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Welcome from the *President*

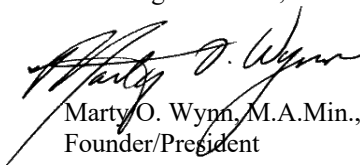
Welcome to *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary* (CBTS). CBTS offers a unique program that is both tried and proven in the area of training effective missionaries and church leaders. The seminary began with the purpose of assisting churches to build stronger and more effective missions' programs, and the development of effective leaders for church ministry. With the help of veteran missionaries and the cooperation of pastors from around the world, *CBTS* is uniquely qualified to equip students for a lifetime of productive ministry. The seminary is a place for any dedicated Christian who has a heart for Christ and seeks to be obedient in fulfilling the Great Commission of getting the gospel into all the world.

The heart of the CBTS philosophy is life-on-life mentorship as found in Mark 3:14, "*And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach.*" At CBTS the training is inside and outside of the classroom. Through biblical methods and practical training, our students learn the practical aspects of total ministry. The students are mentored in life and ministry skills and knowledge.

All bachelor program students complete an internship, of four to six months, before graduation. For students majoring in missions, their internship is on an approved foreign field, with a veteran missionary that is currently serving on the field. For students majoring in church ministries, their internship is served in a local church ministry.

We believe that God has raised up CBTS to be part of the effort in reaching the world with the Gospel. If you have questions, or need further information, please feel free to contact my office. May the Lord grant you wisdom as you follow His will.

Reaching the World,



Marty O. Wynn, M.A.Min., D.D.
Founder/President

Faculty & Staff

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A Partial Listing of Module Professors

The modular class normally consists of one week of sessions, taught by a qualified professor, and the completion of all assigned work.

Brady Baily, Ph.D. - Brandon, FL

Bethany Theological Seminary

Pastor of Brandon Baptist Tabernacle

Les Warren, D.Min – Pikeville, TN (*Hebrews*)

*Veteran Missionary, Pastor, and Seminary Professor at
Luther Rice Seminary*

Bob Mickschl, D.Min – Columbus, GA

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NOTE: Other missionaries and instructors will teach modules as available.

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Purpose

The purpose of the *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary* (CBTS) is to train pastors for effective local church ministry, including the development of a commitment to expository preaching. CBTS also seeks to train missionaries and church leaders in biblical, practical and effective methods of evangelizing unbelievers and discipling believers, in order to fulfill Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the world.

Identification Statement

Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary is a local church ministry and operates under the authority and leadership of Community Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia. All courses, instruction, and educational materials are in agreement with the Statement of Faith endorsed by Community. The statement of faith may be found at the church website at www.MyCommunityChurch.org.

Policies

This catalog contains the information currently in force regarding admissions, degree requirements, fees, regulations and course offerings at CBTS. The seminary reserves the right to make changes at any time. These changes become effective whenever the Administration so determines and shall, at the discretion of the seminary authorities, apply not only to prospective students, but also to those that are presently matriculated at

the seminary. Changes are to enhance degree programs, and the seminary will not jeopardize a student's degree completion.

It is understood that attendance at *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary* is a privilege and not a right. Students forfeit this privilege if they do not conform to the practices and regulations established by the Administration. The seminary may request withdrawal of any student, at any time, who does not fit into the spirit of the seminary whether or not he/she conforms to the specific rules of the seminary.

Usage Policy

The *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary* name, seal and logo are legally protected properties of Community Baptist Church ministries. In order to avoid legal and liability issues, no one may use the CBTS seal, logo or name, or any likeness thereof, without written consent from the Administration. Any materials that include the name and/or logo must be approved by the seminary administration.

Personal Devotions

All participants of CBTS are encouraged to keep a record of their daily devotions. A personal walk with the Lord Jesus, through daily Bible reading and prayer, is crucial for all students and faculty. We believe that maintenance of personal devotions will enhance the mentoring efforts of the faculty and classroom instruction.

Reasons for Dismissal

A student may be dismissed from CBTS for any adequate cause, including:

1. Failing to meet minimum academic standards.
2. Violating codes of conduct as stated in the CBTS Student Handbook or Covenant.
3. Giving false information on admissions forms.
4. Failing to meet financial obligations.
5. Repudiating essential biblical doctrines or morals.
6. Activities or participation outside of campus life that violate civil law or brings reproach upon the name of Christ.

Attendance

Classes: Each student is required to attend all classes. Three or more unexcused absences in a semester will result in review of student's standing and continued enrollment in the seminary.

Church Meetings: Each student of CBTS is required to join Community Baptist Church in Columbus unless he or she has been an active member in another biblical New Testament church of like faith and practice, prior to entering CBTS.* Any student moving to Columbus, in order to attend CBTS, must attend Community Baptist Church.

All students are required to attend all services of Community Baptist Church (including Revivals, Missions Conferences, and Bible Conferences). Students are expected to be active in various ministries of the church. If the student is a member of another church, of like faith and practice, in the Columbus area, the student must attend be faithful to the normal services of their church. The student must also attend all conferences of Community Baptist Church that do not conflict with the normally scheduled services of their home church.

**Students from other Baptist churches are encouraged to maintain their membership at their home church, and to be supportive with their tithes, offerings and involvement in the ministry. Local Columbus area students should be involved in applying what they learn in CBTS through attendance, giving and participating in their church.*

Commencement Exercises: The annual graduation exercises are required attendance for all students.

Grading System

Grade Scale Honor Points

A	90 -100	4 honor points per semester hour
B	80 - 89	3 honor points per semester hour
C	70 - 79	2 honor points per semester hour
D	60 - 69	1 honor point per semester hour
F	0 - 59	0 honor points per semester hour
WF		0 honor points per semester hour

Graduation Honors

Students receiving degrees, who have maintained a high academic average, will graduate with honors as follows:

Summa cum Laude	3.85 – 4.00 grade point average
Magna cum Laude	3.70 – 3.84 grade point average
Cum Laude	3.50 – 3.69 grade point average

Graduation Requirements

Each student must fulfill all requirements of this catalog. In addition, a student must:

1. Complete all required credit hours, and courses for chosen degree, the prescribed minor courses and general electives.
2. Earn at least a 2.00 grade point average at *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*.
3. Receive at least a “C” in all courses required in his major field.
4. Complete at least two semesters at *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*.
5. Finalize all financial obligations to the seminary or ministries of Community Baptist Church.
6. Have either preached or taught at least 50 times. (*Women students must teach at least 50 times*).
7. Attend commencement exercises.

Class Standing

Non-Degree Students

Any student auditing or attending classes, but not working toward a degree.

Part-Time Students

Any student taking fewer than 12 credit hours per semester.

Full-Time Students

Any student taking 12 or more credit hours per semester.

Degrees and Programs Offered

Four-Year Programs

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Missions

Bachelor of Arts in Church Ministries

Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministries

Three-Year Programs

Ministry Degree of Biblical Studies in Missions

Ministry Degree of Biblical Studies in Ministry

Two-Year Program

Associate in Christian Ministries

One-Year Program

Diploma of Biblical Studies

Graduate Programs

Master of Divinity

Statement of Faith

Section 1: The Bible - We believe the Bible, consisting of sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments, is the verbally inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. The Bible is God-breathed (II Tim. 3:16) and is to be the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

We further believe that God has preserved His Word through the manuscripts of the Textus Receptus and Masoretic texts. For English-speaking people, these texts are reflected in the King James Version (KJV). Therefore, the King James Version of the Bible shall be the official and only translation used by this church and its ministries (II Tim. 3:16-17; II Pet. 1:20-21).

Section 2: The Godhead - We believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit eternally existing as three persons, and yet are still One. These are co-eternal in being, co-identical in nature, co-equal in power and glory, and have the same attributes and perfections (Gen. 1:26; Deut. 6:4; Isa 6:3).

Section 3: The Person and Work of Jesus Christ - We believe that the Lord Jesus, the eternal and only begotten Son of God, having been conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, became man, without ceasing to be God (Phil. 2:5-8). Jesus Christ is full deity because He is God, and He became fully human as a man. He did this in order that He might reveal God in His righteousness and redeem man in his sinfulness (John 1:1; 14:9; Isa. 7:14; I John 4:14).

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ accomplished our redemption through His literal death and shed blood on the cross as a representative, vicarious, and substitutionary sacrifice. Our justification is made sure by His literal physical, bodily resurrection from the dead (I Cor. 15:1-4).

We believe the Lord Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father (Heb. 12:2) where, as our High Priest, He fulfills the ministry of Mediator, Advocate and Intercessor (I Tim. 2:5; I John 2:1; Rom. 8:34; Heb. 7:25).

We believe in that "blessed hope," which is the personal, imminent, pre-tribulational, premillennial coming of the Lord Jesus Christ for His redeemed ones. We further believe in His subsequent return to earth with His saints, at the end of the tribulation period, to establish His millennial kingdom (I Thess. 4:13-18; Rev. 19:11-20:6).

Section 4: Salvation - We believe all men are sinners (Rom. 3:10,23) and in need of the saving work provided by Jesus on the cross. This salvation is a free gift from God (Rom. 6:23) and is available to those who will believe (Rom. 10:9-13; John 1:12). Salvation is by grace alone through faith (Eph. 2:8-9). The conditions, which bring a person to the point of salvation, are repentance and faith (John 3:16; Eph. 2:8-9; Gal. 2:16). We further believe that justification by faith establishes an eternal relationship that can never be broken (Jn. 3:16, 36; 10:29).

Section 5: The Church - We believe the Church is the body and bride of Christ (Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:25-29). This body is a spiritual organism that is made up of born-again believers (Acts 2:47; I Cor. 12:13).

We believe the local church is autonomous (i.e. free from any external authority and control), and self-governing under the control of Jesus Christ, who purchased the church with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

We believe the church has been commissioned to spread the Gospel throughout the world (Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15).

The two ordinances of the church are the Lord's Supper and Baptism.

The two recognized positions of the church are those of Bishops and Deacons (Phil. 1:1). It is understood that the position of Bishop includes all the biblical terms that describe that position, which also include pastor, elder, shepherd and overseer. These terms all describe the ruling leadership of the church. For the purpose of this document it is understood that the term "pastor" is included in the usage of the term "elders." The senior pastor of the church serves as the "teaching elder," "lead elder," or "the first among equals." Therefore, the term "elders" will refer to the senior pastor and the elders as a whole. It is understood that the term "elders" includes the Lead Elder.

Deacons are appointed to care for the temporal needs of the church ministry, as they assist the elders (cf. Acts 6:1-6). They are not to assume any ruling authority.

Section 6: Satan - We believe Satan is a real being, the author of sin, and the direct cause of the fall; that he is the open and declared enemy of God and man; and that he will be eternally punished along with the fallen angels in the Lake of Fire (Gen. 3:1; Matt. 25:41; Rev. 20:2,10).

Section 7: Eternity - We believe in the everlasting blessedness of the saved in a literal heaven (Rev. 21-22), and the punishment of the lost in a literal Lake of Fire (Rev. 20:11-15).

Section 8: Separation - We believe all Christians should live in a manner that does not bring reproach upon the Lord's name, and that separation from religious apostasy and sinful practices is commanded by God (Rom. 12:1-2; II Cor. 6:17; Rom. 16:17; I John 2:15-17).

Section 9: Missions - We believe it is the obligation of the saved to witness by life and by word the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:16; 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15; John 15:16).

This obligation is carried out, at home and abroad, by those who are believers. Thus, each believer is to be involved with the propagation of the gospel by actively being a witness, by actively engaging in biblical methods of spreading the gospel to the unreached, and by actively supporting those whom God has called to give their lives on the foreign locations of the field.

Section 10: Creation - We believe God created the universe in six literal, 24-hour periods. We reject evolution, the Gap Theory, the Day-Age Theory, and Theistic Evolution as unscriptural theories of the origin of the universe, earth and mankind (Genesis 1-2; Ex. 20:11).

Section 11: Human Sexuality

1. We believe that God has commanded that no sexual activity be engaged in outside of a marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God's gift of sex (Gen. 2:24; 19:5,13; 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

2. We further believe that God created people as "male and female" (Gen. 1:27). These two-distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God and any attempt to remove the distinction of the genders is unbiblical. Therefore, all forms of transsexuality and transgenderism are man's sinful rebellion against the plan and purpose of God.

3. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of a biological man and a biological woman (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22-23). For clarification, this statement refers to men (male) and women (female) as determined by their biology at birth.

4. No church official, elder, or pastor shall perform any wedding ceremony for anyone who does not conform to the above statement (point #3) and has not been a current active member of this church for the previous six months. No church property shall be used for any wedding ceremony that does not meet this qualification.

5. We believe that men and women are spiritually equal in position before God, but that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home, and men are to be the leaders (elders and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church as either elders or deacons (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; I Tim. 2:8-15; 3:4-5, 12).

Section 12: Divorce and Remarriage – We believe God intends marriage to be a lifetime commitment and desires it to last until a spouse dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication (Matt. 5:32) or desertion by an unbelieving spouse (1 Cor. 7:15). If a divorce is according to biblical grounds, then remarriage is permitted (1 Cor. 7:27-28).

Section 13: Abortion - We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that teaches abortion of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. If an abortion is medically required to save the life of the mother, it then becomes a decision for the mother and father (Job 3:16; Psalm 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 29:1,5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

Admission Requirements

1. Be saved and baptized, and submit a written or typed testimony.
2. Must have earned a high school diploma or have passed the Tests of General Educational Development (GED®).
3. Be 17 years or older. (*Must have parent's written permission if under 18 years old*).
4. Fill out the ***Application Form*** and mail it to the Post Office Box at:

Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary
ATT: Admissions
P.O. Box 757
Fortson, GA 31808

5. Submit appropriate fee(s) with application.

6. Submit scores from either the American College Testing Program test battery (ACT®) or the Scholastic Aptitude Test® (SAT® I). The applicant's principal or guidance counselor should be able to help with this requirement. (*These scores may be included with your application*).
7. Request the high school from which you graduated to send a copy of your current transcript directly to the Director of Admissions.
8. Have your pastor complete the ***Pastor Recommendation Form*** and mail it to the seminary address above.
9. Sign the ***Covenant*** and mail it to the address above.
10. Since all students will be participating in regular mission-study trips, each student must possess a valid U.S. passport. The student should apply for a passport 6-8 weeks prior to arrival at CBTS.

Transfer Students

Students desiring to transfer credits from other institutions of higher learning must contact those schools and request that an official copy of their transcript be sent directly to: Admissions Office, *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*, P.O. Box 757, Fortson, GA 31808.

Upon receipt of transcripts, the Records Office will notify the student in writing of his standing and will send more information.

Transfer of Credit Policies

It is the policy of the Seminary to consider for transfer, credits earned in a regular seminary or university, Bible College, or other college-level institution. Courses acceptable for transfer must be similar in content to those replaced in the chosen major at *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*. Courses that are not similar may be transferred as general electives, providing they meet all the seminary transfer of credit policies.

Only those credits, which carry a grade of at least "C" or its equivalent, may be transferred.

A transfer student must complete a minimum of sixteen semester hours in the field of his chosen major, as prescribed by the CBTS Administration.

Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary reserves the right to withhold recognition of credits received at any college or university that does not in the opinion of the Administration meet reasonable academic standards.

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy

Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary admits students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students at the seminary. It does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its admissions policies, educational policies, and other school-administered programs. We believe that all people are created in the image of God, and that Jesus Christ died to redeem all who believe.

Financial Information^{*(1)}

At CBTS, we strive to maintain a quality and affordable education. The student will find the investment at CBTS to be meaningful and practical. The Bachelor's degree requires 128 credit hours, the Ministry Degree of Biblical Studies degree requires 96 credit hours, and the Associate degree program requires 64 credit hours.

Degreed Program

Full-Time Tuition: \$295 per month

Part-Time Tuition: \$125 per credit hour

(All monthly payments are based upon ten payments per year, beginning on August 1 of each year).

Other Fees

Application Fee: \$85 *(Due with Application)*

Registration Fee: \$50 per semester

Graduation Fee: \$450 *(Due at the beginning of the Senior Year)*

Returned Payment Fee: \$49

Books & Materials: Cost of books will vary each semester.

Students should plan for approximately \$200-\$400 per semester.

Audit Fee: \$25 Registration Fee, plus \$100 per semester for unlimited course auditing, plus books.

Annual Mission Trip: Each student should plan to participate in the annual 7-10 day mission trip. The cost will vary, dependent upon destination. Estimated cost for each trip is between \$1800 and \$2800, based upon destination and length of stay.

(Each student is expected to participate in the annual mission trip. Special consideration for exemption will be given to students who have a work-related complication. All exemptions must be approved by the Administration, prior to purchase of travel tickets).

Mission Major Internship Costs:

The student should budget for \$7500⁽²⁾ which includes plane tickets, tuition and most meals. Extra funds will be needed for eating out, and other personal needs such as washing, cell phone, etc.

Ministry Major Internship Cost:

During the local church ministry internship, the student is expected to be self-supported. Normal full-time tuition is continued, in order to receive credit for hours received.

- (1) CBTS does not accept any government or state financial aid. If a student requires financial aid, we recommend that the student obtain those loans or grants that are directly to the individual and not to the school.
- (2) Internship costs will vary, based on country and current exchange rates. All costs are in addition to normal tuition fees for credit hours received.

Withdrawals

A student who withdraws, for any reason, during the semester will owe the full tuition and all fees for the semester according to the following schedule:

During the first week of semester = 25% of all fees & tuition
During the second week of semester = 50% of all fees & tuition
During the third week of semester = 75% of all fees & tuition
After the third week of semester = 100% of all fees & tuition

Late Fees

All payments for tuition, fees, room, or other charges will be due on the first (1st) day of each month. A late fee of \$39 will be added to any account with a balance due after the fifth (5th) of the month. It is not CBTS's desire to dismiss students who have a genuine financial hardship, and the Administration will seek to work with the student in achieving a workable solution. However, satisfactory arrangements must be made if the student encounters financial difficulty. It is the student's responsibility to seek satisfactory financial arrangements with the Administration, if financial difficulties arise.

*The CBTS Administration reserves the right to adjust all tuitions and fees as deemed necessary.

Course Outline

The scope and sequence of courses is designed around the traditional four-year degree. If a student is able to give full attention to academic pursuits, the time can be shortened. The academic advisor will work with each student to help meet their needs. Students will be assigned a balanced schedule for class and application time, based upon the chosen major.

Actual classroom time varies from semester to semester. The CBTS program is designed to combine class time with application time. Completion time will fluctuate based upon number of credit hours taken per semester.

PROJECTED FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR PROGRAM *(128 Credit Hours)*

Freshman Year					
<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
BS-101	O.T. Survey	3	BS-102	N.T. Survey	3
LS-101	English Grammar	3	LS-102	English Composition	3
TS-101	Bible Doctrines I	3	TS-102	Bible Doctrines II	3
AS-101	Practical Evangelism	2	AS-125	Methods of Bible Study	2
SS-101	Speech	3	SS-102	World Geography	2
AS-111	Great Missionaries	1	BM-111	Principle of Discipleship	3
	Practicum	1			

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Sophomore Year

Fall Semester

BS-201	Pentateuch	2
BS-204	Life of Christ	2
HS-213	Church History	3
LS-210	Greek I	3
TS-204	Homiletics	2
MS-210	Music Appreciation	2
AS-213	Great Christians	1
	Practicum	1

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Spring Semester

BS-202	Historical Books	2
BS-205	Acts	3
HS-203	Baptist History	3
LS-211	Greek I	3
BM-201	Introduction to Missions	2
RE-210	Principles of Leadership	2
AS-211	Great Missionaries	1

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Junior Year

Fall Semester

BS-302	Major Prophets	2
BS-305	Pauline Epistles	2
SS-310	Biblical Counseling	2
RE-380	Bible & Science	3
LS-310	Greek II	3
RE-301	Method of Teaching	3
	Practicum	1

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Spring Semester

BS-303	Minor Prophets	2
BS-306	Pastoral Epistles	2
HS-300	History of English Bible	2
TS-301	Hermeneutics	2
LS-311	Greek II	3
RE-302	Biblical Economics	2
RE-305	Christian World View	3

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Senior Year

Fall Semester

BS-402	Hebrews	2
BS-403	Revelation	3
AS-402	Church Admin.	2
RE-330	Youth Ministry	2
BM-402	Indigenous Missions	2
	Internship	5

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Spring Semester

TS-401	Bible Doctrines III	3
SS-402	Family Life Principles	2
RE-402	World Religions	2
	Internship	9

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The selection of elective and internship hours are determined by the chosen proficiency. Bachelor-level program proficiencies are:

(1) Missions

- *Biblical Missions*
- *Mission Media*
- *Education*

(2) Church Ministries

- *Children's Ministries*
- *Education*
- *Media Technology*
- *Music Ministries*
- *Office Administration*
- *Pastoral Ministries*
- *Youth Ministries*

Before a degree may be granted, all CBTS students must participate in at least two CBTS approved missions' trip of seven to ten days duration. This trip must be in addition to their respective internship assignments.

PROJECTED THREE-YEAR MINISTRY DEGREE PROGRAM
(96 Credit Hours)

First Year

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BS-101	O.T. Survey	3	BS-102	N.T. Survey	3
LS-101	English Grammar	3	LS-102	English Composition	3
TS-101	Bible Doctrines I	3	TS-102	Bible Doctrines II	3
AS-101	Practical Evangelism	2	AS-125	Methods of Bible Study	2
SS-101	Speech	3	BM-111	Principle of Discipleship	3
AS-111	Great Missionaries	1		Elective	2
	Practicum	1			
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Second Year

<i>Fall Semester</i>			<i>Spring Semester</i>		
BS-201	Pentateuch	2	BS-202	Historical Books	2
BS-204	Life of Christ	2	BS-205	Acts	3
HS-213	Church History	3	HS-203	Baptist History	3
LS-210	Greek I	3	LS-211	Greek I	3
TS-204	Homiletics	2	BM-201	Introduction to Missions	2
MS-210	Music Appreciation	2	RE-210	Principles of Leadership	2
AS-213	Great Christians	1	AS-211	Great Missionaries	1
	Practicum	1			
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Third Year

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BS-302	Major Prophets	2	BS-303	Minor Prophets	2
BS-305	Pauline Epistles	2	BS-306	Pastoral Epistles	2
SS-310	Biblical Counseling	2	HS-300	History of English Bible	2
RE-380	Bible & Science	3	TS-301	Hermeneutics	2
LS-310	Greek II	3	LS-311	Greek II	3
RE-301	Method of Teaching	3	RE-302	Biblical Economics	2
	Practicum	1	RE-305	Christian World View	3
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The selection of elective and internship hours are determined by the chosen proficiency. Ministry-level program proficiencies are:

- *Children's Ministries*
- *Music Ministries*
- *Pastoral Ministries*
- *Missions*
- *Office Administration*
- *Youth Ministries*

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PROJECTED TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA PROGRAM (64 Credit Hours)

First Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BS-101	O.T. Survey	3	BS-102	N.T. Survey	3
LS-101	English Grammar	3	LS-102	English Composition	3
TS-101	Bible Doctrines I	3	TS-102	Bible Doctrines II	3
AS-101	Practical Evangelism	2	AS-125	Methods of Bible Study	2
SS-101	Speech	3	BM-111	Principle of Discipleship	3
AS-111	Great Missionaries	1		Elective	2
	Practicum	1			
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Second Year					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
BS-201	Pentateuch	2	BS-202	Historical Books	2
BS-204	Life of Christ	2	BS-205	Acts	3
HS-213	Church History	3	HS-203	Baptist History	3
SS-202	Family Life Principles	3	BM-201	Intro. To Missions3 (Elective)	
RE-203	Fundamentals of Children's Ministry	2	RE-210	Principles of Leadership	2
AS-213	Great Christians	1	AS-211	Great Missionaries	1
TS-204	Homiletics (Elective)	2		Elective	2
	Practicum	1			
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Before a degree may be granted, all CBTS students must participate in at least two CBTS approved missions' trip of seven to ten days duration. This trip must be in addition to their respective internship assignments.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

APPLIED STUDIES (AS)

AS 101 Practical Evangelism (2)

This course will provide the student a Biblical approach to the believer's responsibility to be personally involved in evangelizing his generation. A practical methodology will be balanced with a Scriptural philosophy, content, and theology of evangelism.

AS 107 Applied Technology (1)

The student will receive on-the-job training in regard to the use of modern technology in the local church and ministries. Each student will be expected to devote himself/herself to understanding the value and use of equipment and technology to furthering the ministry.

AS 111, 212 Gleaning from Great Missionaries (1)

Students will become acquainted with the lives, times, contributions, and motivations of great missionaries by reading their biographies and writing papers sharing thoughts, inspirations, and ideas gleaned from them.

AS 150 Joyful Mother (2)

The student will examine what it means to be a godly lady. Female students will benefit from the study of Biblical principles in regard to developing godly character and practices.

AS 201, 301, 401 Ministerial Practicum (1)

The student receives mentoring and teaching on the practical aspects of ministry by Pastors, missionaries, evangelists, and mature Christian leaders. The student is discipled for spiritual leadership and service.

AS 203, 303, 403 Homiletics Practicum (1)

This course involves the practical side of sermon and Bible lesson preparation. Preparation, outline and lesson development, structure, evaluation, and delivery of sermons are practiced among

peers and in real opportunities such as chapel, church services, and class room settings.

AS 213 Gleaning from Great Christians (1)

Students will become acquainted with the lives, times, contributions, and motivations of great Christians God has used down through the centuries by reading their biographies and writing papers sharing thoughts, inspirations, and ideas gleaned from them.

AS 215 Christian Education in the Home (2)

A practical study in the development of an educational curricula for schooling in the home. Principles of education will be examined, and attention given to the various methods of home-schooling and child training.

AS 220 Virtuous Woman (2)

A Biblical study of the Proverbs 31 woman and practical application in the life of the student. This study includes an in-depth look at scriptures that affect a woman's role in society, home and church.

AS 230 Pastoral Assistance (2)

This is a course of practical nature with one-on-one mentoring with an experienced Pastor in the everyday administration of pastoral duties. This includes visitation, prayer times, service preparation, Baptism, Lord's Supper, business meetings, etc. Student and Pastor must be approved by the Administration.

AS 261 Church Finances (2)

This is an introduction to church budgeting and students are instructed how to set up accounts and record income and expenses. Computer software is used to enhance facilitation. Proprieties, ethics, and procedures are also covered.

AS 270 Church Administration (2)

This course will instruct the student in the practical matters of the daily and business operations of church and ministry. Attention will be given to principles and practices regarding church government, topics and issues of missions ministry, officers, ordinances, worship, discipline, constitution, and finances. Basic

guidelines for the governing of business meetings, such as *Roberts Rules of Order*, will be examined.

AS 320 Child Evangelism Practicum (2)

This course acquaints the student with materials, methods, teaching aids, and materials used to communicate biblical truths to children. The student will receive practical experience and supervised training in children's classes, clubs, or junior church.

AS 331 Youth Ministries Practicum (1)

Prerequisite RE 231

The student receives practical experience in working with youth ministries in a supervised church setting. The student is involved in teaching, implementing ideas, and activities under guidance by an approved mentor.

AS 341 Children's Ministry Practicum (1)

Prerequisite RE 241

The student receives practical experience in working with children in Sunday school and in educational settings. Experiences are gained in teaching, implementing projects, and activities under the guidance of an approved mentor.

AS 351 Adult Ministry Practicum (1)

Prerequisite RE 232

Practical involvement and experience for the student is gained by working in an adult teaching environment in a church sponsored setting. The student will be involved in teaching, implementing ideas, and activities under the guidance of an approved mentor.

BIBLICAL MISSIONS (BM)

BM 101 Introduction to Missions (2)

The student will be introduced to the theology of Missions and emphasis is given to the necessity and practicality of reaching the whole world in this generation. The student will learn much about World Geography and geographical challenges.

BM 111 Principles of Discipleship (2)

This course identifies and personalizes the commands, designs, and desires that God has for the individual believer to have an

intimate and continual relationship with the Lord Jesus from the New Birth to mature Christian living.

BM 201 Church Planting (3)

This course includes an examination and practical application of the biblical methods of planting a new church. The student participates in a survey trip, the choosing of the city and site, the initial introduction to the area, and preparations for the first service.

BM 203 Missionary Life and Practice (3)

This course involves an examination of the missionary call and personal development. Effective methods of maintaining support, successfully caring for family on the field, sustaining one's zeal and other areas of missionary life are considered.

BM 205 Leadership (3)

This course will guide the student in understanding basic leadership principles, and then provide opportunities and guidance in cultivating these in personal practice.

BM 210 Practical Missionary Skills (2)

This course provides the student "on the job" training in vocational areas of Missions they will face and need on the field. This gives the student exposure to construction and maintenance projects, painting, plumbing, wiring, mechanics, and others.

BM 215, 315, 415 Short Term Missions Practicum I, II, III (1)

The student takes a trip to a mission field or ministry for seven to ten days. He or she will be exposed to another culture and will be involved in ministry outreach during this time. The student will record and submit a journal and there will be informal critique sessions on philosophies and methods employed.

**Finances for short-term mission trips are not included in tuition fees.*

BM 220 Woman's Role on Mission Field (2)

An examination of the unique role that a woman has on the mission field. Emphasis will be given to the areas of learning the culture and applying it to the maintenance of the home, and the support of the ministry.

BM 301 Missionary Methods (3)

This course covers the methods necessary to get the candidate to the field. Topics to be addressed are sending agencies, deputation, and preparations for the field. The student will learn how to present the mission work to churches through presentation displays, prayer cards, and written communications.

BM 302 Cross Cultural Ministry (3)

A look at the unique challenges presented when planting a church and ministry in a foreign environment. The student will be presented with various approaches to reaching the nationals tactfully and effectively in their culture.

BM 401 Cultural Adaptation (2)

This course will guide the student to better understand a different culture, to appreciate its differences and uniqueness, and how to adapt to another country's people, foods, government, economy, interests, and ideologies.

BM 402 Indigenous Missions (3)

This study includes a review of the Biblical principles for establishing indigenous churches. The student will develop an understanding of how to successfully lead a church to the point of complete autonomy.

BIBLICAL STUDIES (BS)

BS 101 Old Testament Survey (3)

This is a survey of the themes, key verses, key words, and backgrounds of the times and significant persons in each of the Old Testament books.

BS 102 New Testament Survey (3)

This course surveys the themes, key verses, key words, and backgrounds of the times and significant persons in each of the New Testament books.

BS 105 Acts (3)

This is an expositional study of the book of Acts emphasizing the inception of the Church and its subsequent missionary enterprises.

BS 125 Methods of Bible Study (2)

A module class to instruct the student in the various approaches to personal Bible study. The student will be challenged to develop a consistent, daily time in the Word of God.

BS 201 Pentateuch (2)

This course covers the first five books of the Old Testament and addresses Creation, the Patriarchs, Moses and early Hebrew life.

BS 202 Historical Books (2)

This is a thorough overview of the OT books, Joshua through Esther, relating their historical, cultural, theological, and practical significance.

BS 204 Gospels: Life of Christ (2)

This is a harmonic study of the four Gospels as they relate to the life and ministry of Christ and their respective themes.

BS 302 Major Prophets (2)

An in-depth overview of the books of the Major Prophets. This study will address cultural contexts, historical personalities, prophetic contributions, and applications.

BS 303 Minor Prophets (2)

A thorough overview of the books of the Minor Prophets. This study will address cultural contexts, historical personalities, prophetic contributions, and applications.

BS 305 Pauline Epistles (2)

An in-depth study of the contents, doctrines, and issues addressed in the Epistles of Paul. Attention is given to emphasizing the application of Paul's theology to the pastoral needs of churches.

BS 306 Pastoral Epistles (2)

An in-depth study of the contents, doctrines, and issues addressed in the Pastoral Epistles of Paul and applications for Christian living today.

BS 402 Hebrews (2)

An expository study of the book of Hebrews, with emphasis upon the content, import, and practical applications.

BS 403 Revelation (3)

An expository study of the book of Revelation is made highlighting historical, prophetic, and eschatological significance.

COMPUTER SCIENCES (CS)

CS 201 Basic Computer System Applications (3)

The student will develop a working knowledge of fundamental computer components and operating systems. Special attention will be given to the integration of data in multiple applications such as the Microsoft® Office Suite (i.e., Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

CS 202 Database Development (3)

This study focuses on the design of effective database applications. Attention is given to the various database models, including the relational model. Each student will learn the proper usage of database programs such as Alpha Five® and Microsoft Access®.

CS 301 Graphic Design and Layout (3)

This course is an introduction to design history and theory. Each student will learn the fundamentals of the graphic design process, and will design advertising campaigns, logos, posters, tracts and more. The study will include the printing and production of the student's designs.

CS 303 Fundamentals of Video (3)

This is an introduction to the fundamentals of video development

and set design. Attention is given to the graphics, titling, directing and producing of video productions.

CS 401 Audio & Video Production (3)

Students will study and practice the development of the video production processes. Various mediums, such as Adobe Premier® will be given special attention. The basic elements of audio and video editing will be studied.

CS 402 Website Design (2)

This study includes the fundamentals of web design and its usage in church ministries. Each student will study by using a web design program to develop a fully functional site for a local church or missionary.

HISTORICAL STUDIES (HS)

HS 103 Baptist History & Distinctives (3)

A study of the doctrine of Ecclesiology and a survey of Baptist History emphasizing their historical distinctions.

HS 213 Church History (3)

This course surveys the events, personalities, and times of church history from the beginning of the church until A.D. 1999.

HS 300 History of the English Bible (2)

This course is a historical study of the English Bible. Emphasis is given to its roots, with special attention given to the King James Version with its value and distinctions.

HS 305 Contemporary Church Movements & Theological Views (2)

A historical survey of influential Church movements, the personalities behind them, and their eventual impact and contributions or hindrances.

HS 404 Great Moments in Church History (2)

This course offers a review of special moments in church history that had a significant impact on the church in its theology and practice. The historical overview of the personalities,

contributions, hindrances, and influences of these moments will be examined.

LANGUAGE STUDIES (LS)

LS 101 English Grammar (3)

A review of grammar and mechanics, the basics of word usage, and proper communication. The student should become proficient in sentence and paragraph construction.

LS 102 English Composition (3)

A course that emphasizes correctness, clarity, and organization in the various disciplines of writing with a view to enhance the student's skills in communication and research.

LS 210, 211 Elementary Greek I (3)

The student is introduced to Koine Greek as used in the New Testament. Alphabet, vocabulary, grammar, syntax, as well as case, tense, voice, and mood of words are introduced.

LS 301 Spanish I (3 hours)

This course introduces the student to the Spanish alphabet, basic words, and basic skills in listening, conversation, oral recitation, and market place adaptation. Language lab is included.

LS 302 Spanish II (3 hours)

This course continues the student's development in oral communication, pronunciation, reading, and enlightenment in the Spanish culture.

LS 310, 322 Elementary Greek II (3)

Prerequisites LS 210, 211

Additional study is given to vocabulary, grammar, syntax, and translation of New Testament texts.

LS 320 Sign Language I (3)

The student is introduced to the Deaf Alphabet, basic vocabulary, deaf culture, and the thought and method behind the American Sign Language communication. The student will practice demonstrating signs and reading the signs of others.

LS 321 **Sign Language II (3)**

Prerequisite LS 320

The student is further instructed in American Sign Language theory and methodology of expressing and interpreting. Additional vocabulary is introduced and practiced. The student will learn to sign some hymns.

MUSICAL STUDIES (MS)

MS 210 **Music Appreciation (2)**

An examination of the fundamentals of music and its use in the local church ministry. Attention will be given to exposing the errors of Contemporary Christian (CCM) and other non-biblical music.

MS 250, 350 **Church Music Practicum I & II (2)**

This course instructs and gives opportunities to the student for implementing basic accompaniment techniques, arranging, and playing preludes and offertories.

MS 260, 360 **Music Communications Practicum (1)** Prerequisite MS 201

This course deals with the principles, techniques, selections, preparations, and performance of vocal presentations in church settings. Students practice and perform among peers and in church services.

MS 270, 370 **Hymn Keyboard I & II (2)**

The student is instructed and given opportunities to implement keyboard accompaniment in the church. Techniques for vocal accompaniment and arrangements for offertories and preludes are implemented.

MS 301 **Music Ministry (2)**

This is an introductory class to familiarize the student with biblical philosophies, and principles in church music and basics in song leading. (Women students will be given special attention to the development and training of children's choirs).

MS 305 Song Leading Theory and Practicum (2)

Prerequisite MS 210

This course reviews the basics of church music concepts and song leading techniques, and includes practical opportunities to implement these in a church setting. Elements of philosophy, techniques, organization, communication, and selection are addressed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

RE 203 Fundamentals of Children's Ministry (2)

This course establishes biblical philosophy, principles, methods, and resource solutions for evangelizing children.

RE 210 Principles of Leadership (2)

The student will be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary for the training and multiplication of leaders, disciples, and churches. Attention will be given to the qualities, attitudes and effective methods of leadership.

RE 230 Ministry Assistance (2)

This is a practical course that matches the student with a mentor Pastor in his chosen area of ministry. The student will be mentored and involved in every facet of his chosen area of ministry.

RE 231 Youth Ministries (2)

The student is introduced to foundational philosophies of youth ministry, practical involvement, resources, activities, and is given actual teaching experiences in a local church setting.

RE 232 Adult Ministries (2)

This is an introduction to the foundational philosophies of adult ministry, practical involvement, resources and activities. Actual teaching experience is given in a local church ministry.

RE 235 Office Administration I (2)

This course includes practical training on the routine operations in the local church office. Each student will learn basic skills in the maintaining and operating of an orderly office. Attention will be

given to preparing the student in understanding the unique needs of each church and the pastor.

RE 239 Office Administration II (2)

This course builds on Office Administration I, with attention given to the proper methods of maintaining membership records, financial records, and other recording duties for church ministry.

RE 241 Children's Ministry Methods and Material (3)

The student is introduced to foundational philosophies, methods, ideas, and materials utilized in teaching elementary age children. The course includes observation and practical classroom involvement.

RE 301 Biblical Economics (2)

This course helps the student develop a biblical philosophy for finances. This study covers principles of financial freedom, God's purposes for money, and His Divine guidelines for giving, receiving, and managing it.

RE 302 Methods of Teaching (3)

An examination of the seven laws of teaching and learning principles necessary for maximum assimilation and application for Christian living.

RE 305 Developing a Christian World View (3)

The basic issues of life are considered in light of biblical presuppositions. The student is provided an appreciation of the Scriptures in all matters of belief and behavior. The foundational issues of ontology, cosmology, anthropology, epistemology, and axiology are thoughtfully investigated.

RE 380 Biblical Science and Creation (3)

The foundations for science are laid by a study of Genesis 1-11 from a "Young Earth" creation view and a Christian world view. Evolution, Uniformitarianism, Old Earth Creationism, and other common theories are contrasted with biblical truths.

RE 402 World Religions (2)

The student is acquainted with the various mainstream religions of the world and is taught effective biblical methods of evangelism to communicate Christ in an anti-Christian environment.

SOCIAL STUDIES (SS)

SS 101 Speech (2)

A general study in the various types of speeches and the art of communicating. Diction and platform proprieties are emphasized, and opportunities for practical performance are required.

SS 102 World Geography (2)

The student will learn the skills for researching the various world countries, with attention given to the cultural, people group, and religious demographics.

SS 135 Christian Etiquette (2)

A course of instruction on understanding the proper manners and etiquette for the home. The Christian home should be a place of orderliness and decorum. Therefore, each student will develop an understanding of the principles of hospitality and hosting guests in the home. The student will learn proper procedures for setting a table and serving guests in the home.

SS 310 Biblical Counseling (2)

This course is designed to develop an understanding of the Biblical principles involved with counseling. Attention will be given to the exposing of the errors found in modern pop-psychology and the Christian-Counseling movement. The student will be instructed in the sufficiency of Scripture to address the issues and needs of life's problems.

SS 402 Family Life Principles (2)

This is a general study of God's design for the family. Headship, roles, relationships, dating, and courtship will be addressed from the Scriptures.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (TS)

TS 101 Bible Doctrines I (3)

A systematic study of the Doctrines of Scripture, God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

TS 102 Bible Doctrines II (3)

A systematic study of the doctrines of Man, Sin, and Salvation.

TS 204 Homiletics (2)

Students are instructed how to preach topical, serial, textual, and expository sermons. Guidelines for preparations spiritually, mentally, physically, and academically, as well as diction and delivery, are addressed.

TS 301 Hermeneutics (2)

The rules for literal interpretation of the Scriptures are covered. The student is taught how to extract the correct meaning of a passage by carefully, honestly, and prayerfully examining the text's grammar, history, dispensation, and pre-millennial settings.

TS 401 Bible Doctrines III (3)

Systematic study of the doctrines of Ecclesiology, and Eschatology. This course involves extensive reading and research on the related topics.

Internship Module

The Internship program is uniquely designed to take the classroom instruction and apply it in on-the-job training situations. Each student is expected to be self-supported, in order not to be a financial burden to those with whom they are training.

Missions Program

The internship program is a time of intense study and practical application for the student. Each day will be filled with diligent study, and the student will be exposed to real-life applications of ministry. The student will participate in all areas of the ministry, under the leadership of an approved veteran missionary.

Pastoral or Church Ministries Programs

The internship program will be served in a local church, under an approved veteran pastor. The student will be assigned tasks and given instruction by the local church pastor. Each day will be filled with diligent study and practical service, and the student will be exposed to real-life applications of ministry.



Students in La Paz, Bolivia
During Missions Internship

COVENANT

MY PERSONAL PROMISE AND COVENANT FOR COLUMBUS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

This copy of the covenant is for student's record. Please read and sign the full-size copy which is included in the admittance information packet.

I do hereby recognize and accept the following conditions which will enable the usefulness and safety of my time as a student at *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*. I understand that missions and church leadership training will, at times, necessitate some inconveniences. I further realize how important it is to be flexible and willing to adjust to the expectations of my teachers. If accepted as a student at CBTS, I agree to the following statement:

- ♦ I will attend CBTS as a servant-disciple of Jesus Christ and will adopt that attitude when dealing with staff, fellow students, missionaries, and other people I meet while at CBTS.
- ♦ I realize and agree that this is ministry training and not a vacation. I want to enroll in the CBTS to learn more about missions and church leadership. I desire to learn how I can serve God better and be a blessing to those with whom I serve, and to those I serve.
- ♦ I will accept and submit to the leadership role and authority of the staff, missionaries and teachers and promise to abide by their decisions.
- ♦ I agree that in the event my conduct or attitude is considered so unsatisfactory that it jeopardizes the philosophy and/or environment of CBTS, that my enrollment at CBTS shall end and I shall return home immediately at my own expense.
- ♦ I will conscientiously set aside time to have my personal devotions, to take care of daily responsibilities both spiritually and physically.
- ♦ I will attend all services, activities, outings, etc. and carry my share of the load in the work set forth by CBTS.
- ♦ I will maintain and exhibit a good attitude that will honor and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ♦ I will not take lightly my important responsibility of setting an example.
- ♦ I will submit to the instructions concerning attire, eating, drinking and other such traditions, which will help me to assimilate into the local community where CBTS takes mission trips. (See Dress Code)
- ♦ As a Christian, I realize that it is my responsibility to die to myself and seek to serve others. I will not seek my own but that of others. This means not putting myself first and leaving the others out. I will try to be a blessing to all I meet.

- ♦ I agree to pay all fees and charges incurred by me, while a student at CBTS. If my account should be delinquent, I agree to pay for all late fees and collection fees involved in securing payment from me.
- ♦ I understand that I am not permitted to date while on the field during my Mission Internship Program.
- ♦ While on a mission trip, I will avoid any actions which might be perceived as amorous attentions toward indigenous people I meet. I will not flirt with or date any of the nationals of the countries that we visit.
- ♦ While on the mission trips, I will always pay my own way! I will be careful not to allow the missionaries or national pastors to pay my expenses.
- ♦ I release and discharge the organizations and individuals which helped me make these agreements, including *Columbus Baptist Theological Seminary*, Community Baptist Church, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, from all claims, demands, actions, judgments, or executions that I have ever had, or have or claim to have against these organizations, their agents, employees, officers and volunteers, and their successors or assigns for all personal injuries, known or unknown and injuries to property, real or personal, caused by, or arising out of any events or trips. I intend to be legally bound by this statement.

Attention: Enrollment of the student at CBTS, implies acceptance of this covenant and all its terms. By enrolling in CBTS, the student agrees to all terms and conditions set forth and agrees to be legally bound by said agreement.