

## **Appendix 1: WHMI Bible Institute Course Descriptions (16 Total Courses)**

### **CORE COURSES (14 Required)**

#### **BIBLE:**

- Introduction to the New Testament - A study of the structure, literature, authorship, and history of the New Testament.
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- Titus: An Ecclesiological Study - A verse-by-verse study covering the role of the pastor/elder, deacon and congregation in the New Testament Church.

#### **PASTORAL MINISTRY:**

- Basics of Christian Discipleship - An examination of the foundational concepts of personal growth and the application of that growth in the discipleship of others.
- Introduction to Christian Apologetics - This course uses logical argumentation to demonstrate the rationality of Christianity through archaeology, ethics, historical evidence, mathematics, philosophy, and the sciences. The course trains students in the use of these tools to argue for the existence of God, demonstrate the veracity of the Bible, and defend the Resurrection of Christ.
- Biblical Interpretation (Hermeneutics) - A study of the trustworthiness and authority of the Bible and principles of exegesis and interpretation.
- Expository Preaching - The basics of preparing and presenting biblical text-driven sermons from the Scripture.

#### **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY:**

- Systematic Theology 1: Doctrine of Salvation (Soteriology) - Salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone is the foundation of the Gospel. This course explores the hopeless condition of man and the mercy and grace of God in sending Jesus as the acceptable sacrifice for all who believe.
- Systematic Theology II: Doctrines of God & the Trinity - This course is an introduction to the theological method. The content includes studies of the Doctrine of God and the Doctrine of the Trinity as revealed in the Bible, understood by the Early Church Fathers, and expressed in the Councils and Creeds of the Church.
- Systematic Theology III: Doctrines of Christ & Humanity - This course's content includes the Doctrine of Christ (His divinity and humanity) and the Doctrine of Man
- Systematic Theology IV: Biblical Worship - This course traces the biblical concept of worship via God's design for interaction with His people in the Old Covenant and believers in the New Covenant.
- Systematic Theology V: Missiology & Evangelism - The biblical basis and the practical implications of the Great Commission in the life of the believer and the ministry of the Church are explored in this course.
- Systematic Theology VI: Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology) - A study of the work of the Holy Spirit in the world, in general, and in the life of the believer, specifically.

- Systematic Theology VII: Doctrine of Last Things (Eschatology) - This course examines the biblical teaching about God's plan for the future of the world and the believer, including the Great Tribulation, the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, the Final Judgment, and the fate of the saved and the lost. The course discusses the different views of these events commonly held by Christians and emphasizes the proper personal response of the believer. From a pastoral perspective, the course further explores the issues of dying, death, grief, and the hope of eternity.

#### ELECTIVE COURSES (2 Required)

- Electives - Bible Institute elective courses cover a variety of subjects and are occasionally ministry-specific to certain regions. Electives include studies of other faiths and how to answer them biblically and may include topics to address special issues faced by local pastors. Council Chairmen, in conjunction with the Bible Institute, coordinate to select two courses from the electives catalog.
- Substitute Courses - In certain circumstances, elective course credit may be extended for a course not taken through the Bible Institute. Requests for elective course substitutions must be submitted in writing to the Provost. Requests are considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Directed Studies - With the prior approval of the Provost, a student may choose to undertake a directed study in lieu of one of the two required elective courses. Directed studies must be proposed in writing and should cover a subject directly related to the student's area of ministry.