

RENEW Course Descriptions: Fall 2023

MIN401 Dynamics of Discipleship (3 Credits)

The core of ministry leadership is shepherding individuals toward God, helping them grow in their faith, and mobilizing them as productive parts of the body of Christ. This course is designed to introduce students to concepts of spiritual development, a biblical understanding of what it takes to be a shepherd, and approaches for fostering people of various age groups through each stage of growth.

Bibliography Sample

- *DiscipleShift: Five Steps That Help Your Church to Make Disciples Who Make Disciples*, Jim Putman, ISBN: 978-0310492627
- *Conformed to His Image: Biblical and Practical Approaches to Spiritual Formation*, Kenneth Boa, ISBN: 978-0310238485
- *GROW System: Level 1*, Pilgrimage, ISBN: 978-0615976129
- *GROW System: Level 2*, Pilgrimage, ISBN: 978-0989458313
- *The Christian Life Profile Assessment Tool Workbook: Discovering the Quality of Your Relationships with God and Others in 30 Key Areas*, Randy Frazee, ISBN: 978-0310251613

FIN131 Personal Finance (3 Credits)

Students will develop an understanding of personal finance concepts from a biblical worldview. Topics will include saving, personal budgeting, debt, purchasing decisions, insurance, investments, retirement and college planning, career choices, real estate and mortgages and generosity. Students will apply these concepts to their current and future personal financial situations as a foundation for effective lifelong stewardship.

Bibliography Sample

- *Complete Guide To Money*, Dave Ramsey, ISBN: 978-1937077204

- *The Financial Peace Planner: A Step-by-Step Guide to Restoring Your Family's Financial Health*, Dave Ramsey, ISBN: 978-0140264685
- *How To Manage Your Money: An In-Depth Bible Study on Personal Finances*, Larry Burkett, ISBN: 978-0802414779
- *Managing God's Money: A Biblical Guide*, Randy Alcorn, ISBN: 978-1414345536
- *Complete Financial Guide For Young Couples*, Larry Burkett, ISBN: 978-1564761309

LDR301 Foundations of Leadership (3 Credits)

This course is designed to disciple students in the role, qualifications, and skills of leadership. It is designed to introduce the student to the basic principles of leadership as they relate one-on-one, in small group environments, as well as in leading leaders within an organization. Attention will be given to learning to differentiate between various leadership styles, to identify exemplary role models from various contexts, to evaluate personal leadership tendencies and traits, and to help students begin to work on their own leadership skills.

Bibliography Sample

- *Spiritual Leadership: Moving People on to God's Agenda, Revised and Expanded*, Henry T. Blackaby, ISBN: 978-1433669187
- *Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future*, Andy Stanley, ISBN: 978-1590525395
- *Courageous Leadership: Field-Tested Strategy for the 360° Leader*, Bill Hybels, ISBN: 978-0310495956
- *Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence For Every Believer*, J. Oswald Sanders, ISBN: 978-0802482273
- *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them and People Will Follow You*, John Maxwell, ISBN: 978-0785288374

THE230 Christian Apologetics (3 Credits)

This course is a survey and evaluation of various evangelical approaches to apologetics and an examination of various worldviews, with an emphasis on the development of a Christian worldview. The course will equip the believer in the use of scripture and theistic proofs to defend the Christian faith by identifying and responding to attacks from secularists, pragmatists, skeptics, and those in other religions. Most importantly, this course will bolster the faith of Christians by commending the reality, relevance, reliability, credibility, excitement, and wonder of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Bibliography Sample

- *Five Views on Apologetics*, Steve B. Cowan, ISBN: 978-0310224761
- *Apologetics: A Justification of Christian Belief*, John M. Frame, ISBN: 978-1596389380
- *Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth and Apologetics*, William Lane Craig, ISBN: 978-1433501159
- *Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview*, J.P. Moreland, ISBN: 978-0830826940
- *Faith and Reason: Three Views*, Alan G. Padgett, ISBN: 978-0830840403

RENEW Course Descriptions: Spring 2024

BIB110 Bible Survey (3 Credits)

This course lays a foundational understanding of the Bible through a historical survey of the Old and New Testaments. Emphasis will be given to interacting with biblical literature, basic hermeneutical principles, key themes and characters, and the redemptive theme of Scripture.

Bibliography Sample

- *Illustrated Bible Survey: An Introduction*, Ed Hindson, ISBN: 978-1433651120

- *Courageous Faith: Life Lessons from Old Testament Heroes*, Ed Hindson, ISBN: 978-0899571324
- *A Concise Bible Survey: Tracing the Promises of God*, Christopher Cone, ISBN: 978-0976593034
- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Gordon D. Fee, ISBN: 978-0310517825

MIN404 Developing Dynamic Teams (3 Credits)

Organizations are increasingly realizing the need for a team orientation, yet, despite the rhetoric, there remain significant cultural impediments to team development and maintenance. This course leads students in an application of group and team theory for recruiting, developing, mobilizing, and mending teams of employees and volunteers for maximum effectiveness.

Bibliography Sample

- *Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't*, Simon Sinek, ISBN: 978-1591848011
- *Team of Teams: New Rules of Engagement for a Complex World*, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, ISBN: 978-1591847489
- *The Coaching Habit: Say Less, Ask More & Change the Way You Lead Forever*, Michael B. Stanier, ISBN: 978-0978440749
- *Sticky Teams: Keeping Your Leadership Team and Staff on the Same Page*, Larry Osborne, ISBN: 978-0310324645
- *Leading the Team-Based Church: How Pastors and Church Staffs Can Grow Together into a Powerful Fellowship of Leaders*, George Cladis, ISBN: 978-0787941192

PHI130 Introduction to Ethics (3 Credits)

This course is designed as an introduction to ethical thought and its application to contemporary decision-making. Examination of issues such as those involved in reproduction, abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, genetic engineering, biomedical research, divorce, homosexuality, LGBT,

capital punishment, civil disobedience, war, social justice, and the environment may be explored. The desired outcome is for students to demonstrate critical thinking about such issues and to develop skills to articulate positions about moral and social problems from their own personal worldviews.

Bibliography Sample

- *Ethics*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, ISBN: 978-0684815015
- *Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues and Options*, Normal L. Geisler, ISBN: 978-0801038792
- *Ministerial Ethics: Moral Formation for Church Leaders*, Joe E. Trull, ISBN: 978-0801027550
- *Christian Ethics: A Case Method Approach 4th Edition*, Laura A. Stivers, ISBN: 978-1570759666
- *Introducing Christian Ethics: A Short Guide to Making Moral Choices*, Scott Rae, ISBN: 978-0310521181

MAT121 Problem-Solving Strategies (3 Credits)

This course is an introduction to classic and nontraditional problem-solving strategies. Students will learn how to successfully gather information, arrange it, implement one or more strategies to best solve a problem, and then communicate the solution in both written and oral form. Above all, this class will teach how to think creatively and critically and how to solve problems collaboratively.

Bibliography Sample

- *Problem-Solving Strategies in Mathematics*, Alfred Posamentier, ISBN: 978-9814651639
- *The Art of Mathematical Problem Solving*, Richard Beekman, ISBN: 978-1329428904
- *The Stanford Mathematics Problem Book*, G. Polya, ISBN: 978-0486469249

- *How to Solve It: A New Aspect of Mathematical Method*, G. Polya, ISBN: 978-0691164076