



# UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE ACADEMIC CATALOG

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## Northpoint Bible College ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2023-2024

FALL SEMESTER	2023 (100 YR ANN)
Fall Faculty Gathering	August 9, 2023
Residence Halls Open for Freshmen	August 11, 2023
Freshman Registration, Welcome, and Orientation	August 12-15, 2023
Upperclassmen Registration and Orientation	August 14, 2023
Orientation (All students)	August 15, 2023
Classes Begin	August 16, 2023
Labor Day (No classes)	September 4, 2023
Northpoint Experience	September 7-9, 2023
Corporate Prayer and Fasting	September 26, 2023
Faculty Meeting	September 21, 2023
Constitution Day Celebration (Classes in session)	September 18, 2023
Alumni Homecoming	September 13-15, 2023
Week for Mid-Terms	Sept. 27- Oct. 3,2023
Fall Break (After classes on Wednesday to 9:00 p.m. Sunday)	October 5-8, 2023
Individual Prayer and Fasting	October 26, 2023
Faculty Meeting	October 19, 2023
Corporate Prayer & Fasting	November 15, 2023
Faculty Meeting	November 16, 2023
Thanksgiving Vacation (After classes on Friday to 9:00 p.m. Sunday)	November 17-26, 2023
Annual School Christmas Party	November 28, 2023
Study Day	November 29, 2023
Faculty Meeting (Study Day: 10.00 a.m 1.00 p.m.)	November 29, 2023
Final Exams	Nov. 30-Dec. 6, 2023
Christmas Vacation (Begins after your last scheduled exam)	December 6, 2023

SPRING SEMESTER	2024
Registration and Orientation for New Students (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.)	January 9, 2024
Check in for Returning Students (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.)	January 9, 2024
Classes Begin	January 10, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	January 15, 2024
Faculty Meeting	January 18, 2024
Corporate Prayer & Fasting	January 30, 2024
Individual Prayer & Fasting	February 21, 2024
Faculty Meeting	February 15, 2024
Mid-Term Week	February 21-27, 2024
Spring Break (After classes on Friday to 9:00 p.m. Sunday)	March 1-10, 2024
Faculty Meeting	March 21, 2024
Corporate Prayer & Fasting	March 14, 2024
Northpoint Experience	April 4-6
Good Friday Service	March 28, 2024
Easter Break (5:30 p.m. Thursday to 9:00 p.m. Monday.	March 28-April 1, 2024
Spring Choir Concert	April 18, 2024
Faculty Meeting	April 18, 2024
Senior Banquet (Attendance is required for all students)	April 23, 2024
Study Day and Faculty Meeting (10.00 a.m 1.00 p.m.)	April 24, 2024
Finals	April 25-May 1 2024
Baccalaureate (10:00 a.m. All students are required to attend)	May 3, 2024
Graduation (10:30 a.m. All students are required to attend)	May 4, 2024
Summer School	May 6-August 20, 2024

## **FOREWORD**

The policies within this catalog – academic, student life, and financial – apply to Northpoint Bible College students at the main campus in Haverhill, Massachusetts, online campus, and at Northpoint's extension sites, and at our additional locations in Laredo, Texas, Cincinnati, Ohio, Crestwood, Kentucky and in Park Hills, Missouri.

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All Additional Locations and Extension Sites adhere to all aspects of this academic catalog.

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

## OUR INSTITUTIONAL CORE VALUES, AND OBJECTIVES

The Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School core values are the driving force behind the institutional goals, objectives, and the individual program objectives. Additionally, each value has a specific course(s) it is related to.

#### VALUE: SCRIPTURE

The Bible is the absolute standard for which we live, study, serve, instruct, and minister. As our students immerse themselves in the Bible, the promises of God become real, faith arises, and the birthing of ministry transpires.

Associated Values Course: TH1381 Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture

#### Institutional Scripture Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Scripture. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by immersing students in the Bible. To accomplish this, students learn about the Bible, how to interpret and study the Bible, to treat the Bible as the revelation of God for the Church and for them personally, and to recognize the value of the Scriptures as the foundation to practice the presence of God.

#### VALUE: CALLING

Northpoint Bible College places a high priority on the Spirit's calling and equipping of leaders for ministry. From Christine Gibson's initial call to sacrificially starting a faith-based Bible College to the present, NPBC recognizes the supernatural call of God for students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Associated Values Course: TH1384 *Missio Dei*: A Theology of Calling, Mission, and Community

## INSTITUTIONAL CALLING GOAL

Northpoint Bible College values the calling of God. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by outlining the concept and discernment of God's call and providing them with opportunities to explore their calling. To accomplish this, students explore biblical and historical ministry calls and practice identifying, articulating, and fulfilling their calling.

## **VALUE: CHARACTER**

Northpoint Bible College embraces character formation as a submissive life to Christ Jesus. Integrity, honesty, self-control, courage, dependability, forgiveness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, and other scriptural character traits and virtues flow from being in Christ. Character development based on being in Christ produces influential people filled with the Holy Spirit.

Associated Values Course: MF1381 Spiritual and Character Formation

#### Institutional Character Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Character. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by exploring the qualities and practices of a Holy Spirit led life that is submissive to Christ. To accomplish this, students learn about the spiritual disciplines, how to develop a spiritually healthy lifestyle, and to reflect upon their spiritual formation over the course of their Biblical studies.

## **VALUE: MINISTRY**

Northpoint Bible College appreciates the ministry of reconciliation, the priesthood of all believers, spiritually-gifted Christians, and the specific ministries of the Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teacher, and Evangelist to fulfill the Great Commission.

Associated Values Course: MF2323 Introduction to Ministry

#### Institutional Ministry Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Ministry. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by instructing them in theological training and in the practical components of ministry. To accomplish this, students study vocationally specific ministries and their value, practice ministry skills in the classroom and in the local church, and recognize ministerial concepts such as the communication of the gospel message of salvation, the facilitation of the move of the Spirit, the baptism of the Spirit, reconciliation, the priesthood of all believers, spiritually gifted Christians, and the five-fold ministry.

## VALUE: A CADEMICS

As a college that prepares men and women for ministry and service, we value the rigors of the academic setting where the skills of writing, thinking, reasoning, rhetoric, and artistic creativity are taught, developed, and used for the glory of God to further the kingdom of God. Associated Values Course: EN1341 English Composition I and EN1342 English Composition II

#### Institutional Academic Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Academics. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by providing them with opportunities to critically think, reason, and

communicate through writing, rhetoric, and/or other artistic and creative communications. To accomplish this, students learn to write in a variety of genres, think critically about theological concepts, as well as current and historical societal issues, practice developing effective and creative ministry specific communications such as sermons and Bible studies, utilize tools which will enable and enhance academic research, and reflect upon the value of academic discipline in the life of a future minister.

## **VALUE: PENTECOSTAL**

We are a Pentecostal community that values encounters with the Holy Spirit in chapel, in the classroom, and throughout our campus, which infuses our community with faith, hope, and love to be empowered witnesses.

Associated Values Course: TH2381 Pentecostal Theology

#### Institutional Pentecostal Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Pentecostal practice and tradition. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by immersing them in Pentecostal thought and practices and providing them with opportunities to observe and practice Pentecostal moves of God. To accomplish this, students learn about the biblical foundations for Pentecostalism, the historical progression of the Pentecostal movement, and understand and reflect upon the value of Spirit-directed life and ministry.

## **VALUE: COMMUNITY**

We honor our rich heritage of affirming relationship and diversity as foundations for our community. Our daily life transforms routine functions to foster an environment of growth, care, support, and encouragement for one another.

Associated Values Course: TH1384 *Missio Dei*: A Theology of Calling, Mission, and Community

#### Institutional Community Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Community. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by providing them with opportunities to identify their place within a community and practice community living and service. To accomplish this, students discover the biblical importance of community, develop relationships with peers, staff, faculty, administration, and/or local ministers, participate in community events and service, explore the importance of healthy relationships and community for an effective Christian life and ministry, and reflect on the importance of diversity in a healthy community.

## **VALUE: SERVICE**

We model servant leadership in all aspects of our communal life and ministry: faculty/staff/administration/student to prospective student, faculty/staff/administration to student, administration/staff to faculty, faculty to administration/staff, and student to administration/faculty/staff.

Associated Values Course: TH4391 Servant Leadership: Internship and Theology of Work

#### Institutional Service Goal

Northpoint Bible College values Service. As such, we aim to equip students for excellent Pentecostal ministry by exploring the theological concepts of work and servant leadership. To accomplish this, students study Jesus' approach to leadership emphasizing service, examine contemporary models of servanthood, practice serving through campus and church experiences, and recognize the value of a strong work ethic.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

Northpoint (Zion) Bible College was established in 1924 by Reverend Christine A. Gibson. The school initially was called Mount Zion Missionary Training School but was soon renamed The School of the Prophets in 1925. In 1936 it was incorporated as Zion Bible Institute. In 2005, the school underwent a minor name change from Institute to Zion Bible College. In January of 2013 the College was officially renamed Northpoint Bible College.

In its eighty-eight-year history, Northpoint has had only eight presidents. Rev. Gibson, the founder of the school, served as its first president, and was followed in 1960 by Dr. Leonard Heroo. Rev. Mary Campbell Wilson served as principal and president from 1983 to 1985 until the presidency of Dr. N. Benjamin Crandall, who served from 1985 to 2000. Upon Dr. Crandall's retirement, Dr. George Cope became the fifth president serving until 2005. Dr. Richard Lafferty then served as interim president from May 2005 to April 2008. Dr. Charles Crabtree, former Assistant General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God, was named Northpoint's seventh president in October 2007 and assumed the presidency in April of 2008. On May 11, 2013, Dr. David Arnett was inaugurated as the eighth president of Northpoint Bible College and Seminary and served through November of 2022. Rev. Tiff Shuttlesworth served as interim president until March of 25, 2023 when he was unanimously selected as the ninth president of Northpoint Bible College and Seminary.

Under the leadership of then president Dr. N. Benjamin Crandall, Northpoint purchased the campus of the former Barrington College in Barrington, Rhode Island, and in October 1985 Northpoint moved from East Providence to Barrington, Rhode Island. In 1994, Northpoint was approved by the State of Rhode Island to become a four-year institution granting the baccalaureate degree in Bible. In 2000, Northpoint became part of the Assemblies of God fellowship, within the Southern New England District (now known as Southern New England Ministry Network).

Recognizing the need to be accredited by a recognized accrediting body, Northpoint began the accreditation process with the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC, now known as the ABHE – Association for Biblical Higher Education). Northpoint received applicant status in 1997, candidate status in 2000, and full accreditation on February 14, 2001.

In 2005, under the leadership of Dr. George Cope, the name of the school was officially changed from "Institute" to "College."

Under the leadership of President Dr. Charles Crabtree, the entire campus family relocated from Barrington, Rhode Island to Haverhill, Massachusetts in the summer of 2008, after Mr. David Green, CEO of Hobby Lobby, Inc., purchased the campus of the former Bradford College. A year

later he sold the campus to Northpoint for \$1.00. In January of 2013 the College's name was officially changed to Northpoint Bible College.

A proposal for the Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree and an Associate in Arts degree in Bible and Theology with a concentration in Church Ministry was sent for approval to our accreditors (ABHE) and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. On October 7, 2011, the ABHE approved Northpoint's proposal to offer both the Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree and the Associate in Arts degree. On March 5, 2013, the Massachusetts' Department of Higher Education also approved both of these degrees.

Under the leadership of Dr. J. David Arnett the bridge over Tupelo Pond was replaced.

With the start of the 2023-2024 academic year President Shuttlesworth begins his first full year as President of Northpoint Bible College and Seminary. The focus of Northpoint remains the same as it always has, to be a single purpose academic institution preparing men and women for excellent Pentecostal ministry in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

#### **OUR DISTINCTIVES**

**BIBLE CENTERED CURRICULUM.** Our curriculum strives for academic excellence, while keeping its focus on the Bible. The professors at Northpoint hold advanced academic degrees, and also serve as pastors, evangelists, missionaries, and/or administrators. The students, therefore, receive training that is both scholarly and practical.

**PENTECOSTAL HERITAGE.** Northpoint was birthed in prayer and has survived and flourished through the prayer of faith. The monthly days of prayer and fasting and the prayer chapel located on the campus are reminders that prayer is foundational at Northpoint.

**DYNAMIC CHAPEL SERVICES.** Our regular chapel services are a place for fervent prayer and dynamic praise. Inspiring messages are delivered by our president, Northpoint faculty, visiting ministers, and missionaries. Students participate in the chapel services through testimonies, worship band, choir, and special music.

**MINISTRY ORIENTED.** Northpoint prepares men and women for effective ministry by integrating the classroom with ministry opportunities and an internship.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT.** Northpoint is more than an academic institution. Northpoint is a family, where a wonderful sense of community prevails. At Northpoint, students, staff, and faculty become lifelong friends.

#### **OUR PURPOSE AND MISSION**

Northpoint Bible College has but one purpose – to prepare students who are called to the ministry. Therefore, Northpoint Bible College exists to teach and train students for excellent Pentecostal ministry, in fulfillment of the Great Commission.

#### **OUR EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

The curricular offerings at Northpoint are constructed on the foundation of the Bible. Northpoint contends that the Bible in its original manuscripts is the inspired, inerrant, and authoritative Word of God. The Bible, therefore, is the integrating factor of the total curriculum. The study of the Bible is deemed the most important discipline for any Christian; therefore, Northpoint students take a first major in Biblical Studies.

Other curricular areas of general education and vocational studies complement the biblical and theological studies to provide each student with a well-balanced Christian worldview. Opportunities for practical ministry experience are deemed an essential part of the students' preparation. Northpoint's administration, faculty, and staff work to see that the lives of the students are being conformed and transformed more and more into Christ's likeness, solidly preparing them for the Lord's service.

## OUR SPIRITUAL AND MORAL STANDARDS

Northpoint Bible College is an educational institution affiliated with the Assemblies of God, a religious organization. The General Council of the Assemblies of God ("General Council"), the highest governing body of the church, has established the Alliance for Assemblies of God Higher Education ("Alliance") and tasked the Alliance with developing educational, spiritual, and theological standards for institutions that wish to be affiliated with the church. To fulfill this mandate, the Alliance developed Endorsement Criteria that are intended to facilitate the development of educational institutions that are committed to the Assemblies of God's mission, to the integration of faith and learning in the Pentecostal tradition, and to academic excellence. The purpose of the Endorsement Criteria is to insure doctrinal fidelity and institutional conformity to Assemblies of God standards of morality. Northpoint Bible College is endorsed by the Alliance and is committed to maintaining this status by carefully following the Alliance's Endorsement Criteria.

Northpoint Bible College's mission documents commit Northpoint Bible College to the formation of mature Christian character and spiritual life, the development of loyalty to the doctrines and principles of the Assemblies of God, and the preparation of leaders for the Kingdom of God and the Assemblies of God.

At least 90% of Northpoint Bible College's board members are affiliated with the Assemblies of God and the remaining board members affiliated with another Pentecostal church.

Northpoint Bible College's faculty, administrators, and students are required to be members of an Assemblies of God church or otherwise espouse a personal belief in the basic tenets of the Christian faith as understood by the Assemblies of God. All of Northpoint Bible College's administrators and faculty annually sign a statement affirming loyalty to the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God, a personal experience of Holy Spirit baptism, and a willingness to influence others with regard to loyalty to the Assemblies of God church and theology.

Northpoint Bible College asks all applicants for matriculation into any of its programs to affirm that they are born-again Christians, that they desire to be involved in Christian service, and that they agree with the accepted essentials of the Christian faith as held by the Assemblies of God. Applicants must also provide a letter of recommendation from a pastor.

Student life at Northpoint Bible College is also shaped by our commitment to Biblical precepts. Northpoint Bible College shares the Assemblies of God's conviction that Christian colleges and universities should form their students both academically and spiritually. Northpoint Bible College helps stimulate students' appreciation for the Word of God and encourages students to pursue spiritual maturity and excellence. Northpoint Bible College is dedicated to strengthening our students' appreciation of and attachment to the Christian Church, especially the Pentecostal tradition and the Assemblies of God. Each student is required to be involved in a ministry for at least two semesters.

As part our commitment to developing a robust Christian community, Northpoint Bible College holds four chapel services each week, which are mandatory for students. Northpoint Bible College also has required church and chapel attendance policies for administrators and faculty.

As a Christian institution, Northpoint Bible College believes that all matters of faith and conduct must be evaluated on the basis of Holy Scripture, which is our infallible guide (2 Timothy 3:16-17). As a school founded in and inspired by the Assemblies of God tradition and endorsed by the Alliance, Northpoint Bible College looks to the General Council and the General Presbytery of the Assemblies of God to help us interpret Scripture.

- 1. Human Dignity: The Assemblies of God believes that God created humankind in His image and that people receive their essential dignity from the fact that they are created in the God's image and are loved by Him (Genesis 1:27). This dignity does not depend on whether someone is single or married or on whether someone suffers from any particular temptation to sin (1 Corinthians 7; Romans 5:8).
- **2. Abortion:** The Assemblies of God believes that human beings bear the image of God and receive their essential identity and dignity before we are born (Luke 1:31-44; Acts 7:19; Job 31:15; Psalm 139:13-16). As such, the Assemblies of God believes that abortion is the killing of innocent human life and is therefore prohibited by the Ten Commandments and elsewhere throughout Scripture (Exodus 20:13, 21:22-24; Matthew 19:18; Romans 13:9).
- **3. Marriage:** The Assemblies of God defines marriage as the permanent, exclusive, comprehensive, and conjugal "one flesh" union of one man and one woman, intrinsically ordered to procreation and biological family, and in furtherance of the moral, spiritual, and public good of binding father, mother, and child. The Assemblies of God teaches that the purpose of Christian marriage is to reflect the love, purity, and permanence between Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:23-33).
- **4. Sexual Conduct:** The Assemblies of God believes that God has designed sexual intimacy for marriage and that sexual acts outside of marriage are sinful. Such acts include but are not limited to adultery, fornication, incest, bestiality, pornography, prostitution, voyeurism, pedophilia, exhibitionism, sodomy, polygamy, polyamory, or same-sex sexual acts. (Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 18:7–23; 20:10–21; Deuteronomy 5:18; Matthew 5:27–28; 15:19; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:9–13; Galatians 5:19; Ephesians 4:17–19; Colossians 3:5; 1 Thessalonians 4:3; Hebrews 13:4).
- **5. Sexual Orientation:** The Assemblies of God affirms the sexual complementarity of man and woman and teaches that same-sex sexual attractions are temptations to sin and should therefore be resisted. (Genesis 1:27; 2:24; Matthew 19:4–6; Mark 10:5–9; Romans 1:26–27; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11).
- **6. Sexual Identity:** The Assemblies of God believes that God created humankind in His image, male and female, sexually different but with equal personal dignity. The Church supports the dignity of individual persons affirming their biological sex and discouraging any and all attempts to physically change, alter, or disagree with their predominant biological sex—including but not limited to elective sex-reassignment, transvestite, transgender, or nonbinary "genderqueer" acts or conduct. (Genesis 1:26–28; Romans 1:26–32; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11).

7. Sexual Equality: The Assemblies of God believes that men and women have equal dignity before God and does not make any distinction between the sexes when selecting people for ministry or spiritual leadership positions. Having observed that God pours out His Spirit upon both men and women, the Assemblies of God concludes that God gifts both sexes for ministry in His Church.

Northpoint Bible College believes and embraces these teachings and has integrated them into its standards for its administrators, faculty, and students. In order to help foster these standards and to help ensure that Northpoint Bible College is a place of nourishment, Northpoint Bible College has adopted an Honor Code and policy manuals that clearly outlines policies regarding expectations for faculty, staff and student behavior, accountability, rules and disciplinary actions, and other general expectations for student life on campus.

None of this to say that Northpoint Bible College or the Assemblies of God excludes anyone based on their sins or based on their temptations. The Assemblies of God believes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and should seek redemption through confession, repentance, baptism, and faith in Jesus Christ. We welcome and treat with respect, compassion, and sensitivity all who experience same-sex attractions or confess sexually immoral acts and are committed to resisting sexual temptation, refraining from sexual immorality, and transforming their behavior in the light of biblical teachings. (Matthew 11:28–30; Romans 3:23; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Ephesians 2:1–10; Hebrews 2:17–18; 4:14–16). However, in keeping with our biblical beliefs about sexual morality, Northpoint Bible College cannot in good conscience support or encourage an individual to live in conflict with biblical principles. Any individual who violates campus standards for biblical living is subject to discipline, including expulsion.

Northpoint Bible College believes that its policies and practices, informed by Assemblies of God teachings, do not discriminate on the basis of sex—that is, between men and women.

ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT DISCIPLINE. Based on the convictions listed above, Northpoint Bible College believes that it cannot fulfill its God-given mission and build an intentional Christian community if it cannot require faculty, staff and students to embrace and do their best to follow the Assemblies of God's teachings about sexual morality and sexual identity. These convictions shape Northpoint Bible College's hiring and admissions policies and student discipline policies.

*Housing, Restrooms, AND Locker Rooms.* Based on the convictions listed above, Northpoint Bible College expects all faculty, staff and students to embrace their God-given biological sex. This expectation shapes Northpoint Bible College's policies regarding student housing, restroom and locker room use, and participation in athletic programs.

*MARRIAGE, SEXUAL CONDUCT, AND ABORTION.* Based on the convictions listed above, Northpoint Bible College expects all students, faculty, and administrators to honor the Assemblies of God's teachings on marriage, sexual conduct, and abortion.

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# DOCTRINAL STATEMENT OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD FUNDAMENTALS OF FAITH

- 1. WE BELIEVE **The Scriptures are Inspired**. The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man, the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct (2 Tim. 3:15-17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Peter 1:21).
- 2. WE BELIEVE **The One True God**. The one true God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent "I AM," the Creator of heaven and earth and the Redeemer of mankind. He has further revealed Himself as embodying the principles of relationship and association as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Deut. 6:4; Isaiah 43:10,11: Matt 28:19; Jn 3:22).
- 3. WE BELIEVE **The Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ**. The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. Born of a Virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, His substitutionary work on the cross, His bodily resurrection from the dead, He is seated at the right hand of God. (Matt. 1:23; Hebrew 7:26; Acts 2:22; 1 Cor. 15:3, 4; Phil 2:9-11.)
- 4. WE BELIEVE. **The Fall of Man**. Man was created good and upright; however, man, by voluntary transgression, fell and thereby incurred not only physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God. (Gen 1:26, 47; 2:17; Rom 5:12-19).
- 5. WE BELIEVE **The Salvation of Man.** Every Person Can Have Restored Fellowship with God Through 'Salvation' (accepting Christ's offer of forgiveness for sin). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
- 6. WE BELIEVE **The Ordinances of the Church** (1) the ordinance of baptism by immersion is commanded in the Scriptures. All who repent and believe on Christ as Savior and Lord are to be baptized. Thus they declare to the world that they have died with Christ and that they also have been raised with Him to walk in newness of Life. (Matt 28:19; Mk 16:16; Rom 6:4). (2) Holy Communion (the Lord's Supper) consisting of the elements bread and the fruit of the vine is the symbol expressing our sharing the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Pt 1:40, a memorial of His suffering and death (1 Cor. 11:26), and a prophecy of His second coming (1 Cor. 11:26), and is enjoined on all believers "till He comes!".
- 7. WE BELIEVE **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit.** All believers are entitled to, and should ardently expect and earnestly seek the promise of the Father, the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and fire, according to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. This was the normal experience for all in the early Christian church. With it comes the enduement of power for life and service, the bestowment of the gifts and their use in the work of the ministry (Lk 24:49; Acts 1:4; 1 Co. 12:1-31). This experience is distinct from and subsequent to the experience of the new birth (Acts 8:12-17; 10:44-46; 11:14-16; 15:7-9). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
- 8. WE BELIEVE. **The Initial Physical Evidence of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit**. The baptism of believers in the Holy Spirit witnessed by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues, and is the same in essence as the gift of tongues (1 Cor. 12:4-10, 28), but different in purpose and use.
- 9. WE BELIEVE. **Sanctification.** Sanctification is an act of separation from that which is evil, and of dedication unto God (Rom 12:1, 2; 1 Thess 5:23; Heb 13:12). The Scriptures teach a life of "holiness without which no man shall see the Lord" (Heb 12:14). By the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to obey the command: "Be ye holy, for I am holy." (1 Pt 1:15-16). Sanctification is realized in the believer by recognizing his identification with Christ in His death and resurrection and by faith reckoning daily upon the fact of that union, and by offering every faculty continually to the dominion of the Holy Spirit (Rom 6:1-11,13; 8:1,2,13: Gal. 2:20; Phil. 2:12,13; 1 Pt 1:5).

- 10. WE BELIEVE. **The Church and Her Mission.** The Church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of her great commission. Each believer, born of the Spirit is an integral part of the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which h are written in heaven (Eph. 1:22,23; 2:22; Heb 12:23).WE BELIEVE. **The Ministry**. A divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for the threefold purpose of leading the Church in 1) evangelization of the world (Mk 16:15-20); 2) worship of God (Jn 4:23,24); 3) building a body of saints being perfected in the image of His Son (Eph 4:11-16).
- 11. WE BELIEVE. **Divine Healing**. Divine healing is an integral part of the Gospel. Deliverance from sickness is provided for in the Atonement, and is the privilege of all believers (Is 53:4,5; Matt 8:16,17; Jam 5:14-16). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
- 12. WE BELIEVE. **The Blessed Hope**. The resurrection of those who have fallen asleep in Christ and their translation, together with those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord, is the imminent and blessed hope of the Church (1 Thess 4:16,17; Rom 8:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Cor 15:51,52). [1 of 4 cardinal doctrines of the A/G]
- 13. WE BELIEVE **The Millennial Reign of Christ.** The second coming of Christ includes the rapture of the saints, which is our blessed hope, followed by the visible return of Christ with His saints to reign on the earth for one thousand years (Zech 14:5; Matt 24:27,30; Rev 1:7; 19:11-14; 20:1-6). This millennial reign will bring the salvation of national Israel (Ezek 37:21,22; Zeph 3:19,20; Rom 11:26,27), and the establishment of universal peach (Isa 11:6-9; Ps 72:3-8; Mic 4:3,4).
- 14. WE BELIEVE. **The Final Judgment.** There will be a final judgment in which the wicked dead will be raised and judged according to their works. Whosoever is not found written in the Book of Life, together with the Devil and is angels, the beast and the false prophet, will be consigned to everlasting punishment in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. (Matt 25:46; Mk 9:43-48; Rev. 19:20; 20:11-5; 21:8).
- 15. WE BELIEVE. **The New Heavens and the New Earth.** "We, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Pt 3:13; Rev. 21, 22)

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# ACCREDITATION, APPROVALS, ENDORSEMENTS & MEMBERSHIPS

**ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION.** Northpoint Bible College holds full accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). The ABHE is recognized by the Department of Education in Washington D.C. and is a member of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). CHEA is the umbrella organization for Regional, Specialized/Professional, and National Accrediting Associations.

**ALLIANCE FOR ASSEMBLIES OF GOD HIGHER EDUCATION.** (FORMERLY COCHE). Northpoint is a fully endorsed Assemblies of God college.

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION**. Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School is approved to grant the Master of Arts in Practical Theology in Crestwood, KY.

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Northpoint Bible College is approved by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education to grant

the Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree, the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies degree, the Associate in Arts in Bible and Theology degree and the One Year Certificate in Biblical studies.

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.** Northpoint Bible College is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs for the training of veterans who are entitled to educational benefits under existing laws. Any veteran wishing to attend Northpoint under the provisions of these laws should make application to his/her local Veterans Administration Office for approval. The school will gladly assist veterans in securing benefits under the Title 38 program. (Massachusetts only)

**STATE AUTHORITY RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA).** Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School has been approved as a part of the NC-SARA, the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement, which allows the Institution to offer online education across the fifty United States.

**THE STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM (SEVP).** Northpoint is approved to grant I-20's to international students who meet criteria of the Admissions Committee. (Main Campus only)

**TITLE IV.** Northpoint is a participant in the U.S. Department of Education Title IV program.

## THE CAMPUS

"I will also make you a light for the nations, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6b

#### LOCATION

Northpoint's campus, located in the historic Bradford section of Haverhill, Massachusetts, is "beautiful for situation" in picturesque and historic New England. Nestled in the Merrimack Valley, just north of Boston, Bradford is near many sites associated with early American history.

One of the first missionaries to leave the shores of America, Adoniram and his wife Ann Hasseltine Judson, were commissioned by the Congregational Church at the Bradford Common, just down the road from Northpoint. The great preacher associated with the Great Awakening, Jonathan Edwards pastored the church in Northampton, Massachusetts and the English revivalist and preacher George Whitefield preached at the Boston Commons during the Great Awakening, these and other great men and women are but a small part of the spiritual fabric of New England.

Plymouth Rock and Plymouth Plantation located in Plymouth, Massachusetts, mark the sites where the Pilgrims landed and settled in 1620; Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts, are the sites of the first battles of the Revolutionary War. Providence, Rhode Island, founded by Roger Williams, is home to the first Baptist church in America. These are just a sampling of what may be found in beautiful New England. The area is rich in early colonial history as well as contemporary American culture.

Boston, the capital of Massachusetts, is only thirty-five miles from the Northpoint campus and it is easily accessible through public transportation, as is Logan Airport. Boston is a center of medicine, education, history, museums, theatre, sports, shopping, industry, and culture.

#### **CAMPUS FACILITIES**

The campus of Northpoint Bible College, located in the Bradford area of Haverhill, Massachusetts, was originally a private, non-profit, co-educational high school, opened in 1803. In 1836, it became Bradford College, a school for young women (Ann Judson and her sisters attended). In 1932, the college became established as a junior college. In 1971 Bradford became a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college.

After nearly 200 years, Bradford College closed in 2000; in 2007 the campus was purchased for Northpoint Bible College, providing Northpoint with ample educational, administrative and residential space. The campus is comprised of nine buildings on over eighteen acres.

ACADEMY HALL. This historic four-story, 119,768 square foot building known as Academy Hall primarily houses offices, residences, and dining facilities. Academy Hall contains forty-four offices, conference rooms, an administration dining room, a faculty dining room, a faculty/staff lounge, and the student dining room and kitchen. The upper three floors are residential space for upper classmen in the undergraduate program and for graduate students. There are a few married student apartments along with student lounges on the third and fourth floors.

*CHAPEL.* The current Northpoint chapel is located within the Library structure. Chapels are held Monday through Thursday.

**HASSELTINE HALL.** Historic Hasseltine Hall is the primarily educational building housing fifteen classrooms, nine faculty offices, as well as a faculty lounge. Classrooms are equipped with SmartBoard technology to enhance the learning experience of our students.

*FINE ARTS CENTER.* Connected to the library is the Fine Arts Center, which contains a 200-seat auditorium. It is used by Northpoint as a classroom and for Northpoint Chapel.

**PRAYER CHAPEL.** Northpoint would not be complete without the Prayer Chapel. This quaint 1,951 square foot sanctuary seats approximately seventy-five. The prayer chapel also houses a pastoral study. Students, as well as faculty and staff may spend time in prayer and meditation throughout the day and evening. Senior class prayers are held in the Prayer Chapel monthly.

STUDENT ACTIVITY CENTER. The Student Activity Center is located directly behind Academy Hall facing the South Park Street parking lot. The building houses the Greenhouse café, Fitness/Exercise room and Gymnasium. On the first floor the Fitness/Exercise rooms include dressing areas and rest rooms. The weight room is equipped with free weights and weight machines; the fitness room is equipped with stationary bikes, treadmills, and steppers. The Greenhouse café is on the second floor and the Gymnasium is on the third floor which is used for basketball, volleyball, and other activities.

*LIBRARY.* The Library Building houses the library, the Center for Academic Development, computer lab, the Heritage Center (Northpoint archives), music rooms, music faculty offices, faculty and trustee conference room, as well as two classrooms.

The library holdings are over 48,721 volumes. Students have access to Northpoint's periodical databases – the ATLA Religion Database<sup>TM</sup> with ATLA Serials<sup>TM</sup>, Religion & Philosophy Collection<sup>TM</sup>, New Testament Abstracts Online, and Old Testament Abstracts Online. These databases include 500 full-text journals and citation information for another 1,200 journals. Also included are 237,000 essay citations, 16,800 multi-author volume citations and 525,000 book review citations. These databases are produced by the American Theological Library

Association. Students have additional access to resources, first they are granted library access and borrowing privileges at Goddard Library of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary subject to GCTS library policies and secondly will have access through Northpoint's Inter-Library loan to any book, article, or dissertation from anywhere in the world.

GREENHOUSE. The Greenhouse is an on-campus café that is located directly behind Academy Hall facing the South Park Street parking lot. The Greenhouse's modern décor and relaxing atmosphere give an inviting place for fun and fellowship. It is equipped with a café that offers beverages and food for purchase, flat screen TVs, bistro tables and stools, couches and chairs, pool and ping-pong tables. It is also stocked with Northpoint apparel to purchase and last minute essentials a student may need such as Tylenol, laundry soap and personal items.

GIBSON HALL/GALLAGHER HALL (DORMITORIES). The men's and women's dorms sit just beyond the campus' idyllic pond. These four-story brick buildings can accommodate approximately 250 students. The dormitories were renovated in 2000. In 2008, minor upgrades were made and continue to be made resulting in beautiful living and social areas for our students. The Northpoint Campus is fully fiber-optic and network ready. Wireless networking covers both the dormitories and each of the main buildings on campus. Double, Semi-Private, and Private rooms are available – each room is furnished with a desk, bed, closet, and dresser. Each dorm has laundry facilities, vending machines, a kitchen area on each floor, and a comfortable main lounge. Additional dorms are located in Academy Hall for undergraduates who are seniors and for our graduate students. There are a limited number of married suites.

## STUDENT LIFE

#### SPIRITUAL LIFE

Northpoint Bible College is a Christian community where students from diverse backgrounds and various nations gather to pursue spiritual and academic goals. Northpoint's primary objective is to create and support an environment in which every student has ample opportunity to maximize the achievement of these goals. Northpoint's desire is to foster the personal, spiritual, and academic growth of men and women who are preparing for Christian service.

Students need to cultivate a mature spiritual life that will enable them to serve and to lead with distinction and dedication. The opportunity for each student to experience an ever-deepening relationship with God, thereby becoming a Christ-centered person, is provided through a variety of spiritual activities.

#### CHAPEL SERVICES

One of the highlights of life at Northpoint is the Chapel Service. From Monday through Thursday, students, staff, faculty, and administration join together to seek God, to praise the Lord Jesus Christ, and to experience the ever-present power of the Holy Spirit.

Christian leaders from various areas of the country and the world, our President, and the faculty, participate in these services by bringing forth the Word of God in such a way as to challenge and encourage our students to become the leaders of tomorrow. The variety of ministries presented provides our students with a broad exposure to the heartbeat of ministry taking place around the world.

During these special times, the Holy Spirit moves upon students in a gentle, yet most-powerful way, molding lives and preparing them for the ministry and for the challenges of the Kingdom.

The ecstatic environment provides an atmosphere of holiness, reverence, and awe.

In keeping with Northpoint's long-standing heritage of maintaining a world-mission emphasis, missionaries from around the world are scheduled to speak in our chapel services. These services focus on the Great Commission that Christ Jesus gave to the Church to, "Go . . . and teach all nations ......" (Matthew 28:19).

#### **CLASS PRAYERS**

Northpoint's unique structure permits each class to meet as a group once a month for an hour of corporate prayer. Prayer is foremost at Northpoint and this time allows students to help and encourage one another in the Lord and to pray for particular needs of the class, Northpoint, the Church and the world. A special bonding takes place during these times as classmates minister to one another. Class Prayers provide an excellent opportunity for students to experience the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

## DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

Prayer and fasting are essential to the Christian's walk with the Lord; therefore, on six designated days throughout the academic year, the campus family unites together in fasting. Three times each semester the community gathers to pray, read Scriptures, worship, and seek the Father's will for the College, the Church, the world, and for one's personal life. The Christian Community at large fasts during its normal activities and sets aside time for prayer, Scripture, reflection and other spiritual disciplines. Prayer transforms lives and fasting focuses one's being on God. The Days of Fasting and Prayer offer a time for spiritual reflection; many lives have been transformed in amazing ways during these occasions.

#### **DORMITORY DEVOTIONS**

The dormitories are the student's home, and the residents of each dormitory become family. Each month, the students in each dorm meet in the evening for a time of devotion. The Resident Directors, along with invited faculty and staff, minister to those in their care, helping each student to draw ever closer to God.

#### PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Developing a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ is necessary for a life of service. Every student, therefore, for the sake of their personal walk with God and for their preparation for the ministry, must develop a personal and meaningful devotional life. There is no set time or requirement for this, but its importance is stressed. Through such times of personal devotion, the student becomes a Christian of faith, power and love. The Green Prayer Chapel is available for students to meet with God.

#### PRAYER CHAPEL

The Prayer Chapel provides an atmosphere for each student to pray and meditate. At the Prayer Chapel, student, staff, faculty, and visitors come to meet with God, and to pray for their concerns, and the requests that arrive daily.

## STUDENT SERVICES

#### **ADVISING**

Students will find willingness on the part of faculty and staff to listen to and encourage them in

times of need. Informal levels of counseling in areas of personal, social, spiritual, and emotional development are available as requested or deemed necessary. Academic advising is provided to all students as a fundamental need. Each student is assigned a faculty advisor who is available to assist in course planning and selections, while addressing the student's state of progress toward graduation requirements.

Northpoint also offers a unique service of financial advising and planning that is aimed at promoting the highest possible level of stewardship for each student's resources. Students who need help with their personal budgets and other financial concerns may inquire at the Financial Offices of Northpoint for help in this area. The financial principles they will learn through this service will better equip them for the future.

## CENTER FOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT (CAD)

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, individual adjustments are facilitated in the Center of Academic Development (CAD) which allows students with learning disabilities to perform the tasks required. Providing an alternative setting that allows extended time enables individuals with disabilities to demonstrate their mastery of the subject matter that is tested. The CAD also provides assistance with assignments, research, formatting, and peer editing through student workers who have demonstrated academic success.

#### **EMERGENCY CALL BOXES AND SECURITY CAMERAS**

Emergency call boxes are located in all the dorms and throughout the campus. These call boxes connect directly to 911. In addition, security cameras are located throughout the campus and are monitored continuously by security.

#### FOOD SERVICES

Meals are provided for Northpoint students, staff, and faculty in the Dining Commons on a daily basis.

#### HEALTH CARE AND STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Each dormitory is equipped with basic first-aid supplies for immediate response to minor injuries. Should a student need further medical attention, a number of medical facilities are located within a few minutes of the school.

Per the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, all students must have private health insurance. The college provides a group policy for students needing health insurance. Proof of private health insurance is required by, but no later than, the day of registration. Students without proof of private health insurance will automatically be enrolled in the College's student health group plan and will be charged the current insurance plan fees.

#### **LAUNDRY FACILITIES**

Gibson Hall, Gallagher Hall, and Academy Hall are equipped with smart washers and dryers activated by electronic payment via cell telephone. Should a student desire or need other services, there are several laundry and dry-cleaning establishments in the vicinity.

#### LIBRARY

Research and reference needs are more than adequately met in the approximately 48,721

volumes housed in Northpoint's library. Students have access to the four periodical databases Northpoint subscribes to: the ATLA Religion Database<sup>TM</sup> with ATLASerials<sup>TM</sup>, Religion & Philosophy Collection<sup>TM</sup>, New Testament Abstracts Online, and Old Testament Abstracts Online. These databases include 500 full-text journals and citation information for another 1,200 journals. Also included are 237,000 essay citations, 16,800 multi-author volume citations and 525,000 book review citations. These databases are produced by the American Theological Library Association.

In addition, periodicals, audio tapes, and video tapes number approximately 7,000. Resource materials are available through the internet, which may be accessed at the library. Students of Northpoint also have access to Goddard Library at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary located approximately thirty-minutes from Northpoint. The Haverhill Public Library is nearby as well.

#### MAILROOM

The Mailroom is equipped with standard locked, individualized mailboxes. Each student receives a private mailbox at registration (a key deposit is required). The mailroom, located in the library building, handles both incoming and out-going mail and on-site package delivery.

The Bradford Post Office and the Haverhill Post Office are in close proximity to Northpoint providing more specialized service.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Northpoint provides ample parking for students having motor vehicles with proper registration and insurance coverage. Realizing the value of ready transportation for work, ministry, and personal use, Northpoint welcomes the use of automobiles when operated with maturity and responsibility. Within a short walking distance from the campus students have access to bus service, as well as Amtrak and the Commuter Rail which provides service to Boston to the South and Maine to the North.

#### WIRELESS CONNECTION

WiFi is available throughout the campus.

## **COMMUNITY LIVING**

#### **COLLEGE ORIENTATION**

In order to facilitate a timely and smooth transition into campus and dormitory life, new students are provided with an extensive orientation. During the first few days of each semester, policies and procedures relating to all phases of campus life are addressed in a public forum, with all incoming students present. At this time, each student receives an electronic copy of the *Student Handbook*, *Northpoint Writing Standard*, and the *Library Handbook*. In addition, each new student is provided with information useful in acquainting him/herself with the Haverhill/Boston area.

#### RESIDENTIAL LIVING

Students have the convenience of on-campus living, giving them many opportunities for fellowship and growth in a supportive Christian environment. Northpoint is committed to the maintenance of a family atmosphere in its residential life. Residential living is designed to maximize opportunities for study, relaxation, and interpersonal relationships. The Resident Directors seek to preserve a positive living environment in as home-like a manner as possible. Dorm rooms provide individualized study space, bed, closets, and storage areas. Shower and restroom facilities are conveniently located in the halls.

Northpoint works to provide living accommodations which are comfortable, secure, and well-maintained. The security of the residential halls and the campus-at-large is a major priority of the College. For the sake of safety and the well-being of every individual, the campus Security staff remains on duty each hour of the day and maintains readiness to be of assistance. Security lighting and electronic key-entry add to the security of the campus.

#### **PRIVACY OF INFORMATION**

Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the following types of information may be made public unless the student desires to withhold all or any portion of it: Information for school directory (this includes name, address, telephone number, major fields of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance and degrees and awards received), information needed by school officials within the College, information requested by officials of other schools to which the student is seeking admission, information requested by Federal or State educational authorities, information needed in connection with the receipt of financial aid, information released pursuant to state law or subpoena, information requested by accrediting organizations, and information requested by parents of dependent students.

Any student wishing to withhold any or all of this information should fill out, in person, the appropriate form that is available at the Office of the Registrar. Additionally, all requests for information by persons other than the student will not be released without written authority from the student. Exception: Parents of students under the age of 18 may have access to the student's file provided that the appropriate Release of Records form is filed.

#### RELATIONSHIPS AND CHRISTIAN MATURITY

Northpoint's unique design of campus life provides many opportunities for one to mature spiritually. A minister needs to understand his/her own heart in order to minister to the variety of people in the world. At Northpoint, many different personalities and cultures are represented. When so many differences are found in one area over an extended period of time, conflicts may

arise within one's soul, exposing heart attitudes and inner struggles. It is during these times that the Holy Spirit ministers healing by strengthening and fashioning the inner person. It is important for each student to learn who he/she is in Christ and how to deal with and minister to others. In this regard, therefore, differences in personality, background, and culture are viewed as opportunities for spiritual growth.

#### SOCIAL ASPECTS

Throughout the year, classes enjoy breakfast fellowships, parties, and class trips. All campus festivities include the annual Christmas dinner and party, a semi-formal Senior Banquet held in honor of the graduating class, the Baccalaureate Service followed by the Alumni Luncheon and the Commencement exercises.

Being so centrally located on the North Shore of Boston, students can travel easily by car or commuter rail to Boston and take in its history. There is a myriad of historical sites students can visit in the Boston area (where Jonathan Edwards ministered to thousands), Providence area (where the first Baptist Church in the United States of America was founded and still stands), and the Newport area (where George Whitefield began his preaching ministry during the First Great Awakening).

The beautiful and extensive coastline and waterways of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, along with many parks and recreation areas, make it possible for students to enjoy pleasant times of leisure and relaxation off-campus. Located within minutes of the campus, for example, is Newburyport, rated the number two destination in New England by the New York Times; neighboring Plum Island is world famous as a natural history destination. One can spend the day whale watching, bird watching, browsing the quaint downtown shops, or enjoying one of the many waterfront concerts.

#### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

Although it is sometimes difficult to measure non-academic growth and development, Northpoint places much value on ethical, moral, interpersonal, and attitudinal behaviors. Northpoint believes that Christian leaders must exhibit the highest standards of personal conduct at all times. The awarding of certificates and degrees reflects more than academic achievement; spiritual maturity and personal integrity are reflected as well.

Northpoint has established a framework of guidelines and regulations which require cooperation and self-discipline on the part of each student. Spiritual guidelines for students at Northpoint Bible College are purposefully high. They could not be otherwise for a College that is committed to following biblical principles. Northpoint realizes that spirituality cannot be forced on anyone, however, the College does expect the student to be amenable to counsel and guidance. A consistent, personal devotional life, along with the faithful fulfillment of responsibilities, is a prerequisite to spiritual growth. Northpoint seeks to help the student cultivate personal habits that will bring honor to the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The College has the responsibility, under God, to maintain school behavioral standards that are above reproach. There are certain specific practices considered to be hindrances to one's spiritual growth and development. The Northpoint *Student Handbook* presents specific expectations regarding student behavior. As per the *Student Handbook*, all students must sign the Code of Conduct.

A student enrolling at Northpoint Bible College indicates his/her readiness to accept the requirements that Christian leadership demands. This is exemplified by one's pattern of dress, personal appearance, speech, and general behavior. Northpoint expects its students to be neat and

appropriate at all times; in classrooms, the Student Union, the Dining Common, the dorms, gymnasium, and any off-campus events. The standards concerning student behavior are set forth in detail in the *Student Handbook*. Counseling in these areas is available through the Office of Student Affairs, as well as through faculty advisors.

## **ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Membership: Northpoint Graduates and students who have completed one or more years.

Northpoint is blessed by the tireless ministry of its Alumni Association. Throughout the years, this organization has continued to broaden its commitment and service to the college, the students, and its graduates. Every quarter there is an executive board meeting of the Association on campus. At these times, the Board ministers in chapel services, meets with graduating seniors, and encourages the student body. The Alumni are an integral part of Northpoint life and ministry.

Graduates of Northpoint are found all over the world. In homes, offices, pastorates, mission fields, and in every walk of life, they are spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Every graduate of Northpoint Bible College is, and will always remain, a vital part of the college and its vision.

#### **CLASS STRUCTURE**

Each class is organized and headed by a class advisor, who is appointed by the President's Cabinet to guide the class until it graduates. Each class elects three officers (president, vice-president/, secretary, treasurer and communications) at the end of their first year and reaffirms their election once each following year. The officers lead the class and help each student realize his/her full potential. The monthly Class Prayers, along with class parties and social functions, contribute to a well-balanced spiritual, social, and psychological development within the student. Through these various functions, the students develop lifelong friendships as well.

#### INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY AND IMMERSION CLUB

The Intercultural Ministry and Immersion Club (IMIC) serves to immerse Northpoint students in intercultural ministry and to expose students to the practical process of reaching a lost and dying world. The goal of the IMIC is to foster a great awareness of the cost, the opportunity, and the reward of fulfilling the Great Commission as outlined in Matthew 28:16-20. IMIC hosts events such as prayer meetings, international food nights, workshops, and community outreach. They also raise awareness about mission trip opportunities for Northpoint students.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The International Student Fellowship exists as a ministry to students who come to Northpoint from other countries whose cultures, and often languages, are different from those of the United States. The International Student Fellowship offers orientation that helps to ease the stresses of assimilating into a new culture, while providing them with a sense of belonging through fellowship with others of like experience.

## MARRIED STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

The Married Student Fellowship was formed to provide support and fellowship for all married students. Much sacrifice is often involved in answering God's call as a married student;

therefore, activities, fellowship, prayer, and mutual encouragement through the Married Student Fellowship serve to strengthen the student in his/her adjustment.

#### STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is an excellent opportunity for students to develop leadership skills while serving the student body at large. This body of student leaders is comprised of Class Officers and an Executive Council (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and communications). The chief responsibility of the Student Council is for students to connect socially by providing many events both on and off-campus.

#### THE YEARBOOK - "VANTAGE POINT"

The college yearbook, Vantage Point, is the annual pictorial publication of the College. The yearbook staff is chosen to organize, formulate, and present a literary and pictorial reconstruction of the year's events. Opportunities for work on the project are extended to all students.

## STUDENT MINISTRIES

Much is learned in the classroom, but practical ministry is of utmost importance at Northpoint as well. People have different interests and talents; therefore, a variety of ministry opportunities are available. The purpose of each, however, is to train students for the caring, sharing, and serving roles of the minister of the Gospel.

#### CHAPEL

Student participation in the Chapel Services is another exciting aspect of Northpoint's program. Chapel services provide extensive opportunities for vocalists, instrumentalists, and worship leaders to serve. Students may also participate in the media team. The time invested in Chapel helps students discover and nurture their gifts and talents as they seek to edify the Body of Christ.

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE & INTERNSHIP

The purpose of Christian Service and Internship is to prepare students for excellent Pentecostal ministry in fulfillment of the Great Commission. This is completed through hands-on ministry training in a real-world context by participating with qualified ministers in a mentoring relationship. This serves as a framework for an apprenticeship that allows students to be exposed to the workings of the local church, or the mission field in addition to the functions of their specific areas of study. In this context, all underclassmen will participate in Christian Service and all seniors will complete Servant Leadership: Internship and Theology of Work.

#### CLASS PRAYER

The monthly class prayers are a time when classes meet with their advisor and officers for a time of prayer and worship. Class prayers provide students with the opportunity to give testimonies, pray for others, lead in worship, and minister to their own classmates. Class officers conduct the prayers in conjunction with fellow classmates who are scheduled to assist in these services.

#### **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Various student organizations, including the Student Missions Committee, Student Council, Class Officers, and traveling ministry teams (Dwelling Place and recruitment teams), present excellent opportunities for students to be involved in leadership.

#### MUSIC

Throughout the year, vocal groups from Northpoint engage in ministry throughout the New England region and beyond. These groups are in demand throughout the year for weekend, holiday, and summer ministry opportunities, providing an excellent opportunity for students. These ministries have blessed, encouraged, and edified many. There are also opportunities for students to be involved in chapel worship teams. Whether it be on stage, behind the scenes, or as technological support.

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

The Outreach Ministry teams offer opportunities for students to experience God's faithfulness in a variety of settings. Each ministry focuses on a particular audience which enables students to share the gospel meaningfully, from street teams, soup kitchens, to neighborhood children's ministries.

The Street Witnessing team, under its directors, goes into the streets of Haverhill, to present Christ. The Street Witnessing team introduces the student to the various problems and burdens people face, and then teaches the student to minister accordingly. The multitudinous objections one often encounters when witnessing helps the student to refine his/her testimony and to learn how to give a defense of the Gospel. Street witnessing provides the opportunity to share the Gospel in both word and deed.

#### **SHORT-TERM MISSIONS**

Northpoint Bible College arranges and conducts various short-term mission trips both to national and international areas of ministry. These trips are very beneficial to the prospective minister of the Gospel. During these trips, personal testimonies of God's faithfulness are actualized, and the experience of seeing the manifestation of God's plan inspires, motivates, and edifies the student-participant.

# **ADMISSIONS**

Northpoint Bible College's primary goal is to cultivate the personal, spiritual, and academic growth of men and women in preparation for Christian leadership. The Northpoint education is designed to lead our students to live according to a biblical worldview and to serve through professional Christian ministries. The admission process is, therefore, inclusive, and we seek to facilitate the acceptance of sincere applicants who desire to pursue the goals of Northpoint.

#### **BASIS FOR ADMISSIONS**

Northpoint Bible College admits applicants according to personal testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, moral character, and academic background. When considering applications, Northpoint reviews one's complete academic record, recommendations, essays, his/her plans for the future, and personal information.

Northpoint is committed to educating the entire person; therefore, the Office of Enrollment reviews each applicant carefully to verify personal, academic, and spiritual integrity. The applicant's lifestyle and relationships should reflect a personal commitment to Christ and obedience to His Word.

Northpoint Bible College accepts students without regard to birth gender, race, color, or national origin, provided all other requirements have been satisfied. Northpoint Bible College does not offer or pay incentives to staff, students, or outside companies to recruit students.

#### ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

Northpoint Bible College's policy of open enrollment allows prospective students to apply at any time. An application submitted too late for one semester will be automatically considered for the following semester. Prospective students who have questions may call 978-748-3400 or email enrollment@northpoint.edu.

To begin the application process to be a full-time student, forms are provided on our website, <u>northpoint.edu</u>. A full-time student application is considered to be complete when all items listed below have been received by the Office of Enrollment. The required full-time student application materials are as follows:

- ONLINE APPLICATION
- PASTORAL REFERENCE
- PERSONAL REFERENCE (APPLICABLE FOR MASTER STUDENTS ONLY)
- ESSAYS (as required in application)
- NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE (UNDERGRAD \$25.00) (GRADUATE \$50.00) (International Fee is \$75.00)
- OFFICIAL (UNOFFICIAL IF NOT GRADUATED) HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT; Graduation Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.), along with a transcript from any high school attended.
- SAT OR ACT SCORE (Required for US & Canadian applicants. This score will not be used as an acceptance criterion but for English placement only.) If the either exam is not provided, the student will be required to take the English placement exam.
- OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS (if applicable)
- COMPLETED HEALTH CERTIFICATE
- IMMUNIZATIONS

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- \* TWO MMR'S (MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA)
- \* THREE HEPATITIS B VACCINATIONS
- \* MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION
- VARICELLA (CHICKEN POX) VACCINATION OR PROOF OF HAVING CHICKEN POX
- PROOF OF HEALTH INSURANCE

After all requested application forms have been completed and received, each applicant is carefully reviewed by the Admission's Committee, and notification of their decision is then sent to the applicant. When one is approved for admission, an acceptance packet will be sent to the student, informing him/her of arrival times, orientation, and registration. Students who accept their admission to Northpoint Bible College will be asked to send a reservation deposit in order to confirm their plans to enroll.

All application information received will become part of the College's records. This information, therefore, is considered confidential (see the section on Academic Information for a description of the Privacy Act). Upon the student's enrollment, the materials that are deemed to be essential are kept as a part of the student's permanent file in the Office of the Registrar.

#### SEMINARY ENTRANCE PATHS

There are three paths of entrance into the Master of Arts in Practical Theology program.

# PATH ONE

This path focuses on adult education. The program participants will be at least 30 years-old with at least 10 years of ministry experience. Ministry experience is defined as being a lead pastor, associate pastor, leadership in a church ministry such as (children, youth, men, women, discipleship, board etc. and it must be significant leadership experience) or in a parachurch ministry.

Students will be required to submit their application with the following for enrollment consideration: transcripts for any undergraduate or Bible Institute/SOM work, provide one pastoral reference and fully complete the Seminary application.

Since most of the program participants have not earned a bachelor's degree, the student will need to successfully achieve at least a 2.7 or B- grade point in each of the following 6 courses before full admittance status is given into the Master of Arts program:

- **Preparing for Academic Success** (this is a non-credit course with a minimum of 80 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)
- **Basic Systematic Theology Class** (this is a non-credit course with a minimum of 80 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)
- Theological Thinking, Research and Writing (this is a 3-credit transferable course, comprising the normal seminary course length requirements of 160-170 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)
- Old Testament Survey (this is a 3-credit transferable course, comprising the normal

seminary course length requirements of 160-170 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)

- **New Testament Survey** (this is a 3-credit transferable course, comprising the normal seminary course length requirements of 160-170 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)
- Spiritual Theology, Spiritual Formation for Pentecostals (this is a 3-credit transferable course, comprising the normal seminary course length requirements of 160-170 contact hours including 20 hours of seat time)

After successfully completing the above six courses, as defined above, the student will earn full matriculation into the Master of Arts in Practical Theology Program. To earn the degree in their chosen concentration, the student must successfully complete the remaining thirty-six hours and earn an overall grade point average of 2.7.

# PATH TWO

If a student applies to Northpoint Bible College and Seminary who has a three-year diploma from a Bible Institute or a bachelor's degree from a four-year "college" whose accreditation is not recognized by the Council of Higher Education Association (CHEA) the student will be allowed to apply for and be accepted into the Master of Arts program upon completion of the following:

- Meets the minimum overall undergraduate required grade point average of 2.7. If a student does not have a 2.7 overall grade point average the Chief Academic Officer of the Institution may, at his/her discretion, allow the student to enter the program on academic probation. The requirement to be off academic probation is to earn a 2.7 grade or higher in the first two courses taken.
- Take the Northpoint Bible College and Seminary Bible and Theology Admissions Exam and pass with a minimum score of seventy percent (70%). If a student does not earn a seventy percent, the student may be allowed to retake the exam or after the faculty review the exam take an undergraduate course in the area the student needs remedial help. The student can take the undergraduate course simultaneously as he/she is taking seminary courses.
- Submit a formal academic paper of twelve (12) to fifteen (15) pages to be graded independently by two
- (2) different professors and earn a score of at least seventy percent (70%) based off a published rubric. The goal of this paper is to demonstrate thought process and the ability to write.

Because the student is coming from either a three-year institution or an institution whose accreditation is not recognized by CHEA, the student will not qualify for advanced standing. The student is required to complete the entire forty-eight (48) hour program.

# PATH THREE

A student qualifies for admittance to the Seminary with an earned bachelor's degree from a Council of Higher Education Association (CHEA) Institution the with an overall grade point average of 2.7.

If a student does not have a 2.7 overall grade point average the Chief Academic Officer of the Institution may, at his/her discretion, allow the student to enter the program on academic probation. The requirement to be off academic probation is to earn a 2.7 grade or higher in the first two courses taken.

If the student's degree is from a Bible college or similar institution, and their overall grade point average is

2.7 the student automatically qualifies for twelve (12) hours of advanced standing. The advanced standing courses are Old Testament Survey, New Testament Survey, Hermeneutics, and Unity of the Bible.

If a student's degree is from a liberal arts college with a minor in biblical studies the student can qualify for twelve hours of advanced standing if hermeneutics and one additional course each in Old Testament and New Testament and one theology course is part of the minor and the student earned a 2.7 on those courses.

#### **CAMPUS VISITS**

Prospective students are encouraged to visit Northpoint's campus prior to enrolling. Candidates and their families are invited to meet Northpoint's students, attend classes, and become acquainted with the professors. Northpoint conducts "Northpoint Experience" programs each semester which allow a prospective student to participate in and become familiar with Northpoint Bible College.

A campus visit provides the applicant with an opportunity to observe classes, to see campus facilities, and to talk to students, staff, and faculty. Such a visit is also an occasion in which Northpoint can meet the applicant. Visits are arranged through the Office of Enrollment. Interviews with the Financial Aid Officer, Dean of Enrollment, Registrar, and the Chief Academic Officer/Provost may be scheduled in advance of your visit should the prospective student or parent have additional questions.

#### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Many nations have been and continue to be represented at Northpoint Bible College. International students add to the rich educational experience one receives at Northpoint. Going to the nations and having the nations come to Northpoint is an integral part of Northpoint Bible College. International students are encouraged to begin their contact with the Office of Enrollment one year in advance. Northpoint is pleased to enroll students from foreign countries. All international students are urged to complete the United States government's requirements as expeditiously as possible. The prospective international student must initiate and complete this process on his/her own. In addition to the forms that are required of all students, international students must also accomplish the following:

- PRE-APPLICATION OF ADMISSION
- FULL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
- DOCUMENTATION OF FINANCES
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- OBTAIN AN I-20 IMMIGRATION FORM
- DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE USE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. This is verified by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam. A score of 61 with a writing subtest score of 17 or higher on the internet-based exam or a score of 500 on the paper exam is required for admission. English language services, including ESL, are not provided on campus.

#### **RE-ADMISSION**

Former students who have been away from the school for less than 5 years and desire to complete their education at the College may do so by emailing a request to return to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. A new pastoral reference and a new health certificate is required if the student has been gone for one academic year or more. Any former student who desires to enroll after a five-year separation must follow the new-applicant procedure.

#### **REGISTRATION AND ORIENTATION**

**REGISTRATION:** On the day of registration, the matriculating student will check in at the Registration table in Academy Hall to receive his/her registration packet. The student will follow the registration steps as indicated on the packet. (scheduling, registration forms, health insurance, student billing, technology, housing, security). All immunizations, proof of insurance and transcripts which were not submitted prior to registration are due in the Registrar's office for

registration to be complete. Students will receive his/her official photo ID card at the conclusion of all registration steps.

**ORIENTATION:** All new and returning students must attend Orientation. Orientation is designed to acquaint the student with the academic, spiritual, and social life of the campus. Completion of the orientation program is required of all students.

#### **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Students eligible for VA benefits "<u>A Covered Individual"</u> \* See below should contact the Office of the Registrar. Northpoint is approved by the Department of Veteran Affairs for the training of veterans who are entitled to educational benefits under existing laws in the states of Massachusetts and Michigan.

\* <u>A Covered Individual is</u> any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill ®benefits. \*

<u>A covered individual</u> is permitted to attend/participate in the course of education during the period beginning on the date on which the individual provides to the educational institution a certificate of eligibility for entitlement to educational assistance under chapter 31 or 33 a "certificate of eligibility" can also include a "Statement of Benefits" obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for chapter 31 authorization purposes) and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.

90 days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

\* "GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government Web site at <a href="https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.">https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill.</a>"

If an active-duty service member or reservist enrolled in the college is required to leave due to service requirements, the college will work with the instructor and the student to satisfy the academic requirements through the modality that best suits the student and the college. This could be online, directed study, or the assignment of an incomplete for the course until the student is capable of completing the work.

Under S2248 PL 115-407 Section 103, Northpoint Bible College will not impose a late fee, denial of access to facilities, or other penalty against a veteran or eligible dependent due to a late payment of tuition and/or fees from the VA up to the certified benefits amount. Any portion of the student bill not covered by VA benefits is still expected to be settled by the due date.

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Refundable Deposits  Room Deposit (first semester, annually) Mailbox Key Deposit (annual fee)	\$ 105.00 \$ 14.00
Deposit Due, not including books & applicable misc. fees	\$ 119.00
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 Special billing charges and arrangements pertain to married students, please contact Northpoint Student Billing Office for details at studentbilling@northpoint.edu or (978) 478-3426.



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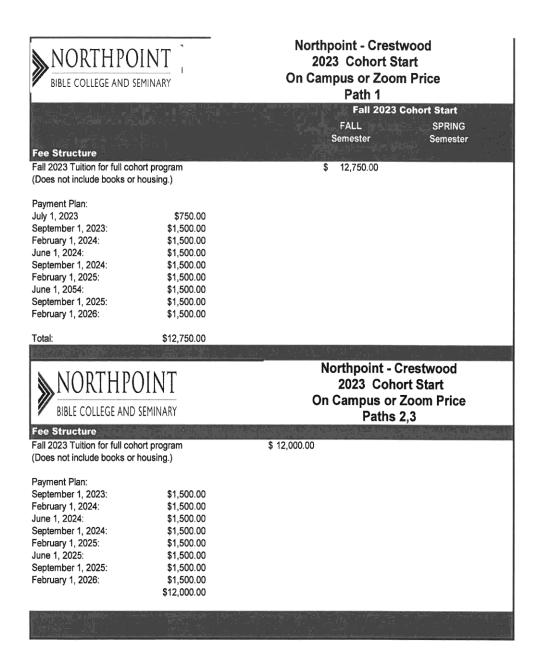
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# KENTUCKY (GRADUATE ONLY)



#### MISSOURI UNDERGRADUATE



# Northpoint Bible College - Park Hills

Fee Schedule for 2023-2024 Undergraduate

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Fee Structure		FALL emester		PRING emester	
Tuition (per credit hour)	\$	340.00	\$	340.00	
Required Fees - All Students					
Library/Technology Fee	\$	167.00	\$	167.00	
Park Hills Technology Fee	\$	155.00	\$	155.00	
Park Hills Student I.D.	\$	55.00	\$	55.00	
Park Hills Student Activity Fee	\$	20.00	\$	20.00	

If online classes are taken, the full tuition price of \$425.00 per credit hour is paid Park Hills replacement for lost or stolen student I.D. badge is \$20.00

#### **Northpoint Credit Policies**

- 50% of semester charges are due at registration. Financial aid can be applied toward the down payment. The semester balance can be made in monthly installments or by equal payments of the remaining balance on October 15 and December 1 for the Fall semester. Spring semester payment dates are March 1 and April 15.
- For questions, please contact Northpoint Student Billing Office at studentbilling@northpoint.edu or 978-478-3426.

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# **ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

#### ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFERED

- o One Year Certificate
- o Associate in Arts in Bible and Theology with a Concentration
- o Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies with a Vocational Major
- o Master of Arts in Practical Theology (see Graduate Program section)

#### FIRST MAJOR

All bachelor program students receive a Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies. Students choose their second major in their chosen field of ministry (vocation) at the completion of their first year of studies.

#### SECOND MAJORS

Students in the bachelor program are expected to pursue their second major in their chosen field of ministry (vocation) from their sophomore year onward. If a change in the second major is desired, the student must complete and submit a "Change in Major" form to the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. It should be noted that courses taken in the initial second major possibly may not be transferable to the new second major, thus necessitating the student taking more than the required credits for graduation. Second majors are offered in Pastoral Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, Children and Family Ministry, Student Ministry, Worship Arts Ministry, Ministry Leadership and Evangelism.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The eligibility of students for graduation is determined based on the following academic qualifications and personal responsibility of the student.

- 1. For the Baccalaureate Degree: Graduation requires the completion of 123 prescribed semester hours in the student's course of study (except for students in the Worship Arts Ministry major who will require 127 academic credits to complete their course of study). All graduates from the Bachelor of Arts degree program require a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Graduation will also be based upon the successful completion of all required First and Second major courses.
- 2. For the Associate in Arts Degree: Completion of the 62 prescribed semester hours of academic credit in with a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. Students matriculating into this program will graduate with the AA degree at the completion of the program regardless of whether the student transfers into the Baccalaureate program at a later time.
- 3. *TRANSFER CREDITS:* Students should request an official transcript from all colleges he/she attended. The official transcript from a CHEA accredited college or university should be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at the time of application. Only courses in which a grade of C or better was earned will be considered. Once the transcript is evaluated the student will be notified, as will the Financial Aid office, to the number of credits being transferred into Northpoint. Only credits that go toward a student's program will be transferred. To graduate from Northpoint Bible College with any of the above programs the student must complete the last 30 hours of study at Northpoint Bible College.
- 4. GRADUATION CEREMONY PARTICIPATION: Graduating seniors in the BA program may

participate in Commencement provided they have completed 117 credits (121) credits for those majoring in Worship Arts Ministry) toward their degree with no more than six credits outstanding, and have received permission from the Chief Academic Officer/ Provost. In either case, the one to six outstanding credits must be completed during the summer session of the graduating year. Seniors who have more than six credits owing at the end of the spring semester will need to re-enroll for the fall semester and will be considered a December graduate; he/she will participate in the Commencement exercises the following spring. Associate in Arts and One Year Certificate students may walk if all credits are complete.

- 1. Students must demonstrate doctrinal understanding of the beliefs held and taught by Northpoint Bible College and the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- 2. Students must demonstrate Christ-like character and should consistently exemplify integrity, honesty, and morality above reproach.
- 3. The Faculty and the Board of Trustees must approve the student as a candidate for a degree.
- 4. All financial and academic obligations must be met before any degree, certificate, transcript, or reference letter will be released by Northpoint Bible College.

# **ACADEMIC ADVISORS**

All full-time, on-campus students are assigned an academic advisor. Academic Advisors are available to pray with, counsel, and encourage the student. Students are to meet with their advisor during scheduling to discuss their courses. Students should meet with their advisor several times over the course of a semester.

#### ACADEMIC LOAD

The normal academic load is fifteen (15) hours per semester. Upperclassmen with sufficient scholastic standing may enroll in additional credit hours at the discretion and approval of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. Any request to enroll in more than eighteen credits must have special permission in writing from the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. Students on academic probation are limited to twelve (12) credit hours.

#### **CREDIT HOURS**

According to the Higher Learning Commission's policy number FDCR.A.10.020, a credit hour is:

an amount of work represented in intended learning objectives and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally-established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

(1) one hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit, or ten to twelve weeks for one quarter hour of credit, or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or (2) at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other activities as established by an institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading toward to the award of credit hours. 34CFR 600.2 (11/1/2010)

#### TRANSFERRING CREDITS INTO NORTHPOINT

#### Credit by Advanced Placement (AP)

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program allows High school students with superior academic achievements to potentially earn college credit for equivalent courses through the College Board Advanced Placement Program. Scores should be submitted to the Registrar's Office prior to matriculation. Only scores of 3, 4, and 5 will be considered for credit.

# Credit by Advanced Placement

- 1. Advanced Placement credit may be given for the following Northpoint courses upon review of the Registrar.
  - a. English Composition I
  - b. Introduction to Business
  - c. Introduction to Psychology
  - d. Human Growth and Development (If Student Ministry or Children and Family Ministry is selected as the student's vocational concentration)
  - e. Biological Science
  - f. General Education Elective
- 2. Advanced Placement courses are recorded on the transcript as a credit transfer (TR) rather than a letter grade and are not semester specific.
- 3. Credit received by Advanced Placement test scores satisfies degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing courses.
- 4. Advanced Placement test scores must be submitted prior to matriculation into Northpoint.
- 5. Credit will be posted after official Advanced Placement test scores have been received and reviewed by the Registrar and after the student officially matriculates.

## Credit by CLEP Examination

College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests are designed to evaluate nontraditional college-level education such as independent study, correspondence work, etc. Credit will be awarded based on Northpoint's criteria and required scores (minimum of 50).

The following policies and procedures govern all credit awarded through any credit by CLEP examination program:

- 1. Credit by CLEP examination may be earned for the following Northpoint courses\* upon review of the Registrar:
  - a. English Composition I (EN1341) CLEP test College Composition (NOT Modular)
  - b. Introduction to Business (BU2322) CLEP tests Financial Accounting, Introductory Business Law, or Principles of Management
  - c. Introduction to Psychology (PS2371) CLEP test Introduction to Psychology
  - d. Human Growth and Development (PS2374) (If Student Ministry or Children and Family Ministry is selected as the student's vocational concentration.)
  - e. Biological Science (SC2334) CLEP tests Biology, Natural Sciences, or Chemistry
  - f. General Education Electives approved CLEP tests listed below.

- American Government, History of US: Early Colonization to 1877, History of US 1865 to Present, Human Growth and Development, Introduction to Educational Psychology, Introductory Sociology, Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Social Sciences and History, Western Civilization I, Western Civilization II, American Literature, English Literature, Analyzing and Interpreting Literature, Humanities, Calculus, College Algebra, College Mathematics, Pre-Calculus, Information Systems, Principles of Marketing
- 2. CLEP courses are recorded on the transcript as a credit transfer (TR) rather than a letter grade and are not semester specific.
- 3. Credit received by CLEP examination satisfies degree requirements in the same way as credit earned by passing courses.
- 4. Students may not attempt credit for a CLEP examination for a course in which a failing grade has been earned at any educational institution.
- 5. Students who enter Northpoint with credit by exam scores are required to officially declare and submit any CLEP examination scores within the first year of matriculation. Students are not eligible to earn CLEP credit by examination if they have earned more than 30 credit hours.
- 6. Credit will be posted after student officially matriculates and official CLEP scores have been received Students are not eligible to earn CLEP credit by examination if they have earned more than 30 credit hours.

#### \*with the following restrictions:

- a) the course (or its equivalent) has not been previously attempted at Northpoint Bible College or another institution. Attempted is defined as being enrolled in the course long enough to show up on the student's transcript
- b) the student has not already earned credit for a more advanced course in the same **subject** area
- c) the student has not already received a grade for the course or course equivalent

#### Credit from Other Institutions

Students should request an official transcript from all colleges he/she attended. The official transcript from a CHEA accredited college or university should be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at the time of application. Only courses in which a grade of C or better was earned will be considered. Once the transcript is evaluated the student will be notified, as will the Financial Aid office, as to the number of credits being transferred into Northpoint. Only credits that go toward a student's program will be transferred. Students must complete their last thirty (30) hours of credits through Northpoint in order to graduate with a degree or certificate. No transfer credits will be considered for courses taken at another institution once the student has matriculated into Northpoint.

## Life Credit

Credit for life experience is evaluated on an individual basis. Students must demonstrate through substantial documentation that they have fulfilled the objectives and course description included in the course syllabus. A minimum of ten (10) years of full-time ministry experience is required

to be considered for life experience credit. Students will be charged \$250 for each life experience course. The Chief Academic Officer/Provost reviews and awards all life experience credits. The CAO may assign a divisional chair to review a portfolio.

Students will be given a syllabus for the course. The student and reviewer will go through the syllabus to ensure that the student understands the course objectives. The reviewer will give examples of how each objective can be met. The student is required to submit a narrative stating how, over the course of their life, the specific objective has been met. The student will then submit substantial documentation demonstrating the objective was met.

Once a portfolio is submitted and reviewed, if the portfolio does not demonstrate a course objective has been fully met, the individual reviewing the portfolio will work with the student until the specific objective(s) is (area) fully met.

#### Military Credits

Credits earned by military personnel will be examined on an individual basis. The content of prior educational experience will be evaluated to determine how it correlates with the Institution's academic program and objectives and whether the training is equivalent to the course descriptions in the student's program at the Institution.

#### **SONIS**

Upon registration, the IT Office will provide students with their login and password information to the SONIS website. This site is available from the college's home website page and provides the student with access to his/her schedule, attendance, grades, and course requirements sheet.

#### **GRADING**

All written and oral class work is evaluated according to the grading system described below. A passing grade in each subject is 60 percent.

**GRADE POINTS.** In order to graduate, a student must earn a sufficient number of grade points to equal twice the number of semester credit hours attempted. A student's grade point average (GPA) is computed by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of semester hours attempted. A cumulative average of two grade points (2.0) per semester hour is necessary for graduation.

CHANGE OF GRADE. It is the student's responsibility to retain all assignments, quizzes, and exams until final grades have been posted in the event an error in calculating or reporting a grade has been made. In the case of such an error, the student should immediately present his/her case to the professor. If warranted, the professor will then initiate a change of grade in the Office of the Registrar. The deadline for a grade change request is six weeks after the close of a semester. The Chief Academic Officer/Provost must approve all change of grades. Throughout the semester, students should be checking Canvas for individual assignment/exam grades. However, official final grades and attendance can be found through the college website under the student login link to Sonis.

#### **GRADING SCALE**

A+		97-100	4.0 Grade points per semester hour
A		93–96	4.0 Grade points per semester hour
A-	<b>EXCELLENT</b>	90–92	3.7 Grade points per semester hour
B+		87–89	3.3 Grade points per semester hour
В	GOOD	83–86	3.0 Grade points per semester hour
B-		80-82	2.7 Grade points per semester hour
C+		77–79	2.3 Grade points per semester hour

C	AVERAGE	73–76	2.0 Grade points per semester hour
C-		70–72	1.7 Grade points per semester hour
D+	POOR	67–69	1.3 Grade points per semester hour
D		63–66	1.0 Grade points per semester hour
D-		60–62	0.7 Grade points per semester hour
F	FAILURE	59 & Below	0.0 Grade points per semester hour
F*	REPEATED FAI	LED CLASS	Not computed into G.P.A.
P	PASS		Not computed into G.P.A.
W	WITHDRAW		Not computed into G.P.A.
WP	WITHDRAW PA	ASS	Not computed into G.P.A.
WF	WITHDRAW FA	AIL	Not computed into G.P.A.
INC	INCOMPLETE*	*	Not computed into G.P.A.
AUD	AUDIT***		No Credit

<sup>\*</sup> All failed courses must be retaken and the student must receive a passing grade before he/she can graduate. Once the course has been retaken the original Failure will be marked as "F\*" and will remain on the transcript but will NOT affect the student's G.P.A. It will, however be used in calculating Satisfactory Academic Progress.

# STUDENT CLASSIFICATION

#### CLASS PRAYERS/FINANCIAL AID

Northpoint Bible College is a community and as such, each student attends class prayers on a monthly basis. Determination of class prayer assignment is based on the number of credit hours the student has earned in their program at or transferred into Northpoint at the beginning of each academic year.

Below are the student classifications for those who matriculated prior to the Fall of 2021:

Freshman (First Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 0 to 27
Sophomore (Second Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 28 to 56
Junior (Third Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 57 to 86
Senior (Fourth Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 87+

For those students who matriculate beginning with the Fall of 2022, the classification is as follows:

Freshman (First Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 0-29
Sophomore (Second Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 30-59
Junior (Third Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 60-89
Senior (Fourth Year)	Credit Hours Completed: 90+

#### TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students are classified according to the number of credit hours transferred into the transfer student's chosen program at Northpoint. Previously earned college credits transfer into

<sup>\*\*</sup> An INCOMPLETE grade is given when a student, due to illness or an emergency situation beyond his/her control, is unable to complete his/her final project or final exam before the end of the semester. Work must be turned in within two months from the close of the semester; otherwise, the student will receive a failure "F" for the incomplete work. The final grade will be adjusted according to the average of the course work and the final "0" grade. Please see the section "LATE WORK" for policy and procedure.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Permission to AUDIT a course must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Academics.

Northpoint's program. In order to receive a degree from Northpoint, students must have the prescribed credit hours for each program that corresponds to Northpoint's curriculum. Transfer students are placed in class prayers based upon the number of accepted credit hours transferred into Northpoint's curriculum. All transfer credits are calculated in determining a student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) which determines financial aid eligibility.

# TRAVEL AND ATHLETIC TEAMS

Students should consider it an honor and privilege to represent Northpoint on a traveling ministry or sports team. At all events students should remember they are representing not just Northpoint but Christ. Reflecting the character of Christ is to be the student's highest priority. All freshmen are eligible to participate on a Northpoint traveling ministry or sports team. Eligibility is based on grades and the approval of the appropriate committee, faculty members or coach. The President's Cabinet gives final approval to all members of all teams. The minimum grade point average for eligibility is a 2.0 for the previous semester. Freshmen and incoming transfer student grade eligibility will be based on their prior high school/college cumulative grade point average. While the minimum grade point average to participate is a 2.0, if a ministry team member or athlete has a grade point average between 2.0 and 2.3, they will be considered at risk. These students will be required to submit a weekly check that all assignments and tests have been submitted/taken in all classes and that the course numerical grade is above a 72. Students will be provided a form which needs to be initialed by each professor on a weekly basis. The form is to be turned into the appropriate faculty member or coach on Friday of each week. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure the form is turned in. A consequence of not turning in the form could be ineligibility for the next week. All other traveling team members or athletes will have their grades checked at midterms.

#### ACADEMIC AND CHAPEL PROBATION

Students must maintain a minimum average of "C" or 2.0 on the grade point scale each semester. *ACADEMIC PROBATION:* When a student falls below the minimum for a semester, he/she is placed on academic probation for the following semester. The Office of the Chief Academic Officer/ Provost will notify the student of his/her academic status. It is the College's desire that the student endeavor to raise his/her grades to a satisfactory level. For this purpose, a graduated three-semester plan has been instituted.

In the first semester of academic probation status, the student will take on these parameters:

- Credits reduced to 12 hours
- No traveling ministry teams (including recruiting teams)
- Weekly meetings with the student's academic advisor for the purpose of academic coaching and accountability
- Counseling, if necessary

In the second semester of academic probation status, the student will take on these parameters:

- Credits reduced to 12 hours
- No ministry teams (including Resident Assistants, Student Council, Class Officers, Weekly Chapel Teams, etc.)
- Weekly meetings with the student's academic advisor for the purpose of academic coaching and accountability
- Required 6 hours of Library/CAD time weekly
- No class or chapel absences allowed (absences will only be allowed for sickness, for which

a sick note must be submitted to the Chief Academic Officer's office)

• Counseling, if necessary

In the third semester of academic probation status, the student will take on these parameters:

- Credits reduced to 12 hours
- No ministry teams (including Resident Assistants, Student Council, Class Officers, Weekly Chapel Team, etc)
- Weekly meetings with the student's academic advisor for the purpose of academic coaching and accountability
- Required 12 hours of Library/CAD time weekly
- No class or chapel absences allowed (absences will only be allowed for sickness, for which a sick note must be submitted to the Chief Academic Officer's office)
- Mandatory study group attendance (if one is available)
- No ministry involvement (including off-campus ministries and internships)
- Counseling, if necessary
- Additional recommendations may be added

This three-semester system is not consecutive. For instance, if a student comes off of their first semester of academic probation, has a semester not on probation, but then goes back on probation the next semester, that student will pick up where they left off in this three-semester progression.

Each student's progress will be assessed at the end of each semester that student is on probation. If a student is on academic probation for three consecutive semesters, they will automatically be required to take a one-semester suspension from school.

CHAPEL PROBATION: Additionally, students are allowed ten (10) chapel cuts. If a student exceeds the maximum allowed chapel cuts, he/she will be placed on chapel probation for the upcoming semester. Students on chapel probation will have their extracurricular and ministry team activities limited, as well as having assigned seating in the front row of chapel in the following semester.

# **ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

#### ADD/DROP COURSES

Courses are arranged according to a block schedule. Students should seek the advice of their Academic Advisor before requesting to drop or add courses. The College has designed each class schedule to allow students to graduate with a Baccalaureate degree in a four-year period and the Associate degree in a two-year period Deviating from the class schedule could add additional semesters to one's course of study. At no time can a Core class be dropped for an elective.

During the first three weeks of the semester the student, with the advice of his/her Academic Advisor and the approval of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost, may adjust his/her schedule by adding or dropping courses. Elective courses must be dropped before Core and second major courses. Students must complete an official Add/Drop form, available at the Registrar's Office.

A \$10.00 fee will be charged to the student's account for every approved course added to or dropped from his/her schedule.

Students are to continue to attend the class they are dropping until they have received official notification from the Office of the Registrar that permission has been granted to drop said course. Students are not to attend an added class until notified the course added has been approved.

Students can check the status of their request on SONIS – if a class has been dropped it will no longer appear on the schedule, if added it will appear on the schedule. A course dropped with approval within the first three weeks of a semester will result in that course being permanently deleted from the student's schedule and transcript.

After the three week add/drop period the student must fill out a "Withdrawal from Class" form if he/she wants to withdraw from a class. The form is available in the Registrar's Office and requires the approval of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. Again, the student is to attend the class until officially withdrawn.

Approved withdrawal from a course after the three-week period will have a grade of either WP (withdraw passing) or a WF (withdraw failing) dependent upon the student's overall grade at the time of withdrawal. Should no grades be recorded at the time of withdrawal, then a grade of W will be reflected. A withdrawal grade appears on the student's transcript, it does not affect the student's GPA; however, it does affect the completion rate for Satisfactory Academic Progress in determining financial aid.

Courses added after the first week of the semester will receive a prorated number of "cuts." (See "Class Attendance Policy" and "Prorated Absences for Added Courses").

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

#### **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

Students are expected to attend all class periods. The only *excused* absence granted is for school-sponsored activities where the student is requested to attend. An absence from class for any reason will be recorded as a class absence. (See Absence Due to School Business section below). Absences are recorded for every credit hour missed. The student should reserve all absences to accommodate sickness and emergencies. (See Maximum Allowed Absences/Penalties below).

#### 1. Maximum Allowed Absences/Penalties

To allow for those times when a student is sick, in an accident, or has an emergency, the school allows students to take a cut without jeopardizing their grade, provided they do not over-cut (see the table below). For each class, the student is allowed a maximum number of absences, depending upon the credit hours of the course. The following chart shows the maximum allowed absence(s) and the penalty for excessive absences. When a student is absent from a class that meets for two or more consecutive hours, the student will receive an additional absence, (i.e. a three-credit course meeting back-to-back the student would receive 5 allowable absences). NOTE: A student cannot miss more than 10 minutes of a class session to be considered present. If a student arrives 10 minutes or more late to class or leaves class with more than 10 minutes remaining, the student will be marked absent.

1-credit course 1 absence Allowed 2 absences 1 letter grade

	3 absences 4 absences		2 letter grades Automatic failure	Caution: If
2-credit course	Non- Consecutive 3 absences 4 absences 5 absences 6 absences	Consecutive 4 absences 5 absences 6 absences 7 absences	Allowed 1 letter grade 2 letter grades Automatic failure	tempted to "cut" a class session, the student should exercise wisdom,
3-credit course	4 absences 5 absences 6 absences 7 absences	5 absences 6 absences 7 absences 8 absences	Allowed 1 letter grade 2 letter grades Automatic failure	seriously considering the possibility of a later illness or family

emergency. Class sessions missed later due to illness could put the total number of absences in excess of the maximum allowed, resulting in a grade penalty or failure of the course.

#### 2. Absences Due to College Business

Attendance records will be sent to the Office of the Registrar on a weekly basis. When a student is absent due to college business, which was the request of the College and approved by the Chief Academic Officer/Provost, this is considered an excused absence. The student's attendance records will be adjusted accordingly at the end of the semester.

#### 3. School Breaks (Double Cuts)

The College establishes a schedule of breaks. Students leaving early for or returning late from any school break will incur a "double cut" for each class period missed.

#### 4. Absence Memo

The Office of the Registrar will send a memo to all students whose name is not on the roster for a particular class. The student must go to the Office of the Registrar and verify that they are indeed registered for that course. Students whose attendance is never verified as enrolled in a specific course will not receive credit for that course.

Likewise, a student whose name appears on a class roster that they do not attend must report to the Office of the Registrar and remove him or herself from the course. Failure to respond to the memo and correct the situation will result in a grade of "F" for the course, as well as any tuition charges that may be incurred. Students in both these situations will receive a memo from the Office of the Registrar advising them of this situation.

#### 5. Tardiness

Students arriving late to class will be marked tardy, which is equivalent to 1/3 of an absence. Three tardy marks convert into one absence. A student is considered tardy when he/she arrives one to ten minutes after the starting time of class. Arrival to class later than ten minutes is an automatic absence for the class session. Leaving a class early without the permission of the professor will be counted as an absence. (Refer to the above section: Maximum Absences/Penalties.)

**Note:** Students are responsible to keep a personal record of absences and tardies taken, and therefore remain aware of absences and/or tardies charged to their account. Class notes should be dated for each session; this will aid in establishing a student's presence in class.

#### 6. Personal Absences

Whenever a student must leave campus due to a wedding, funeral, or other reason, which necessitates him/her missing class or chapel, he/she must complete a "Student Request Form" obtainable in the Office of the Dean of Students. The completed form will be sent to the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost for appropriate approval and signatures. The student should remember that all cuts are calculated into the allowed cut schedule noted above, including these approved requests, and therefore should use caution in taking allotted cuts to allow for potential illness.

#### ATTENDANCE AT BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT

Commencement exercises are an integral part of the training offered at Northpoint Bible College and of the NPBC community; and therefore, it is expected that every student attend the baccalaureate service and commencement exercises. The spring semester does not officially end until the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. If a valid situation arises that prevents a student from being able to attend, he/she must submit a written statement to the Chief Academic Officer/ Provost at least two weeks prior to the events.

#### **ATTIRE**

#### CLASSROOM ATTIRE

Students are to dress appropriately for the classroom and chapel. (See Dress Code in the *Student Handbook*) Students arriving to class dressed improperly will be asked to leave the classroom to change. They will incur an absence.

#### PLATFORM ATTIRE

Platform attire is "business casual." Students involved in platform ministry (worship team, reading scripture, prayer, etc.) are to wear <u>business or business casual</u>; no jeans or pants that resemble jeans.

**Business casual** is khaki pants, slacks, skirts as well as short sleeved polo shirts with collars, long sleeve shirts, dress shoes and excludes jeans, tight or short skirts, tight fitting pants, and sweatshirts.

#### BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT ATTIRE

All students and graduates should wear semi-formal attire: Men should wear a coat and tie; women should wear a pantsuit, dress, or skirt and blouse. Dress shoes for both men and women are required.

#### **CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

All coursework is to be submitted to Canvas.

All research papers are to use Turabian format. Students are to purchase the Turabian 9<sup>th</sup> Edition book by Kate Turabian and adhere to both it and the Northpoint Writing Standard. All work is to be turned in on the due date as specified in Canvas. Assignments turned in late will be subject to the Late Paper Policy (see "Late Paper Policy" below). The acceptance of and/or grade deduction for all late course work excluding major projects and formal papers is left to the discretion of the individual professor. The professor's policy is to be published in the course syllabus.

For an extension on special projects and major papers, please see "Extension Policy" below.

## MAJOR PAPER/PROJECT EXTENSION POLICY

Extensions will only be granted for the following four reasons: 1) hospitalization for illness. A

doctor's note confirming such is required; 2) extended serious illness that prevents a student from attending class. This requires a doctor's note and signature of verification from the student's Resident Director; 3) funerals or family emergencies granted as an approved absence by the Chief Academic Officer/Provost and Dean of Students; 4) college-approved activities. If the student meets one of these exceptions, a "Request for Extension Form" must be filled out one week in advance of the due date. The form can be obtained from the Registrar's Office. The "Request for Extension" form should then be presented by the student to the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost for the Dean's signature. The CAO's office will forward the form to the professor. Once the form is forwarded to the Office of the Registrar a copy will be sent to the student. The student is to turn in all approved extension work to the professor by the extension due date indicated on the extension form. Failure to turn in a paper or project by the extended due date will result in a grade of "0" for the paper or project.

#### **LATE PAPER POLICY**

When a student does not qualify for, or has been denied an extension, he/she may still turn in the paper or project up to five (5) days late via Canvas; however, a grade penalty will be applied. All late papers and projects turned in after the start of the period on the due date will receive an automatic five-point (5) deduction. For each twenty-four hour period (including Saturdays, Sundays and school breaks) that the paper/project is not turned in, another five points (5) will be deducted. If the paper is not submitted within five twenty-four hour periods after the due date and time, an automatic score of zero (0) will be entered for the grade with no chance of making up the paper.

#### **EXAMINATIONS**

Electronic exams given in class will require the use of Respondus LockDown Browser. The student will be required to bring a laptop to the exam in order to take the exam or quiz. All exams taken outside the classroom will require both Respondus LockDown and Monitor. The student will be required to download and use lockdown browser for their computer or for these quizzes, by following the link on the test page in Canvas. The download is to be completed prior to coming to class to take the exam. Unfortunately, Repondus does not function well with iPads or Chromebooks nor does Respondus offer any technical support for the use of iPads or Chromebooks. Students should refrain from using iPads or Chromebooks for quizzes and exams. For technical support using LockDown Browser or Monitor, search "respondus" at support.northpoint.edu or contact support@northpoint.edu. Should a student be sick on the day of an examination, he/she can make the exam up provided he/she follows the procedure noted below.

- a. **Make-Up Exam Policy**: All exams must be made up within five (5) days of the date of the original exam (excluding weekends). For example, if the exam is given at the 8:00 a.m. class on Monday, it must be made up before 8:00 a.m. the following Monday. Both Respondus Lockdown and Monitor are required for all electronic exams taken outside of class.
  - Illness: In the case of illness, the student must notify the Resident Director of his/her illness and secure from the Resident Director a "sick-slip." The student must fill out a "Make-Up Exam" form (located in the Office of the Registrar). The form will then be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost for signature. The student should attach the sick slip and a doctor's note, if obtained, to the form. The student should then schedule a time with the professor to make up the test.

Students not making up the exam within the prescribed time period will receive a "0". If the student is unable to obtain a sick clip in a timely fashion, the Make-up Exam form should be completed and submitted. Once the RD's have sent in the sick slip it will be attached to the form by the Registrar's Office. The student will receive a copy of the make-up exam for his/her files. Commuting students who miss an exam due to illness should fill out the Make-up Exam form and indicate illness as the reason.

- **Non-illness**: Unless a student is ill, all exams must be taken as scheduled. There is no provision for make-up exam for non-illness absences.
- b. Exams Taken in the Center for Academic Development (CAD): Students approved to take their exams in the CAD are to do so on the day the exam is scheduled in class. In some cases this is not possible; therefore, with the approval of the CAD Director, a student may be given up to two days in which to take the exam (if Exam given on Monday, then the CAD student must take it by Wednesday). Exams not taken within this time period will be considered late and therefore, not able to be made up except due to illness. It is the student's responsibility to schedule all exams with the CAD Director based on his/her syllabi schedule. Should a student be sick on the day of the exam, he/she is to follow the Late-Exam policy above. Quizzes should be taken in the classroom, but in consultation with the professor accommodations may be arranged. Late CAD exams will be handled according to the make-up exam policy above. Therefore, schedule all exams at least one week in advance of the exam with the CAD Director. For late exams the student must follow the above make-up exam policy and will be subject to the same policy noted above.
- c. **Final Exams**: Finals are scheduled during Finals Week. The schedule is distributed one month before Finals. Each student is responsible to check the schedule carefully and make arrangements to be present for all finals. Finals are not necessarily given on the same day, or even the same hour, as the regularly scheduled class. Students who have more than three finals on one day may request that one of the finals be rescheduled. Students should fill out a "Final Exam Reschedule" form found in the Registrar's Office. In consultation with the Chief Academic Officer's office, one of the Finals (usually an elective) will be moved. If a student is more than 10 minutes late to the final exam, the professor at his or her discretion may choose to deduct 10 points for being late. The professor will be notified in advance to be prepared to have the Final ready for the student. Students are NOT to arrange a Final Exam change with the professor.

# **CELL AND SMARTPHONE USAGE**

Cell Phone and Smartphone Procedure: Phones are to be kept in "vibrate" mode per CLERY Act – "Send Now" emergency notification. In the classroom, phones are to be kept in the student's backpack/book bag/briefcase/purse, etc.

- a. Students MAY use a Bible application on their Smartphone when the class is directed to open their Bibles to a specific passage of scripture. Once the scripture passage is read, the Smartphone is to be placed back in the backpack/book bag/briefcase/purse, etc.
- b. Students may take class notes on their Smartphone provided they follow the procedures noted below.
  - By the second week of class, the student must submit to the professor a "Smartphone Usage" form indicating the usage of their smart phone for class notes.
  - The form is to be approved by the professor; a copy will be given to the student and the original kept by the professor.

- The professor may ask periodically that the notes be e-mailed to him/her for verification that the student is able to keep up with the notes via Smartphone, and that notes were taken.
- If a student is found using the phone for any other purpose than note taking, the student will lose the privilege of taking notes via Smartphone for the remainder of the semester.
- Unless a "Smartphone Usage" form has been filed by the student and approved by the professor at the beginning of the semester the student may not use his/her Smartphone for note taking.
- c. Students MAY NOT use their phone, iPad, computers or other electronic devices in the classroom, chapel, or class prayers at any time to:
  - Make or receive calls
  - Text or receive Texts
  - Check e-mail
  - Surf the Internet
  - Access any social network site
  - Take pictures or videos during class
  - Listen to music or watch videos during class
  - Play games
- d. Students found using their phone, iPad, computer, or other electronic device for any of the above will be asked to place their device on the professor's desk for the remainder of the period. Continued improper usage and the student will be required to place the device on the professor's desk at the beginning of class for the remainder of the semester.

#### **PLAGIARISM**

NPBC subscribes to Turnitin, a service that monitors writing originality in assignments, reports and papers and checks for plagiarism. Turnitin integrates with Canvas so that submissions are checked for originality through a Turnitin report. This company compares student submissions to various electronic resources as well as to other submissions to Northpoint and other colleges through the Turnitin database. Sources that are not cited, which are copied or paraphrased from another source without citation are considered plagiarized. Any material, whether published or unpublished, quoted from another writer, must be identified by use of quotation marks, block quotations, and documentation with specific citation of the source and paraphrased material must likewise be attributed to the original author, for both formal papers as well as other assignments, unless otherwise instructed by the professor. The Turnitin report highlights content considered to be similar to other sources in the Turnitin database. Both students and instructors can view the similar source and the student submission side by side. The similarity index is not directly factored into a grade for an assignment. Rather, it is a tool for the instructor to use to grade and verify sources. Cited sources will still show as unoriginal, but the instructor will use that information to verify that each citation and paraphrase is cited.

As a school intent on training men and women of integrity for the ministry, Northpoint takes plagiarism seriously. Plagiarism consists of the following categories (from Turnitin: <a href="http://turnitin.com/assets/en\_us/media/plagiarism\_spectrum.php">http://turnitin.com/assets/en\_us/media/plagiarism\_spectrum.php</a>):

- a. Submitting another's work, word-for-word, as one's own.
- b. Containing significant portions of text from a single source without alterations.
- c. Changing key words and phrases but retaining the essential content of the source.
- d. Paraphrases from multiple sources, made to fit together.

- e. Borrows generously from the writer's previous work without citation.
- f. Combines perfectly cited sources with copied passages without citation.
- g. Mixes copied material from multiple sources.
- h. Includes citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources.
- i. Includes proper citation to sources but the paper contains almost no original work.
- j. Includes proper citation, but relies too closely on the text's original wording and/or structure.

See also the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Turabian for a fuller explanation of plagiarism: 4.2.2-3; 7.9.1-11; 15.1; 15.2; and 15.2.1

Any student found guilty of plagiarism will be subject to, but not necessarily limited to, the following discipline:

- a. Faculty discipline on first offense:
  - Reduction of grade
  - Failure of assignment
  - Letter of reprimand
- b. Academic Affairs Committee discipline on successive offenses. Student will be subject to, but not necessarily limited to, the following discipline:
  - Receiving an "F" for the course
  - Removal from any extracurricular activities (second offense)
  - Dismissal for one year (three or more offenses)

Faculty are to report all cases of plagiarism to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost in the form of a "Plagiarism Report."

#### **CHEATING**

Northpoint subscribes to Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor. This software, which requires an installation on the computer that the student will use for the course, will discourage cheating by preventing students from opening other browser windows while taking a test or quiz. Students are expected to follow all instructions outlined in the opening sequence of Respondus Lockdown Browser and Monitor quizzes. This includes verification that the webcam is functional, presenting a form of ID to verify identity, and using the camera to capture the environment around the student. The student is expected to avoid the use of phones, tablets, or any other electronic device than the one used to take the quiz while quizzing. The use of paper notes and texts is also prohibited. Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a 0 on the quiz, without the option to retake.

Cheating is a breach of integrity and will be dealt with by the professor or higher authorities if needed. Cheating consists of such infractions as using unauthorized notes or material when taking an examination, copying answers to examination questions, obtaining or helping others to obtain unauthorized copies of examination questions, copying another person's class work/assignments and/or homework and submitting it as one's own; having another student do one's paper, or any other assignment, in whole or in part and submitting the assignment as one's own work; allowing another student to copy one's paper or assignment, copying another student's paper with that student's permission, or submitting the same paper for two or more classes, even if it is the student's own work. The use of any photographic device used to capture images of a quiz or exam is also considered cheating. Any student found guilty of cheating will be subject to one or more of the following actions:

- a. Receive an "F" for the assignment or course.
- b. Suspension
- c. Dismissal

#### INSTITUTIONAL AND COURSE ASSESSMENT MEASUREMENT

Northpoint Bible College requires and values assessment to monitor and enhance the effectiveness of individual courses and the curricula at large in support mission. An important element of this assessment process is the measurement of various levels including those of the institution, degree program, the divisions within each program, and the individual courses. Faculty are required to incorporate these various objectives into their courses based on their relevance to the course description and assignments. These objectives are connected to all course assignments and quizzes to provide objectives which demonstrate whether the identified objectives are being successfully achieved. While some of these objectives will not be noticeable to the student, on assignment rubrics in courses these objectives will be present and will be measured by the professor.

These notations include the four measurement levels of "exceed mastery, mastery, near mastery, and below mastery to identify student effectiveness in achieving these objectives. For the sake of clarity and consistency the faculty have adopted these stated guidelines for distinguishing these measurements:

- 90 100 Exceed Mastery
- 73 89 Mastery
- 67- 72 Near Mastery
- 66 and below is Low Mastery

Please contact your professor if you have questions about the use of these objectives in a course.

## PROCEDURE FOR WITHDRAWING FROM COLLEGE

An official "Withdrawal Form" can be obtained from the Registrar's Office. The form must be completed and submitted to the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. The student is required to meet with the Chief Academic Officer/Provost prior to withdrawal for an exit interview; this will usually occur within a day or two of the date the form was submitted. However, the date the student reports as the withdrawal date on the official withdrawal form will be the date used for tuition refund purposes (see Refund Policy below). Failure to officially withdraw from school will result in an "F" for the term. A student is not to assume that by not attending classes that he/she has withdrawn. Unless an official withdrawal form is completed, the student will continue to be enrolled in the class and will receive an F for the course.

A student who must withdraw from college after the fourth week of the semester will receive a grade of "WF" or "WP" (dependent on the student's grades up to that point) on his/her official record.

### **REFUND POLICY**

A student who withdraws from the college prior to the 4th week of the semester will receive a partial refund of tuition, room, and board (i.e., no refund of required fees, miscellaneous fees, etc.), provided the student completes the withdrawal process. The refund schedule applies to all students at Northpoint, whether receiving federal student aid or not. The refund amount varies

according to when the withdrawal occurs:

Before classes start: 100% refund During the first week: 90% refund During the second week: 50% refund During the third week: 25% refund

During the fourth week and beyond: no refund

Refunds for students who are first time, first semester students will be calculated on a pro rata basis—based upon the actual number of weeks attended up to 4 weeks. Refunds for non-traditional students (e.g., weekend college, modular courses, summer school, online courses etc.) will be based on the equivalent number of weeks attended. In the event a student is dismissed, a refund of tuition, room and board charges will follow standard refund policies applicable to any student withdrawal.

# **CHRISTIAN SERVICE**

Christian service is designed for students to receive hands-on experience in ministry. The primary goal of this requirement is to equip students for ministry. Students participate in various ministries and fulfill multiple capacities and roles with their involvement. Students are given the opportunity to choose the church in which they will serve. The goal of this opportunity is to create an atmosphere in which the student is encouraged to build a relationship with the pastor, church and community in which they will be serving. Students participate in various capacities and are placed in churches within an hour radius of the college. Those involved in ministry are exposed to diverse ministries of the church.

All students must participate in Christian service as sponsored by Northpoint Bible College. Students will serve in at least one (1) church service per week. Freshmen will attend one (1) service per week, the Sunday a.m. service; all other students attend two (2) services per week (Sunday school and morning service are considered one service).

Exceptions will apply only to students who are selected to participate in the Traveling Ministries program, or who participate in sponsored Ministry Trips, Traveling Teams or Recruiting Events. These students will be required to attend their assigned church on their off Sundays. Changing your church or the rotation of churches is not permitted and will count as an absence. Students will be allotted 2 absences (per semester) from the church they choose to serve.

- 1. Students requesting reassignments must do so in writing to the Christian Service department before the beginning of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Sunday of the semester. Reassignments will be made based upon available openings. Once a student commits to serving at their church of choice they will be committed to that responsibility until the end of the school year.
- 2. Students shall respect and maintain all standards as noted in the pages of this handbook. This is to be taken into strict consideration at all regular church services and/or church related activities.
- 3. Sophomore, junior, and senior students are to attend two (2) services each week. Since all churches usually have a Sunday (a.m.) service, students are to be in attendance for that service. The second service may be chosen based upon the frequency and meeting times of

- the assigned church.
- 4. Students are responsible to notify their pastor and Christian Service department when they will not be in attendance. In the case of an absence due to school related activities, the pastor should be given advanced notice of such activities. In the case of an emergency or sudden illness, the resident director must be notified and a notification, via phone or another team member, to the pastor is requested.
- 5. Students will serve under the leadership of the pastor in their assigned church. Students will serve under the leadership designated by the Lead Pastor. Pastors, in consideration of their church programs, will determine areas of need and service.
- 6. Students will be organized into "teams" in most churches. In this "team," there will be at least one driver. "Teams" should function together at all times. When a student is not able to attend, notification should be given to other team members.
- 7. Students are required to be back on campus prior to Sunday night curfew. Should a student's service extend beyond the necessary time, the student must notify their resident director, leave immediately following the service, and come directly back to the campus.
- 8. Students must have permission for overnight ministry from Christian Service and the Office of Student Development. If the ministry involves absence from class, the student must have permission from the Chief Academic Officer/Provost.
- 9. Students are to maintain Northpoint's dress code while participating in Christian Service.
- 10. Weekly attendance verification is mandatory and will be done through time logs and a series of questions on Canvas. Failure to report weekly attendance will result in meeting with the President an absence. If the number of absences is exceeded the student will fail. If the absence continues a meeting will be set up with the Student Life Committee to determine whether or not the student will remain at Northpoint Bible College.

If a student's request to miss church relations commitments is approved, it is the student's responsibility to notify their church relations pastor, or other appropriate leadership at their church.

# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY (SAP)

The Higher Education Amendment of 1976 mandates institutions of higher education to establish standards of "satisfactory academic progress" for all students receiving financial aid. Northpoint Bible College will make the following standards applicable to all federal funds awarded to students.

#### STUDENT FEDERAL AID AFFECTED

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

Federal Work-Study (FWS)

Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Student (PLUS)

Note: The Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standard affects state grant programs.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)

Northpoint Bible College's SAP policy, according to 34 CFR 668.34, includes both a *qualitative* measure (such as the use of a cumulative grade point average) and *quantitative* measure (such as a maximum time frame for completion which cannot exceed 150% of the published length of the program). Therefore, for a student to be maintaining satisfactory academic progress, he/she must, in general, have a C average or its equivalent 2.0 upon completion of 60 or more credits in the Bachelor of Arts program, or upon completion of 30 or more credits in the Associate in Arts program.

The student must complete 67% of cumulative credits attempted (including repeated and transfer credits). For example, a student who attempts 30 credits but actually completes 19 would only have completed 63% of all credits attempted. This is not satisfactory academic progress.

The student may attempt, including transfer credits, a maximum of 192 credits before financial aid eligibility will be terminated.

The following *qualitative* chart applies to all full and part-time students Bachelor of Arts program:

Credits Completed:	Cumulative GPA
1-29	1.60
30-59	1.80
60 and thereafter	2.00

The following *qualitative* chart applies to all full and part-time students Associate in Arts program:

Credits Completed:	Cumulative GPA
1-15	1.60

16-30	1.80
31 and thereafter	2.00

The following *quantitative* chart shows the minimum completed credit hours to maintain 67% satisfactory academic progress:

# FULL TIME BACHELOR OF ARTS STUDENTS, 6 YEARS = 150%

Years Completed	1	2	3	4	5	6
Credits Accrued	20	40	64	86	108	128

If attending on a ¾ time, ½ time or less than ½ time basis, hours and semesters will be prorated accordingly. For ¾ time, a student must complete his/her program in 9 years; for ½ time, in 12 years and less than ½ time in 18 years to meet the 150% completion period.

FULL TIME ASSOCIATE IN ARTS STUDENTS, 3 YEARS = 150%

Years Completed	1	2	3
Credits Accrued	27	40	60

If attending on a ¾ time, ½ time or less than ½ time basis, hours and semesters will be prorated accordingly. For ¾ time, a student must complete his/her program in 5 years; for ½ time, in 8 years and less than ½ time in 15 years to meet the 150% completion period.

**Note**: While the above requirements are minimums, it should be clearly understood that after a student's first semester, fifteen credit hours is a normal academic load for a full-time student recommended for a student to complete his/her degree on time.

The satisfactory academic progress of freshmen and/or transfer students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts or Associate in Arts program will be reviewed by the Registrar at the end of the students' first year.

Students who are not making SAP will receive a "warning" letter from the Registrar. The following semester, though on "warning," the student will retain his/her federal aid.

If a student fails to achieve SAP at the conclusion of the "warning" period, he/she will be issued a notification letter from the Financial Aid Director placing him/her on financial aid suspension. The student has the opportunity to appeal for reinstatement of aid if there were mitigating circumstances.

Mitigating circumstances are:

- Family emergency (death or other extenuating circumstances)
- Extended illness (physical or mental), injury or hospitalization
- Documented learning disability

#### APPEAL PROCESS

If extenuating circumstances have affected the student's progress, an appeal may be submitted. To file an appeal, the student must contact the Financial Aid Office to obtain the "Appeal for Reinstatement of Financial Aid Eligibility" form. The student must submit, along with this form,

any requested documentation necessary to support his/her claim of mitigating circumstances. Additionally, the student must explain why he/she failed to make SAP and what has changed that will allow him/her to make SAP at the next evaluation.

**NOTE**: The deadline to file an appeal is no later than 30 days before the start of the semester.

#### **PROBATION STATUS**

If a student's appeal is approved, the student will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Director notifying him/her of the SAP Committee's decision. The student will be placed on "probation" and will retain federal aid eligibility. If, following the semester of "probation," the student fails to make SAP, as outlined in the charts; he/she will lose federal aid eligibility.

#### FACTORS AFFECTING FINANCIAL AID STATUS

<u>Academic Amnesty</u>: Northpoint Bible College does not practice academic amnesty. A student may not regain eligibility by withdrawing for a semester or more.

Audited Courses: Audited courses are ineligible for federal aid since they do not earn credits.

<u>Incomplete Courses</u>: Incomplete courses will not count toward satisfactory academic progress until a grade is submitted to the Registrar. Incomplete courses will receive a grade of "F" if the course is not completed by the institution's deadline.

<u>Remedial Courses</u>: Six hours of remedial courses are allowed for determining full-time status and hours completed and will be eligible for federal aid. These hours will not be included in the quantitative assessment.

<u>Repeated Courses</u>: Students who repeat previously *failed* courses to earn a passing grade may receive aid for repeating a failed course until it is passed. Students who repeat a previously *passed* course can do so only *once* and receive financial aid. Repeated coursework will count toward the enrollment status (full or part-time). For a four-year degree program, a maximum of 25 credits or 10 repeated courses will be allowed in determining the number of credits completed in the overall program.

<u>Returning Students</u>: Students who were on "warning" or "probation" prior to withdrawal during a semester will return at the same status. Students who withdrew at the end of a semester will have their status recalculated based on credits earned in the last semester of attendance.

<u>Summer Courses</u>: In determining SAP, credits earned during the summer will be evaluated with the previous semester's progress report.

<u>Transfer Courses:</u> Credits transferred in are counted as credits earned in the quantitative measurement. Credits earned are not factored into the grade point average (GPA). Only credits that apply to the student's program are transferred. Transfer students enter at a satisfactory academic progress level.

<u>Withdrawals/Dismissals</u>: Whenever a student withdraws (officially or unofficially) or is dismissed, the courses neither earn credit nor affect the grade point average; however, they will affect the quantitative completion rate (credits attempted but not earned). Students may retake any courses from which they have withdrawn; the credits will count in the enrollment status (full or part-time) determination and will be eligible for federal aid.

# STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY OF RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974¹ deals with the protection of the right of privacy of students and governs access to and release of student records. In brief, the statute provides that educational institutions must provide students access to official records directly related to the student requesting access, and an opportunity to challenge such records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise inappropriate. Educational institutions must obtain written consent of students before releasing personally identifiable data about students from records to other than a specified list of exceptions (see "Access to Records" noted below). Students must be notified of their rights as enumerated by this document, and that the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will investigate complaints of alleged violations of this act.

## ACCESS TO RECORDS

Section 433 (d) states: "... whenever a student has attained eighteen years of age, or is attending an institution of post-secondary education, the permission or consent required of and the rights accorded to the parents of the student shall thereafter only be required of and accorded to the student."

"An institution is permitted by section 438 of the Act and this part to disclose information pertaining to an eligible student to the parents of the eligible student with the prior written consent of the eligible student or with the prior written consent of the eligible student if that student is a dependent as defined under section 152 on the Internal Revenue Code of 1954."

In the absence of an official request, information contained in a student's records remains confidential between the student and Northpoint Bible College and will not be released to third parties without the consent of the student, with the following exceptions: information for school directory (this includes name, address, telephone number, major fields of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of athletic team members, dates of attendance and degrees and awards received), information needed by school officials within the

College, information requested by officials of other schools to which the student is seeking admission, information requested by Federal or State educational authorities, information needed in connection with the receipt of financial aid, information released pursuant to state law or subpoena, information requested by accrediting organizations, and information requested by parents of dependent students.

Any information released to a third party shall contain a statement informing the party of the requirement that the information provided may not be released without the written consent of the student.

#### CHALLENGE HEARINGS

To ensure that records are not inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of a student's rights of privacy, the student may challenge the alleged inappropriate data at a hearing requested through the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. An impartial hearing officer will be

<sup>1</sup> This Act is Section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act of 1974 (Title IV, Public Law 90-247; added by Section 513, Public Law 93-380) See Also Part 99, Title 45 C.F.R.

appointed thus affording the student full opportunity to present evidence in support of the challenge.

The hearing officer shall render a decision within a reasonable time after the hearing.

## **RECORDS INSPECTION**

Requests for record inspection should be directed to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. The student has the right to a copy of the record so inspected, with the cost of the reproduction assessed to the student. The student may challenge an inaccurate record and request a hearing concerning any alleged inaccuracy contained therein. Any challenge must be established by a preponderance of evidence that the record is inaccurate. If desired, the student may submit a written explanation of a record's content, which then becomes part of the record. The College will comply with a request to inspect and review educational records within a reasonable period of time; not exceeding forty-five days after the request has been made.

#### ON CAMPUS STUDENT GRIEVANCE POLICY

As an institution preparing men and women for ministry, we strive to follow biblical principles in all aspects of our policies and procedures. The Institution takes concerns and grievances voiced by students seriously, and should a student have a grievance we want to know. It is the Institution's desire to handle all student grievances thoroughly and expeditiously. The Institution welcomes the opportunity to work toward finding solutions to any problems. This becomes part of the educational process and fosters spiritual development. The biblical pattern for resolution is evidenced in Scriptures, such as but not limited to:

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed and if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church..." Matthew 18:15-17

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." Romans 12:17-18

The first level of resolution is informal and is between the student and staff, faculty member, or administrator. As the student begins the process, they should keep in mind these five aspects:

- Contact the college employee by phone or email to schedule an appointment.
- In this meeting, be clear about what your concern is and how you would like the issue resolved.
- Do your best to demonstrate tact and respect.
- Try not to say things that you will regret, or which will make the solution or reconciliation more difficult.
- Pray about the matter. God is interested in you as a person.

If the grievance or concern is not resolved to the student's satisfaction, the student may move into the Formal Grievance process detailed below.

If after talking with the individual the student cannot find resolve, then the student can move into the Formal Grievance process. First, the student should fill out the Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School Student Formal Complaint Form which can be found online in the Student

Grievance Section. This document and any emails or notes taken by the student during the informal process should be emailed to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost (CAO) of the Institution. The CAO will review the form and make an initial contact with the student within five (5) working days of the complaint being filed. The CAO will independently speak with the student and the other party. After independent consultation, the CAO will call a meeting between the two individuals in order to bring resolution. This meeting is to take place within two (2) weeks of the initial formal grievance form being filed. If resolution cannot be achieved at the meeting and the CAO needs to render a decision, both parties will be notified via email no later than three (3) days after the meeting of the CAO's decision.

If the student grievance is with the CAO of the institution, then the student will contact the Dean of Students who will then initiate and follow the above procedure for the first level of the formal process.

If a resolution is not worked out at the first formal stage, and the student is not in agreement with the decision of the CAO, then the student may initiate a second level of formal grievance with the President of the Institution. The student is to contact the President via email requesting the second formal level of intervention. Once the email is received by the President of the Institution, the President is to respond within the same time parameters and follow the same procedures as outlined in the first formal stage. The President is to receive all written communication and documentation from the CAO. At the discretion of the President, he may involve the President's Cabinet in this decision-making process. If resolution cannot be achieved at this level, and the President of the Institution is required to render a decision, the President will do so within three (3) days of the meeting and will notify all parties via email.

#### ONLINE STUDENT GRIEVANCE POLICY

**LETTER** 

Dear Online Student,

Should the unfortunate circumstances arise whereby an out-of-state student residing in a SARA 1 participating state should have a complaint against the school which they feel has not be adequately addressed through the grievance procedures stated by Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School the student does have recourse to appeal directly to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education operating under the auspices of the SARA agreement. However, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education requires that all formal measures be taken with Northpoint prior to filing a complaint with the state of the Massachusetts. For your convenience, the link to the Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School Grievance Policy is: <a href="https://northpoint.edu/academics/online/">https://northpoint.edu/academics/online/</a>

Once all the procedures established by Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School have been exhausted and a resolve has not been reached, the student is entitled to file a complaint at this web address: https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp

Below you will find the MA Dept. of Higher Education policy as it relates to complaints made under the SARA agreement.

# 610 CMR 12.00: OPERATION OF MASSACHUSETTS DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)

# 12.07: Complaints

- (1) 610 CMR 12.07 applies only to complaints which pertain to distance education provided by institutions approved by the Board to operate under SARA to students residing in other states<sup>2</sup> pursuant to SARA. Complaints about a SARA institution's in-state operations, including intrastate distance education, are to be resolved pursuant to 610 CMR 2.00: Degree-granting Regulations for Independent Institutions of Higher Education Standards, where applicable, or otherwise in accordance with the institution's policies.
- (2) A student who receives SARA distance education from an institution approved by the Board to operate under SARA may, after exhausting the institution's procedures for resolution of grievances, file a written complaint regarding the institution with the Department. The Department shall make complaint forms available on its website: <a href="www.mass.edu">www.mass.edu</a>.
- (3) The Department shall review and attempt to resolve complaints which pertain to SARA distance education provided by institutions approved by the Board to operate under SARA as follows:
- (a) The Department shall send a copy of the complaint to the institution that is the subject of the complaint;
- (b) Within 30 days of the date that the Department sends a copy of the complaint to the institution, the institution must provide a written response to the student and the Department;
- (c) Within 30 days of the date the Department received the institution's response, or if the Department receives no response, the Commissioner or his or her designee shall issue a notice to the institution containing the Commissioner's findings regarding the complaint; any corrective actions that the institution shall take to comply with the requirements of this regulation; and that, should the institution fail to take those corrective actions, the complaint shall be referred to the

Office of the Attorney General for review and, if the Office of the Attorney General deems it appropriate, enforcement action.

(d) The Department may review and consider an institution's history of complaints received under this section and under 610 CMR 2.00: Degree-granting Regulations for Independent Institutions of Higher Education to determine if an institution's application should be denied, if an institution should be moved to provisional status, or if an institution should be disapproved to operate under SARA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> That is, a student taking online courses who has their permanent place of residence/and or legal domicile outside of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

(e) Nothing in 610 CMR 12.07 precludes the Commonwealth, including the Office of the Attorney General, from simultaneously enforcing its laws and regulations, including laws of consumer protection and fraud prevention, such as 940 CMR 31.00: For-profit and Occupational Schools, against an institution approved by the Department to operate under SARA.

In addition to this procedure, please see and be aware of Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School's student grievance policy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Daniel Howell Chief Academic Officer/Provost

#### Online Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School Student Grievance Policy

This policy is for students whose full course load is online education. Any student whose courses are a combination of on-campus and online is to follow the procedures set forth in the Institution's Student Handbook.

As an institution preparing men and women for ministry, we strive to follow biblical principles in all aspects of our policies and procedures. The Institution takes concerns and grievances voiced by students seriously. It is the Institution's desire to handle all student grievances thoroughly and expeditiously. Should a student have a grievance we want to know. The Institution welcomes the opportunity to work toward finding solutions to any problems. This becomes part of the educational process and fosters spiritual development. The biblical pattern for resolution is evidenced in Scriptures, such as but not limited to:

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed and if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church..." Matthew 18:15-17

"Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men." Romans 12:17-18

The first level of resolution is informal and is between the student and staff, faculty member, or administrator. As the student begins the process, they should keep in mind these five aspects:

- Contact the college employee by phone or email to schedule an appointment
- In this meeting, be clear about what your concern is and how you would like the issue resolved

- Do your best to demonstrate tact and respect
- Try not to say things for which you will regret, or which will make the solution or reconciliation more difficult
- Pray about the matter. God is interested in you as a person

If the grievance or concern is not resolved to the student's satisfaction, the student may move into the Formal Grievance process detailed below.

If after talking with the individual and the student cannot find resolve then the student can move into the Formal Grievance process. First, the student should fill out the Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School Student Formal Complaint Form which can be found online in the Student Grievance Section. This document and any emails or notes taken by the student during the informal process should be emailed to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost (CAO) of the Institution. The CAO will review the form and make an initial contact with the student within five working days of the complaint being filed. The CAO will independently speak with the student and the other party. After independent consultation, the CAO will call an electronic meeting between the two individuals in order to bring resolution. This meeting is to take place within two weeks of the initial formal grievance form being filed. The obvious purpose of the meeting is to bring resolution to the situation. If resolution cannot be achieved at the meeting and the CAO needs to render a decision, both parties will be notified via email no later than three (3) days after the meeting of the CAO's decision.

If the student grievance is with the CAO of the institution, then the student will contact the chair of the Department of Bible and Theology who will then initiate and follow the above procedure for the first level of the formal process.

If a resolution is not worked out at the first formal stage, and the student is not in agreement with the decision of the CAO, then the student may initiate a second level of formal grievance with the President of the Institution. The student is to contact the President via email asking for the second formal level of intervention. Once the email is received by the President of the Institution, the President is to respond within the same time parameters and follow the same procedures as outlined in the first formal stage. The President is to receive all written communication and documentation from the CAO. At the discretion of the President he may involve the President's Cabinet in this decision-making process. If resolution cannot be achieved at this level, and the President of the Institution is required to render a decision, the President will do so within three (3) days of the meeting and will notify all parties via email.

In the event the student is not satisfied with the decision of the President of the Institution, the student does have the right to appeal to the state of Massachusetts Department of Higher Education, States Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) office. The student can find information concerning the process at <a href="https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp">https://www.mass.edu/foradmin/sara/complaints.asp</a>.

# ONLINE NORTHPOINT BIBLE COLLEGE AND GRADUATE SCHOOL STUDENT FORMAL GRIEVANCE FORM

Complete this form only after you have attempted the informal grievance process first. Please see the Student Handbook describing the first-level informal grievance process. Please email the completed form to the Chief Academic Officer/Provost.

Student Contact Information				
Last Name	First Name		Middle	
Name				
Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here		
Street Address				
Click here to enter text.				
City	State	Zip C	Code	
Click here to enter text. Click here		Click	here	
Telephone Number		NPBC Student Email Address		
Click here to enter text.		Click here to enter text.		
Student ID Number		Term and Year Last Attended		
Click here to enter text.		Click here to enter text.		
	Grievance Informati	on		
Area of the College the grievance	e concerns:			
☐ Academic policy/procedure	☐ Adminis	tration		
☐ Services	☐ Staff			
☐ Instructor Name: Te	ext Class Course and ID	: Text Semester: Text		

Describe your attempts to resolve the issues leading to your formal grievance. Be specific in explaining your efforts; include dates, campus location, names of college staff, and names of college department and include information about the college's response. Please attach any supporting documentation to your email to provide any additional information you think is relevant to this grievance.
Click here to enter text.
Please note that NPBC will only investigate formal grievances after the student has first attempted to resolve the issues informally.
Explain the circumstances of your formal grievance. Be specific in explaining your concerns; include dates, and the names of individuals who may be involved. Please attach any supporting documentation to your email along with any additional information you think is relevant to this grievance.
Click here to enter text.
What would you consider to be an acceptable resolution to your grievance?
Click here to enter text.
Have you previously filed a grievance with any other entity related to this concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes please provide us with the name of the entity(s) and the outcome.
Click here to enter text.

Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School will use the information you provide to assist with resolving your formal grievance. By signing this document and submitting a formal grievance, you consent to NPBC's disclosure of any protected or confidential information that may be needed to review your grievance.

The information given in this grievance is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I understand that if I fail to respond to requests for additional information or to questions about this grievance, the college may dismiss my grievance.

Student Signature: Click here to enter text.

Date: Click here to enter text.

# **CURRICULUM**

#### **CURRICULUM PHILOSOPHY**

Northpoint offers a specialized curriculum that is designed to enable students to meet the challenges of the future. The center of our curriculum, and the first major for all students, is the Bible giving the student a firm foundation upon which to build a solid ministry. The College offers a Baccalaureate degree in Biblical Studies, into which the student may incorporate a second major in Pastoral Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, Children and Family Ministry, Student Ministry, Worship Arts Ministry, or Ministry Leadership. A general course of study is made available for some students when the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost deems it more suitable for the student.

The curriculum design of Northpoint Bible College contains three major components, the Department of Bible and Theology, the Department of General Education, and the Vocational Ministry Departments (Church Ministries, Intercultural Ministry, and Worship Arts Ministry).

The purpose of the Bible and Theology Department is to challenge the student to approach life and learning from a biblical perspective, and to stimulate an appreciative love for God and obedience to His revealed will. The focus of this integral division provides the essential data to enable each student to form a Christian world-view, to develop an effective Christian life, acquire a sound philosophy, and to increase his/her understanding of how to interpret and skillfully utilize the sacred Scriptures. Emphasis is placed on understanding the broad themes and structure of complex truths.

The purpose of the General Education Department is to provide an introduction to a broad range of disciplines and to aid the student in developing critical thinking skills, as well as communication skills that will better enable him/her to share the Gospel of Christ. The General Education curriculum examines various subjects of study in light of biblical truth in order to prepare the student to proclaim Christ effectively and intelligently. The curriculum's design is to help each student gain an understanding of selected knowledge in the areas of science and the humanities, and to relate this understanding to a Christian world-view.

The purpose of the Vocational Ministry Departments is to enable the student to formulate a biblical and practical philosophy of ministry that will be implemented in various areas of Christian service. The program fosters understanding, skill, and enthusiasm for the student's chosen field of ministry. Vocational ministries (second major) focus on the biblical mandate: "Be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22).

#### **CURRICULUM CHANGES**

The curriculum at Northpoint Bible College is continually studied and revised as needed. This catalog, therefore, reflects the most current features of every program. Changes in requirements, course offerings, and class schedules may occur subsequent to the printing of this catalog and all offerings will then be subject to these changes.

#### **CURRICULUM CODES**

CE = Christian Education NT = New Testament
CM = Communication OT = Old Testament
EN = English PE = Physical Education

FI = Finances PH = Philosophy

HI = History PM = Pastoral Ministries

LA = Language PS = Psychology
MF = Ministry Foundations SC = Science

MI = Missions SS = Social Science

ML = Ministry Leadership TH = Theology

MU = Music

#### **NUMBERING OF COURSES**

The letters which precede each subject indicate the department in which the subject is found. The first digit indicates the year in the curriculum sequence. The second digit indicates the number of credits applied to the course.

# **CURRICULUM – BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

Every student at Northpoint Bible College majors in Biblical Studies. The Bible is the Word of God, and it is the only standard for faith and practice; therefore, a thorough understanding of the Bible's teaching is of primary importance for human life and education. The Bible and its theological framework form the heart of Northpoint's entire curriculum structure. The Division of Bible and Theology offers the student a challenge to approach life and learning from a biblical perspective and stimulates an appreciative love for God and obedience to His revealed will. The design of the curriculum is biblically based, Christ-centered, and ministry-directed. The focus of this integral department provides the essential data to enable each student to form a Christian world-view, to develop an effective Christian life, and to acquire a sound philosophy of ministry.

#### **DIVISIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this program are that the students will be able to:

- 1. Memorize and reproduce biblical facts and texts. (Related to value Scripture)
- 2. Trace, explain, and integrate the historical, sociological, geographical, philosophical, and religious contexts of the biblical world and apply them in a contemporary setting. (Related to value Scripture)
- 3. State, analyze and illustrate the truthfulness of essential Church doctrinal statements.
- 4. Explain, determine, and apply the prominent theological themes in the Bible. (Related to value Scripture)
- 5. Express the historical and theological progression of God's divine plan in both the Old and New Testaments. (Related to value Scripture)
- 6. Summarize and evaluate various theological positions from a biblical perspective. (Related to value Scripture)
- 7. Demonstrate skill in utilizing biblical and theological resources. (Related to value Scripture)
- 8. Recall, explain, and implement biblical Hebrew and Greek for use research, teaching and preaching. (Related to value Scripture)
- 9. Employ effective methods of exegesis and organize and apply them to the art of writing,

- preaching, and/or teaching. (Related to value Scripture)
- 10. Identify and demonstrate various spiritual disciplines and practices that will foster his/her spiritual formation. (Related to values Scripture, Character, and Community)
- 11. Give evidence of how various Bible/Theology courses have shaped and defined the students' spirituality. (Related to values Scripture, Calling, and Community)
- 12. Illustrate and evaluate how the Values Courses have influenced the students' life and ministry worldviews. (Related to values Scripture and Community)

# **CURRICULUM – GENERAL EDUCATION**

The Division of General Education introduces the student to a broad range of the sciences and humanities from a Christian world view. It prepares the student in critical thinking and develop communication skills so that he/she is better able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ intelligently and effectively.

#### **DIVISIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the General Education department are such that upon completion of required courses, the student should be able to:

- 1. Exhibit a commitment to academics by demonstrating analytical reading skills, proficient writing skills, and the ability to utilize correct grammatical principles and sentence and paragraph structure. (Related to value Academics)
- 2. Identify, collect, analyze, organize, and format data in order to construct logical, innovative, and well-developed written work. (Related to value Academics)
- 3. Recognize and utilize diverse rhetorical styles to develop the necessary skills in order to become an effective oral and written communicator. (Related to value Academics)
- 4. Employ critical thinking and logical reasoning capabilities through identifying, formulating, and communicating rational arguments. (Related to value Academics)
- 5. Demonstrate appreciation for and understanding of arts and humanities, the sciences, principles of business, and the social sciences, detect God's role in each discipline, and use this knowledge to develop a Christian worldview. (Related to value Academics)
- 6. Explain literary, ethical, sociological, scientific, and historical processes and identify rationales and values for continued study of these processes in order to comprehend and relate to the culture in which he/she lives and works. (Related to value Academics)
- 7. Complete research utilizing the appropriate research tools, including Bible software.
- 8. Recognize the prevalence of media in contemporary contexts and the value of the use of media in ministry.

# **CURRICULUM – CHURCH MINISTRIES**

Jesus commanded His followers to "make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20). James, the brother of Jesus, wrote, "My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment" (James 3:1).

The core of Northpoint's mission statement is to teach and train students for excellent Pentecostal ministry. The Church Ministries Division exists in order to teach and train men and women called to the teaching ministry of the Church so they may disciple believers in the faith, in maturity, and in service – whether that ministry is to adults, teenagers, or children. As such, Children and Family Ministry, Student Ministry, Pastoral Ministry, and Ministry Leadership are second majors offered within this program. Each second major is specifically designed to introduce the student to the various levels of development, counseling issues, and teaching methodologies appropriate for ministry to the designated age group.

Jesus said the greatest commandment is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind" and the second greatest commandment is "to love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 11:38, 39) The aim of the Church Ministries Department is to develop believers within the Church who glorify God and please Him, who grow in the way, the truth, and the life, and who are able to confidently and competently share the gospel message with family, friends, neighbors, and the world.

#### **DIVISIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The Church Ministries Division prepares the student to:

- 1. Recognize and respond to their unique call to ministry and to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually as a leader with integrity, modeling a Christian lifestyle to those in the Church and the world. (Related to values Calling, Character, and Service)
- 2. Integrate hermeneutical, homiletical, and andragogical skills in preparing Bible studies, sermons, and other writings in order to communicate the gospel effectively to all ages. (Related to value Academics)
- 3. Understand, investigate, experience, and evaluate the administrative duties and complexities associated with leading and operating high impact, healthy church and Parachurch ministries. (Related to value Ministry)
- 4. Identify, observe, and officiate at various functions within the local church and community. (Related to value Community)
- 5. Create learning opportunities and leadership pathways for all ages within the church so the leader can multiply disciples and evangelize in fulfillment of the Great Commission. (Related to values Ministry and Service)
- 6. Memorize, reproduce, and practically apply key Bible verses. (Related to value Scripture)
- 7. Understand, identify, and create substantive media communication that enhances the communication of the gospel and the effectiveness of ministry. (Related to value Academics)

- 8. Outline and demonstrate the development of a biblical, sustainable, healthy, and holy lifestyle that balances one's spiritual and physical health for ministry preparedness. (Related to value Character)
- 9. Describe, plan, and develop healthy, high impact servant leadership teams within the church and para-church ministries. (Related to value Service)

# CURRICULUM – INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY

The Intercultural Ministry Division seeks to guide the student in development of a biblical theology and biblical philosophy of missions, and to provide practical vocational preparation for cross-cultural ministry, whether at home or abroad. Essential elements of the Intercultural Ministry second major will build upon the student's major core courses, and will include an introductory overview of missions' theology, history, and practice; realities of missionary life and work; principles of indigenous church planting and partnership; exposure to missions literature and missionary statesmen. The student will have opportunities for practical experience in cross-cultural ministry as well.

# **DIVISIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The Intercultural Ministry Division prepares the student to:

- 1. Model the missionary heart of God (*Missio Dei*) by applying the missiological skills necessary for communicating the gospel effectively in different cultural and generational contexts.
- 2. Recall and apply relational principles and practices in intercultural ministry. (Related to value Ministry)
- 3. Demonstrate how the concepts of culture and worldview affect the articulation, understanding, and application of the Gospel to people of different cultures. (Related to value Ministry)
- 4. Describe how globalization affects the context of missionary work in local cultures and develop an informed missiological response. (Related to value Ministry)
- 5. Demonstrate awareness and understanding of the dynamics of various cultures and practice respectful incarnational servanthood, while upholding biblical values and standards. (Related to value Ministry)
- 6. Develop and practice the administrative skills associated with applying for missionary status, itinerating, networking, writing newsletters, applying for necessary legal documentation, and preparing for the vetting process. (Related to value Ministry)
- 7. Synthesize missiological concepts and theological, historical, and cultural principles in planning for worship, evangelism, discipleship, compassion ministry, and leadership training in intercultural settings. (Related to values Ministry and Service)

# CURRICULUM – WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

The purpose of Northpoint Bible College's Worship Arts Ministry Division is to train students for music and worship ministries within the context of the church, missions, and evangelistic fields. Students are equipped through studies in theory, music technology, sound system

ministry, conducting, and auditory/sight reading curriculum. In addition, students are prepared for ministry through practical experience and the development of a theology of worship.

#### **DIVISIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The Worship Arts Ministry Division prepares the student to:

- 1. Recall terms and principles that relate to and inform the worship arts. (Related to value Ministry)
- 2. Review and apply sustainable organizational systems for worship arts administration in the local church. (Related to value Ministry)
- 3. Build a student's artistic skills for public ministry in an ecclesiastical environment. (Related to value Academics)
- 4. Implement principles for personal and team readiness for ministry in the worship arts. (Related to value Ministry)
- 5. Foster an environment conducive to the spiritual formation of those participating in the worship arts. (Related to value Character)
- 6. Identify and implement liturgical elements from the praxis of worship in church history that can be enjoyed in Christ-community gatherings today. (Related to value Ministry)
- 7. Design a philosophy of worship arts ministry based on a solid theological foundation with a Pentecostal distinctive. (Related to value Pentecostal)
- 8. Examine and affirm his or her own unique call to vocational ministry in the worship arts. (Related to value Calling)
- 9. Develop leadership skills for the purpose of building leaders in the worship arts. (Related to value Service)

# **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

#### **One Year Certificate in Biblical Studies**

Northpoint Bible College's One-Year Certificate program is primarily for those who desire personal enrichment in Bible, Theology, and Christian service. The curriculum is arranged to expand an individual's knowledge of the Bible, deepen his/her theological framework, and broaden his/her practical skills for the local church. Though some courses vary between the One-Year Certificate program and the first year of the Bachelor of Arts program, students can still easily transition from the Certificate program to the BA program if they so choose.

#### **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

At the conclusion of the One-Year Certificate program, the student should be able to:

- 1. Express an introductory knowledge of the Bible. (Related to values Scripture, Academics,)
- 2. Demonstrate a Pentecostal theological framework. (Related to values Scripture, Character, Ministry, Academics, Pentecostal, Community, and Service)
- 3. Identify theoretical and practical skills for ministry. (Related to values Ministry, Pentecostal, Community, and Service)

# Degree Audit: One Year Certificate of Biblical Studies: 30 Credits Starting Fall 2023

#### FIRST YEAR - FALL

Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	<b>Credits</b>	Academic Year
$\hfill\Box$ 3 credits of Old Testament History and Literature	FR		
$\square$ 3 credits of College Writing and Research	FR		
☐ 3 credits of Acts	FR		
$\hfill\Box$ 3 credits Spiritual and Character Formation	FR		
$\square$ 3 Credits of Pentecostal Theology and Practice	FR		
First Year – Spring			
$\hfill\square$ 3 Credits New Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Missio Dei	FR		
$\square$ 3 Credits of Introduction to Ministry	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Gospels	FR		

#### ASSOCIATE IN ARTS IN BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

The purpose of the Associate in Arts degree program is to provide the student with a basic foundation in the humanities, the Bible and theology, as well as ministry training. Students who matriculate in the Associate in Arts in Bible and Theology degree will receive their degree in Bible and Theology and can choose from three (3) options when it comes to a concentration: no concentration, a concentration in Specialized Ministry, or a concentration in Assemblies of God Credentialing Preparation.

The Bible and theology courses in this degree give a foundation in biblical studies and Pentecostal doctrine and theology. The general education courses consist of specific science and humanity courses. The vocational ministry classes are a combination of introductory classes in each of the second majors. Students who decide to transfer into the Bachelor of Arts program upon graduation of the AA degree should know that some of the courses taken in this degree may not fit into the second major they have chosen to pursue in the BA program.

#### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Communicate a biblical worldview. (Related to values Scripture and Academics)

- 2. Communicate the gospel in a variety of settings. (Related to values Ministry and Academics)
- 3. Be equipped to identify the personal needs of others so that he/she will be able to apply the Word of God to those needs in ministry situations, such as preaching, teaching, and witnessing. (Related to values Ministry, Community, and Service)
- 4. Apply himself/herself to spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, Scripture, fasting and other forms of discipline. (Related to values Scripture and Character)
- 5. Have an understanding of Pentecostal theology. (Related to value Pentecostal)
- 6. Exemplify an understanding of biblical principles as they relate to the Christian life and experience. (Related to values Scripture, Calling, Character, Ministry, Academics, Pentecostal, Community, and Service)
- 7. Demonstrate a general understanding of the Bible and Christian doctrine. (Related to value Scripture)
- 8. Define his/her role within the Church or para-church context. (Related to value Calling, Ministry, Community, and Service)
- 9. Be prepared to pursue further academic training. (Related to value Academics)
- 10. Be more socially aware of his/her responsibility and role within our society and the Church. (Related to values Calling, Character, Ministry, Community, and Service)

# Degree Audit: Associate in Arts in Bible/Theology: 62 Credits Starting Fall 2022

Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	<b>Credits</b>	Academic Year
$\square$ 3 credits of Old Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 credits Hermeneutics	SO		
☐ 3 credits of Pentecostal Theology	FR		
$\square$ 3 credits Spiritual and Character Formation	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Preparing for Academic Success	FR		
First Year – Spring			
$\square$ 3 Credits New Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Missio Dei	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Foundations for Public and Ministry Communication	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of College Writing and Research	FR		

# SECOND YEAR - FALL

Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	Credits Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Pentateuch	FR	
☐ 3 Credits of Acts	JR	
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Psychology	SO	
☐ 3 Credits of Church History	FR	
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Business or Philosophy, or General Education Elective	SO	
☐ 1 Credit of Internship	SO	
SECOND YEAR – SPRING		
☐ 3 Credits of Gospels	JR	
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	JR	
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	JR	
☐ 3 Credits of Ethics	SO	
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Ministry		
☐ 1 Credit Internship	SO	

# **Degree Audit: Associate in Arts in Specialized Ministry: 62 Credits**

Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	<b>Credits</b>	Academic Year
$\hfill\Box$ 3 credits of Old Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 credits Hermeneutics	SO		
$\square$ 3 credits of Pentecostal Theology	FR		
$\square$ 3 credits Spiritual and Character Formation	FR		
$\square$ 3 Credits of Preparing for Academic Success	FR		
First Year – Spring			
☐ 3 Credits New Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Encountering God: An Introduction to Scripture	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Missio Dei	FR		

$\hfill\Box$ 3 Credits of Foundations for Public and Ministry	SO			
$\hfill \square$ 3 Credits of College Writing and Research	FR			
SECOND YEAR – FALL				
Course Name		<u>Grade</u>	Credits	Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Pentateuch		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Ministry Elective		JR		
$\square$ 3 Credits of Introduction to Psychology		SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Church History		FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Business or Philosophy General Education Elective	, or	JR		
☐ 1 Credit of Internship		SO		
<u>SECOND YEAR – SPRING</u>		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Gospels				
☐ 3 Credits of Pastor as Leader		SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Ministry Elective		SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Ministry		FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Ethics		SO		
☐ 1 Credit Internship		SO		

# Degree Audit: Associate in Arts in A/G Credentialing Preparation: 65 Credits

Course Name		<u>Grade</u>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Academic Year</b>
$\square$ 3 credits of Old Testament Histo	ory and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 credits Hermeneutics		SO		
$\square$ 3 credits of Pentecostal Theolog	iy .	FR		
$\ \square$ 3 credits Spiritual and Character	Formation	FR		
$\square$ 3 Credits of Preparing for Acade	mic Success	FR		

First Year – Spring				
$\hfill \square$ 3 Credits New Testament History and Literature	FR			
$\hfill\Box$ 3 Credits of Encountering God: An Introduction	FR			
to Scripture				
☐ 3 Credits of College Writing and Research	FR			
☐ 3 Credits of Foundations for Public and Ministry Communication	SO			
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Ministry	FR			
SECOND YEAR – FALL				
Course Name		<u>Grade</u>	Credits	Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Pentateuch		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Acts		FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Homiletics 2		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Business		SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Missio Dei (online)		FR		
☐ 2 Credits of Internship		SO		
SECOND YEAR – SPRING				
☐ 3 Credits of Poetical Books (online)		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Gospels		JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Pauline Theology (online)		SR		
☐ 3 Credits of Church Law		JR		

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 $\ \square$  3 Credits of Pastor as Leader

 $\ \square$  3 Credits of Introduction to Global Missions

#### **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE**

Among Northpoint's academic programs, the Baccalaureate Degree is primary. Students enrolled in this program will graduate with a degree in Biblical Studies with a second major in their chosen field of ministry. This degree broadens the student's educational experience and focuses 45 of the 123 required credit hours\* on biblical and theological studies. The program is designed to develop the student for Christian service and prepare him/her for life-long learning. Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies program take a second major in Pastoral Ministry, Children and Family Ministry, Student Ministry, Worship Arts Ministry, Intercultural Ministry, or Ministry Leadership.

The Baccalaureate Degree fulfills the undergraduate requirement for like-education at the seminary level.

#### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

- 1. At the conclusion of the Bachelor of Arts program, the student should be able to:
- 2. To enable the student to articulate a biblical worldview and confront non-biblical religious and philosophical thinking and expression. (Related to values Scripture and Academics)
- 3. To help the student communicate the Gospel in a variety of ministry settings. (Related to values Ministry and Academics)
- 4. To help the student understand the complexity of our contemporary pluralistic world, and to prepare him/her for future ministry in this context. (Related to values Ministry and Academics)
- 5. To equip the student to be able to assess the personal needs of others so that he/she will be able to competently apply the Word of God to those needs in ministry situations, such as preaching, teaching, counseling, and witnessing. (Related to values Scripture, Ministry, Community, and Service)
- 6. To train the student to apply himself/herself to prayer, to the Word, and to the Church. (Related to values Scripture, Character, Community, and Service)
- 7. To instruct the student in methods of caring for the Church, instructing the Church, and evangelizing for the Church. (Related to values Calling, Ministry, Community, and Service)
- 8. To provide the student with an understanding of the historical and contemporary tenets and movements of theology. (Related to values Scripture and Pentecostal)
- 9. To encourage the student to be able to document, support, and present his/her own system of theology. (Related to values Scripture, Academics, and Pentecostal)
- 10. To prepare the student to exemplify an understanding of biblical principles as they relate to Christian life and experience. (Related to values Scripture, Calling, Character, Ministry, Academics, Pentecostal, Community, and Service)
- 11. To lead the student to demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of the Bible and understanding of Christian doctrine. (Related to values Scripture and Academics)
- 12. To help the student to be able to pursue graduate training, if desired, on the basis of the undergraduate education he/she receives at Northpoint Bible College. (Related to values Calling and Academics)

# Degree Audit: Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies w/Vocations: 123 /Credits Except Worship Arts 127 Credits

Course Name	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Academic</u> Years
$\ \square$ 3 credits Old Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 credits of Acts	FR		
☐ 3 credits Pentecostal Theology	FR		
$\hfill\Box$ 3 Credits of Spiritual and Character Formation	FR		
☐ 3 credits of Preparing for Academic Success	FR		
First Year – Spring			
☐ 3 Credits New Testament History and Literature	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Encountering God: An Introduction			
to Scripture	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of Missio Dei	FR		
☐ 3 Credits of College Writing and Research	FR		
Vocational			
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Ministry Worship Survey	FR		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 0 Credits of Choir (Encouraged)	FR		
<u>SECOND YEAR – FALL</u> <u>Course Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>		
☐ 3 Credits of Systematic Theology 1	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Hermeneutics	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Business	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Psychology	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Church History	SO		
Vocational			
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of Essentials	SO		

☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 0 Credits of Choir			
(Encouraged)			
SECOND YEAR – SPRING	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Credits</u>	Academic Years
□ Course Name			<u>rears</u>
☐ 3 Credits of Systematic Theology 2	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Biblical Theology	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Foundations for Public Ministry and Communication	SO		
☐ 3 Credits of Biological Science <u>Vocational</u>	SO		
☐ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Pastor as Leader	SO		
☐ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Organizational Leadership	SO		
☐ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Life and Ministry of the Evangelist	SO		
☐ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Human Growth and Development	SO		
☐ (Child/Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Human Growth and Development	SO		
☐ (Intercultural Ministries) 3 Credits of Intro, to Global Missions	SO		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 1 Credit of Ear Training for the Church Musician	SO		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of Music Theory for the Church Musician	SO		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 0 Credits of Choir (Encouraged)	SO		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit of Applied Music (encouraged)  THIRD YEAR — FALL	SO		
<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u>	Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Pentateuch	JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Introduction to Philosophy	IR		

of Worship Leadership

Vocational			
$\ \square$ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Homiletics 2	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Pastoral Counseling	JR		
☐ (Ministry Leadership) 3 Credits of Principles and Methods of Teaching	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Ministry Leadership) 3 Credits of Developing Leaders	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of The Evangelistic Work of the Church	JR		,
☐ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of History and Practice of the Pentecostal Evangelist	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Principles and Methods of Teaching	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Developing Student Ministry	JR		
☐ (Child/Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Principles and Methods of Teaching	JR		
$\hfill \Box$ (Child Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Ministry to Children and Family	JR		
$\hfill \Box$ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Introduction to Culture	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Missionary Life, Administration and Relationships	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of Pentecostal Music Ministry	JR		
$\hfill \square$ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of History of Church Music	JR		
$\square$ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit of Choir	JR		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit of Applied Music (encouraged)	JR		
THIRD YEAR – SPRING			
Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	Credits	Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Gospels	JR		
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	JR		
☐ 3 Credits of General Education Elective	JR		

Vocational		
$\square$ (Pastoral) 3 Credits of Church Law	JR	 
$\ \square$ (Pastoral) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
$\square$ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Church Law	JR	 
$\hfill \square$ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
☐ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Evangelistic Strategies in Urban  Ministry	JR	 
$\hfill \square$ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
☐ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Discipling Students	JR	 
☐ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
☐ (Children and Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Discipling Children	JR	 -
☐ (Children and Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	R	 
☐ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Intercultural Communication	JR	 
☐ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
☐ (Worship Arts) 2 Credits of Vocational Elective	JR	 
☐ (Worship Arts) .5 Credit of Choir	JR	 
☐ (Worship Arts) .5 Credit of Applied Music (encouraged)	JR	 

# FOURTH YEAR - FALL

<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Credits</u> <u>Academic Year</u>
☐ 3 Credits of Apologetics	SR	
☐ 3 Credits of Historical Books	SR	
☐ 3 Credits of Prophetical Books	SR	
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	SR	

<u>Vocational</u>			
$\ \square$ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill\square$ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\ \square$ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\ \square$ (Child/Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Child/Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of Servant Leadership	SR		
$\hfill \square$ (Worship Arts Ministry) 2 Credits of Worship Arts Elective	SR		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit of Choir	SR		
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit Applied Music (encouraged)	SR		
FOURTH YEAR – SPRING			
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Course Name	<u>Grade</u>	Credits	Academic Year
☐ 3 Credits of Pauline Theology	SR		
☐ 3 Credits of Bible/Theology Elective	SR		
☐ 3 Credits of Ethics	SR		
☐ 3 Credits of General Education Elective	SR		

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☐ (Pastoral Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
$\square$ (Ministerial Leadership) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
$\square$ (Evangelism) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
☐ (Student Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
☐ (Child/Family Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
☐ (Intercultural Ministry) 3 Credits of Vocational Elective	SR	 	_
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) 3 Credits of Theology of Worship	SR	 	
☐ (Worship Arts Ministry) .5 Credit of Choir	SR	 	
(Worship Arts Ministry) 5 of Applied Music (encouraged)	CD		

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### DEPARTMENT OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY

#### **MF1381 Spiritual and Character Formation**

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.

# **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  $21^{st}$  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

MF2350 Hermeneutics 3 Credits

Hermeneutics covers the principles required for the proper interpretation of Scripture. Topics covered include genre, literary and historical context, word study, inspiration, canon, as well as a brief historical overview of Hermeneutics. Special emphasis is placed on outlining and demonstrating the process of biblical theology and application and the necessary steps to move from the text to the sermon outline.

# NT1334 Jewish Background to the New Testament

3 Credits

Jewish Background to the New Testament examines information fundamental to interpreting the Gospels. Topics covered include historical events of the era, significant geographical details, relevant literature, and linguistic aspects which affect these writings. Special emphasis is placed on explaining how all these factors influenced the writing of the Gospels and the development of the early church.

#### **NT1333 Bible Lands Study Tour**

3 Credits

The Bible Lands Study Tour is an onsite field study in Israel exploring the spatial, historical, cultural, and spiritual realities of the Bible. Topics investigated include ancient and modern Jewish history, the process of archaeology and significant discoveries related to the biblical text, the physical settings of the Bible evident in the geographical characteristics of the land as well as literary and cultural features which contribute to an understanding of Scripture. Special emphasis is placed on how all of these features shaped the world, events, and message of the Bible and how the personal observations of this information affects the

student's personal spiritual development.

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.

#### **NT2322 Johannine Literature**

3 Credits

Johannine Literature is a thematic approach to the study of John's Gospel and three epistles. Topics covered include authorship and audience considerations, major themes, organizational structure, and exegesis of key passages. Special emphasis is placed upon the historical and cultural context of these writings. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### **NT3331 Intertestamental History**

**3 Credits** 

This course provides a detailed study of the historical period between the Old and New Testaments. It addresses the political and cultural circumstances which influenced the Jewish context of the New Testament. Special attention is also given to literature which developed in response to the events of this era.

#### NT3332 The Gospels and the Miraculous

3 Credits

The Gospels and the Miraculous is an in-depth study of miracles and the miraculous in the four canonical Gospels. Topics covered include: an introduction to miracles, Old Testament precedents and connections to the miraculous in the Gospels, the miraculous in Second Temple Judaism, a comparison of Jesus to figures of His era associated with the miraculous, and the correlation between Jesus's miracles, the Holy Spirit, and the kingdom. Special emphasis is placed on Jesus's miracles and exorcisms, the role of faith and miracles, and the relationship of miracles and Christology. An exegesis of selected passages is included. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### NT3360 The Spirit and the Church

3 Credits

The Spirit and the Church is an expanded examination of the work of the Holy Spirit and the function, identity, and mission of the Church. Topics covered include: a review of the personality, deity, and work of the Holy Spirit; a study of the origin, nature, and purpose of the Church; an analysis of the organization of the first century Church and its contemporary relevance; and the practice and interpretive views of the ordinances of water baptism and the Lord's Supper. Special emphasis is placed on the empowerment of the Church by the Holy Spirit and His work producing fruit in the believer and distributing gifts. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics; Pentecostal Theology & Practice

#### **NT3341 Romans and Galatians**

3 Credits

Romans & Galatians examines the historical background of both Romans and Galatians in preparation for a detailed exposition of these doctrinally foundational books. Topics covered include Paul's teaching on Adam's sin, justification by faith apart from the works of the law,

predestination, Jewish election and the sovereignty of God, and theologically significant vocabulary. Special emphasis is placed on the application of doctrinal and thematic aspects of these writings to the Christian life and ministry. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

NT3342 Corinthians 3 Credits

Corinthians is an exegetical study of Paul's two letters to the Corinthians. Topics covered include authorship, the historical and contextual setting, and the occasion and purpose of both letters as well as Paul's defense of his apostolic call and ministry. Special emphasis is placed on issues posed by the Corinthian church and the application of Paul's teachings to the twenty-first century church. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

NT3343 Hebrews 3 Credits

Hebrews is an exegetical analysis of this New Testament epistle. Topics covered include an examination of authorship, occasion and purpose, its specific Jewish context, Christology, the New Covenant, the warning passages, and the centrality of faith. Special emphasis is placed on the frequent utilization of the Old Testament to form Christian doctrine and theology. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

# NT3344 Pastoral Epistles

3 Credits

Pastoral Epistles is an expository examination of the epistles of I Timothy, II Timothy, and Titus. Topics covered include the authorship, occasion, and purpose of each letter as well as significant concepts of Paul's theology of gifts, grace, and women in ministry. Special emphasis is placed on Paul's practical advice to ministers concerning church government and the work of the ministry. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### **NT3345 Prison Epistles**

3 Credits

Prison Epistles is an exegetical study of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Topics covered include the historical background, purpose, and occasion for each writing as well as each letter's major topics. Special emphasis is placed on these writings' theological elements including Christology, life in the Spirit, suffering, reconciliation themes, service, and Paul's ministry. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

NT3346 Thessalonians 3 Credits

Thessalonians provides an exegetical study of I and II Thessalonians. Topics covered include their historical background, purpose, and occasion for writing and thematic elements such as eschatology, the Christian life, and Paul's gospel and ministry. Special emphasis is placed on the use and meaning of particular Pauline vocabulary. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

# NT3347 1, 2 Peter, and Jude

3 Credits

1, 2 Peter, and Jude is an exegetical and theological study of 1 and 2 Peter, and Jude. Topics covered include: the background, historical context, structure and major theological themes of each book. Special emphasis is placed on the analysis and interpretation of key passages.

#### NT3348 James: A Practical Guide to Christianity

3 Credits

James: A Practical Guide to Christianity offers an expository examination of James' epistle. Topics covered include key issues confronting the Christian and the early Church including trials and temptations, wisdom and the tongue, wealth and poverty, faith versus works, and

the prayer of faith. Special emphasis is placed on how these teachings continue to offer application for holy and vibrant Christian living. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

NT3351 Revelation 3 Credits

Revelation is a thematic and theological study of this apocalyptic writing. Topics covered include an address of introductory matters such as authorship, historical/contextual setting, occasion, and purpose as well as a study of the writing's presentation of Christ as God, its prophetic and symbolic interests, and an analysis of themes such as the conversion of the nations, the Parousia, the millennial reign of Christ, the new heavens and the new earth, and the final judgment. Special emphasis is placed on methods of interpretation and examination of genre. Prerequisite: Hermeneutics

#### NT3361 New Testament Greek 1A

3 Credits

New Testament Greek 1A is an introduction to the forms, syntax, and grammar of the Greek New Testament. Topics covered include the Greek alphabet, declensions, and present and future verbs. Special emphasis is placed on memorizing vocabulary, noun and verb paradigms, and grammar.

#### NT3362 New Testament Greek 1B

3 Credits

New Testament Greek 1B is the continuation of the course New Testament Greek 1A, which is an introduction to the forms, syntax, and grammar of the Greek New Testament. Topics covered include agrist and perfect verbs, participles, and non-indicative verbs. Special emphasis is placed on translating First John. Prerequisites: New Testament Greek 1A

# **TH3383** The Doctrine of Eschatology

3 Credits

The Doctrine of Eschatology is a theological and exegetical study of end-times events outlined in Scripture. Topics covered include: an overview of eschatological frameworks and terminology, an analysis of the various views regarding the events of Christ's second coming including the rapture, tribulation, and the millennial reign, an examination of personal eschatology, and a review of details provided about the final judgment and the new heavens and new earth. Special emphasis is placed on examining the doctrinal positions of Assemblies of God eschatology, applying exegetical skills, providing a general outline of events, and identifying prominent themes. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

NT1330 Acts 3 Credits

Acts examines the content and themes of this New Testament historical writing. Topics covered include introductory issues such as dating, authorship, sources, and purpose; influential major and minor personalities; apostolic doctrine and church practice; and the importance of witness and evangelism for church growth. Special emphasis is placed on key themes including, but not limited to, the Holy Spirit's directing and empowering role, Spirit baptism and spiritual gifts, prayer, persecution, missional principles, and the relevance of the first-century church for today.

# NT4381 Pauline Theology

3 Credits

Pauline theology is a study of Paul's thirteen epistles. Topics covered include an historical analysis of the contextual circumstances of Paul's writings, his theological responses, and an examination of Paul's Jewish and Greco-Roman background in order to properly interpret his

writings. Special emphasis is placed on the major themes of these writings including the Person and work of Christ, Paul's gospel, new life in Christ, the Church, and eschatology. Prerequisite: Hermeneutics

# **OT3301 Historical Bible Geography**

3 Credits

Historical Bible Geography provides a visual education of the biblical lands of Egypt and Israel. Topics covered include the regions of each location and their climatic effects, the natural resources and goods of each area, and the effects of the geography on the culture. Special emphasis is placed on geography as a hermeneutical tool for biblical narratives.

#### OT3356 Backgrounds to the Bible

**3 Credits** 

3 Credits

Backgrounds to the Bible examines the context of the biblical world. Topics covered include the historical, literary, and archeological settings of Egypt, Mesopotamia, Greece, Rome, and Israel. Special emphasis is placed on demonstrating how these contexts affected biblical history and thought.

OT3332 Pentateuch 3 Credits

Pentateuch is an introduction to the content, contexts, and interpretation of the Torah. Topics covered include: the people, events, and chronology of the Pentateuch; their various historical, linguistic, and geographical contexts; issues related to the authorship and dating; as well as the major theological themes of creation, theocracy, the exodus, the covenants, the Law, the tabernacle, and the Promised Land and their relevance to the New Testament. Special emphasis is placed on the importance of the Torah to the identity of the Jewish people, archeological data, and the application of these writings to the Christian.

OT3322 Genesis 3 Credits

Genesis explores the record of beginnings present in this biblical book. Topics covered include a review of the narratives of creation and the establishment of the human race, an examination of the origin and patriarchal history of the people of Israel, a study of historical and cultural issues which affect the meaning of the text, and an analysis and response to authorship controversies. Special emphasis is placed on significant theological themes and their relation to the totality of Scripture. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### OT3331 Historical Books

Historical Books is a chronological study of the major events and personalities of Israel's history from Joshua through Esther. Topics covered include the theological themes and canonical function of each book in their respective political, cultural, and geographical contexts. Special emphasis is placed on the principles these writings offer for spiritual growth and effective ministry leadership. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Old Testament History and Literature

OT3341 Poetical Books 3 Credits

Poetical Books is an examination of the poetical books of the Old Testament: Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and the Song of Solomon. Topics covered include the nature and styles of Hebrew poetry, literary techniques in poetical writing, 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. Special emphasis is placed on the process of understanding,

interpreting, and applying poetical literature. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### OT3342 Book of Psalms 3 Credits

The Book of Psalms introduces the literary, historical, theological, and devotional aspects of the Psalter. Topics covered include the different types of psalms and their themes, their significance, purpose, and message, and their practical application. Special emphasis is placed on the insights they provide into man's character in relationship to God's. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

#### OT3343 Psalms as Prayer

3 Credits

Psalms as Prayer examines these writings as the "ancient prayer book of the church." Topics covered include the historical use of these writings in Jewish and Christian contexts, essential hermeneutical principles necessary to properly interpret and apply these writings, and methodologies for employing these songs as an expressive and significant approach to prayer. Special emphasis is placed on the practical, personal, and communal aspects of using the Psalms as prayer. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

OT3352 1 & 2 Samuel 3 Credits

1 & 2 Samuel explores the books of 1 and 2 Samuel in their historical-grammatical context with emphasis on four key people: Samuel, Saul, David, and Solomon. Topics covered include key events in the lives of these individuals and an analysis of evident spiritual principles, God's work in David's life shaping and preparing him for the monarchy, the establishment of the Davidic covenant, and other important themes from these writings. Special emphasis is placed on developing appropriate skills of interpretation and application in preparation for ministry settings. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

OT3353 Isaiah 3 Credits

Isaiah is a thematic and theological, chapter-by-chapter exposition of the book of Isaiah. Topics covered include authorship, chronology, and history of interpretation as well as Isaiah's role as a covenant enforcement prophet. Special emphasis is placed on messianic prophecy and imagery, genre and structure, the Servant passages, eschatology, and the religious and socio-political scene in its ancient Near East context.

Prerequisites: Hermeneutics, Old Testament History and Literature

#### **OT3354 Prophetical Books**

3 Credits

Prophetical Books is an examination of the ministry and writings of the Hebrew canonical prophets and is oriented towards the Assyrian and Babylonian Diasporas. Topics covered include the role and function of the Hebrew prophet; the relevance of the prophetic literature to Christian living; and Messianic themes and their New Testament fulfillment in Jesus Christ and His kingdom. Special emphasis is placed on the writings' theology, historical context, and chronology. Prerequisite: Hermeneutics

OT3355 Jeremiah 3 Credits

Jeremiah Lamentations is a thematic and theological, chapter-by-chapter exposition of the book of Jeremiah and the companion writing of Lamentations in their historical and political context: the fall of Jerusalem and the Temple. Topics covered include the life of Jeremiah, the saga of his conflict with the unbelief around him, and the implications of this writing for ministry today. Special emphasis is placed on Jeremiah's prophetic style and methods and to introductory matters:

authorship, date, archaeology, and the structure of the text. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

OT3364 Daniel 3 Credits

Daniel is an exposition of this prophetic writing. Topics covered include authorship, historical context, canonicity, purpose, style, structure, and theology as well as the significance of its prophetic and apocalyptic genres. Special emphasis is placed on the prophetic fulfillments of Daniel's visions, the writing's connections to the book of Revelation, and the application of Daniel in ministry. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

OT3361 Hebrew 1A 3 Credits

Old Testament Hebrew 1A is an introduction to the Hebrew language for Old Testament studies. Topics covered include the alphabetical system of consonants and vowels, morphology, main parts of speech, the syntax of Hebrew grammar in the biblical text, and an introduction to the verbal stems generally and the Qal verbal stem specifically. Special emphasis is placed on vocabulary retention and the implementation of translation skills necessary to conducting sound biblical exegesis.

OT3362 Hebrew 1B 3 Credits

Old Testament Hebrew 1B is a continuation and expansion of Hebrew language study necessary for Old Testament exegesis. Topics covered include recognition of the derived stems of the Hebrew verbal system and analysis of various grammatical constructions. Special emphasis is placed on translating larger portions of Hebrew prose, vocabulary acquisition and retention, and applying Hebrew grammar and translation skills to Old Testament exegesis and interpretation. Prerequisites: Old Testament Hebrew IA

OT3363 Ezekiel 3 Credits

Ezekiel is an in-depth theological study of the Book of Ezekiel that follows the prophet's own structure of Judgment, Exile, and Restoration. Topics covered include authorship, the historical, socio-religious, and geo-political contexts; pneumatology, eschatology and messianic development; and thematic elements such as God's sovereignty and holiness. Special emphasis is placed on Ezekiel's call, experiences, evangelistic mandate, prophetic utterances and style; the use of Ezekiel in the New Testament, and the book's message for contemporary audiences. An exegesis of selective passages is included. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

# 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 utilize the Bible as a foundation for practicing the presence of God. Topics covered include bibliology, the Scriptures as divinely inspired revelation, the canon, the basics of the biblical languages, 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.

**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.

#### **TH2381 Pentecostal Theology**

3 Credits

Pentecostal Theology is an introduction to Pentecostal doctrine in the Assemblies of God. Topics covered include pneumatology from a Pentecostal perspective, the characteristics of a Pentecostal life, select topics in pneumatology, and a review of the Fundamental Truths of 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.

#### TH2382 Systematic Theology I

3 Credits

Systematic Theology I explains systematic theology as a method in distinction from and in relation to other theological disciplines. Topics covered include the person and nature of God, creation, anthropology, harmartiology, Christology, and soteriology. Special emphasis is placed on the need for accurate, organized, and biblically consistent theology that considers all the data for a given topic and is relevant to today's culture. Prerequisites: Encountering God

#### TH2383 Systematic Theology II

Systematic Theology II builds upon the theological foundation of Systematic Theology I. Topics covered include ecclesiology, eschatology, angelology, and demonology. Special emphasis is placed on the need for accurate, organized, and biblically consistent theology that considers all the data for a given topic and is relevant to today's culture. Prerequisites: Encountering God, Systematic Theology I

#### **TH2384 Biblical Theology**

3 Credits

Biblical Theology acquaints students with the history of biblical theology, basic methodological issues and the relationships between biblical and systematic, historical, and practical theologies. Topics covered include the theological progression of God's divine plan, tracing prominent themes as they unfold in both the Old and New Testaments. Special emphasis is placed on themes such as history of redemption, covenantal relationship, the commands of God, and the atonement. Prerequisites: Old Testament History and Literature, New Testament History and Literature, Hermeneutics, and Introduction to Systematic Theology.

# **TH3384 Gifts of the Spirit**

Gifts of the Spirit is an in-depth examination of the nature, history, operation, and oversight of the Holy Spirit's gifts to the Church. Topics covered include: a study of gift listings with associated definitions and categorizations; an analysis of their nature, purpose, and source; an examination of relevant scriptural texts in their historical and linguistic contexts; a historical survey of their use and misuse; a response to cessationism; and an evaluation of modern spiritual gift inventories. Special emphasis is placed on examining the Assemblies of God's views and

guidance on their use and aiding students in discovering and operating in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Prerequisites: Hermeneutics

# **TH4381 Christian Apologetics**

**3 Credits** 

Apologetics is an introduction to the defense of the Christian faith. Topics covered include the impact that faith, reason, and experience have on Christianity; the validity and defense of Christian doctrines as truth; and current societal questions. Apologetics proposes a proper Christian response to these topics. Special emphasis is placed on theological and philosophical defenses of the Christian faith (such as but not limited to: the authority of Scripture, the divinity of Christ, the resurrection of Christ, or the realities of heaven and hell), understanding apologetics from a post-Christian perspective, and the use of Christian experience as an apologetic. Prerequisite: Introduction to Philosophy.

#### TH4391 Servant Leadership: Internship and Theology of Work

3 Credits

Theology of Work encompasses the Senior Internship and a one-hour course taking place the semester following the Senior Internship. Topics covered include the completion of the Senior Internship and a capstone writing project on a ministerial or theological topic of interest to the student. Special emphasis is placed on a theology of work, teamwork, dependability and excellence in the workplace, service to God and humanity, and the writing of the capstone project. This is a Northpoint Values Course. Prerequisite: Junior Internship.

# DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL EDUCATION

#### **EN1310 English Fundamentals**

3 Credits

English Fundamentals introduces students to the essentials of the English language. Topics covered include sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, essay writing, vocabulary, and use of technology to support writing. Special emphasis is placed on mastery of basic writing skills that prepare the student for academic writing tasks. Successful completion of this course results in enrollment in English Composition I. This course does not satisfy graduation requirements. Placement in this class is based upon standardized (SAT/ACT) or college-administered English exam scores.

# **EN1341** College Writing and Research

3 Credits

College Writing and Research is a study in academic writing. Topics covered include identifying and evaluating the scholastic value of sources, organizing and analyzing data for the purpose of constructing a logical and persuasive argument, and a step-by-step approach to writing research papers, exegetical papers, critical reviews, and essays. Special emphasis is placed on learning Turabian formatting. Prerequisites: Preparing for Academic Success.

EN2344 Literature 3 Credits

Literature is a critical and historical study of selected literary works consisting of short story, poetry, and drama. Topics covered include a review of literature which reflects the diversity of cultures and ethnicities, as well as the ability to read critically, respond logically, and write purposefully about literature. Special emphasis is placed on understanding the literary texts from a Christian worldview.

#### **BU2322 Introduction to Business**

3 Credits

Introduction to Business is an overview of basic principles for understanding how a business operates. Topics covered include philosophy of business, business administration, budgeting, economics, human resources, and personal finances. Special emphasis is placed on non-profit/501(c) (3) organizations and the integration of a biblical worldview.

#### **HI2331 Church History**

3 Credits

Church History is a study of the origin, growth, and development of the Christian Church from the 1<sup>st</sup> Century as recorded in the Book of Acts to the present day. Topics covered include the religious, social, and political aspects of Church history. Special emphasis is placed on the development of theological concepts within the Church and the Pentecostal revival of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

#### **HI3331 Ancient Western Civilization**

3 Credits

Ancient Western Civilization surveys the ancient civilizations from 3000 BC to AD 476. Topics covered include the development and influence of civilizations and empires including Egypt, Assyria, Babylon and Persia, and a survey of the political, social, and religious history of Greece and Rome. Special emphasis is placed on understanding biblical events in light of ancient history

#### **HI3343 American History**

3 Credits

American History is a general survey course of American history. Topics covered include: the social, economic, political, and religious development of the United States from the Colonial Period to the present day. Special emphasis is placed on the Revolution, the Civil War, and the two World Wars, and key personalities involved in the United States' growth and development.

#### HI3332 Pentecostal/Charismatic History

3 Credits

Pentecostal/Charismatic History is a study of the foundation and development of the Pentecostal movement. Topics covered include: the events, personalities, conflicts, and theology which formed modern Pentecostalism. Special attention is placed on going worldwide growth of the Pentecostal movement.

#### HI3334 C.S. Lewis and the Great War

3 Credits

C.S. Lewis and the Great War explores the causes and effects of World War I in world history. Topics covered include: events leading to the war, significant dates, important characters, key places and nations, and the post-war world. Special emphasis is placed on the life of C.S. Lewis, the wars influence on his conversion, an examination of Lewis' relationship with J. R. R. Tolkien, and the war's effect on their writings.

#### **MF1310 Preparing for Academic Success**

3 Credits

Preparing for Academic Success is an introduction to collegiate academic strategies. Topics covered include reading and learning strategies, critical thinking, time management, an overview of the Northpoint Turabian writing process, the creation of outlines, learning intelligences, and personality assessments. Special emphasis is placed on avoiding plagiarism and developing strategies that work for the individual student. This is a Northpoint values course.

#### **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.

#### **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.

# PH3381 Introduction to Philosophy

3 Credits

Introduction to Philosophy addresses methods and issues related to philosophical thought. Topics covered include biblical and non-biblical systems of thought, how these systems facilitate one's ability to understand and communicate philosophical concepts, and a review of worldviews and philosophies as well as the philosophers who introduced them. Special emphasis is placed on the development of a worldview from non-biblical and biblical philosophical perspectives.

#### **PH4382 Introduction to Ethics**

3 Credits

Ethics is an introduction to ethical systems from a Christian perspective. Topics covered include philosophies emphasized by prominent Christian and non-Christian leaders; scriptural passages, themes, and principles required to form a biblical ethic; and various decision-making models proposed to address ethical dilemmas. Special emphasis is placed on applying a biblical ethic to contemporary moral and social issues.

#### **PS2371 Introduction to Psychology**

3 Credits

Introduction to Psychology is a study of the complexities and multi-faceted nature of contemporary society and human behavior, addressing numerous studies of human diversity in terms of ability, ethnicity, gender, age, and orientation. Topics covered include: basic functions of human behavior including sensation, cognition, learning, memory, motivation, emotion, and personality, an overview of abnormal behavior therapies. Special emphasis is placed on the evaluation of psychological theories in light of biblical teachings about human nature and the Christian faith.

#### **PS2374 Human Growth and Development**

3 Credits

Human Growth and Development is an introduction to the stages of the human lifespan. Topics covered include psychological, biological, social, and spiritual stages of human development and the various cognitive, affective, behavioral, and spiritual effects that result in the growth and development process. Special emphasis is placed on issues and changes related to each stage of development. Prerequisite: Introduction to Psychology.

#### PS 3343 Social Psychology

3 Credits

Social Psychology is an introduction to the study of the way people think about, feel, and behave in social situations. Topics to be covered include impression formation, conformity, prosocial behavior, interpersonal attraction, persuasion, stereotyping, and prejudice. Special emphasis is placed on developing skills required for analyzing social situations and events.

### PS 3372 Abnormal Psychology

3 Credits

Abnormal Psychology is the study of maladjusted behaviors, emotions and thoughts classified as either a neurotic or psychotic illness. Topics covered include an assessment of mood disorders, personality disorders, anxiety disorders, developmental disorders, and phobias along with their etiology, pathology, and treatment. Special emphasis is placed upon the role of the minister regarding these mental illnesses.

# SC3334 Biological Science

3 Credits

Biological Science introduces fundamental principles of biology and origin of life concepts. Topics covered include human biology, including the hierarchical structure of life from atoms and molecules to the structure and function of living cells, organs, and body systems, a review of current scientific topics such as stem cell research, cloning, genetic engineering, the human genome, and global climate change. Special emphasis is placed on historical and current views on various creation and evolution theories, enabling the student to critically evaluate science from a biblical worldview.

#### SS2331 Marriage and the Family

3 Credits

Marriage and the Family addresses marriage and family relationships. Topics covered include family issues such as parenting, finances, and conflict management. Special emphasis is placed on the value and sacredness of a strong, healthy marriage and family.

# DEPARTMENT OF CHURCH MINISTRIES

#### **CE2321 Ministering to Children and Families**

3 Credits

Ministering to Children and Families provides a broad view of ministry that explores the development programs appropriate for children and families. Topics covered include culturally relevant teaching, age appropriate lessons, and transformational living. Special emphasis is placed on identifying various influences on children, parent partnership, and understanding children's needs. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

#### CE2332 Ministry to Special Needs Children and their Families

3 Credits

Ministry to Special Needs Children and their Families is designed to provide ministry leaders an understanding of the major areas of special needs that may be encountered when working with children in the local church. Topics include types of special needs, proper terminology, trends in special needs ministry and the role of the church in ministering to children with special needs and their families. Special emphasis is place on guiding students to provide leadership that raises the awareness of the need to progress toward greater participation by children and their families in the life of the community of faith and providing accommodations that make that participation possible. Prerequisites: Introduction to Ministry, Ministering to Children and Families, Human Growth & Development.

#### **CE3310 Discipling Students**

3 Credits

Discipling Students is a course focusing on being a disciple and making disciples in fulfillment of the Great Commission. Topics covered include worship, evangelism, connecting relationships, stewardship, spiritual maturity, and identity in Christ. Special emphasis is placed on the cost of discipleship and the power of discipleship communities. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

## **CE3311 Discipling Children**

**3 Credits** 

Discipling Children provides tools enabling the students to reach children organically, culturally, and biblically. Topics covered include assisting children to grow in Bible knowledge, Christ-like character, relationships, worshipping God, and Christian conduct. Special emphasis is placed on the minister building healthy relationships with children and families and creating a discipleship culture. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

# **CE3343 Curriculum Development**

3 Credits

Curriculum Development is an introduction to the curriculum design and development process. Topics covered include: planning curriculum around the calendar, the process of curricular design, creative teaching methodologies, outcome creation and assessment. Special emphasis is placed on developing the skill of six week curriculum design. Prerequisites: Principles and Methods of Teaching.

## **CE3355 Principles and Methods of Teaching**

3 Credits

Principles and Methods of Teaching is an introduction to teaching and learning. Topics covered include teaching methods, the lesson planning process, classroom management, strategies for motivating students, and biblical teaching principles. Special emphasis is placed on the development and practice of lesson planning and teaching. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

#### CE3361 Children's Pastor

3 Credits

Children's Pastor examines the role and responsibilities of pastoral ministry to children. Topics covered include the call to children's ministry, the development, administration, and evaluation of children's programs, staff recruiting and development, child psychology and physical development, and how children's ministry integrates with the overall mission of the church. Special emphasis is placed on the evangelization and discipling of children.

CE3362 Youth Pastor 3 Credits

Youth Pastor examines the role and responsibilities of pastoral ministry to youth. Topics covered include the call to youth ministry, the development, administration, and evaluation of youth programs, staff recruitment and development, adolescent psychology and physical development, and how youth ministry integrates with the overall mission of the church. Special emphasis is placed on the evangelization and discipling of youth.

#### **CE3372** Counseling Children and Youth

3 Credits

Counseling Children and Youth is a practical study of the dynamics of counseling children and youth. Topics covered include counseling techniques, a biblical worldview of psychological perspectives, and determining when professional referrals are warranted. Special emphasis is placed on basic counseling skills such as listening, empathy, and problem definition and clarification.

### **CE4353** Creative Communication to Children and Youth

3 Credits

Creative Communication to Children and Youth explores the art and science of creative communication to children, youth, and young adults. Topics covered include formulation, application, evaluation, and development of age-appropriate communication, methods and models of preparation and delivery, and communicating for evangelism and discipleship. Special emphasis is placed on in-class opportunities to develop, apply, and evaluate these communication skills.

## **CE4363** Teacher and the Teaching Task

3 Credits

The Teacher and the Teaching Task is a study on the inner landscape of the teacher. Topics covered include: calling, characteristics of a teacher, the spiritual life of the teacher, and the pursuit of lifelong learning. Special emphasis is placed on calling and integrity.

#### MF3332 History and Polity of the Assemblies of God

3 Credits

History and Polity of the Assemblies of God examines significant events culminating in the formation and development of the Assemblies of God. Topics covered include: the origin, policies, structure, and growth of the movement are considered. Special attention is given to the Statement of Fundamental Truths and its relationship to the doctrines and purposes of the organization. Prerequisite: Pentecostal Theology

## **ML3311 Developing Leaders**

3 Credits

Developing Leaders focuses on identifying and training individuals for world impact. Topics covered include Old Testament leadership development, New Testament Leadership development, modern leadership models, leadership principles, team building, helping followers become leaders, and leadership legacy. Special emphasis is placed on equipping the student to develop healthy leaders in their ministry context. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

## **ML3312 Developing Student Ministry**

3 Credits

Developing Student Ministry is a practical course that equips the student with the tools needed to create an organic Student Ministry. Topics covered include worship, evangelism, fellowship, and biblical education. Special emphasis is placed on leadership, administration, ethos (ministry culture) and preaching. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

#### PM2311 The 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.

### PM2351 Foundations for Public Ministry and Communication

3 Credits

Foundations for Public Ministry and Communication introduction to the art of public speaking and preaching. Topics covered include: an introduction to the practical and theoretical principles of public speaking. Focus is placed on gathering information, speech composition, and various types of speeches; to introduce the student to the art and craft of the fundamentals of sermon preparation and delivery; to ensure the unity of the sermon's theme while each segment of the sermon is developed; and to demonstrate the value, construction and distinctive 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. This course is a prerequisite for Homiletics 2.

# PM 3383 Small Group Dynamics

3 Credits

Small Group Dynamics offers an understanding of the purpose, establishment and leadership of a small group ministry within the church. Topics covered include: the purpose of small groups,

starting a small groups ministry, the roles and responsibilities of small group facilitators, the roles and responsibilities of small group members and the handling of problems related to small groups.

# PM3302 Spirituality in an Historical Perspective

3 Credits

Spirituality in a Historical Perspective provides a review of significant spiritual renewals throughout Church history. Topics covered include the examination of the lives and spiritual legacies of prominent men, women, and movements throughout Church history; the examination of prominent historical insights to transformational spirituality; and the dynamics conducive to revival. Special emphasis is given to the current application of these historical principles.

### PM3309 Women in Ministry

**3 Credits** 

Women in Ministry provides the theological and historical foundation for the ministry of women in church leadership. Topics covered include the call and commission to ministry, spiritual and academic preparation for ministry, cultural challenges and opportunities for ministry, and unique leadership dynamics for women in ministry. Special emphasis is given to focusing on the spiritual care and development of those entrusted to the care of the female minister.

## PM3381 Navigating Current Issues in Ministry

3 Credits

Navigating Current Issues in Ministry is a study of current challenges in doing practical ministry. Topics covered include gender identity, marital relations, sociopolitical worldviews, macro/micro-economics, compassion ministries, and medical ethics. Special emphasis is given to effective apologetics for evangelism and discipleship.

## **PM3371 Introduction to Pastoral Counseling**

3 Credits

Introduction to Pastoral Counseling presents a biblical understanding of the role of the pastor as counselor. Topics covered include basic counseling skills such as listening, empathy, problem definition, and behavior modification; the biblical perspectives of pain, anxiety, loneliness, depression, fear, anger, guilt and forgiveness; and biblical models for counseling; and prayer. Special emphasis is given to knowing when pastoral counseling is appropriate and when referral to a professional is appropriate.

PM4324 Church Law 3 Credits

Church Law is designed to acquaint students with those areas of the law that may impact them, their ministries, and their church. Topics covered include contract law, tort law, corporate law, real estate transactions, relevant constitutional law, charitable corporation/tax exemption, tax law related to churches and clergy, clergy privilege, and employment/discrimination law. Special emphasis is placed on fiduciary responsibility in partnership and partnering with experienced professionals.

### PM4325 Organizational Leadership

3 Credits

Organizational Leadership outlines a healthy organizational context. Topics covered include effective leadership within an organization, identifying core leadership issues, identifying problems, personnel contributions, morale, leading and managing, and how to bring about change in an organization. Special emphasis is placed on identifying and implementing

healthy organizational structures. Prerequisite: Introduction to Ministry.

## PM4326 Church Planting and Growth

3 Credits

Church Planting and Growth investigates the methods and strategies for beginning new faith communities. Topics covered include the process of conception, birth, growth, maturation, and reproduction of a church; strategic relationships with church planting organizations; and funding church planting endeavors. Special emphasis is given to assessing need and receptivity in the community where a church is to be planted.

#### PM4352 Homiletics II

3 Credits

Homiletics II continues the development of skills in the art of sermon crafting. Topics covered include expository, topical and narrative 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 to improve his or her effectiveness in the craft of sermon preparation and delivery. Prerequisite: Foundations for Public Ministry and Communication.

# DEPARTMENT OF INTERCULTURAL 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*.

### **MI2322 Administration of Intercultural Education**

3 Credits

This course explores principles for founding, developing, and operating intercultural schools for training Christian workers. Attention is given to diversification of delivery systems, including residential, distance, and extension education, as well as leadership styles and levels of learning within the culture to which they minister.

## **MI2352 Cross-Cultural Ministry**

3 Credits

This course expands on material covered in Cross-Cultural Communications. It considers the dynamics of how to minister the gospel more effectively in a cross-cultural setting. In this course, cross-cultural studies are viewed in the context of a clinical environment for the application of biblical and theological truth. It moves beyond communication theory to an emphasis on the practice of ministry.

#### **MI3312 Introduction to Culture**

3 Credits

Introduction to Culture is a course that provides a foundation for understanding and appreciating people from other worldviews and cultures, as well as how cultural dynamics have an impact upon ministry practices. Topics covered include: defining worldview and culture, development of a biblical worldview and approach to intercultural ministry; descriptions of various cultural dynamics, evaluating their positive and negative aspects visà-vis a biblical worldview, and examining the phenomenon of culture shock. Special emphasis is placed on developing attitudes and methods for maintaining proper relationships

and cultural sensitivity while adhering to biblical principles.

### MI3332 Cult Awareness 3 Credits

This course provides an introduction to major current cults. Emphasis is placed on learning the history, belief system and flawed theology of each cult movement with the goal of more effective evangelization of adherents. The course will examine confronting error with biblical truth while maintaining an attitude of compassionate friendship.

#### **MI3351 Intercultural Communication**

3 Credits

Intercultural Communication is a course that explores the impact that cultural dynamics have on communication of the gospel and grounds them in biblical principles providing a rationale for effective incarnational witness. Topics covered include: development of skills for examining worldviews, fostering an awareness of receptor-orientated language and how it affects contextualization, and examining how the realities of globalization/pluralism can affect the delivery of the Gospel message. Special emphasis is placed on incarnational witness, receptor-oriented ministry, and contextualizing the gospel.

# **MI4331 Introduction to World Religions**

3 Credits

Introduction to World Religions examines the belief systems, practices, and philosophical worldviews of the five major existing religions of the world: Hinduism, Buddhism, Daoism/Confucianism, Judaism, and Islam. Topics covered include: theological, cultural and sociological approaches to religion; Christian theological responses; approaches to contextualization; and building bridges on points of contact. Special emphasis is placed on developing ministers of the Gospel who can engage followers of other religions with sensitivity and compassion when communicating the Gospel.

### MI4332 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography

3 Credits

Intro to Cultural anthropology and Ethnography is an introduction to the field of cultural anthropology and aims to help the cross-cultural minister by providing the necessary tools for understanding and navigating cultural and social differences in our interconnected, multicultural world. Topics covered include: historical and anthropological conceptions of culture; epistemology; theories of cultural anthropology, globalization, contextualization; the dynamics of racial, ethnic, and religious identities; cultural-political ideologies, and principles of ethnography. Special emphasis is placed on enhancing the cognitive, affective, and evaluative skills of intercultural workers in regards to the identification and critique of culture from a biblical worldview.

## MI4361 Missionary Life, Administration and Relationships

3 Credits

Missionary Life, Administration, and Relationships is the capstone course that prepares the student for intercultural vocational ministry and considers both the practical and psychological aspects of missionary work. Topics include: itineration, leadership development, administrative skills, spiritual gifts, building a support network, and preparation for field appointments. Special emphasis is placed on the practical realities of missionary vocational preparation and the steps needed after graduation.

### MI4362 Islam: History and Contemporary Realities

3 Credits

Islam: History and Contemporary Realities traces the history of Islam to modern-day realities, examines its belief system, and provides pathways for Christian engagement. Topics covered include: the origins of Islam and the prophet Mohammad, a history of its development and modern practice, as well as Christian engagement with Islam in colonial, post-colonial, and

contemporary realities. Special emphasis is placed on developing awareness of the Islamic presence and strategies for effective Christian engagement.

## MI4363 History of Missions: Cross-Cultural Engagement

3 Credits

History of missions: Cross-Cultural Engagement examines how the Church and its understanding (theology) have been shaped by missionary cross-cultural engagement. Topics covered include: How missions renews the church and its understanding of the gospel, the historical epochs of the church's growth as a serial movement, biographies of selected missionaries and their contributions, and challenging the idea that missionaries destroy cultures. Special emphasis is placed on developing a historical understanding of how missions was practiced and the effects of cross-cultural encounters.

# DEPARTMENT OF WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

## **MU1154 Contemporary Worship Music Survey**

1 Credit

Contemporary Worship Music Survey is an in-depth study and analysis of developmental changes in worship music in the post-modern Evangelical church. Topics covered include the study of global worship ministries, such as Hillsong, Elevation, and Bethel, that have impacted the church world. The study will feature an analysis of the genesis of what became a global influence, unique characteristics of each, the affect these ministries have had on church choirs, challenges these ministries have faced internally and externally, and an analysis of music representative of their catalogue of songs. Special emphasis is placed on demographic studies of Gen Z and Millennial generations and implications for said worship ministries.

### **MU2160 The Northpoint Choir**

1 Credit

The Northpoint Choir is the choral ensemble of the college. Topics covered include ensemble singing in worship, performance preparation, vocal technique, music reading, singing by rote, choral tone, blend, diction, ministry philosophy, and harmonization. Special emphasis is given to the praxis of being a worshipping choir modeled after the characteristics of the New Testament community observed in Acts 2:42-47. The choir is open to all Northpoint Bible College and Graduate School students and required certain semesters for Worship Arts Ministry vocational majors.

# **MU2062 Applied Piano**

.5 Credit

Applied Piano is designed to develop musicianship through the study of piano pedagogy. Topics covered include reading both music and chord charts, building finger dexterity through rudimentary exercises, knowledge of musical terminology, and interpretation relative to compositional and performance-related considerations. Special emphasis special emphasis is placed on the artistry of piano relative to ministry in the local church.

## **MU2063 Applied Voice**

.5 Credit

Applied Voice is an individualized program of study focusing on vocal techniques and performance practices. Topics covered include development of tone production, breath control, resonance, enunciation, communication, expression, pronunciation, and languages. Special emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and vocal performance for a ministry context.

**MU2064 Applied Guitar** 

.5 Credit

Applied Guitar is an individualized program of study focusing on guitar techniques and performance practices. Topics covered include development of music theory, scales, chords, improvisation, tone, and musical context in full-band settings. Special emphasis is placed on the development of musicianship and performance for a ministry context.

MU2164 Class Piano 1 Credit

Class Piano is a group study for those at the beginner level of piano proficiency. Topics covered include a systematic approach to learning piano technique and reading music. Special emphasis is placed on preparing the student for applied piano lessons (MU2162).

MU2165 Class Voice 1 Credit

Class Voice is an introductory group study of the art of singing. Topics covered include developing a healthy vocal technique, quality tonal production, diction, posture, and breath control. Special emphasis isi placed on teaching beginning-level repertoire with the goal of preparing the student for applied voice lessons (MU2163).

MU2201 Drama 2 Credits

Drama is the study of the fundamentals of theatrical writing, acting and improvisation. Topics covered include script development and selection, producing, directing, blocking, acting techniques, rehearsal leading, and performance practice. Special emphasis is placed on the praxis of drama and theatre in the context of the local church and outreach evangelism.

## **MU2351 Music Theory for the Church Musician**

3 Credits

Music Theory for the Church Musician is designed to be a practical study of the fundamental concepts needed to lead music teams in today's church. Topics\_covered include basic rudimentary music components such as clefs, key signatures, note/rest names & values, intervals, chordal structures and names. Special emphasis is placed on the pragmatic aspects of theory that are essential for leading rehearsals in today's church. Such theory will include but not be limited to reading chord charts, how to articulate instructions to members of the rhythm section, and an introduction to the Nashville Number System.

#### **MU2381** Essentials of Worship Leadership

3 Credits

Essentials for Worship Leadership is a comprehensive study of the pragmatic components of a church worship ministry. Topics covered include cultural context, evaluation of songs for congregational singing, spiritual formation for team members, concepts for arranging hymns, formulating a philosophy of worship arts, administration via the web, successful rehearsal techniques, and tips on how to have healthy relationship with a lead pastor. Special emphasis is placed on worship leadership in the public arena of church ministry.

### **MU3201 Hymn Analysis and Performance**

2 Credits

This course is an historical survey of Christian hymns which demonstrates the historic progression of music theory and offers theoretical analysis. Analysis and research of particular hymns is preparatory to individual class presentations. The goal of this class is to provide exposure to the wide variety of hymns that have been prominent throughout the history of Christianity.

## **MU3204 Songwriting and Arranging**

2 Credits

Songwriting and Arranging explores creative aspect music composition and the arranging of

vocal scores. Topics covered included are principles for constructing a strong melody, writing lyrics, the synthesis between melody and text, part-writing, contemporary harmonies, and the arc of an innovative musical that evokes a response from the listener. Special emphasis is placed on songwriting and arranging hymns and gospel & contemporary songs for both ensembles and congregations. Prerequisite: Music Theory for the Church Musician

# **MU3221 Scriptwriting**

2 Credits

Scriptwriting examines the art of writing scripts for the stage and screen in the context of ministry. Topics covered include narrative components of writing for commercials, videos, church announcements, short stage productions, and long form theatrical productions. Special emphasis is placed on developing well-written scripts that move people toward a response.

# **MU3333 History of Church Music**

3 Credits

History of Church Music is structured to apply lessons gleaned from over two thousand years of sacred music. Topics covered\_include a study of musical forms and expressions from the Apostolic Age to Medieval Times to The Reformation to the Modern and Post-modern Church. Special emphasis will be given to liturgical practices that may have been discontinued or minimized over time that could still be meaningful in today's church.

#### **MU3343 Pentecostal Music Ministry**

**3 Credits** 

Pentecostal Music Ministry covers principles that pertain to Holy Spirit empowered music and worship ministry. Topics covered include a study of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament Church, music associated with the birth of the modern Pentecostal movement in the early twentieth century, songs featuring the person and work of the Holy Spirit, the linkage between evangelism and anointed Pentecostal worship, and the development of music ministry in the global Pentecostal Church. Special emphasis is placed on establishing a synthesis of biblical principles and practical application in preparation for effective Pentecostal music/worship ministry.

#### **MU3151 Ear Training for the Church Musician**

1 Credit

Ear Training for the Church Musician is a practical study of the fundamental auditory concepts needed to lead music teams in today's church. Topics covered <u>include</u> the aural identification of intervals, scales, rhythms, and chords. Special emphasis is placed on intervals in sight-singing through aural and rhythmic listening drills and melodic and harmonic dictation.

### **MU2353 Theatrical Production**

2 Credits

Theatrical Production addresses the techniques for producing ministry events. Topics covered include brainstorming, inception, organization, casting, selection, communication, rehearsals, copyright, recruitment, collaboration, resources, scriptwriting, technical resources and application, design, crew organization, promotion, and performance both in the church and in outreach settings. Special emphasis is placed on the application of theater in ministry.

# **MU3254 Choral Conducting**

2 Credits

Choral Conducting is designed to give students the basic tools to effectively direct a choir. Topics\_covered include a study of conducting techniques, fundamentals of diction in singing, rehearsal techniques, directing accompanying instruments, basic score analysis, elements of interpretation, and building independence of hands for expressive purposes. Special emphasis is placed on the application of conducting techniques to lead a church choir.

## MU4380 Theology of Worship

3 Credits

Theology of Worship examines the pragmatic theology that provides an underpinning for the praxis of worship in the Church. Topics covered include biblical terms and definitions on this subject, reflections on the attributes of God, temple worship, what pleases and displeases the Lord in worship, the Levitical sacrificial system with implications for Christ-centered worship, an overview of the great songbook of the Bible – the Psalms, what Jesus and Paul taught relative to worship, and ultimately timeless principles to be integrated into a practical theology of worship. Special emphasis is placed on the practical application of biblical truth relative to the subject of worship in the context of the local church.

# **MU4242 Music Technology**

2 Credits

Music Technology examines the theory and application of software and equipment used in the worship arts. Topics covered include audio interfacing, hardware and software recording technologies and live sound technologies including instrument and sound reinforcement interfacing. Special emphasis is placed on music production across various worship environments.

# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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# **Executive Committee:**

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# ADMINISTRATION

## Rev. Tiff Shuttlesworth, President

Diploma, Zion Bible Institute Founder and President of Lost Lamb Ministries Inducted into Billy Graham's Notable Names in Evangelism Relevant Experience

Administrative Experience: over 40 years

Ministerial: Almost 50 years

#### Rev. Dr. Daniel Howell, Chief Academic Officer/ Provost

Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation, Fuller Theological Seminary Master of Divinity, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Science in Education, Emporia State University

Relevant Experience

Administrative Experience: 27 Years

Teaching: 20 Years Pastoral: 26 Years

#### Mrs. Pam Perron, Chief Financial Officer

Bachelor of Arts in Accounting

Relevant Experience
Accounting: 15 years

### Rev. Michael Scott, Director of Student Development

Master of Arts in Ministerial Leadership, Southeastern University Bachelor of Arts in Youth Ministry, Central Bible College Associate of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Central Bible College

Relevant Experience
Youth Ministry: 10 Years
Executive Ministry: 2 Years

## Rev. Dr. Cecilio Hernandez, Dean of Hispanic College

Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Leadership, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Urban Ministries, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Master of Science in Organizational Leadership, Southern New Hampshire University Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, University of Lowell

Relevant Experience Teaching: 6 years

Pastoral: 35 Years

Presbytery Ministry: 8 years

Non-Profit Administration: 25 years

# **FACULTY**

## Rev. Dr. Michael Caparrelli, Adjunct

Ph.D. in Behavioral Science, Capella University Master of Arts in Teaching, Liberty University Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Zion Bible College

Relevant Experience Teaching: 3 Years Pastoral: 15 Years

### Rev. Dr. Daniel Crabtree, Distinguished Professor

Doctor of Ministry, Ashland Theological Seminary Master of Divinity, Ashland Theological Seminary Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Central Bible College

Relevant Experience Teaching: 21 Years Pastoral: 14 Years

## Rev. Dr. Paul Drost, Adjunct, Graduate Program

Doctor of Ministry, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Christian Ministries, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Arts in Ministry, Southeastern University

Relevant Experience
Pastoral: 41 Years
Administrative: 39 Years

Teaching: 3 Years

#### Ms. Gail Fracassa, Adjunct, CAD Director

Master of Science in Medical Laboratory Science, University of Massachusetts Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology, University of Rhode Island

Relevant Experience
Teaching: 15 Years

#### Rev. Dr. Patrick Gallagher, Distinguished Professor

Doctor of Ministry, Regent University

Master of Arts in Bible and Theology, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Central Bible College

Diploma in Biblical Studies, Zion Bible Institute, (Northpoint)

Relevant Experience Teaching: 35 Years Ministerial: 35 Years

## Rev. Dr. Awilda Gonzalez, Adjunct, Hispanic College

ThD in Biblical and Historical Studies, Boston University School of Theology Master of Divinity, Masters of Arts, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Bachelor, Business Administration, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Arecibo.

Relevant Experience
Pastoral: 30 years
Teaching: 23 years

Author: Over 12 books, chapters, articles, or book reviews

#### Rev. David Hodge, Assistant Professor, Chair Bible and Theology Department

Master of Arts in Old Testament, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Biblical Languages, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Bachelor of Bible, Northpoint Bible College

Relevant Experience
Teaching: 14 years

Administrative Experience: 17 Years

#### Rev. Dr. Daniel Howell, Professor, Chief Academic Officer/ Provost

Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Formation, Fuller Theological Seminary Master of Divinity, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Science in Education, Emporia State University

Relevant Experience

Administrative Experience: 27 Years

Teaching: 20 Years Pastoral: 26 Years

#### Ms. Ginger McDonald, Librarian

Master of Arts in Library Science, Drexel University Bachelor of Bible, Zion Bible Institute, (Northpoint)

Relevant Experience Librarian: 18 Years

#### Mrs. Mary-Alexandra Onstad Craft, Adjunct

Graduate Diploma in Voice and Opera, New England Conservatory Master of Music in Voice Performance, Shenandoah Conservatory of Music Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance, Concordia College

Relevant Experience

Teaching: 5 years of applied voice and piano

Professional: Sectional Soprano Leader for various churches, performed in various opera's and musical productions in the United States and 6 countries worldwide

# Rev. Benjamin Phillips, Assistant Professor, Chair of General Education

Master of Divinity, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Bible, Northpoint Bible College

Relevant Experience Teaching: 13 Year Pastoral: 9 Years

## Rev. Dr. Randal Quackenbush, Associate Professor, Chair Worship Arts Ministry Department

Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Worship, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Master of Arts, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Music Education, Evangel University

Relevant Experience
Pastoral: 36 years
Teaching: 14 years
Author: 7 years

#### Rev. Dr. David Ricci, Associate Professor

PhD in Theological Studies with a Concentration in Biblical Studies, Regent University Master of Arts in Old Testament Studies, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Bachelor of Bible, Zion Bible Institute, (Northpoint)

Relevant Experience Teaching: 10 Years Ministerial: 25 Years

# Rev. Dr. Daniel Rivera Ortiz, Adjunct, Hispanic College

Doctor of Ministry, Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary

Theological Seminary of Church of God, Master of Divinity, Lee College, Cleveland, TN Bachelor of Science, Pastoral Studies, Biblical Education, Bachelor of Arts, Pentecostal Bible College of Puerto Rico

Relevant Experience Pastoral: 42 years

Missionary: 12 years Teaching: 18 years

Educational Administration: 9 years

### Rev. Dr. Ericka Sandstrom, Adjunct, Graduate School and Hispanic College

PhD in Biblical Theology and Interpretation, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Old Testament Studies, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Bachelor of Arts, Central Bible College

Relevant Experience
Pastoral: 11 years
Teaching: 12 years

Presbytery Ministry: 2 years

#### Rev. Ryan Seler, Adjunct

Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, Regent University Bachelor of Arts in Church Music, University of Valley Forge

> Relevant Experience Ministerial: 9 years Teaching: 7 years

#### Rev. Dr. Andrew Templeton, Director of Online Education

Doctor of Ministry in Christian Leadership, Asbury Theological Seminary Master of Divinity, Asbury Theological Seminary Bachelor of Arts in Bible/Theology and Business and Business Administration Associate of Arts, Valencia College

Relevant Experience

## Rev. Dr. John P. Vick, Adjunct, Graduate Program

Doctor of Ministry, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Doctor of Philosophy with a Concentration in Leadership, Tennessee Temple University (Piedmont University)

Master of Science in Leadership, Mountain State University (University of Charleston) Bachelor of Science in Ministry, Southeastern University

Relevant Experience

## Rev. Dr. George Winney, Adjunct, Graduate Program, Graduate Hispanic Program

Doctor of Philosophy in Intercultural Studies, Biola University

Doctor of Ministry with a Concentration in Strategic Planning in Ministry, Biola University Master of Divinity, Liberty University

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, Liberty University

Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Theology, Global University

Diplomado Administración de Empresas, ITAM Mexico

## Relevant Experience

Pastoral: 30 Teaching: 30

Business Leadership: 25 Years

#### Rev. Dr. Mark Wootton, Professor, Chair of Pastoral Ministries

Doctor of Ministry in Pentecostal Leadership, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Master of Divinity, equivalency granted by Assemblies of God Theological Seminary Master of Arts in Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

Bachelor of Arts in Bible, Central Bible College

Relevant Experience

Pastoral: 31 years Teaching: 24 years

Educational Administration: 8 years

# SEMINARY ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The Seminary at Northpoint Bible College is dedicated to providing quality graduate level education focused on equipping current and future church leaders to fulfill their call. The Graduate School is devoted to the centrality of Scripture, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and a Pentecostal viewpoint in theology, ministry, and life.

The Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree at the Graduate School is a multi-faceted degree in that if offers curriculum for the enhancement of ministry in various settings. The underlying sub-structure of the degree is to equip current and future church leaders in the process of growing healthy and vibrant ministries in a local ministry context. We define church growth and revitalization (whether revitalization is viewed as a continual process in maintaining a healthy church or as a major transformation for an unhealthy church) as the ability for a ministry leader to understand current societal and ministry trends, evaluate a current ministry, develop a new direction/plan for a ministry, and to the ability to implement and evaluate the plan. This is the nucleus of our practical theology degree. Every course in this degree includes course requirements that are practical and applicable to the student and/or ministry setting which can lead to or enhance the probability of growth or revitalization.

Expanding the leader's breadth of Scripture through enhanced hermeneutical skills and an appreciation of historical theology, and by augmenting the leader's understanding of theology for ministry and life in an academic environment is challenging yet richly rewarding. The advanced study of scripture provides the means for a better understanding of the triune God and His Kingdom, a deeper appreciation for and understanding of Pentecostalism, personal transformation, and for exploring the nature of ministry.

The practical theology curriculum focuses on three aspects. First, it strengthens the pulpit and teaching ministries of the leader. The centrality of scripture in ministry is enhanced through the continual improvement in the knowledge of communication theory and methods and in the ongoing development of communication skills.

Second, the curriculum helps in the discovery of new ministry strategies. The study of various models of ministry utilized by growing churches is evaluated. Local ministry settings are evaluated for current effectiveness and new strategies for church vitality are created. In addition, tools necessary for understanding the need for and process of church revitalization are incorporated into the curriculum. The challenges for continual improvement and the development of new strategies create an environment for providing the skills for ministry.

Personal renewal is the third aspect. The practical theology curriculum provides opportunities for spiritual renovation and formation. The discovery of new avenues for continual spiritual health, the development of life and ministry worldview, and an understanding of oneself as an *Imago Dei* are vital to the spiritual well-being of the leader. The positive and encouraging interaction between fellow students and mentors creates an environment conducive to transforming the person in ministry.

The Master of Arts in Practical Theology degree offers three separate concentrations for the student's choosing: Spiritual Formation, Pastoral Leadership, Preaching.

# **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

The Admissions Requirements for the Master of Arts in Practical Theology are the following:

- Personal Application
- Application fee of \$50.00 (online \$25.00)
- Pastoral Reference
- Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college
- Transcripts from all undergraduate schools
- GPA equivalent to a letter grade of B- at the undergraduate level
- Comprehensive account of conversion experience, relationship with Jesus Christ, and ministry experience in the church or parachurch ministry (350-400 words)
- Essay (see application), 2-4 pages
- Graded research paper from student's undergrad studies
- Interview with the Graduate School Admissions Committee
- Health Certificate
- All required Massachusetts Immunizations
  - o Tetanus shot within the last ten years
  - o Two MMR's (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)
  - o Three Hepatitis B Vaccinations
  - Meningococcal Vaccination (or waiver)
  - o Chicken Pox vaccination or proof of having Chicken Pox
- Proof of health insurance that meets the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' requirements
- TOEFL scores for international students. A score of 65 with a writing subtest score of 17 or higher on the internet-based exam or a score of 500 on the paper exam is required for admission.

### TRANSFER STUDENT

An official transcript, from a recognized accredited graduate school must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar at the time of application. The transcript will be reviewed by the Office of the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. Transferred credits will be determined (1) by the student's grade and (2) similarity to our curriculum. Only courses in which a grade of B or better was earned will be considered. No transfer credits will be considered for courses taken at another institution once the student has matriculated into Northpoint without express written permission from the Chief Academic Officer/Provost. A maximum of twelve credits may be transferred into the master's program.

# **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

The eligibility of students for graduation is determined based on the following academic qualifications and personal responsibility of the student.

- 1. Completion of the required 48 credit hours with a GPA of 2.7 or higher. Degrees are conferred upon all academic requirements are complete and grades are posted.
- 2. A maximum of twelve credits may be transferred into the Graduate School at Northpoint Bible College at the time of matriculation.
- 3. Graduation Ceremony participation is required for all graduating students. Students who

- graduate in December should make plans to attend the following spring's commencement exercises.
- 4. Demonstrate doctrinal soundness in accord with the beliefs held and taught by the Graduate School at Northpoint Bible College and the General Council of the Assemblies of God.
- 5. Demonstrate Christ-like character and should consistently exemplify integrity, honesty, and morality above reproach.
- 6. No degree, transcript, or reference letter will be released by the Graduate School until all financial and academic obligations have been met.
- 7. The Seminary Faculty and the Board of Trustees of Northpoint Bible College must approve the student as a candidate for graduation.

# **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

#### The student will:

- 1. Understand the biblical basis for Christian doctrine and the historical development of the Church and its ministries.
- 2. Demonstrate a biblically-based knowledge of complex issues confronting the contemporary Church.
- 3. Utilize critical reasoning skills in areas of Christian thought and practice.
- 4. Acquire linguistic, historical, and critical tools and skills for interpreting Scripture.
- 5. Demonstrate the development of a biblical world-view in thought, ministry, and life.
- 6. Develop effective communication skills and methods.
- 7. Plan for personal spiritual development and demonstrate knowledge of the importance of personal spiritual formation, spiritual disciplines, and various Christian spiritualties.
- 8. Develop awareness of the relationship between Pentecostal orthodoxy and orthopraxy empowered by the Holy Spirit.

# **CONCENTRATION OBJECTIVES**

#### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

**Statement of Expectations**: The Pastoral Leadership Development concentration encourages church ministry organization leaders to make courageous, intentional choices to grow deeper and influence wider. Students who take this concentration will rediscover their calling, develop their unique contribution, and effectively deploy other leaders. Graduates will infuse core paradigms, synthesize leadership theory, cultivate into Bible-centered leaders, and acquire the ability to effectively build and lead ministry teams.

### The student will:

- 1. Rediscover and articulate his/her calling and giftedness to make their unique contribution in any organization.
- 2. Define, understand, and utilize leadership emergent theory to build leaders, create teams, and improve their organizational setting.

3. Demonstrate the ability to identify potential ministerial leaders and create a leadership development series to provide quality leaders in a local ministry context.

#### **PREACHING**

**Statement of Expectations**: The preaching concentration is designed to enable pastors, missionaries, evangelists and ministerial students to preach with *greater confidence*. This confidence grows in the preacher who develops the skills necessary to connect the truth of the biblical text to the needs of the modern listener. Upon completion of this degree the graduate of the preaching concentration should have developed skills in how to: practice genre sensitive biblical interpretation, build sermons that maintain listener interest and engage in audience analysis.

#### The student will:

- 1. Articulate a biblical theology of preaching.
- 2. Practice genre sensitive exegesis in sermon preparation.
- 3. Build sermons that are true to the biblical text and well organized.
- 4. Analyze listeners and cultural trends that impact preaching effectiveness.
- 5. Preach sermons that maintain listener interest.

#### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**Statement of Expectations**: After completing the Master of Arts in Practical Theology with a concentration in Spiritual Formation, the student will have a biblical and historical understanding of discipleship/spirituality which will lead them to the development of their own personal theology of discipleship. This personal theology should act as the foundation for the student's future ministry. This concentration will engage the student in the development of their own personal spirituality. Upon completion of this degree, the student will be prepared to effectively engage in local church ministry of group or personal Christian education, discipleship, spiritual formation, or mentoring.

#### The student will:

- 1. Explain key emphasis of major spiritual movements, developments and practices throughout biblical and church history.
- 2. Summarize the spiritual lives and practices of influential people throughout biblical and church history.
- 3. Identify and integrate spiritual thinking, disciplines, spirituality, and theological rationale of past Christian spiritual movements and individuals into a 21<sup>st</sup> century setting.
- 4. Express, investigate, interpret, and appraise concepts, facets, and practices of and for congregational spiritual renewal.
- 5. Validate when, how, and why participation in the spiritual formation concentration has fostered and developed the student's personal spiritual life.

# **GRADING SCALE**

A+ A A- B+	SUPERIOR  ABOVE AVERAGE	97–100 93–96 90–92 87–89	<ul><li>4.0 Grade points per semester hour</li><li>4.0 Grade points per semester hour</li><li>3.7 Grade points per semester hour</li><li>3.3 Grade points per semester hour</li></ul>
В		83–86	3.0 Grade points per semester hour
B-		80–82	2.7 Grade points per semester hour
C+	AVERAGE	77–79	2.3 Grade points per semester hour
C		73–76	2.0 Grade points per semester hour
C-		70–72	1.7 Grade points per semester hour
D+	POOR	67–69	1.3 Grade points per semester hour
D		63–66	1.0 Grade points per semester hour
D-		60–62	0.7 Grade points per semester hour
F	FAILURE	59&	0.0 Grade points per semester hour
		Below	
F	REPEATED FAILED	CLASS	Not computed into G.P.A.
P	PASS		Not computed into G.P.A.
W	WITHDRAW		Not computed into G.P.A.
WP	WITHDRAW PASS		Not computed into G.P.A.
WF	WITHDRAW FAIL		Not computed into G.P.A.
INC	INCOMPLETE*		Not computed into G.P.A.
AUD	AUDIT**		No Credit

<sup>\*</sup>An INCOMPLETE grade is given when a student, due to illness or an emergency situation beyond his/her control, is unable to complete his/her final project or final exam before the end of the semester. Work must be turned in within two weeks from the close of the semester; otherwise, the student will receive a failure "F" for the incomplete work. The final grade will be adjusted according to the average of the course work and the final "0" grade. Please see the section "LATE WORK" for policy and procedure.

# SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

FALL FIRST YEAR			NG
BI5322 – Old Testament Survey	3	TH5382 – Pent. Foundations for Theo. & Min	3
BI5351 – Introduction to Hermeneutics	3	BI5382 – New Testament Survey	3
PT5381 – Spiritual Formation	3	PT5382 – Leadership Discovery: Call of God	3
TH5384 – Theo. Thinking, Research & Wr	it. 3	PT5389 – Biblical Leadership Models	3

FALL	SECON	D YEAR SPRI	NG
BI5321 – Unity of the Bible	3	TH5381 Essentials for Theological Developme	ent 3
PT5388 – Human Resource Developmen	nt 3	PT6325 – Leadership Deployment: Team	
_		Leadership	3
PT5390 – Leading a Multidimensional		PT6336 – Leading Change	3
Organization	3		
PT 6326 – Leadership & Organizational	Culture 3	PT6391/2 – Internship –or– Internship: Ministr	у
		Planning and Development	3

<sup>\*\*</sup>Permission to AUDIT a course must be submitted in writing to the Dean of Academics.

#### **PREACHING**

FALL	FIRST	T YEAR SPRII	NG
BI5322 – Old Testament Survey	3	TH5382 – Pent. Foundations for Theo. & Min	3
BI5351 – Introduction to Hermeneutics	3	BI5382 – New Testament Survey	3
PT5381 – Spiritual Formation	3	PT5351 – Exegetical Foundations for Preaching	; 3
TH5384 – Theo. Thinking, Research & Wr	it. 3	PT5352 - Theo., Hist., and Practice of Preachin	g 3

FALL	SECOND YEAR SI		<b>VG</b>
BI5321 – Unity of the Bible	3	TH5381 Essentials for Theological Developmen	ıt 3
PT5353 – Expository Preaching	3	PT6307 – Preaching to Modern Listeners	3
PT5354 – Narrative Preaching	3	PT6308 – Preaching the Great Themes	3
PT6306 – Preaching for Spiritual Formatio	n 3	PT6391/2 – Internship –or– Internship: Ministry	
		Planning and Development	3

### **SPIRITUAL FORMATION**

FALL	FIRST	YEAR SPRIN	<b>VG</b>
BI5322 – Old Testament Survey	3	TH5382 – Pent. Foundations for Theo. & Min	3
BI5351 – Introduction to Hermeneutics	3	BI5382 – New Testament Survey	3
PT5381 – Spiritual Formation	3	PT5383 – Biblical and Theological Foundations	
		for Spiritual Form.	
		3	
TH5384 – Theo. Thinking, Research & Wr.	it. 3	PT5371 – Studies in Pre-Reformation Spirituality	y 3

FALL SE	SECOND YEAR SPI		1G
BI5321 – Unity of the Bible	3	TH5381 Essentials for Theological Developmen	it 3
PT5372 – Studies in Reformation & Post-		PT6328 – 21st Century Discipleship	3
Reformation Spirituality	3		
PT5373 – Personal Spirituality & the Ministry	y 3	PT6329 – Readings in Spiritual Hagiography	3
PT6327 – Leading Congregational Change	3	PT6391/2 – Internship –or– Internship: Ministry	
		Planning and Development	3

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **BIBLE AND THEOLOGY**

#### **BI5322 Old Testament Survey**

3 Credits

Old Testament Survey provides book-by-book coverage of the Old Testament and an examination of relevant ancient Near Eastern developments as they impact Israel. Topics covered include analysis of the various corpora and genres, each book's structure, physical and cultural contexts, and focus on a timeline of events. Special emphasis is given to a selection of themes and theological topics, the ultimate failure of human effort, and the promise of hope embodied in messianic prophecy and prefigurement which pave the way for Jesus' incarnation.

### **BI5321 Unity of the Bible**

3 Credits

Unity of the Bible presents a broad overview of the Bible. Topics covered include geography, historical and cultural settings, themes, the process of canonization, and the establishment of a

groundwork for a biblical worldview with application to twenty-first-century life. Special emphasis is given to the theological unity of Scripture and how the redemptive plan of God relates to the various covenants and their fulfillment in Christ.

BI5351 Hermeneutics 3 Credits

Hermeneutics is designed to develop the student's ability to interpret Scripture. Topics covered include understanding and utilization of classic historical and linguistic skills, the ability to identify, evaluate and implement resources critical to the interpretive process; and knowing and applying principles of biblical interpretation such as: genre, historical and literary context, word study, comparison of translations, and grammatical analysis for interpreting Scripture. Special emphasis is placed on applying these above aspects to biblical theology and the application of theological truth to life.

### **BI5382** New Testament Survey

3 Credits

New Testament Survey provides book-by-book coverage of the New Testament and an overview of Intertestamental period (Second Temple period) literature and developments which inform New Testament studies. Topics include genre, geography, and relevant religious, social, and political factors. Special attention is given to a selection of theological topics and themes with an emphasis to develop a strong and abiding faith in Jesus, the central figure of the NT.

#### **TH5381** Essentials for Theological Development

**3 Credits** 

Essentials for Theological Development is a basic introduction to the classifications, divisions, and scope of theology. Topics covered include the study of Scripture through biblical, historical, systematic, practical and spiritual theology. From each division, one aspect of theology will be introduced. Special emphasis is placed on theology as a lived experience that gives direction to one's worldview and that is not solely an academic study.

### TH5382 Pentecostal Foundations for Theology and Ministry

3 Credits

Pentecostal Foundations for Theology and Ministry lays a foundation for understanding theology and ministry from a Pentecostal perspective. Topics covered include an exploration of whether there is a Pentecostal theology or epistemology to adequately support and define ministry; differences and similarities between Pentecostal and traditional evangelical theology; and how doctrines and practices should be communicated within twenty-first century Pentecostalism. Special emphasis is placed on defining Pentecostalism and the place of Christian experience within Pentecostalism.

### TH5384 Theological Thinking, Research and Writing

3 Credits

This course provides students with the opportunity to develop thinking, research, and writing skills. Students will develop their theological thinking through study and research in the realm of theology. Students will also discover research and writing preparation techniques. Students will learn how to construct academic papers using the mechanics of writing a paper such as flow of thought, transition from section to section, the art of crafting good sentences and paragraphs, and correct formatting of a paper using the 9<sup>th</sup> Edition of Turabian and the Northpoint Writing Standard. Emphasis is also given to critical thinking and the implications and applications of theological thinking, research, and writing.

## PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

## PT5381 Spiritual Theology: Spiritual Formation for Pentecostals

3 Credits

Spiritual Theology: Spiritual Formation for Pentecostals assesses spirituality from two lenses: holistic and Pentecostal. Topics covered include how personality shapes spirituality, the role the Holy Spirit and spiritual disciplines play in spiritual formation, an introduction to hagiography, and a review of various spiritualities and spiritual disciplines. Special emphasis will be placed on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the importance of spiritual growth for personal and vocational life.

PT6391 Internship 3 Credits

This internship is designed to provide each student with opportunities for practical field experience in vocational ministry. Participation in ministry under the observation and mentorship of an effective role model is meant to enhance the communication and administrative skills of the student, increase experiential knowledge, and enable him or her to apply theoretical concepts to common ministry concerns. Mentorship by an approved professional ensures that academic study and practical experience are fully integrated to produce an effective practitioner within the ministry context. Prerequisite: Successful completion of three semesters of the MA in Practical Theology program.

## PT6392 Internship: Ministry Planning and Development

3 Credits

This course is designed to the meet the internship requirement for those students who are engaged in ministry and are unable to participate in a traditional internship. The course will be designed to the ministry context of each student which will involve a major ministry project that will directly benefit the current ministry setting of the student. With the help of the student's advisor, a specific ministry will be chosen. The ministry can be the reformulating of a current aspect or the establishment of a new ministry. The basic requirements for anyone taking this course will be 2500-2600 pages of reading, a 40-page written ministry project, 4 reading reflections, and a spiritual formation reflection. Prerequisite: All course work with except of the final semester prior to graduation MA in Practical Theology program.

### SPIRITUAL FORMATION

## PT5383 Biblical and Theological Foundations for Spiritual Formation

3 Credits

Biblical and Theological Foundations for Spiritual Formation is a study of the philosophical and theological understanding of spiritual formation and discipleship. Topics include spirituality from an Old Testament and New Testament perspective and spiritual disciplines encountered in Scripture. Special emphasis is given to spirituality from various perspectives such as but not limited to: the Law, the Psalms, Johannine, Pauline, or later New Testament writers.

# PT5371 Studies in Pre-Reformation Spirituality

3 Credits

Studies in Pre-Reformation Spirituality is a study of the spirituality of individuals and movements from A.D. 100 to 1500. Topics covered include but are not limited to: people such as Origen, Augustine, Basil, Benedict, St. Symeon the New Theologian, William of St. Thierry, and movements such as monasticism and Celtic spirituality. Special emphasis is given to the applicability of historical spirituality to our modern 21st century and Pentecostal context.

### PT5372 Studies in Reformation and Post-Reformation Spirituality

3 Credits

Studies in Reformation and Post-Reformation Spirituality is a study of the spirituality of individuals and movements from A.D. 1500 to 1800. Topics covered include but are not limited to: people such as Luther, Calvin, Ignatius, John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence, and movements such as Anabaptism, Wesleyanism, Puritanism, Pietism, and Orthodoxy. Special emphasis is given to the applicability of historical spirituality to our modern 21st century and Pentecostal context.

## PT5373 Personal Spirituality and the Ministry

3 Credits

Personal Spirituality and the Ministry considers the importance and practice of personal spiritual formation of the vocational minister. Topics covered include: the emotional and spiritual health of the vocational minister, understanding, appreciating, and being renewed by the grace of God, the value of reading for personal spiritual growth, and knowing the resources available for nurturing spiritual growth. Special emphasis will be placed on developing a rule of life.

### PT6327 Leading Congregational Change

3 Credits

Leading Congregational Change focuses on moving the local congregation, as a community of faith, into spiritual renewal and maturity. Topics covered include: expectations for congregational renewal, what is continual renewal, can spiritual maturity be measured, what tools are available to measure congregational/spiritual renewal, and can leadership plan for renewal. Special emphasis will be placed on understanding congregational changed in light of our Pentecostal heritage and practices.

# PT6328 21st Century Discipleship

3 Credits

21<sup>st</sup> Century Discipleship is about the importance of and ways to create disciples in a post-Christian era. Topics include: a review of the definition and history of discipleship (particularly in the context of a non-Christian/pre-magisterial eras), the use of electronics and media in discipleship, planning for discipleship, creating a profile/description of a 21<sup>st</sup> century disciple of Christ, and knowing why current models for creating disciples are or are not working. Special emphasis is placed on creating a model of discipleship in a specific ministerial context,

### PT6329 Readings in Spiritual Hagiography

3 Credits

Readings in Spiritual Hagiography is an advanced course in reading and analyzing primary source material. Topics include writers such as but not limited to: Augustine, Brother Lawrence, John of the Cross, Jeanne Guyon, The Orthodox Pilgrim, John Bunyan, Evelyn Underhill, C.S. Lewis, and Thomas Merton. Special emphasis is placed on the enduring spirituality of the primary source hagiography.

#### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

### PT5382 Leadership Discovery: The Call of God

3 Credits

Leadership Discovery synthesizes the study of the leader's unique call of God. Topics covered include time analysis, sovereign perspective, leadership values, and leader transitions. Special emphasis is placed on leadership trajectory, the clarity of the call of God, leadership emergence theory, and the call of God in the Old and New Testament.

#### PT5388 Human Resource Development

3 Credits

Human Resource Development emphasizes training, education and other types of development for employees after they are hired in an organization. Topics covered include: hiring, morale,

motivation, people issues, and training and development. Special emphasis is placed on growth and development of people in your organization and making your organization more effective.

# PT5390 Leading a Multidimensional Organization

3 Credits

Leading a Multi-Dimensional Organization is an examination of the intricacies of leading people from multiple backgrounds into working together for common mission, vision, and objectives. Topics covered include: communication, conflict resolution, emotional intelligence, cultural agility, organizational culture, decision making, team building, and leadership styles. Special emphasis is placed on discerning how the nuances of cultural, generational, gender, economic, and educational backgrounds will impact the topics covered in this class.

## **PT5389 Biblical Leadership Models**

**3 Credits** 

Biblical Leadership Models identifies and examines leadership models found in the Old and New Testaments. Topics include the leadership styles of, but limited to Abraham, Moses, Saul, David, Nehemiah, Jesus and the Apostle Paul. Special emphasis is placed on how the principles of biblical leaders can be applied in the 21<sup>st</sup> century context.

## PT6325 Team Leadership Development

3 Credits

Team Leadership Development identifies and explores the power of community in leadership development. Topics include team building, the difference between teams and groups, the wisdom of teams, dysfunctional teams, and what constitutes high impact teams. Special emphasis is placed on identifying and building high impact teams.

## PT6326 Leadership and Organizational Culture

3 Credits

Leadership & Organizational Culture focuses on the personal, relationship dynamics within missional organizations. Topics include the leader as change agent, the leader as encourager, leadership values, strategic planning, mission and organizational culture. Special emphasis is place on how to position the organization for growth enabling sustainable missional organizations.

### PT6336 Leading Change

3 Credits

Leading Change focuses on understanding how to plan and implement change in various organizations and other settings. Topics covered include: succession planning, organizational culture change, and leading people through change. Special emphasis is placed on formulating strategies and tactics for organizational change and interventions. Prerequisites: Biblical Leadership PT6326 Leadership & Organizational Change.

#### **PREACHING**

### PT5351 Exegetical Foundations for Preaching

3 Credits

Exegetical Foundations for Preaching is designed to provide the skills for biblical interpretation. Topics covered include how to use historical/grammatical/literary interpretation, how to determine the exegetical idea of the text, and how to recognize theological ideas and rhetorical arguments employed by the original author. Special emphasis is placed on developing the exegetical skills necessary for biblical preaching.

### PT5352 Theology, History and Practice of Preaching

**3 Credits** 

Theology, History and Practice of Preaching examines the theological foundation for preaching and the sermons and methods of great preachers throughout church history. Topics covered include preaching styles of famous preachers, Pentecostal preaching, the call to preach,

preaching for special occasions and developing a preaching calendar. Special emphasis is placed on the lives and ministries of preachers such as Martin Luther, George Whitefield, Charles Finney and Billy Graham.

## **PT6301 Narrative Preaching**

3 Credits

Narrative Preaching is designed to improve the student's skill in preparing and effectively communicating narrative sermons. Topics covered include Topics include narrative analysis, and structuring and delivering a narrative sermon. Special emphasis is placed on developing the skill to effectively preach biblical narratives that engage listeners. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

## **PT6306 Preaching for Spiritual Formation**

3 Credits

Preaching for Spiritual Formation is designed to equip the pastor to employ preaching in leading his or her congregation in spiritual growth. Topics covered include preaching for spiritual growth and developing a sermon series focusing on spiritual formation from a theme or book of the Bible. Special emphasis is placed on the spiritual life of the preacher in leading others in spiritual growth. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

## **PT6308** Preaching the Great Themes

3 Credits

Preaching the Great Themes focuses on the topical preaching of theological themes found in Scripture. Topics covered include discovering the theological ideas of a biblical passage and how to preach biblical theology. Special emphasis is placed on developing a series of sermons exploring themes such as Christology, redemption, and suffering. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching.)

# PT6309 Apologetic Preaching

Apologetic Preaching is designed to equip the student to prepare and communicate sermons that address intellectual and spiritual needs with compelling reasons. Topics covered include the relationship between apologetics and homiletics, understanding the modern skeptic, and how to effectively contextualize the gospel. Special emphasis is placed on how to communicate and defend a Christian worldview and doctrine. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching)

#### **PT5353 Expository Preaching**

3 Credits

Expository Preaching is designed to improve the student's skill in preparing and communicating verse-by-verse sermons. Topics covered include determining the exegetical idea of a biblical passage and developing the structure and homiletical idea of a sermon. Special emphasis is placed on developing a sermon series from a book of the Bible. (Prerequisite: Exegetical Foundations for Preaching.