

BIBLE, THEOLOGY, MINISTRY (BTM)

BTM-212 WORLD RELIGIONS (3 Credits)

An introduction to world religions including their historical developments, beliefs, and practices. The course takes an empathetic approach to religion, understanding and appreciating religion as a response to the question of human existence. The religions studied include, but are not limited to, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and East Asian religions. Special attention is given to the similarities and differences among world religions.

Prerequisite: Sophomore status required

BTM-280 TOPICS IN RELIGION (1-3 Credits)

Prerequisite: None

BTM-338 2ND TEMPLE JUDAISM/DEAD SEA (3 Credits)

An examination of the historical and religious significance of Khirbet Qumran and the literary materials recovered near the Dead Sea, including Qumran, Murabba'at, Nahal Hever, and others. The study will be situated in the religio-historical setting of the Levant from 586 BCE - 70 CE.

Attention will be given to a range of issues arising from the materials, such as paleography, textual criticism of Jewish biblical and non-biblical writings, changing political landscapes, and religious developments in Judaism vis-a-vis Hellenism and Zoroastrianism.

Prerequisite: Old and New Testament Lit

BTM-462 SENIOR SEMINAR CAPSTONE: BRM (3 Credits)

A capstone experience that helps students envision how they might contribute to fulfilling God's purpose in the world. Specific attention will be given to the topics of calling, career, decision making, and personal finance. Students will assemble a portfolio of a variety of materials to assist them in formulating next steps after graduation.

Prerequisite: Senior status required

BTM-470 READINGS IN RELIGION/BIB STUDIES (1-3 Credits)

Guided readings and reports in the student's areas of interest and need.

Prerequisite: None

BTM-480 ADVANCED TOPICS SEMINAR (3 Credits)

Formal class dependent upon student demand and interest of the professor. May deal with particular issues of Christian theology, religious epistemology, modern religious thought, or the writings of a particular theologian or religious thinker. May deal with a particular biblical book or issues of interpretation and methodology.

Prerequisite: None

BTM-481 ANCIENT STUDIES THESIS PROJECT I (2 Credits)

Prerequisite: Senior status required

BTM-490 INDEPENDENT STUDY (1-3 Credits)

Consult with division chair concerning possible studies.

Prerequisite: None