

RENEW Course Descriptions: 2024-2025

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.

Next Generation Leader: 5 Essentials for Those Who Will Shape the Future
by Andy Stanley

BIB112 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

3 Credits

This course is a chronological survey of New Testament people, places, and events. It highlights the basic message of the New Testament books, their contribution to God's redemptive storyline, and their significance for Christian thought and practice, based on the life and teaching of Christ, the apostles, and the early development of the churches.

A Popular Survey of the New Testament by Norman L Geisler

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.

[Is God Just a Human Invention? And Seventeen Other Questions Raised by the New Atheists](#) by Sean McDowell and Jonothan Morrow

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.

[How to Manage Your Money; An In-Depth Bible Study on Personal Finance](#) by Larry Burkett

[Managing Good's Money: A Biblical Guide](#) by Randy Alcorn

GLS220 WORLD RELIGIONS

3 Credits

Religion as an effort to make sense of a chaotic world and to shape it into something predictable and manageable, has been around in many and widely varied forms since the earliest times in human history. This course is intended to help students explore human religiosity by engaging with current religious traditions, in terms of their histories, cultural contexts, and varied expressions, all with the goal of developing the ability to understand, engage, and effectively carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ into a highly diverse and constantly changing world.

Resource - TBD

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.

[Introducing Christian Ethics: A short Guide to Making Moral Choices](#) by Scott b. Rae

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.

[Real - Life Discipleship Training Manual: Equipping Disciples that Make Disciples](#) by Jim Putman

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.

[The Five Dysfunctions of a Team](#) by Patrick Lencioni

[The Ideal Team Player](#) by Patrick Lencioni