

SCOPE AND SEQUENCE FOR ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN MINISTRY PREPARATION

Year 1 Fall (15 Credits)

English Composition 1 (Humanities Fine Arts General Education) 3 credits

English Composition 1 is an introduction to composition in the English language. Topics covered include the significance of excellent academic composition, grammar, mechanics, paragraph development, syntax, construction of an outline, introduction to Turabian formatting, and development of voice appropriate to writing tasks. Special emphasis is placed on identifying, analyzing, organizing, and formatting data for the purpose of constructing organized, logical, and innovative written work, and preparing the student to utilize rhetoric appropriate to the ministry context.

OT1331 Old Testament History and Literature 3 Credits

Old Testament History and Literature is a survey of the Old Testament in its historical, canonical, geographical, and cultural contexts. Topics covered include: distinctive features, main events and outstanding personalities, literary structure, genre, and important theological themes in the history of ancient Israel. Special emphasis is placed on a comprehensive and panoramic view of Israel's progressive understanding of her election and covenantal relationship with God.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

BIB214 Old Testament Survey

TH2381 Pentecostal Theology and Practice 3 Credits

Pentecostal Theology and Practice is an introduction to Pentecostal doctrine as well as history and polity, particularly in the Assemblies of God. Topics covered include doctrine from a Pentecostal perspective, history and development of Pentecostal/Charismatic movements, characteristics of a Pentecostal life, and select topics in pneumatology. This course prepares an individual for the credentialing process with the Assemblies of God. Special emphasis is placed on the baptism of the Holy Spirit, being directed by the Holy Spirit in all aspects of life and ministry, and on the development of the moral virtues and character traits of the Kingdom of God. This is a Northpoint Values Course. Prerequisites: Encountering God, *Missio Dei*.

Fulfills General Council Requirements:

THE114 Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine

THE142 Assemblies of God History, Missions, and Governance

THE245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come

MF1381 Spiritual and Character Formation (Social Behavioral Sciences General Education) 3 Credits

Spiritual and Character Formation is an introduction to the development of Christian character and spirituality. Topics include definitions of spirituality and character, how these traits are developed, the spiritual disciplines, the importance of spiritual and character development over a lifetime, and various approaches to spirituality. Special emphasis is placed on the practice of spiritual disciplines, developing love and respect for God and others, and becoming more aware of one's emotional and spiritual development. This is a Northpoint Values Course.

Fulfills General Council Requirements:

MIN181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry

THE311 Prayer and Worship

TH1381 Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture

3 Credits

Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture covers the history and study of the Scriptures and how to use the Bible as a foundation for practicing the presence of God. Topics covered include bibliology, the Scriptures as divine revelation, the canon, versions and translations, the enduring quality and transformational power of Scripture, and hearing God through the Scriptures. Special emphasis is placed on Scripture as the foundation for theology, spirituality, and practice. This is a Northpoint Values Course.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

THE211 Introduction to Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective

Year 1 Spring (15 Credits)

MF2350 Hermeneutics

3 Credits

Hermeneutics covers the principles involved for the proper interpretation of Scripture. Genre, literary and historical context, word study, inspiration, canon, as well as a brief historical overview of Hermeneutics are examined. The necessary steps involved in moving from the text to the sermon outline, with an emphasis on biblical theology and application, are outlined and demonstrated.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

BIB121 Introduction to Hermeneutics: How to Interpret the Bible

NT1331 New Testament History and Literature

3 Credits

New Testament History and Literature is a survey of New Testament writings in the context of history, culture, and geography. Topics covered include the Intertestamental period, Judaism and Christianity in the first century, the life and ministry of Jesus, the establishment and ministry of the apostolic church, main events, issues, and persons, as well as the literary structure and theological themes of each book are studied. Special emphasis is placed on the events of the New Testament as fulfillment of God's overall plan.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

BIB212 New Testament Survey

TH1384 Missio Dei: A Theology of Calling, Mission, and Community

3 Credits

Missio Dei: A Theology of Calling, Mission, and Community is an overview of living in Christian community as a faithful believer, committed to the mission of Christ. Topics covered include what it means for humanity to be made in the image of God, a basic understanding of culture and how to read culture, the development of personal sacred rhythms in one's life, and a biblical perspective on calling, the mission of God (missions and evangelism), and community.

Special emphasis is placed on understanding one's call and how the call relates to the mission of God and the fulfillment of community. This is a Northpoint Values Course.

Fulfills General Council Requirements:

MIN123 The Local Church in Evangelism

MIN181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry

MIN261 Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions

MF2323 Introduction to Ministry

3 Credits

Introduction to Ministry is an introduction to the theology of ministry and an overview of various ministerial functions. Topics covered include Old and New Testament images for ministry, the five-fold ministry, the priesthood of believers, the ministry of reconciliation, and other aspects of ministry such as but not limited to soul care, discipleship, pastoral counseling, and ministerial ethics. Special emphasis is given to application of biblical/theological foundations for ministry to 21st century contexts of being a lead pastor, associate pastor, music/worship pastor, children/family pastor, student ministries pastor or missionary, with guest speakers from each function throughout the course. This is a Northpoint Values Course. Prerequisites: None

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

MIN123 The Local Church in Evangelism

MIN381 Pastoral Ministry

PM3351 Foundations for Public and Ministry Communication (Communications General Education)

3 Credits

Foundations for Public and Ministry Communication is an introduction to the art of public speaking and preaching. Topics covered include: (1) an introduction to the practical and theoretical principles of public speaking. Focus is placed on gathering information, speech composition, and various types of speeches; (2) to introduce the student to the art and craft of the fundamentals of sermon preparation and delivery; (3) to ensure the unity of the sermon's theme while each segment of the sermon is developed; and (4) to demonstrate the value, construction and difference between expository and topical sermons. Special emphasis is placed on the practical application of delivering a basic speech and sermon including the evaluation of the students' written speech/sermon.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

MIN223 Introduction to Homiletics

MIN325 Preaching in the Contemporary World

Year 2 Fall (18 Credits)

NT2321 Gospels

3 Credits

Gospels is an introduction to the political, social, and religious context of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Topics covered include Jesus' birth, ministry preparation, Galilean and Judean ministry, and His passion and resurrection. Special attention is given to the different literary and theological emphases of the four canonical Gospels, the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, and Jesus as a teacher and miracle worker. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Encountering God, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, New Testament History and Literature.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
BIB114 Christ in the Synoptic Gospels

Biological Science (Science/Mathematics General Education)

3 Credits

This course introduces the fundamental principles of biology and the origin of life concepts. The focus of the course is human biology including the hierarchical structure of life from atoms and molecules to the structure and function of living cells, organs, and body systems. The course will include a review of current scientific topics such as, stem cell research, cloning, genetic engineering, the human genome, and global climate change. The course will present historical and current views on various creation and evolution theories enabling the student to critically evaluate both science and Scripture from a biblical worldview.

Science/Mathematics General Education

OT1321 Pentateuch

3 Credits

Pentateuch gives attention to the major theological themes of the Pentateuch such as: creation, theocracy, the Exodus, the covenants, the Law, the Tabernacle, and the Promised Land. Consideration is given to original language, archaeology, geography, and comparative studies. The importance of the Torah to the identity of the Jewish people and its relevance to the New Testament are explored. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Encountering God, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, Old Testament History and Literature.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
BIB318 The Pentateuch

PM4324 Church Law

3 Credits

Church Law is designed to acquaint students with those areas of the law that may affect them and their careers in ministry. It will provide a basic understanding of general legal principles and the application of law, both common and statutory, to given circumstances. The reading will involve both text book assignments and case studies. While not designed to be a law school course, it will aid the student in the analysis of legal issues and provide the basis for sound judgment and decisions in both business and church life. Areas to be covered include contract law, tort law, corporate law, real estate transactions, constitutional law (free speech and freedom of religion). As well as charitable corporation/tax exemption, tax law related to churches and clergy, and finally, clergy privilege and employment/discrimination law.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
MIN327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law

Pastor as Leader

3 Credits

The Pastor as Leader is an introduction to ministerial leadership and gives the student a broad view of pastoral leadership. Topics covered include pastoral functions, pastoral administration, church organization, time management, and healthy church systems. Special emphasis is placed on the character traits of a healthy pastor leading a healthy church. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

MI2312 Introduction to Global Missions**3 Credits**

Introduction to Global Missions is a course that provides an overview of the realities, challenges, and opportunities of missionary life and ministry in contemporary times. Topics covered include: biblical principles for effective intercultural witness, the calling and service of being a missionary, short-term missions, tent-making, relief work, diaspora missiology, missionary preparation and well-being, and the importance of building a network of relationships. Special emphasis is placed on developing an awareness of global missionary work and the necessity of vocational missionary preparation. Prerequisite: Missio Dei.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

MIN261 Introduction to Assemblies of God Missions

Year 2 Spring (17 Credits)

NT4331 Luke-Acts**3 Credits**

Luke-Acts is a study in the major themes and texts of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. Topics covered include Luke as historian and theologian, Lukan Christology and soteriology, the role of women in ministry, and the chronology of the early Church. Special emphasis is placed on Luke's distinctive Pentecostal theology and the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering the Church for mission. Prerequisites: Gospels, Hermeneutics, Systematic Theology, Biblical Theology.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:

BIB115 Acts: The Holy Spirit at Work in Believers

NT4381 Pauline Theology**3 Credits**

Pauline Theology is a study of Paul's thirteen epistles. It includes an historical analysis of the contextual circumstances of Paul's writings and his theological responses. To properly interpret Paul, his Jewish and Greco-Roman background, which affected and gave rise to Paul's distinctive theological understanding, is studied. Major themes such as the Person and work of Christ, Paul's gospel, new life in Christ, the Church, and eschatology are covered. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Encountering God, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, New Testament History and Literature.

Fulfills General Council Requirements:

BIB117 Prison Epistles: Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians, and Philemon

BIB215 Romans: Justification by Faith

BIB313 The Corinthian Correspondence

THE245 Eschatology: A Study of Things to Come

PM4352 Homiletics II**3 Credits**

Homiletics II continues the development of skills in the art of sermon crafting. Topics covered include first person narrative, biographical, and third person narrative (historical) sermons. Special emphasis is placed on preparing to write and deliver one sermon of each type. The student will be evaluated for the purpose of identifying his or her strengths and weakness in

order to improve his or her effectiveness in the craft of sermon preparation and delivery.
Prerequisite: Homiletics I.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
MIN325 Preaching in the Contemporary World

FI4222 Personal and Church Finances **2 Credits**

The course addresses the practical application of monetary management as it applies to the minister as an individual and as one who provides oversight within the church corporation. It highlights issues of personal finance with an emphasis on debt reduction and budget and tax preparation, and concentrates on areas affecting the minister as an employee (i.e., compensation, housing allowance, business expenses, Social Security, etc.). The study reviews financial management issues that relate to the church as a corporate entity and its responsibilities as a charitable organization (i.e., incorporation, reporting requirements, record keeping, financial reports, charitable gifts, etc.).

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
MIN327 Church Administration, Finance, and Law

OT3341 Poetical Books **3 Credits**

Poetical Books studies the poetical books of the Old Testament: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. It stresses the nature and styles of Hebrew poetry, the use of this literature in the national life of early Israel, the theological emphases of these books, and their practical value in Christian ministry. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Encountering God, Biblical Theology, Systematic Theology, Old Testament History and Literature.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
BIB322 The Poetic Books
THE311 Prayer and Worship

PH4382 Introduction to Ethics (Humanities requirement for General Education) **3 Credits**

Introduction to Ethics is an introduction to ethical systems from a Christian perspective. Philosophies emphasized by prominent Christian and non-Christian leaders are examined. Various decision-making models are discussed and applied to contemporary moral and social issues for which speculative and conjectural philosophy cannot supply a resolution.

Fulfills General Council Requirement:
MIN181 Relationships and Ethics in Ministry