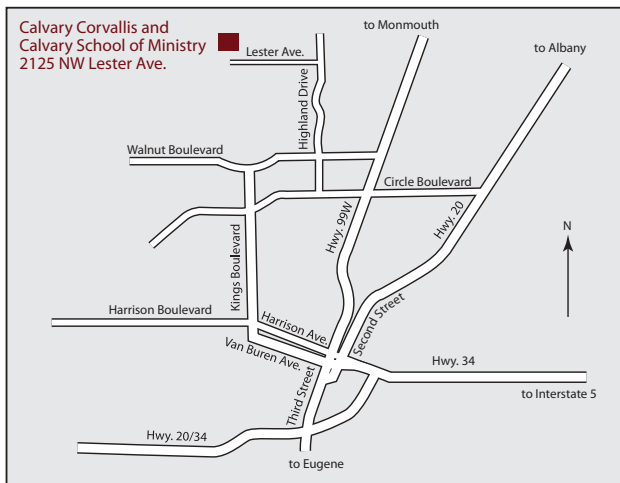
CSOM is a Christ-centered, Bible-focused training school that seeks to develop students who will make a significant impact in their churches, communities and throughout the world. We believe that your visit to our school will demonstrate the community atmosphere that is an integral part of our educational program. Experience what CSOM is all about by praying and singing with the school in the morning, taking notes during our hermeneutics classes, or gleaning wisdom from several local pastors involved in mentoring each student throughout the year.

Our admissions office is always willing to help facilitate a tour. Please contact the office during normal business hours to arrange a visit. We are willing to help with directions, transportation and overnight accommodations if you are visiting from out of the area.

Contact the Admissions Office

Email: info@CornerstoneSOM.org

Phone: (541) 752-2851



Directions to Cornerstone:

From Interstate 5 (traveling north or south):

- **Take the Highway 34** exit that reads “Corvallis / Oregon State University” (exit number 228).
- **Go west on Highway 34** for about 10 miles to Corvallis.
- After crossing the bridge over the Willamette River, **turn right at the second stop light onto Third Street**.
- Continue north on Third Street/Highway 99W about a mile and a half until you get to the stoplight at Circle Blvd. **Turn left onto Circle Blvd.**
- Continue on Circle about a half mile, then **turn right at the stoplight at Circle and Highland Drive**.
- Proceed north on Highland Drive about a mile. **Turn left onto Lester Ave.**, Continue on Lester for about 3/4 of a mile, then **turn right** into the Calvary Corvallis parking lot @ 2125 NW Lester Ave.

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Academic Calendar

Fall 2008

Fall Term Orientation	September 22
Classes Begin	September 23
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 25-28
Finals Week.....	December 9-12
Christmas Break.....	December 13-January 5

Winter 2009

Classes Begin	January 6
Finals Week.....	March 17-20
Spring Break.....	March 21-30

Spring 2009

Classes begin	March 31
Shasta Break	April/May
Finals Week.....	May 26-29
Classes end / Graduation	May 29

Letter from the Director

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Cornerstone School of Ministry, I would like to welcome you and thank you for your interest in our school. The very fact that you are holding this catalog in your hands suggests that you, or perhaps someone you know, is exploring the possibility of investing an extended period of time studying and training in the Scriptures.

Perhaps you're a graduating high school student who is wisely considering investing nine months of your life in the Word of God before committing to a certain college. Maybe you're a graduating college student who is choosing to come under the influence of Scripture for an extended period before selecting a particular career path. It could be that you're at a life crossroads, and would greatly benefit from the spiritual nourishment and solid Biblical training offered at the School of Ministry. I am confident that whoever you are, your experience at Cornerstone will impact and pay spiritual dividends to your life for many years to come. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey with Christ, we at Cornerstone would love to serve you and point you toward Jesus!

The Church today needs men and women who are grounded in God's Word, filled with God's love, spiritually deep and eager to serve. At Cornerstone, we believe it is vital for people to be trained and equipped to live for God with their head, heart and hands. I believe that Cornerstone School of Ministry occupies a unique place in God's church today, and is being used by the Lord to raise a generation of healthy servant-leaders.

As a student, you will experience a dynamic blend of quality training which aims at shaping your mind and heart for the Lord. During this time, you will survey every book of the Bible, study the great themes of Scripture, gain the skills to properly handle and interpret the Bible and learn key principles and truths about walking with Jesus. In addition to the spiritual learning that characterizes the school, you will also enjoy a rich sense of community at Cornerstone as we study and serve in God's Kingdom together. Through studying and serving together, discussing different questions and presuppositions and sharpening one another's minds and hearts, you will establish beautiful lifetime friendships with your fellow classmates. Finally, you will gain experience in ministry as you serve in practical and spiritual ways throughout the year. Your experience at Cornerstone may also include either a short-term mission trip abroad, or a two-week Bible tour of Israel. Truly, after completing our nine-month school, you will have a solid spiritual and Biblical foundation on which to build the rest of your life. You'll be forever changed for God's glory!

Blessings,



Adam Poole

Cornerstone's Vision & Mission Statements

Our Vision

Cornerstone School of Ministry's vision is the same that Paul had for the Christians at Philippi. "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

Our Mission

We are committed to teaching the Bible in such a way that:

1. Students are equipped to properly handle the Word of God;
2. They are encouraged to think critically of what they believe and why they believe as they reason through the breadth and depth of theology;
3. They will learn to become ministers (those who serve), and to do so humbly for the body of Christ; and
4. They will give consideration to, and hopefully come to the knowledge of the purpose that God has for their lives.

Our foremost desire is that these goals are realized in an environment that fosters a love abounding more and more in all things.

Cornerstone's Doctrinal Beliefs

We believe the Bible to be the only inspired, inerrant, infallible, and authoritative word of God.

We believe there is one God who eternally exists in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ, the second person of the Holy Trinity, was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a sacrificial death for the sins of the world, rose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is coming again to judge the living and the dead and to establish God's kingdom of righteousness and peace on the earth.

We believe in the depravity of man. Man in his essential being is sinful and incapable of meriting God's favor.

We believe that salvation is by grace, through faith alone in the Person and finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross.

We believe in the sovereignty of God and the free will of man.

We believe in the perpetuity of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and that the gifts of the Spirit are for the church today.

We believe in the sufficiency of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit to supply us with all things that pertain to life and godliness.

We believe in the pre-millennial return of Jesus Christ who will establish His physical Kingdom on earth.

We believe that the Church exists to worship God, edify itself in love, and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Academic Overview

Bible Certificate

The year of study at Cornerstone is the foundation upon which students can choose to continue their academic pursuits at other Bible colleges, public universities or in the world of real life. The fundamental goals of the Bible Certificate program are:

1. A basic understanding of all of Scripture.
2. A foundational grasp of the major doctrines of the Christian faith.
3. Developing skills in hermeneutics.
4. Developing an appreciation for involvement in ministry and missions.
5. A growing personal walk with God.

Students in the program will complete 48 quarter units required for the Bible Certificate.

Faculty, Staff and Administration

Rory Rodgers (Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry) – As High School Youth Pastor at Calvary Corvallis, Rory is a man who loves God and loves the Word of God. He brings a servant's heart, genuine love for Christ, and practical experience in ministry to the School.

Gene Stokes (Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry) – As Marriage Pastor and accountant at Calvary Corvallis, Gene brings a unique perspective of God's heart for couples and families. He also contributes healthy discipleship influence in the School of Ministry by teaching and demonstrating a life of discipline and wise stewardship. Above all, Gene brings a genuine love for Christ and for people into the school.

Ryan Smith (Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry) – As Worship Leader at Calvary Corvallis, Ryan frequently leads morning devotions at Cornerstone throughout the year. Ryan loves leading people into the presence of God, and teaching by way of both experience and instruction on how to enter into worship and how to live worshipful lives.

Sean Buckout (Certificate in Bible, Calvary Chapel Bible College) – As Children’s Pastor at Calvary Corvallis, Sean brings a passion for ministry to children. Because of the huge impact that it can have on young people’s lives and because of the significant place that children enjoy in the ministry.

Cindy Rodgers – Cindy serves at the hub of ministry life at Calvary Corvallis. Cindy loves serving in her official roles as full-time secretary and women’s ministry leader, but the thrust of her influence in the school comes from the sum of her life that she has spent walking with the Savior. Cindy loves being involved in shaping women’s lives and encouraging students to keep pressing hard after Jesus.

Heather Rodgers (Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry – Heather serves as a leader and mentor for the women at Cornerstone. She loves being involved in women’s discipleship and encouraging people to know Christ and to live lives that are “on” in fellowship with God and service to him during every aspect of life.

Ian Nelson – Ian serves as College Pastor, Worship Leader, and OneVoice Leader at Calvary Corvallis. Ian also leads a Christian rock band called In Pursuit Of (www.inpursuitofmusic.com). Ian brings a passionate love for Christ, for the church and for seeing a young generation of people follow after Jesus.

Curt Duever (B.S., University of Missouri; B.A., Calvary Chapel Bible College) – When Curt speaks concerning the role of an Assisting Pastor he speaks from experience. Before coming to Calvary Corvallis he served at Calvary Chapel Bible College and Retreat Center in California. For the last eight years he has assisted Pastor Rob Verdeyen in Corvallis as the Administrative Pastor.

Tom Ewers – Tom brings to the Cornerstone classroom the lessons of a life well lived. He celebrates more than twenty years of marriage, the privilege of being entrusted with five children and living a life under the light of the Gospels. It is from this perspective that Tom will tutor students from the life of Christ as recorded in the Synoptic Gospels. Tom has been an elder and teacher at Calvary Corvallis since 1995.

Virgil Hebert (B.A., University of Oregon; M.S., University of Colorado) – Virgil has a passion for studying the Bible verse by verse and associating what he learns there with God’s physical creation. His formal education and experience in the high tech industry give him a unique perspective to pursue and teach this intersection of the physical and spiritual realms. In his Science in the Bible class, Virgil will help clarify the scientific principles behind many of today’s issues and questions.

Larry Lyon (Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry) – As Missions Pastor at Calvary Corvallis, the Lord has given Larry the delightful role of participating in the lives of missionaries around the world. As a man of prayer and sincere devotion, Larry is a spark-plug for CSOM. He has God’s heart for the world, and wishes to transfer this passion to the students.

Jeff Patterson (B.S., Oregon State University; Certificate in Bible, School of Ministry; M.Div. (candidate), Multnomah Biblical Seminary) – Jeff works as a Project Engineer for a construction company. Yet his real desire is to see people interact with Jesus Christ in His Word.

Adam Poole (B.S., Oregon State University; M.Div., Multnomah Biblical Seminary) – Adam is passionate to see students instructed, matured and spiritually transformed through a relationship with God and knowledge of His Word. Adam was able to help plant a Calvary Chapel church in Recife, Brazil, where he served for almost two years until returning in 2003. Adam and his wife Grace have four children: Micah, Isaiah, Zachariah and Jeremiah.

Rob Verdeyen (Certificate in Bible, YWAM School of Biblical Studies) – Entering his 12th year as the Senior Pastor of Calvary Corvallis, Rob brings to the School a depth of insight. Having been tried and tested in the ministry he has seen God’s great faithfulness time and again. Students will greatly benefit from one who has gone before them in life’s experiences.

CSOM Life: Spiritual Atmosphere

Chapel

Students and staff meet every morning for a time of prayer and worship before starting the day’s lessons. Dedicating the day to the Lord is an integral part of the spiritual formation of each student.

Weekly Devotional and Pastoral Counseling

Each week, a devotional message is presented by one of the evangelical pastors from the community of Corvallis. The devotional speakers are arranged and facilitated by the senior pastor of Calvary Corvallis, Rob Verdeyen, and closely tied to the Pastoral Studies class offered year-long to students.

Days of Prayer and Praise

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the Saturday night prayer service of Calvary Corvallis. At the beginning of the school year, CSOM students attend a Saturday prayer service where members of the Calvary Corvallis body pray for the students and their upcoming academic year.

Church Attendance

Cornerstone staff expects every student to affiliate with an evangelical church and to participate in the program of that church through faithful attendance at weekly services. If an applicant would like recommendations on a place to worship, faculty is available for counsel regarding those choices.

Spiritual and Practical Ministry

Cornerstone seeks to admit men and women who have received salvation by faith in Jesus Christ and who desire to prepare themselves for a lifetime of effective vocational or a-vocational Christian ministry. With this in mind, CSOM encourages all students to wisely choose and serve in spiritual and practical ministry opportunities throughout the school year. CSOM will also provide specific opportunities for the students to share in the joy of practical ministry in and around the hosting body of Calvary Corvallis.

Other Ministry Involvement

The Cornerstone faculty feels strongly that CSOM should be the primary focus of the 9-month period in the full-time student's life. With this in view, other ministry involvement, outside the one or two ministries the student may already be involved in, is highly discouraged.

CSOM Life: Fellowship and Service

House Groups

Each CSOM student will be assigned to a House Group. These House Groups will serve as the immediate social network at the beginning of the school year, allowing all students to be heard and meet other students on a more intimate level. Later, the House Groups evolve into practical ministry teams as well as study groups for the Hermeneutics courses. The Hermeneutics study sessions will help the students bond as well as provide fertile conversations that refine their exegetical abilities more quickly than if they were working alone. The students are encouraged to utilize the groups as much as possible for academic as well as spiritual support.

The House Groups will be assigned practical ministry tasks at the beginning of the school year.

Admissions

Personal Conduct

The Bible school experience is for earnest Christians who are sensitive to the principles of Christian life and conduct as set forth in the Word of God. A student's registration is considered an agreement to abide by Cornerstone School of Ministry's specific guidelines detailed in this handbook and application packet.

Spiritual Qualifications

Admission to all programs requires a statement of personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Students are expected to be in essential agreement with Cornerstone's doctrinal position.

Educational Qualifications

Students entering the one-year Bible Certificate program shall, at a minimum, possess a high school diploma or its equivalent. International students for whom English is a second language are required to take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language).

Health Questionnaire

Applicants must complete a self-report furnishing information on required immunizations and testing. This form is provided in the application packet.

Nondiscrimination Policy

Cornerstone admits qualified applicants regardless of sex, race, color, national origin or physical disability, who are personally committed to faith in Jesus Christ.

Financial Arrangements

Prior to registration, CSOM students are asked to complete a Financial Planning Meeting and sign a statement. The student must also pay the application fee of \$100 for clearance to register. The Administrative staff is prepared to work with applicants as they go through the application process. Applicants are welcome to contact the Administration Office for assistance.

Admission Procedure

Applicants are encouraged to file all application forms for admission well in advance of the application deadline and/or enrollment date. For fall term, the application deadline is June 1 for early actions and June 30 for normal action. Applications submitted after June 30 risk denied acceptance for fall term.

The following application materials should be mailed or delivered to CSOM:

1. A formal application provided online at www.CornerstoneSOM.org, through CSOM's admissions office or through Calvary Corvallis' main office.
2. Three reference forms completed and turned into the CSOM office (one from church leadership, two from other personal references).
3. Signed Liability and Consent Form.
4. A nonrefundable application fee of \$100.
5. Official transcripts sent directly from high school, college, university or seminary. Transcripts need to be presented from all previous academic institutions whether or not credit was earned.

In addition to application materials, interviews are required of all applicants.

Re-admission

Students returning to Cornerstone after an interruption apply for re-admission (using the re-admission application) and are required to send official transcripts from all colleges and seminaries attended in the interim. Current references (including the student's pastor) may be required at the discretion of the admission committee.

Approval for Admission

Decisions are made only on completed applications. The admission committee reviews all files and sends notification to the applicant, usually within one month of initial application. Approval for admission will be followed by important information about when to arrive, orientation, academic advising and registration.

Required Student Orientation

The CSOM student orientation sessions are required for all students. Sessions include an introduction to the spiritual and educational objectives of CSOM, information on procedures and guidelines of the school and academic program advisement for those interested. There will also be a reception/social held either during the late summer months or the first week of classes for all CSOM students and their spouses. This is an opportunity to get acquainted with other students and faculty.

Financial Information

CSOM Costs

Tuition and Fees (full-time students): \$77/unit. Academic year total: \$3,700.

Tuition and Fees (part-time students): \$80/unit.

These amounts do not include books, living expenses or incidentals. Many of the books are used in the sequential classes for the entire academic year. The total cost of books for the year should not exceed \$400.

Payment Plans

Our administration recognizes that the cost of a private education may seem prohibitive to some, and we have committed efforts and resources to assist and guide students through this challenge. In addition to potential scholarships, Cornerstone's payment plan is designed to give flexibility in payment for tuition to the school. For more information, contact the CSOM Office at 541-752-2851 or email info@CornerstoneSOM.org.

Only when full payment is received, will the student be cleared to attend classes.

Out-of-Area Students

In addition to tuition payments, out-of-area students should reserve funds to cover expenses of moving, living expenses and a month's advance rental (approximately \$400 to \$700, depending on accommodations desired and available). Additionally, a month's wage in reserve is recommended to cover the interim while securing employment.

Tuition and Fees Refund

It is possible to receive a refund from Cornerstone School of Ministry after withdrawing from the school and going through the appropriate steps.

Tuition Refunds Schedule

	Refunds for total withdrawal from school	Refunds for reduction of credit hours
Week 1	90% of remainder	100% tuition refund
Week 2	75% of remainder	75% tuition refund
Week 3	50% of remainder	75% tuition refund
Week 4	25% of remainder	50% tuition refund
Week 5	10% of remainder	50% tuition refund

There will be no refunds after the fifth week.

Financial Aid

Cornerstone Scholarship Opportunities

Depending on class size, a limited amount of funds may be available for scholarships to Cornerstone. Students may download a CSOM scholarship application form from www.CornerstoneSOM.org. See the Financial Aid navigation tab.

Each applicant will need to give detailed information regarding their financial situation. Scholarship applications are considered primarily on the basis of financial need. The deadline for scholarship applications is June 30.

Applications for CSOM scholarships is separate from the admission process. It is recommended that applicants consider applying for a scholarship simultaneously with their general application in order to better meet the deadlines. Scholarship award offers are not made until the student has been admitted to Cornerstone School of Ministry and the scholarship file is complete. A limited number of scholarships are available in any given year.

Federal Subsidized Loan Programs

CSOM is not an accredited institution. Therefore, Cornerstone cannot accept any type of Federally Subsidized Student Aid.

Unsubsidized Educational Loan Programs

Wise and cautious borrowing of needed educational funds has proven to be a sound investment for many students. An educational loan program offers low-interest loans through local lending institutions. Students are responsible for initiating these types of loan programs as they identify their needs.

Private Aid Sources

Cornerstone is an academic institution. CSOM is not a Federal not-for-profit (501(c)3) organization. Therefore, people making donations on behalf of specific CSOM students will not receive a tax-deductible receipt. However, general scholarship donations from which CSOM has full administrative control are considered tax-deductible.

Student Employment

Work opportunities are available for students in the community. The student employment coordinator assists students in finding suitable employment off campus.

Being a full-time student at Cornerstone is a full-time commitment. Students are asked to keep CSOM a priority in light of finding the necessary employment for their financial needs. Due to the rigorous schedule, if a student decides to work more than 25 hours per week, he or she will need to schedule an appointment with the Director and Administrator to discuss schedules and commitments.

Academic Information and Policies

Schedule

The academic calendar provides for three, 11-week terms and a one-week break scheduled during the Fall and Spring terms. While CSOM class sessions normally are based upon a 50-minute class period for each credit hour, some course sessions are scheduled back-to-back with appropriate breaks. The average student load is 16 term credits, and assignments are designed to require approximately two hours of preparation for each hour in class.

Class Eligibility

Before enrolling in any class, the student is responsible to ensure all prerequisite courses and requirements have been fulfilled. Any exception to completing a prerequisite must be approved by the instructor and the CSOM Director.

Grading System

Evaluation of student achievement is determined according to the CSOM grading system (see table below).

CSOM Grading System			
A	4.0	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1.0
B-	2.7	D-	.7
C+	2.3	F	0

Official withdrawal from a course before the final withdrawal date is marked by a W; and a temporary mark of INC is used in special cases when an extension is granted by CSOM. An incomplete unresolved in three months will be changed to an F. Several classes will be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Academic Probation

Students who do not successfully complete a course with a grade of D+ or better will be placed on academic probation. At that time the Cornerstone staff will meet with the student and take proactive measures to ensure the student's success the following term. If the student continues to perform poorly for a second consecutive term, another meeting between the Cornerstone staff and the student will take place. Dismissal from the school until the student can demonstrate the ability for improved academic performance is a possibility.

Classification of Students

Students registered for 15 or more quarter credits are classified full time; students registered for 14 or fewer quarter credits are part time.

Auditors

Students who register to attend courses without receiving credit are classified as auditors. Admission as an auditor requires an abbreviated application, admission approval and payment of required fees. Since auditors are not active participants, a instructor has the option to close a class to auditors. Auditors are not responsible to complete the in-class or out of class assignments but are expected to help maintain a respectful learning environment.

Awarding Credit Hours

Students at Cornerstone will receive one credit for every 50-minute period in class. Each 50-minute class period has a minimum of two hours of study outside of class. The CSOM credit system is based on a 10-week trimester calendar, running roughly concurrent with the Oregon State University calendar.

Student Responsibility

It is the student's responsibility to know and understand academic policies related to the program. The student should be familiar with the information in the school handbook, which is updated every year. While the school provides advising services to its students through program advisors and the Administrator's Office, final responsibility rests with the student for fulfilling all the requirements for graduation. This shall include requirements resulting from program modifications affecting course offerings as adopted by the faculty.

Cornerstone School of Ministry Library

Cornerstone has a small growing library thanks to generous donations from members of the body at Calvary Corvallis. An alternative to this library is the Oregon State University Valley Library located on the campus of OSU, approximately 2 miles from the CSOM facilities.

Academic Requirements

Bible Certificate Requirements

1. Meet general admission requirements as listed in the "Admission and Financial Information" section.
2. Hold a minimum 2.0 grade point average (4.0 scale).
3. Satisfactorily complete all core and elective requirements for the Bible Certificate.
4. Demonstrate commendable spiritual life and Christian character in accordance with the school's requirements.
5. Pay all tuition and fees in full.

CSOM Core Schedule

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
HM 121	Hermeneutics I	3
NT 132	Acts and Pauline Epistles	4
OT 101	Genesis-Esther	3
SF 140	Pastoral Discipleship	1
SF 142	Prayer	2
TH 111	Bible Doctrine I	3
EV 110	Perspectives in World Missions	2
HM 122	Hermeneutics II	2
NT 134	Romans	3
OT 102	Job-Malachi	3
TH 112	Bible Doctrine II	3
SF 144	Life of Christ	2
NT 133	John and General Epistles	4
NT 135	Revelation and Daniel	2
SF 141	Pastoral Discipleship	1
SF 143	Spiritual Life	2
TH 113	Bible Doctrine III	3
	General Electives	5
	Bible Certificate Total	48

CSOM Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
CWV 150	Church History	2
CWV 151	Christianity and Culture	2
CWV 152	Bible, Science and Technology	2
SF 145	Biblical and Relational Leadership	2
SF 146	Men's Discipleship	2
SF 147	Women's Discipleship	2

CSOM Core: Course Descriptions

Old Testament Survey I & II

Survey of the Biblical books of Genesis through Malachi, with emphasis upon the message, major themes, structure and distinctive features of these books.

OT 101, 102: Credits 6

Bible Doctrine I, II, III

Survey of Christian doctrine, emphasizing a systematic approach to studying the essential teachings of the Christian faith as revealed in God's Holy Word.

Specifically: Theology Proper: God, Bibliology: The Bible, Ecclesiology: The Church, Christology: Jesus Christ, Soteriology: Salvation.

TH 111, 112, 113: Credits 9

Hermeneutics I & II

Study of the foundational principles of Biblical interpretation and application of these principles in actual Bible study. Prerequisites: satisfactory completion of each hermeneutics course prior to beginning the subsequent course.

HM 121, 122: Credits 6

Acts and Pauline Epistles

Survey of the Book of Acts and the Pauline Epistles, stressing the key cultural, historical, doctrinal and practical themes. The time line of the events in Acts and the life lessons of the Apostle Paul are emphasized.

NT 132: Credits 4

The Gospels & General Epistles

An exposition and survey study of the Four Gospels and the General Epistles, keying in on the message, structure and distinctive features of each letter.

Special emphasis will be given to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ our Savior, and, with regard to the General Epistles, to issues of ministry in contexts of physical and doctrinal adversity.

NT 133: Credits 4

Romans

An expositional study through the book of Romans, emphasizing the central themes of the love and grace of God, His sovereignty, the finished work of Jesus Christ, depravity of man, justification by faith, sanctification through unity with Christ and life in the Holy Spirit.

NT 134: Credits 3

Revelation and Daniel

A study of the prophecies presented in Daniel and the Revelation of John in their exegetical, historical and theological contexts in order to develop a Biblical eschatology that speaks to contemporary culture.

NT 135: Credits 2

Pastoral Discipleship

Students will discuss, share and interact with several Pastors concerning the contemporary issues of the church.

SF 140, 141: Credits 2

Prayer

Emphasizes the student's development of a personal prayer life and ministry. Attention will be given to the prayers recorded in the Scriptures and the development of a personal prayer strategy. Includes a required prayer retreat.

SF 142: Credits 2

Second: Ministry Formation

Second is a look at ministry through the eyes of an assistant. God has called some to minister behind the scenes; we'll look at "the other half" of ministry.

SF 143: Credits 2

Life of Christ

This course helps students grow in their awareness of God's love for them and grow in their love for Him and for one another. The purpose is Love.

SF 144: Credits 2

CSOM Electives: Course Descriptions

Church History

Introduction to the history of the Christian church from its founding at Pentecost to the present time.

CWV 150: Credits 2

Bible, Science and Technology

Overview of issues that confront the Christian of the 21st century when dealing with God's Holy Scriptures and the views of secular science and technology.

CWV 152: Credits 2

Biblical and Relational Leadership

Focus on two crucial aspects of leadership: the character of the person and the character of relationships. Leadership will be studied by looking at Jesus and Nehemiah from Scriptures, and by reading two books focused on leadership character and relationships.

SF 145: Credits 2

Spiritual Life

Study of the foundational principles of living a faithful Christian life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Study methods for developing and training disciples, integrated with the exercise of spiritual disciplines. Special emphasis will be given to character development, core principles of sanctification and a relationship with Christ and one another.

SF 146, 147: Credits 2

Luke 9:23-25 (NKJV)

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?"



Jesus never said it would be easy to follow Him, and in the passage above, a group of eager disciples wanting to follow Him are confronted with a plain word of caution. This path of following Jesus would not be easy, but rather difficult, even involving pain or suffering likened to that of dying by crucifixion.

As a part of counting the cost, Jesus said, "Whoever loses his life for My sake will save it." This involves death to "self" – death to one's prerogative, to one's will – a complete surrender to His control. Because Jesus died, we can truly live. This life we now live belongs to Him, and as we die to ourselves daily, we experience the kind of life God truly meant for us to have and live.

Cornerstone School of Ministry offers ample opportunity to experience God's continual reshaping and remolding of the life that He has given you, all while preparing you for the great work He wants to do in and through you. Join us as we offer ourselves as "living sacrifices," endeavoring to pick up our crosses daily to follow Him.



