The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry
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Departments Within the College
- Christian Ministry
- Theology

Mission Statement
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry endeavors from a Christian perspective to teach students the Bible, our Christian heritage, and spiritual formation, and to prepare students for professional church vocations.

Vision Statement
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry accomplishes its mission by:

1. Providing introductory courses for each SBU student in the Bible and spiritual formation.
2. Providing courses that will prepare students for seminary or further graduate study.
3. Providing an introduction to the basic tools of doing the work of a local church.
4. Mentoring church vocation students to clarify their call and to live the Christ-centered life.
5. Giving experience under guidance through its In Service Training Office to those preparing for church vocations.
6. Making students aware of the witnessing imperative of the Christian faith around the globe.

The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry is responsible for the academic programs in religion and for the Institute of Evangelism. The College serves the University by offering courses required for graduation (BIB 1013/1213, BIB 1023/1223, and SPF 2012) and programs of theological training for those who are entering church related vocations and for lay people.

Majors and Minors
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry offers majors and minors through the departments of Christian Ministry and Theology. There are also interdisciplinary majors, minors and special programs. A student may take more than one Redford major only with special permission and special course requirement limits.

Students must earn C grades or higher in all courses taken within the Redford CORE (see next section), their major(s), concentrations and/or minor(s) with the Redford College. All policies of the University apply to students who major or minor in Redford College programs. The standard semester course load of 16 hours is required in order to earn the baccalaureate degree in eight semesters (4 years).

Out of a commitment to continuous improvement of the student’s undergraduate experience, The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry assesses the learning process in a number of ways. These may include, but are not necessarily limited to, entrance and exit examinations, student portfolios, and exit interviews and surveys requesting information from graduates, graduate schools and employees. Confidentiality is always maintained, and the results of these various instruments are used to make positive and constructive changes to the academic program.
All Redford College students are expected to live a consistent Christian life based on biblical principles of conduct.

**Redford CORE Curriculum**
All Redford majors (other than Intercultural Studies and Christian Studies) are required to take a block of courses which will provide a balanced theological education. These are referred to as the CORE. It consists of:

- BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation
- CHR 3013 Introduction to Ministry
- PHI 2013 Philosophical Foundations for a Christian Worldview
- THE 3113 Christian Doctrine
- THE 3463 History of Christianity I or THE 3673 History of Christianity II

*Intercultural Studies majors have their own distinctive core requirements.*

**Residence Requirement**
A minimum of half the required courses for all Redford majors and minors must be taken at Southwest Baptist University.

**Department of Christian Ministry**
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Christian Ministry majors in the Redford College will choose a concentration in pastoral ministry, children’s ministry, discipleship ministry, youth ministry, or intercultural studies. For Church Music (B.M. degree), see the listing under Department of Music in the Geneva Casebolt College of Music, Arts and Letters

Courses in the Department of Christian Ministry stress the development of ministry skills for pastors, Christian education ministers, youth ministers, children’s ministers, other staff positions and missionaries, as well as for lay ministry. The department’s purpose is to equip people for building the Kingdom. In addition to the general education, graduation, and core requirements, majors must complete the following requirements.

**Christian Ministry Major**
*Concentration in Pastoral Ministry – B.A. Degree (34 hours)*

- *BIB – Beyond BIB 1013/1213, 1023/1223, 2093 (6 hours)
- CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
- CHR 3023 Introduction to Preaching (3 hours)
- CHR 3783 Worship and Song in the Church (3 hours)
- CHR 4003 Expository Preaching (3 hours)
- CHR 4983 Christian Ministries Apprenticeship (3 hours)
- COM 2393 Interpersonal Communication or COM 3383 Small Group Communication (3 hours)
- COM 3313 Advanced Public Speaking (3 hours)
- ICS 2901 Same-Cultural Service Project or ICS 2911 Cross-Cultural Service Project (1 hour)
• PSY 4243 Pre-Marital Counseling or PSY 4363 Marriage and Family Counseling (3 hours)
• Redford elective, choose from the following (3 hours)
  o CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administration
  o CHR 3003 Introduction to Disciple-making
  o ICS 2013 Cultural and Global Awareness
  o ICS 3033 World Christian Foundations
  o ICS 4023 Indigenous Christian Community
  o ICS 4313 World Religions

* Up to six (6) hours of upper-level Greek and/or Hebrew may be counted as upper-level Bible.

Concentration in Children's Ministry – B.A. Degree (33 hours)

• *BIB – Beyond BIB 1013/1213, 1023/1223, 2093 (6 hours)
• CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
• CED 2033 Principles of Teaching in the Church (3 hours)
• CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administrations (3 hours)
• CED 3043 Children's Ministry (3 hours)
• CED 4983 Christian Education Apprenticeship (3 hours)
• EDU 2232 Introduction to Early Childhood Education – co-enroll with EDU 2381 (2 hours)
• EDU 2332 Teaching the Young Child – co-enroll with EDU 2381 (2 hours)
• EDU 2381 Early Childhood Practicum – co-enroll with EDU 2232 (1 hour)
• EDU 2391 Early Childhood Practicum, Lower Elementary grades 1-3 – co-enroll with EDU 2332 (1 hour)
• PSY 3053 Child Development Through Adolescence (3 hours)
• PSY 3313 Introduction to Counseling or PSY 4243 Pre-Marital Counseling or PSY 4363 Marriage and Family Counseling or SOC 4053 Death and Dying (3 hours)
• THE/PHI Upper-level course (3 hours)

Concentration in Children's Ministry – B.S. Degree (41 hours)

Same as B.A. degree plus 8 hours from the following:

• BUS 2013, BUS 3073
• CED 2062, CED 2013, CED 4003, CED 4053, CHR 3003, ICS 3033
• EDU 2243
• PSY 3313, PSY 4033, SOC 4053, SOC 4333, PSY 4373, SOC 3003

Concentration in Cross-Cultural Ministry – B.A. Degree

This is a backup degree for those who, because of recent health failure or emergency, cannot complete the ICS six-month Semester Abroad. Because the ICS major is preferred, this major can only be utilized with faculty approval. It is identical to the ICS major except for the academic requirements of the Semester Abroad.

The degree requirements are:

1. The same General Education Requirements as the Intercultural Studies major, including two credits in ICS 2911 or ICS 2912 for cultural competency
2. The same Graduation Requirements as the Intercultural Studies major
3. The Intercultural Studies Core, except for ICS 3053 Survival Abroad (see substitution below)
4. A Market Skill or an additional major or minor
5. The following course substitutions:
   a. In place of ICS 2118: 8 credit hours of a foreign language
   b. In place of ICS 3053: ICS elective or CHR 2043 or CHR 3003 or CHR 3023
   c. In place of ICS 4082: ICS 4343 or COM 3333 or SOC 3063 or SOC 4043
   d. In place of ICS 4982: ICS elective or CHR 2043 or CHR 3003 or CHR 3023
   e. In place of BIB 4063: BIB 3023 or PHI 2013 or THE 3463 or THE 3673 or THE 4003

Concentration in Discipleship Ministry – B.A. Degree (30 hours)

- *BIB – Beyond BIB 1013/1213, 1023/1223, 2093 (6 hours)
- CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
- CED 2033 Principles of Teaching in the Church (3 hours)
- CED 3013 Youth Ministry in the Church or CED 3043 Children's Ministry or CED 4003 Adult Ministry in the Church (3 hours)
- CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administration (3 hours)
- CED 4053 Youth Discipleship and Evangelism (3 hours)
- CED 4983 Christian Education Apprenticeship (3 hours)
- CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
- CHR 3003 Introduction to Discipleship (3 hours)
- THE – Beyond Core (3 hours)

Concentration in Discipleship Ministry – B.S. Degree (38 hours)

Same as B.A. degree plus 8 hours from the following:

- BUS 2013, BUS 3073
- CED 3013, CED 3043, CED 4003
- CED 4053, CHR 3003, ICS 3033
- PSY 3313, SOC 4053, PSY 4243, PSY 4363
- PSY 3063, PSY 4273, PSY/SOC 3073, SOC 4333
- CED/THR 2062
- SOC 3003, SOC 3063, SOC 4083

Concentration in Youth Ministry – B.A. Degree (33 hours)

- *BIB – Beyond BIB 1013/1213, 1023/1223, 2093 (6 hours)
- CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
- CED 2033 Principles of Teaching (3 hours)
- CED 3013 Youth Ministry in the Church (3 hours)
- CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administration (3 hours)
- CED 4053 Youth Discipleship and Evangelism (3 hours)
- CED 4983 Christian Education Apprenticeship (in church) or CED 4983 Christian Education Apprenticeship (unchurched) (3 hours)
- CHR 3003 Introduction to Disciple-making (3 hours)
• PSY 4033 Adolescent Development (3 hours)
• PSY 3313 Introduction to Counseling or PSY 4243 Pre-Marital Counseling or PSY 4363 Marriage and Family Counseling or SOC 4053 Death and Dying (3 hours)
• THE – Beyond Core (3 hours)

Concentration in Youth Ministry – B.S. Degree (41 hours)

Same as B.A. Degree plus 8 hours from the following:
• CED 2062, CED 3043, CED 4003, CHR 3033
• KIN 1012, KIN 1022, KIN 3093
• PSY 2023, PSY 4273, PSY/SOC 3073, SOC 4053, SOC 4333, PSY 4373
• PSY 3313, SOC 3003, SOC 3063, SOC 4043

Intercultural Studies Major – B.A. Degree

The Intercultural Studies (ICS) major prepares students academically and practically for cross-cultural service through:

1. The ICS Core classes that emphasize cultural understanding, personal growth, theological truth, and cross-cultural communication of the biblical message
2. A six-month Semester Abroad which immerses the student in cross-cultural experience, language learning, practical service, and on site learning in cultural research and intercultural interpretation of the Bible
3. Interdisciplinary training in a market skill, such as computer science, teaching English as a second language, sports management, social work, and health care, in order to be a valued contributor in a different culture

The Department anticipates that its ICS graduates will distinguish themselves in at least five areas of service:

1. Missionaries who serve as evangelists, translators, teachers, disciplers;
2. International businessmen and professionals who serve in secular platforms;
3. Stateside cross-cultural servants to the many ethnic minorities now in North America;
4. Mobilizers who passionately recruit and train others to serve cross-culturally; and
5. Leaders in people-oriented jobs who work in cross-cultural environments.

In addition to the general education and graduation requirements, the ICS major requires 32 hours in the Intercultural Studies Core, 16 hours during the Semester Abroad, and at least Minor in another area of the university that can be utilized as a Market Skill. Additional electives taken can be applied toward a double major in one’s Market Skill.

Intercultural Studies Core (32 hours)

• BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation (3 hours)
• Upper-level BIB elective (3 hours)
• Elective: Any ICS, BIB, THE or CHR 2043 or 3003 (3 hours)
• ICS 2013 Anthropology for Cross-Cultural Service (3 hours)
• ICS 2911 International Cross-Cultural Service Project (1 hour)
• ICS 3033 Introduction to Missions (3 hours)
• ICS 3043 Spiritual Preparation for Cross-Cultural Service (3 hours)
ICS 3053 Survival Abroad – spring semester before Semester Abroad (3 hours)
ICS 3073 Storying and Discipling Cross-Culturally or ICS 4023 Indigenous Christian Community (3 hours)
ICS 4121 International Market Skills (1 hour)
ICS 4313 World Religions (3 hours)
The student will travel overseas for six months (normally June to December) where he/she will initially reside with a national family. Destination sites will be approved by the ICS faculty. The cost of this trip will be paid by the student. Note: If the student is married, the spouse must participate in this overseas experience as well. The student will serve as an apprentice under a career cross-cultural worker. Coursework will be conducted via email (thus requiring a laptop computer) and will include:

- BIB 4063 Intercultural Theologizing (3 hours)
- ICS 2118 Barefoot Language Learning – satisfies B.A. language requirement (8 hours)
- ICS 2911 Cross-Cultural Service Project (1 hour)
- ICS 4082 Ethnography and Strategy (2 hours)
- ICS 4982 Apprenticeship Practicum (2 hours)

Required Minor in a Market Skill (at least 18 hours)

The student is required to complete a minor in another discipline in order develop a Market Skill that will broaden both preparation and opportunity for cross-cultural ministry. While a student is free to minor in area in the university, such areas of preparation tend to provide greater ministry accessibility. Some recommended minors are Art, Business Administration, Communication, Computer Information Science, Counseling, Economics, English as a Second Language (ESL), Financial Services, Management, Marketing, Music, and Social Work.

Department of Theology

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Courses in this department provide the student with an understanding and appreciation for the Christian intellectual tradition, in general, and for the Bible, in particular. Courses in Greek and Hebrew lay the essential linguistic foundations for those who teach and proclaim the Bible as well as teach the language skills necessary to a liberal arts program. Courses in church history, philosophy and theology equip the student to gain insight into philosophical problems and representative systems of thought, to understand important doctrines of the Christian faith and to understand the development, expansion and historical impact of Christianity. In addition to the general education, graduation, and core requirements, majors must complete the following requirements.

Biblical Studies Major – B.A. Degree (38 hours)

Old Testament courses (9 hours):
- BIB 3033 Old Testament Hymnic and Wisdom Literature
- BIB 3043 Pentateuch
• BIB 4003 Archaeology and the Bible

New Testament courses (9 hours):
• BIB 3053 Early Pauline Epistles
• BIB 3063 Later Pauline Epistles
• BIB 3083 Hebrews and General Epistles
• BIB 4023 Life and Teachings of Christ

**BIB upper-level Bible electives (12 hours)

Language courses (8 hours):
• *GRE 2014, 2024 Elementary Greek I and II or
• HEB 2014, 2024 Elementary Hebrew I and II

* May also be used for language requirement for graduation requirement.
** Up to six (6) hours of upper-level Greek and/or Hebrew may be counted as upper-level Bible.

Religion and Philosophy Major – B.A. Degree (36 hours)
• THE 3463/3673 History of Christianity I or II – whichever not taken for CORE (3 hours)
• PHI 4013 Philosophy of Religion (3 hours)
• PHI – beyond CORE (15 hours)
• THE – beyond CORE (15 hours)

Christian Studies Major – B.A. or B.S. Degree
The Christian Studies Major is designed to give students majoring in another field within the university, but outside of the Redford College of Theology and Ministry, a broad overview of the various disciplines within theological and ministry studies. A student may not major in Christian Studies as a standalone major or as a second major along with another major within the Redford College of Theology and Ministry. The intention is to prepare students for either ministry in the local church or community or for the pursuit of graduate studies in either theology or ministry after graduation. It is ideal for students who wish to prepare for bi-vocational ministry.

Christian Studies Core
At least one course from each of the following four areas (12 hours):
• Biblical Studies
• Theology and Philosophy
• Christian Ministry and Christian Education
• Intercultural Studies

Electives from Theology and Christian Ministry (18 hours)
• 3 courses from the Department of Theology (9 hours)
• 3 courses from the Department of Christian Ministry (9 hours)
Minors
Any student in the University may earn a minor in Biblical Studies, Biblical Languages, Children’s Ministry, Christian Education, Evangelism, Intercultural Studies, Pastoral Ministry, Philosophy, Theology, or Youth Ministry.

Biblical Studies (18 hours)
Eighteen hours of Bible above the graduation Bible requirements. Nine of the hours must be upper-level.

Biblical Language (22 hours)
- GRE 2014, 2024 Elementary Greek (8 hours)
- HEB 2014, 2024 Elementary Hebrew (8 hours)
- HEB or GRE Upper-level (6 hours)

Children’s Ministry (18 hours)
- CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
- CED 2033 Principles of Teaching in the Church (3 hours)
- CED 3043 Children’s Ministry in the Church (3 hours)
- EDU 2232 Introduction to Early Childhood – co-enroll with EDU 2381 (3 hours)
- EDU 2332 Teaching the Young Child – co-enroll with EDU 2391; spring after EDU 2232 and EDU 2381 (2 hours)
- EDU 2381 Early Childhood Practicum – co-enroll with EDU 2232 (1 hour)
- EDU 2391 Early Childhood Practicum, Lower Elementary grade 1-3 – co-enroll with EDU 2332 (1 hour)
- PSY 3053 Child Development Through Adolescence (3 hours)

Christian Education (18 hours)
- CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
- CED 2033 Principles of Teaching in the Church (3 hours)
- CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administration (3 hours)
- Electives (9 hours):
  - CED 3013 Youth Ministry in the Church
  - CED 3043 Children’s Ministry
  - CED 4003 Adult Ministry in the Church
  - CED 4053 Youth Discipleship and Evangelism

Evangelism (18 hours)
- Christian Ministry Elective (3 hours)
- CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
- CHR 3003 Introduction to Disciple-making (3 hours)
- CHR 3023 Introduction to Preaching (3 hours)
- CHR 4983 Christian Ministries Apprenticeship (3 hours)
- ENG 1003 English As Second Language or any upper-level CHR or BIB (3 hours)

Intercultural Studies (21 hours)
Students, interested in cross-cultural ministry but who major in another academic discipline, may still complete a Minor in Intercultural Studies. The Minor includes several ICS Core classes as well as several optional classes, but it does not include the six month Semester Abroad.
• ICS 3033 World Christian Foundations (3 hours)
• ICS 4121 International Market Skills (1 hour)
• ICS 4313 World Religions (3 hours)
• ICS Electives – any two courses (6 hours)
  o ICS 2013 Cultural and Global Awareness
  o ICS 3043 Spiritual Preparation for Cross-Cultural Service
  o ICS 3073 Storying and Discipling Cross-Culturally
  o ICS 4023 Indigenous Christian Community
  o ICS 4343 Islamic Studies ($30 fee)
• ICS 29I(1-2) Cross-Cultural Service Project (2 hours)
  o Either two ICS 29I1 projects to different cultures (one of which must be international) or
    ICS 29I2 which is an international cross-cultural project at least six weeks in length.
• Two electives – must include at least one Bible course (6 hours)
  o BIB 2093, 3043, 3053, 3063, 4023, CHR 3003, ICS elective (not 3053), THE 3113

Pastoral Ministry (18 hours)
• CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
• CHR 3023 Introduction to Preaching (3 hours)
• CHR 4983 Christian Ministries Apprenticeship (3 hours)
• Electives (9 hours)
  o CHR/MUS 3783 Worship and Song in the Church
  o CHR 3013 Introduction to Ministry
  o CHR 4003 Expository Preaching
  o PSY 4243 Pre-Marital Counseling
  o PSY 4363 Marriage and Family Counseling

Philosophy (18 hours)
Eighteen hours in philosophical studies including PHI 2013 Philosophical Foundations for a Christian
Worldview.

Theology (18 hours)
• BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation (3 hours)
• THE 3113 Christian Doctrine (3 hours)
• THE Electives (12 hours)

Youth Ministry (18 hours)
• CED 2003 Introduction to Christian Education (3 hours)
• CED 2033 Principles of Teaching (3 hours)
• CED 3013 Youth Ministry in the Church (3 hours)
• CED 3023 Church and Denominational Administration (3 hours)
• CED 4053 Youth Discipleship and Evangelism (3 hours)
• PSY 4033 Adolescent Development (3 hours)

Associate Degrees
The Courts Redford College of Theology and Ministry houses the A.A. and A.S. in Ministry degrees.

Associate of Arts in Ministry
Students pursuing the A.A. in Ministry degree must complete the following requirements:
General Education Requirements (42 hours)
Graduation Requirements – includes a foreign language (16-18 hours)
BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation (3 hours)
CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
CHR 3003 Introduction to Disciple-making (3 hours)
CHR 3013 Introduction to Preaching (3 hours)
Electives (4-6 hours)

Associate of Science in Ministry
Students pursuing the A.S. in Ministry degree must complete the following requirements:

- General Education Requirements (42 hours)
- Graduation Requirements (10 hours)
- BIB 2093 Methods of Biblical Interpretation (3 hours)
- CHR 2043 Introduction to Evangelism (3 hours)
- CHR 3003 Introduction to Disciple-making (3 hours)
- CHR 3013 Introduction to Preaching (3 hours)
- Electives (12 hours)