

## **DIPLOMA IN MESSIANIC STUDIES (48 hours)**

### Course Descriptions

#### **Southern Baptist Life –THCM2375**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of the history, structure, activities, and funding of the Southern Baptist Convention. Included in the course will be a discussion of the current state of the convention, as well as the future prospects of the Southern Baptist Convention. Special emphasis will be placed upon the history and operation of the Cooperative Program funding system.

#### **Introduction to Jewish Hermeneutics – BSCM1300**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to enable the student to develop a sound method for biblical interpretation. The student will be introduced to the basic principles, steps, and major resources available for practicing biblical exegesis, including the Seven Rules of Hillel.

#### **Introduction to Preaching (Homiletics) – PMCM2300**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the fundamentals of sermon construction. As a basic course in homiletics, attention is given to understanding a definition of preaching, practical aspects of sermon preparation, various resources available for sermonic development, and learning how to plan for regular preaching opportunities based on challenges related to a contemporary preaching ministry. A bit of Talmudical hermeneutics is good to illustrate the Jewish mindset and conviction.

#### **Worship Perspectives – PMCM3330**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to examine the development of Jewish worship in the Old Testament, New Testament, and throughout Christian and Jewish history in order to evaluate the ways historical perspectives and practices of worship may relate to Jewish worship in contemporary settings.

#### **Practice of Evangelism – CMCM2380**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the biblical basis for evangelism and missions. Particular attention will be given to issues related to Jewish people becoming believers in Messiah, using the Tanach to preach Jesus to a Jewish person, the Jewish conversion process. Students will learn and practice these basic principles of witnessing to Jewish people during the semester.

#### **Principles of Messianic Jewish Congregational Planting – PMCM2375**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is help students identify key principles related to Messianic Jewish Congregational Planting or Congregational revitalization. Emphasis is given to the biblical basis, the motivation, the principles, demographic information, Jewish believers connecting with other cultures (cross-cultural outreach), and budgeting.

#### **Old Testament Survey - BSCM2310**

**3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to prepare the student for more intensive studies in the Old Testament. Emphasis is placed upon gaining an overview of the Old Testament through a survey of geographical and historical backgrounds and a book-by-book study. Attention is given to the structure of each biblical book, significant interpretation problems, and major theological themes.

**New Testament Survey - BSCM2350****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the student to the background and literature of the New Testament. After a background study of the historical and cultural factors of the inter-biblical period and of pertinent political and geographical factors, the remainder of the course is devoted to a book-by-book study, including introductory matters for each book and a content summary.

**Christian Doctrine - THCM2300****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to survey the doctrines of the Christian faith. Students are introduced to the biblical, historical, philosophical, and systematic aspects of theology. Special attention is given to Baptist doctrine and Messianic Jewish Theological issues.

**Biblical Greek I - LSCM2382****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to enable students to read New Testament Greek. The result will be the equipping of the student to interpret the books and letters of the New Testament. An emphasis is placed upon grammar and vocabulary. Some consideration is given to the practice of translation.

**Biblical Hebrew I - LSCM2380****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce the basic grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of the Hebrew Scriptures in order to read and translate biblical texts. The emphases are on developing a working vocabulary and examining the grammar of nouns, pronouns, adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions.

**Introduction to Counseling - PCCM2370****3 Hours**

The purpose of this course is to present an overview of the counseling profession by offering relevant content, vignettes, and issues for students to consider. The course also offers specific content in the specialty areas of community agency counseling, school counseling, and student affairs practice (counseling in higher education settings). The course will introduce the student to certification or licensing exams along with common/core areas.

**Introduction to Ministry - CMCM1310****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the philosophical and theological aspects of ministry. The primary thrust of the course is to help students develop a practical approach and skills which will enable them to function as under-shepherds in various ministry settings. These include Jewish issues and Holocaust academia, crisis intervention, visitations, compassionate death notifications, ministry of presence, funeral planning, minister survival skills, etc. Lectures are devoted to emphasizing a team orientation to the organization and administration of pastoral nurturing.

**Survey of Jewish/Christian History – THCM2351****3 hours**

The purpose of this course is to trace a parallel history of Israel, Judaism and Christianity from their beginnings to the present day. Special attention will be given to Jewish schisms, Jewish/Christian schism, and Christian/Messianic schism.