

CURRICULUM

The Lord blessed **The Word of God International University** with an exceptional group of professors. Every course is alive, vibrant and a rich experience in the living Word. The course descriptions are encapsulated profiles of the contents of each course. Courses are listed in alphabetical order within each division of this catalog.

Schedule

Courses are scheduled and held by appointment only. A revised schedule of courses is prepared the beginning of each quarter and is available through the university office.

The Quarter System

Traditionally, a academic school year consisted of two (2) semesters. Today, many universities have "quarters" instead of two semesters. **WGIU** operates on the *four-quarter system*, which provides more opportunities to begin courses and expeditiously complete courses. Ten school weeks and a final exam week or eleven weeks in each quarter total forty-four weeks to comprise a full academic year.

Units of Credit

Generally speaking, each core course offered earns one and one-half (1.5) units of credit per quarter. The course description indicates the total number of units required to complete the course. For example, three (3) is for a two-quarter course; six (6) is for a four-quarter course.

Divisions

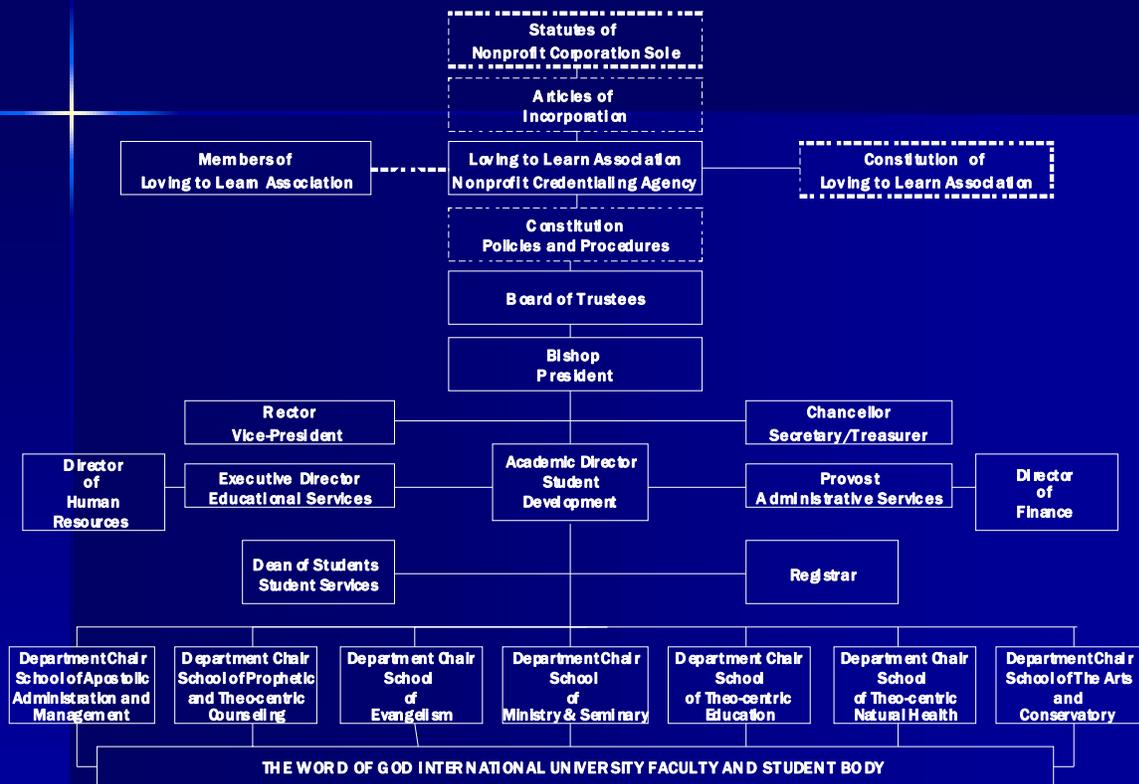
Lower Division Courses are those undertaken during a student's first year in an *Associates Degree Program*.

Upper Division Courses are those undertaken by *Bachelor of Theology* students in their second year.

Graduate Courses are those offered through a one year Program for a *Master of Theology or a Doctor of Theology Degree*.

Seminars are courses held on weekends as announced.

Legal Organizational Chart The Word of God International University



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LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Church History

Most people's knowledge of the history of the Bible is like a string of graduated pearls without the string. This is so true of Christian history. Many people know the Bible characters, or even principle events, but they are hopelessly lost when they are called upon to connect the stories in order. Pick up the *pearls* in the Scriptures and string them in order, so you will be enlightened through Christian history, understanding more completely God's precepts, His purposes, and plans throughout time.

Christian Character

As a royal priesthood, each Christian is called to reflect the glory of God to a broken, suffering "world." Realizing the need for humility, this is done through becoming more like Jesus. The characteristic of humility is developed through the fruit of The Spirit with thoughtful, intentional, and spirit-led pursuit of the virtues of faith, hope and love.

The Book of Revelation

While John was on Patmos, God unveiled to him the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and what would soon come to pass — a revelation unparalleled — the last to be given. With John's revelation, the New Testament canon of Scripture would be complete. The church would be secure. Every prophecy would be fulfilled, just as God said. This book of the Bible is happening before our very eyes! It prepares us for events that will be coming upon this world during the next few years. No Christian can afford to be without an intimate knowledge of the Book of Revelation in this hour. If there is any life in a person at all, he will come alive and shout — even become a soul winner — at the conclusion of this course. This is a must for everyone.

Born for The Glory

This course is a very special course answering many questions that have been left unanswered through the ages. God has predestined a people to be conformed into the image of His Son, Jesus Christ. But just what does that really mean? Who are the Hundred-fold, the Bride of Christ, the Remnant, or the Elect? What does it mean to walk through sanctification, justification and glorification? What are the former and latter rains? How do they apply to us today?

Motivational Gifts

God has not made us all the same. He planned that there be differences, unique capabilities, and variations in the Body. God has placed us in His family, giving us a certain mixture of "motivational gifts" that makes each individual unique. Concerned about our unique gifts, He gave us clear instruction about them in His final will and testament. This class explores all these gifts, which help each student to realize their gifts that benefit the whole Body and bring incredible balance, unity and health to those who discover them.

Present Day Truth

Throughout history, God has progressively revealed Truth to mankind. Through each generation, He is at work in the lives of men and women, often with an emphasis that differs from previous generations. *Present Day Truths* is a class that spans church history from its inception to our current day, illuminating the exciting things that God is doing in the church and church world.

The Apostle's Doctrine

Through this study, we will come into an in-depth study of the ordinances of the Christian Faith. This includes detailed charts and teachings of all the various foundations of the faith. What does each one mean, and what is the basis for each one? As ministers of the Word of God, this is a very important course, for we need to learn and apply these Truths to our own lives in order to teach them to others.

Spiritual Warfare

God gave His church — His body— the Great Commission to fulfill. In the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, casting out demons is in the center of what God is doing today. Yet, Christians still do not understand demonic activity. They are unsure of themselves and don't know how to respond. This need not be. This course gives an in-depth revelation of the nature and activity of Satan and demons. The student will learn how to master, without trepidation, many real-life situations involving demonic activity. This is a course no Christian can afford to miss.

The Man Child

This course takes one from before the foundations of the world through the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. As one studies the Man Child, His origin, and succeeding representatives, he is taken through the historical ancestry and subsequent genealogy of God's Son, Jesus Christ. This study complements the course on the Apostle's Doctrine as it gives further insights into the foundational teaching of God's Word, creating a better understanding of true Christian goals.

Systematic Theology

The Holy Spirit has led God's people to think through and arrange systematically the Truths they find in His Word. Systematic Theology is one of the most interesting classes in the entire university. It traces each major doctrine and clarifies its scope and meaning, affording a deeper grasp of primary teachings of the Bible. A few of the subjects covered are: The Bible, God, the Father, Son, Holy Spirit, Angels, Salvation, Church Structure, Prophetic Events, the Doctrine of Sin, and the Doctrine of Man.

Old Testament Survey

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." (Hebrews 13:8) The same Lord of the New Testament wrote the Old Testament. It is all His Word. To fully understand the New Testament, it is necessary to have a good understanding of the Old Testament. God's plan of creation and redemption, which began even before the foundation of the world, is fully disclosed in this course. Jesus Christ is not limited to just the New Testament as many erroneously believe, but He is interwoven as Supreme through every book of the Old Testament.

New Testament Survey

We live in the age of the New Testament. Through this New Covenant Word, God reveals the mysteries, which the Old Testament prophets longed to see. However, this was not possible for them, because Christ had not yet come into the world. This course covers this portion of God's Word. It bridges the Old Testament records with the New Testament, and chronicles God's plans for the future as it sums up all things in Christ. It also surveys special features of the age in which we live, making the Word of God "live" for ones study.

The Book of Daniel

The life and times of Daniel is the most significant apocalyptic tie between the Old Testament and the New Testament. This class prophetically describes current and future world conflicts, but God's control over all events is clearly demonstrated in the unfolding of Revelations through the Book of Daniel. The Book of Revelation cannot be properly interpreted without a general knowledge of this book, which reveals the end time message of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Evangelism

When Jesus returned to the Father, He left His church to continue His work in the world. His last words to His church were to take His message to the entire world. Still, Jesus is reaching out to minister to a lost and dying world. Now, He is working through His Body, the church. There is more to Christian life and ministry than Evangelism, yet without it there would be no life or ministry! Evangelism is sharing the Good News, giving freely to others what God has imparted. He who takes in, never giving out, will not spiritually grow. However, he who is actively seeking to win the lost will have newness of life, joy and exhilaration emanating from within.

God's End Time Army

God's end time army is best described in the Book of Joel, and gives a clearer understanding of God's plan for all in the last days. God's raising up an army that will be an impeccable foe. Revelation comes to those that faithfully walk with God a long time. "He that hath an ear, let him hear." This study will prepare and enable the faithful student to fall in rank with the glory of God in these last days.

Tabernacle Series

Part 1: Moses' Tabernacle - 2 Units

God is a consistent God. God is an eternal God Who thinks in terms of all of history, not just the immediate generation. From eternity past, He planned the work of Jesus Christ for our salvation. He arranged a coherent, progressive, unfolding drama of redemption through the expanse of time. *Moses Tabernacle* was an important part of this illustrated revelation of His plan and work on man's behalf. It shows both realities in Heaven and on earth as it foretold the coming of Messiah and His perfect work for man's salvation. Every part of the Tabernacle reveals an important Truth for mankind. This is consistent with all other information God has conveyed to man through the ages. This is a fascinating course encompassing all aspects of the Tabernacle and its relationship to Jesus.

Part 2: David's Tabernacle - 2 Units

One of the richest and greatest avenues of approach to Divine order of worship, whether for the Old Testament or New Testament Saints, is to be found in this study of David's Tabernacle. Though often neglected, this study reveals one more of the separate and distinct revelations. It clearly sets forth one more fragment of Truth as a facet or a part to be related to the whole vast reservoir of God's magnificent Truths.

Part 3: Solomon's Temple - 2 Units

The Temple, which Solomon built, was the first large single structure undertaken by any Israelite ruler. It was the great economic and cultural development of the Hebrews during the reigns of David and Solomon that led to the desire to build it. The temple was noted for its lavish beauty and detail more than for its great size. Seven years were required to complete the temple. This study is centered around the pattern of the temple given to Solomon by his father, David, and continues as you learn of the significance of its various prominent features. You also come to know the architectural details that made it such an impressive structure.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

The General Epistles

This course is an in-depth study of the *Epistles of James; 1st and 2nd Peter; 1st, 2nd and 3rd John; and Jude*. Each of these epistles is full of wisdom and practical insight for daily living, giving hope and direction to a troubled world. The student will learn both the structure and content of the books as well as principles applicable to today's way of life.

The Book of Acts

The Gospel of Luke shows what Christ ***began*** to do on earth. Acts shows what He ***continues*** to do by and through the Holy Spirit. This book is a record of the acts of the Holy Spirit through the apostles. "*Ye shall be My witnesses*" is the heart of the Book of Acts. Are you witnessing for Christ? If not, why not? It's God's plan to use His sons and daughters to testify of Him. Depending on God's power through the Holy Spirit, the disciples were simple, straightforward and successful. They moved with zeal that could not be quenched.

Major and Minor Prophets

This course covers the books of the Old Testament prophets from Isaiah to Malachi. The Major Prophets — so named because of their length — are Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel. The Minor Prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. They speak mightily of God and the coming Messiah. Many people are ignorant of these teachings, not understand the historical context behind them. A chronological setting of the history of Israel is established, correlating with the kings and events of their time periods.

Pastoral Leadership

There is a vast need for pastors and leaders among God's people. There are too many without adequate training who attempt to shepherd a flock. Lacking an understanding of the principles of management, church growth, and visionary leadership, pastors or leaders are unable to cope with issues confronting them. This course is exciting because the student learns how to successfully and scripturally lead God's people.

Priestly Garments

Why a specific garment for the priest? What was God's purpose in specifying such detailed and elaborate dress? What is the value in the clothes worn by the servants of God? This course continues from Part One of the Tabernacle series. The student is introduced to another aspect of God, as he learns how the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ is portrayed so minutely. As the Lord prescribed these garments to be made in such detail and beauty, one can observe the glory of His perfection and radiance in another dimension.

I and II Corinthians

Sin abounded in the cosmopolitan city of Corinth, the chief city of Greece. At one time it was the city of at least twelve heathen temples. The Corinthians were intrigued by Greek philosophy, and captivated by the disciplined training and athletic events at the Isthmus. How desperately they needed to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, the One crucified for sinners. The apostle Paul, establishing the church at Corinth, later went to Ephesus where he wrote these letters to the Corinthian believers who were miserable, longing for his help and correction. Note the parallel of the problems they faced with the problems that are so prevalent among our own modern culture today.

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

In every respect, we see the Holy Spirit as One who operates in the church as a divine personality, assuring that the continued ministry of the resurrected Christ is expressed and verified. The Holy Spirit has all the characteristics of a person, yet possesses the divine attributes of the Godhead. When we observe the operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we find varying theological viewpoints concerning the function of the gifts. With the acceptance and understanding of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, a common bond of unity in prayer and worship is a must for the Spirit-filled believer.

The Book of John

The Gospel of John is often considered the most important, profound, and universal of the four Gospels. It usually is recommended as ***first priority reading*** to the new Christian. John wrote his Gospel to show "*...that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that believing, ye might have life through His Name.*" (John 20:31) Therefore, mastering the basic content of this Gospel is an important part of a true Bible university education. The student learns both the overall picture of Christ as portrayed in the Gospel, as well as the specific significance of the narratives and teachings.

The Kings of Israel and Judah

This is a chronological study of the Hebrew kings over the Israelite people. It begins with Saul and ends with Zedekiah. The study reveals God's relationship with His people in their disobedience, as well as their obedience. The ascension of each king is related to the rein of the king in the other kingdom, which simultaneously affected both kingdoms. As one observes God's love for all people, as well as His tolerance and hatred of evil, how does He respond?

The Book of Romans

Here is the key that unlocks the door, opening your understanding. This is one of the most significant books of the Bible, covering the basic doctrines of salvation and the Christian life in a superb manner. As it is the gospel in a nutshell, it encompasses the power of God to reveal His righteousness and His humanity; stresses the need of salvation by faith, emphasizing life's purpose; and also discusses unbelief and its consequences. To rescue the lost, one must know the Truth. This course consists of a systematic study of the major doctrines and teachings of Christ, establishing the Truth so that every student will benefit from it.

The Book of Hebrews

Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever. (Hebrews 13:8) The *Book of Hebrews* details beautifully God's priestly work under the Old and New Covenants. It carefully describes the changes that took place when Jesus completed His work on the cross, conveying strong Christian life applications in light of its Truth. The entire content of the book, in both doctrinal and practical formats will be covered.

The Book of Ephesians

Perhaps more than any other book of the Bible, the Book of Ephesians emphasizes the connection between sound doctrine and right practice in the Christian life. Far too many people ignore "theology" and instead want to only discuss things that are "practical." In Ephesians, Paul argues that theology is practical. In order to live out God's will for us in our lives practically, we must first understand who we are in Christ doctrinally.

GRADUATE PROGRAM COURSES

Apologetics

Science is a Christian phenomenon. It arose originally from those who knew their God and Creator well enough to realize it was possible to find order in God's creation. No pagan culture in history began this modern scientific endeavor; it is a direct result of Christianity. Yet, science has often been used against creation reality. Although scientific theory often disagrees with the Bible, true science never does! This course surveys the relationship of science and the Bible, along with historical facts attesting to how history and science work together proving God's Word at every juncture. This victorious, evangelistic, motivating course loudly echoes the chorus, "Oh, what a great and mighty God we serve!"

Biblical Counseling

It isn't easy to counsel in a disciplined and skilled way when problems are so diverse in today's culture. This is an introduction to the various Christian approaches of counseling, as a training tool for pastors or lay people within the ministry. The course provides a greater understanding of human behavior, as well as a clearer perspective on the biblical basis of counseling, and a great awareness of people-helping skills.

Homiletics

Often as God's people, we find ourselves with a clear understanding of the things of God; yet, with a feeling of inadequacy to effectively teach or preach to others. *Homiletics* is the Christian's "public speaking" class. Through this course, he learns to communicate to groups more accurately as he teaches and preaches God's Truths. The student learns how to research and organize a message, and how to deliver it. Opportunity is made available to practice in front of the instructor and classmates. Constructive comments increase his communications immensely.

World Missions

The last words of our Lord Jesus Christ to His church were to take His message to the entire world. Through the centuries, thousands of Christians have burned with zeal to spread the gospel to every part of the globe. Frequently, they gave their lives in their mission. Now, at this time, the Gospel is reaching far more people than at any other time in history fulfilling the words of Christ in Matthew 24:14. Through this course, the student gains additional understanding of the dedicated endeavors of the missionaries. Students will observe the amazing strategy and thrust of missions, enabling them to become a part of the work God is doing in this critical hour.

New Testament Research

If you want to satisfy your hunger and thirst to know God's Word in a deeper way, you must do more than merely read the Scriptures and study what someone else has said about it. Here is an introduction to the inductive method of study—where you see Truth for yourself, what it means, and how to apply the Truth to your life. This course is designed to train the student in the inductive method of studying the Word of God, enabling him to do in-depth research and study into the New Testament. Writing your thesis and preparing for your masters degree requires scholarship to ensure substantiated documentation of ideas and concepts explored in research necessary for validating your work and publishing your textbook and workbook. To fulfill the requirements for your degree, it is necessary for you to understand APA format, avoid plagiarism, and encourage excellent usage of critical analytical skills for literature review, interpretation, as well as academic integration and exchange in higher education.

Old Testament Research

The Bible is unlike any other book. It is supernatural. It is complete in itself; therefore, it needs no other books to supplement it. With the inductive study method used in this in-depth research of the Old Testament, the Bible becomes its own commentary and can be understood by every believer. See how the dramas of the Old Testament unfold through this inductive study and research.

Hermeneutics

In looking at the art and science of Biblical interpretation, there must be a set of rules for interpreting the written "Word of God." The fact that we need rules is not debatable, since we've all seen what happens when someone's comments are taken out of "context." The question is over what rules to apply to the Bible, and how to apply them in specific cases. These questions are explored.

Seminary

As a graduate learner, it is important to understand the practical application of service leadership principles. Scholarship, practice, and leadership skills are necessary to meet the needs of those who are disadvantaged in some way or another. We will look at how to prepare for ordination as clergy or any other form of ministry.

Directed Research Studies

Writing your dissertation and preparing for your doctoral degree requires scholarship to ensure substantiated documentation of ideas and concepts explored in research necessary for validating your work and publishing your book. To fulfill the requirements for your degree, it is necessary for you to understand APA format, avoid plagiarism, and encourage excellent usage of critical analytical skills for literature review, interpretation, as well as academic integration and exchange in higher education.