

Blessing the Children International

Study Abroad Program

Course Descriptions

BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

BSO01 NT SURVEY 3 CREDITS

This course surveys the New Testament books' history, author, date, literary genre, purpose of writing, addressees and theology. The course is designed to give students a feel for each book in relation to the others, planted solidly in the historical and cultural context of the Greco-Roman world.

BSO02 OT SURVEY I: LAW AND HISTORY 3 CREDITS

This course is an overview of the books of Law and History. The course gives pertinent background on history, purpose of writing, date of writing, addressees and authors of each book. The overall theme and how Jesus Christ is seen throughout the first half of the Old Testament.

BSO03 OT SURVEY II: POETRY AND PROPHETS 3 CREDITS

This study of the Old Testament books of Poetry and the Prophets is a sequel to OT Survey I. The course gives pertinent background on history, purpose of writing, date of writing, addressees and authors of each book. The overall theme and how Jesus Christ is seen throughout the first half of the Old Testament, (Prerequisite: OT Survey II)

BSO04 ROMANS AND GALATIANS 3 CREDITS

This course explores and discusses Paul's theology on sin, grace, salvation, law, The Spirit and Christian life in the context of the epistles. Especial emphasis is given to the teaching bondage and liberty in context of Paul's teaching and refuting false teaching. The course gives a verse- by —verse study and students completing the course will find themselves better equipped for living today in liberty, and better able to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. (Prerequisites: New Testament Survey)

BSO05 HERMENEUTICS 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to give students foundational principles of interpretation of scripture. It discusses different methods of interpretation beginning from patristic and up to modern thought. Evaluation of each interpretation methods will be presented. Especial emphasis is placed upon the specific principles of interpretation within a historical, grammatical and literary approach to biblical interpretation. Students will practice the principles with selected text.

BSO06 BIBLICAL PRAISE AND WORSHIP 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach the basis from the scripture for the worship in the church. It explores biblical form of worship and its expressions such as clapping, raising hands, standing, bowing, kneeling, shouting, using instruments etc. from Old Testament and New Testament books in their context. Other issues such as worship in the daily life of the believer, worship as an act of spiritual warfare, dance ministry in the church. As Ethiopian is a country with multiple ethnic groups that have different style and expression of joy and worship, this course makes an effort to do a Bible based reflection on certain issues related to dancing and music.

BS105 1 & 2 CORINTHIANS 3 CREDITS

This course does a verse-by-verse study of the books, Especial emphasis is placed upon the cross of Christ as the instrument of sanctification and as the basic solution to the moral issues of life. A variety of problems that the Apostle Paul confronted in his ministry and their implication to Ethiopian churches and problems will be discussed. (Prerequisite: New Testament Survey)

BS108 MOSES' TABERNACLE 3 CREDITS

This course is a study of the tabernacle in the wilderness, its structure and furnishings and “typology”. It discusses how the Tabernacle is an illustration of God’s plan of redemption that applies down through church history and to our present day as well. (Prerequisite: Hermeneutics)

BS109 DAVID’S TABERNACLE 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to give students a comprehensive study of the Tabernacle of David in Amos 9:11. The course focuses on the restoration of the labernacle of David as expressed in Acts 15:16 from salvation history and fulfillment of the prophecy. It also gives close study to textual issues and use of the prophecy by Apostle James. Special emphasis is placed upon praise and worship and the restoration of the Body of Christ in today’s context. (Prerequisite: Moses’ Tabernacle)

BS601 GOSPELS: MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to do detail study of one of the Gospels. Its historical, cultural, textual, theological and practical aspect will be studied in detail. Special emphasis will be give to its principle for practical Christian life. Taking any one of the synoptic Gospels gives exposure to the basic teaching of other two gospels. (Prerequisite: New Testament Survey,)

BS602 BOOK OF ACTS 3 CREDITS

This course is both a missiological and a biblical study. It examines the beginnings of the early church and the birth of the Christian mission movement as recorded in the book of Acts. It focus the implication of the book of Acts mission strategy in today’s world, with particular attention to the place of the message of the Gospel, the place of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, the place of signs and wonders and strategic spiritual warfare in the growth of the church worldwide, it also sees the implication of the principles in Ethiopian context. (Prerequisite: New Testament Survey)

BS603 BOOK OF ISAIAH OR MINOR PROPHETS 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to study (Book of Isaiah or Minor Prophets) to look into Messianic prophecies and there fulfillment. The course also discusses historical and cultural context of the book and issues surrounding the date and author of the books. It also sees how the early church understood the texts that are quoted in their writings. Students appreciate the awesomeness of God who is presented as a living God. (Prerequisite: OT Survey II)

BS604 ADVANCED BIBLE RESEARCH 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to examine several tools for Bible study and research. It discusses how God communicated his truth. It also explores the different methods that can be used to study the Bible and introduces the different tools for I3ible research so that students can do Bible research independently. Special emphasis is given for Characters study, book study, textual Study, topical studies and word studies.

BS609 ADVANCED HERMENEUTICS 3 CREDITS

This course builds up on the principles and methodologies taught in Hermeneutics. It covers issues and perspectives which bear upon the search for meaning and significance in biblical texts will be examined and evaluated such as the role of authors, texts and readers; the effects of presuppositions and cultural conditioning;

the role of theological frameworks; the New Testament's use of the Old Testament; the use of word studies.
(Prerequisite: Hermeneutics)

BS610 THE BOOK OF REVELATION 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students the theology within the apocalyptic tradition. It also discusses different interpretive issues and evaluates each interpretation. Students will have exposure to different approaches to the book and have a thorough and organized understanding of the book in light of its first century context.
(Prerequisite: The Seven Churches)

BS611 THE BOOK OF HEBREWS 3 CREDITS

This course is a study of the provisions of the covenant of grace and how to obtain those provisions through the operation of faith. The course emphasizes Christ's divinity, humanity and the new covenant. It also gives special attention where the evangelical and Ethiopian Orthodox differs in understanding the ministry of Jesus as a high priest of the new covenant. Corrective interpretation will be provided for both the evangelical and Ethiopian Orthodox followers' perspective of mediator as most Ethiopian Christian holds traditionally influenced picture of a mediator. The correction will be based on sound interpretation principles. (Prerequisite: New Testament Survey and one of the synoptic Gospels)

BS612 GREEK I & BS613 GREEK II 3 CREDITS

This course introduces the students to the phonology morphology, vocabulary and grammar of New Testament Greek. Students study the language by working rough elementary text. The course is intended for students to read Greek texts and do some elementary exegetical works.

BS902 MISSION OUTREACH STRATEGIES AND CHURCH PLANTING 3 CREDITS

This course explores the different strategies of doing mission, church planting and small group leadership and contextualizes to the present situation of mission in Ethiopia. It also defines the meaning of mission and how it is understood in the early church.

BS903 CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY 3 CREDITS

The course introduces students with specific challenges and requirement for cross-cultural communication and culture shock. The course is practical oriented and challenges students to consider the linguistic and cultural issues in Ethiopia. Selected passage from Acts and Epistles will be discussed in their context to give guidelines how the early church overcame the linguistic and cultural barriers in her mission. Ethiopia is a multi linguistic and cultural society; therefore, students will be engaged with the issues and think missiologically how to handle all sensitive issues related to them.

BS904 PRACTICAL MINISTRY 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students the basics of practical Christian life and ministry. Students will experience a deeper relationship with God through extended prayer, daily devotion and group Bible study. They will also have opportunities to go out and do missionary works and have a learning experience in the mission field. Then students will share all their first-hand experiences they got from the mission field; and discuss the pros and cons of the strategies they learned, discuss the problems and the challenges they faced and share solutions through learning together.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

TS201 ESCHATOLOGY I 3 CREDITS

This course explores God’s dealing with humanity comparing the seven days of creation to seven periods of God’s dealing with humanity. God’s plan of redemption as revealed through history is explored and applied to our lives and the church today. (Prerequisite: OT Survey I & II, and The Seven Churches)

TS202 ESCHATOLOGY 11 3 CREDITS

This course discusses Revelations chapter 4 thru 10 along with Daniel chapter 1-6, 7-12 and then Revelation chapter 11 to 12 along with the book of Joel. The course studies these prophetic chapters of scripture to uncover the signs of our times and of the return of Jesus Christ to the earth stressing the progressive revealing of the prophetic truth and the importance of that truth for our times. (Prerequisite: Eschatology I)

TS203 FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGY I 3 CREDITS

This course covers foundational Christian doctrines such as Bibliology, Petrology, Christology, Redemption and Sanctification. The course is intended to give students basic knowledge about what Christians believe and their biblical foundation.

TS204 FOUNDATIONAL THEOLOGY II 3 CREDITS

This course builds upon Foundational Theology I and explores the basic doctrine of Pneumatology, Angelology and end times.

TS205 ECCLESIOLOGY

This course is an in-depth study of the functions of the Body of Christ, focusing on the leadership ministries in the local church. Different traditions of church government are discussed. The course covers aspects and relationships of five-fold ministry, nine-gifts of the Holy Spirit and eight-fold supporting ministries and outreaches. The course raises issues of church leadership in Ethiopia particularly “eldership” and “five-fold ministry” seeking to give balanced and bible-based principles and answers to students.

TS206 PNEUMATOLOGY 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students in depth about the personal work of the Holy Spirit, the gift of the Spirit and the Fruit of the Spirit. Special emphasis is placed upon His function in the church today and His transformational work in the individual life. Attention is directed to the individual’s baptism in the Holy Spirit and discusses selected texts and response to cessationist view. The nature and the operation of the nine gifts of the Spirit in the local church are also thoroughly discussed.

TS207 BIBLICAL ETHICS 3 CREDITS

This course is an introduction to principles for dealing with questionable issues in the Christian life, especially those relevant to Ethiopia. It discusses sample issues and difficult questions including Christian responsibility to governments, justice, alcohol, male circumcision and female excision, abortion, polygamy, birth control, homosexual and lesbian and employer-employee relationships. The course deals with hermeneutical foundations to deal with the issues.

TS08 HOMILETICS 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students how to prepare messages and preach. Different types of sermons (e.g. topical, expository and textual) will be demonstrated. Students will practice the principles in the classroom. The course also teaches students how to public speaking skills.

TS209 AFRICAN TRADITIONAL RELIGION 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to study the basic elements of African traditional religions and the influence they continue to have in African society today. Especial attention and emphasis lay upon the problem of syncretism and spirit possession. The course makes a special attempt to discuss approaches to be taken by missionaries who work in traditional culture. It also emphasizes the role of the gifts of Holy Spirit in encountering evil powers working in traditional religion. (Prerequisite: Theology I and Theology II)

TS606 CHRISTOLOGY 3 CREDITS

This course builds upon Theology I and goes deeper to study Christological issues in the church history and today. Especial emphasis is given to Ethiopian Orthodox Church Christological understanding. It gives student a better understanding of the difference and similarity between evangelical Christology and EOC. (Prerequisite: Foundational Theology I and II)

TS607 THE DOCTRINE OF GOD 3 CREDITS

This course also builds upon Foundational Theology I & II and studies the doctrine of God in depth study with issues of the doctrine of God in the church history and today's world. (Prerequisite: Theology I and Theology II)

TS608 THE DOCTRINE OF ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX 3 CREDITS

This course is the study of key doctrines and beliefs of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. It also explores the difference and similarities between the Ethiopian Orthodox and evangelical, protestant and Pentecostal churches. The course is both evaluative and missiological in purpose. (Theology 1 and Theology 2)

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

LS001 BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP 3 CREDITS

This course explores the topic of leadership from a biblical and theological perspective. Essential biblical principles bearing on the purpose and character of leadership will be examined. Instances of leadership in the Old and New Testaments will be analyzed within their biblical context, and in terms of contemporary understanding of leadership, with a special focus on the leadership of Jesus Christ as seen in the New Testament.

LS002 SERVANT LEADERSHIP 3 CREDITS

This course builds upon Biblical Foundations of Christian Leadership with extended discussion on Jesus model of servant leadership laying special emphasis on the character and principles of servant Leadership. (Prerequisite: Biblical Foundations of Christian Leadership)

LS003 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION 3 CREDITS

This course introduces new paradigms for the leaders that integrate spiritual integrity and service within a system in view of the congregation and its ministry. It discusses different issues such as, models of organization (systems), leadership in a Multi-cultural context with a new paradigm and women in leadership. The course integrates both leadership and church administration with a new insight. It also surveys Ethiopian leadership and administrative style to give a contextualized alternative leadership paradigm within a biblical framework.

LS004 PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLESHIP 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to provide the principles of personal discipleship and the role of the leader in imparting those principles into the lives of others.

LS005 PASTORAL CARE / MINISTRY 3 CREDITS

This course studies the pastor's primary responsibilities as the shepherd of God's flock. The course highlights the essential ministry of being the "Keepers" of our brothers and sisters. Considering the importance of this

responsibility, pastors ought to be not only willing and ready to help but also as well trained and equipped as possible. The course's topic is not limited to Ethiopian situation but explores pastoral issues in African Christianity and the challenges that African pastors are facing. This course is designed to prepare students for Pastoral Ministry in Ethiopia and in other African countries.

HISTORICAL AND MISSION STUDIES

HS001 HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY 3 CREDITS

This course covers church history from the crucifixion to the present day. The early years of church history through the Roman Empire and the decline of the church into the Middle-Ages, the reformation through modern period are the substance of this course. Special emphasis is placed on the important personalities that have shaped the modern church.

HS002 ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH HISTORY 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to survey the history and development of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

HS003 THE SEVEN CHURCHES 3 CREDITS

In this study the book of Revelation, chapter 1-3, the application of prophecy; literally, historically and spiritually will be discussed. Lecture and discussion shed light on the truths for living found in this "Revelation of Jesus Christ" to the seven churches.

HS004 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSION 3 CREDITS

The course examines the topic of missions from Genesis to Revelation. Students will learn to look at the Bible with "missionary eyes" and see that the theme of the compassionate God in search of lost men and women-the Great commission- is the central to the message of the Bible. Since the local church thrives when it obeys this missionary theme, students will also learn how to integrate the Great commission in the everyday life of the church.

HS303 EVANGELICAL AND PENTECOSTAL MOVEMENT IN ETHIOPIA 3 CREDITS

This course surveys the historical background, geographical distribution and methodologies of the various missionary societies that were influential in starting the evangelical and Pentecostal movement in Ethiopia. Especial emphasis is placed on the Pentecostal movement and growth. The course also gives concentration the story of the Evangelical Churches Fellowship of Ethiopia started out.

GENERAL EDUCATION

GE401 BASIC GRAMMAR: ENG. 100 3 CREDITS

Developmental Grammar: Sentence patterns, functions of parts of speech and punctuation, spelling, vocabulary and the development of paragraph structure (Prerequisite: passing an entrance exam)

GE402 BASIC WRITING AND READING: ENG. 101 3 CREDITS

This course emphasis organizing materials and writing sentences and developing paragraphs correctly: Introduction to expository writing techniques. (Prerequisite Eng 100)

GE403 COMPOSITION AND READING; ENG 102 3 CREDITS

This course builds up on the Eng 101 and it is an intermediate approach to preparation for paragraph and theme development: continued exposure to expository essays-reading and writing techniques, developing simple and complete thesis statements as a means of better organization of ideas. (Prerequisite Eng. 101)

GE404 EXPOSITORY WRITING AND READING: ENG 201 3 CREDITS

This course is an advanced level of writing and reading. It focuses on developing ideas, critical thinking skills, reading and writing expository essays. (Prerequisite Eng. 102)

GE405 EXPOSITORY WRITING AND READING: ENG 202 3 CREDITS

This is a high level of reading and writing expository essays. Special concentration is given to developing critical thinking, writing expository essays and introduction to writing a research paper. This course is intended for those students who aspire to pursue graduate level or write books or articles to magazines. (Prerequisite Eng 201)

GE406 ETHIOPIAN GEOGRAPHY, PEOPLE GROUPS, & DISTRIBUTION 3 CREDITS

This course introduces students to the people and geography of Ethiopia with an emphasis on an understanding of the country that will facilitate effective ministry. It also gives student statistical evidences for the concentration of different religion in the different places of the country.

GE407 BASIC ACCOUNTING METHODS 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students biblical foundation for money, possession, giving and stewardship. It also deals with money management, business math, and bookkeeping. The course challenges students to apply biblical principles and financial planning for church management.

GE605 PRINCIPLES OF ADULT EDUCATION 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students the principles of adult education. Especial emphasis is laid upon dialogue education. It also helps students to prepare lesson plan, syllabus and develop skill in interactive teaching.

FIELD EDUCATION

FE501 SPIRITUAL FORMATION 3 CREDITS

This course is practical course on prayer, discipleship and other contextually needed topics on reproducing Christians and making disciples. The course uses contextual materials that can lead students to practice prayer and discipleship.

FE502 REPORTED MINISTRY 3 CREDITS

This is course is designed to teach students to apply what they have gained in the classroom in their churches. That is, students choose a ministry and set goals the want to achieve in the ministry they have chosen.

Areas that can be used for Reported Ministry

Ministries or volunteer work done in your church related to your ministry.

Volunteer community service positions such as hospital, Red-cross, feeding the homeless etc

Ministries outside the church, street witnessing, neighborhood Bible Study teacher, etc.

FE503 INTERNSHIP LAB 3 CREDITS

This is also a practical lab that gives room to students to have direct attachment with their church. Students are expected to have at least one ministry in their church. Their ministry in the church will be followed up their pastors or overseer. They will report how the time they spend in the church and the kind of ministry they have done.

Biblical and Theological Studies Core Courses

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CORE COURSES

CL701 BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP 3 CREDITS

This course explores the topic of leadership from a biblical and theological perspective. Essential biblical principles bearing on the purpose and character of leadership will be examined. Instances of leadership in the Old and New Testaments will be analyzed within their biblical context, and in terms of contemporary understanding of leadership, with a special focus on the leadership of Jesus Christ as seen in the New Testament.

CL702 SERVANT LEADERSHIP 3 CREDITS

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CL703 CHURCH ADMINISTRATION 3 CREDITS

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CL704 CHARACTER OF A LEADER! THE LIFE OF THE LEADER 3 CREDITS

This course will focus upon the life of the leader and how the emotional, ethical, mental, moral, psychological and spiritual well-being of the leader has an effect upon leadership effectiveness. Significant personal reflection will be undertaken in an effort to help the leader recognize the unique personal dimensions that hinder personal effectiveness as a leader. Besides, the course discusses motivational gifts and leadership character development.

CL705 PASTORAL CARE! MINISTRY 3 CREDITS

This course studies the pastor's primary responsibilities as the shepherd of God's flock. The course highlights the essential ministry of being the "Keepers" of our brothers and sisters. Considering the importance of this responsibility, pastors ought to be not only willing and ready to help but also as well trained and equipped as possible. The course's topic is not limited to Ethiopian situation but explores pastoral issues in African Christianity and the challenges that African pastors are facing. This course is designed to prepare students for Pastoral Ministry in Ethiopia and in other African countries.

CL706 COMMUNICATION 3 CREDITS

This course enables students to aware of the complexity of human communication systems and to use this knowledge to communicate better in preaching, in-group discussions and in writing. Basic principles will be discussed and related to the real Ethiopian situation.

CL708 PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLESHIP 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to provide the principles of personal discipleship and the role of the leader in imparting those principles into the lives of others.

CL709 TEAM LEADERSHIP & CONFLICT RESOLUTION 3 CREDITS

The focus of this course is building and sustaining decision-making teams, mentoring, delegating, resolving conflict and handling and overcoming opposition. Extensive time will also be devoted to improving the individual's and the group's repertoire of style of communication skills with a view of functioning more effectively and efficiently as a team leader in handling routine and crisis situations. Biblical models will be discussed within their context and their

relation to the Ethiopian context. The course brings real issues of conflict in the church and encourages students to reflect on them with a possible resolution.

CL710 INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL COUNSELING 3 CREDITS

This is a beginning course in Biblical counseling. Basic counseling Methods along with the specific issues such as Marriage and Family counseling will be given. Alcohol and Substance abuse, legal issues effecting counseling and Inner Healing will be discussed. The course makes every effort to address Ethiopian culture and legal issues.

CL711 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHIES OF LEADERSHIP 3 CREDITS

The church is comprised of people from different walks of life and different leadership perspectives. Many come to leadership position with these different theories of leadership particularly in eldership position. This course introduces students to major old and current leadership theories in the secular world. It also discusses how those perspectives affecting the church positively and negatively in light of biblical principle of leadership. Students will have a broader perspective and exposure to leadership theories.

CL712 PASTORAL EPISTLES 3 CREDITS

This course explores Paul’s instruction to the young ministers and church leaders. It draws spiritual principles of leadership as well as character that are essentials for pastoral ministry from biblical theology. The epistles will first be discussed in their contextual milieu before directly applied to the present situation. Emphasis lies upon the issues facing pastors in the church of Ethiopia and how they will tackle those problems in light of Paul’s instruction. (Prerequisite: New Testament Survey)

MISSION STUDIES

MI801 BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF MISSION 3 CREDITS

The course examines the topic of missions from Genesis to Revelation. Students will learn to look at the Bible with “missionary eyes” and see that the theme of the compassionate God in search of lost men and women-the Great commission- is the central to the message of the Bible. Since the local church thrives when it obeys this missionary theme, students will also learn how to integrate the Great commission in the everyday life of the church.

MI802 GOSPEL AND CULTURE 3 CREDITS

The course explores the various aspects of culture in which the Gospel is witnessed, and which are to be brought under Christ’s Lordship. The course intended to help students understand their own respective culture in order that they may able to avoid ethnocentrism as a barrier to ministry in Cross-cultural context.

MI803 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY 3 CREDITS

The course in applied anthropology examines the concepts of culture, worldview, social and belief systems as they relate to the missionary enterprise of the Church. Students will be given opportunities to apply the discipline of cultural anthropology to both home and foreign missions strategies. It helps the Christian workers better understand humans in order to witness and minister to them effectively within cultural contexts. (Prerequisite: Gospel and Culture)

MI804 EVANGELISM STRATEGIES AND CHURCH PLANTING 3 CREDITS

This course intended to provide students with strategies of evangelism and church planting. It gives different ways of taking the gospel of the kingdom such us through one to one witnessing, developing relationship with the unbelievers, worship and music, sports, arts and literature. It gives special attention to how to evangelize Islamic areas. It also gives the basic principles of church planting based on the Book of Acts.

MI805 THE QUR’AN AND ITS INTERPRETATION 3 CREDITS

This course examines the meaning of the Qur’an for Muslims, how it came into being, its structure and features, and how it has been interpreted by Muslim scholars. Major themes of the Qur’an will be reviewed, and representative passages for each theme will be studied. (Prerequisite: Doctrine of Islam)

MI806 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN - MUSLIM RELATIONSHIPS 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to teach students the historical and the current Muslim and Christian relation in Ethiopia. The course introduces current mission theories and practices concerning Christian outreach among Muslims and their applicability to Ethiopian situation. (Prerequisite: Islam and Christianity)

MI807 ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY 3 CREDITS

This is course compares and contrast Christian doctrines and the doctrine of Islam regarding God, Jesus, Scripture and Church. The students will get clear view of the distinction between Christian faith and Islam belief and appreciate their commonality. (Prerequisite: Doctrine of Islam)

MI808 HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DOCTRINE OF ISLAM 3 CREDITS

This course is designed to give students the historical inception and development of Islam including its beliefs and practices and present status as a world religion. It also discusses it’s cultural, historical, political developments and its significance at the start of the twenty-first century.

MI809 ISLAMIC RELIGION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA 3 CREDITS

The course is intended to examine the historical and cultural context of Islamic religion in the horn of Africa so that the students develop a historical-cultural perspective as well as biblical and theological basis for Christian mission particularly in the Horn of Africa. (Prerequisite: African 7additional Religion)

MI810 CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION 3 CREDITS

This course builds upon Gospel and culture and introduces students with specific challenges and requirement for cross-cultural communication. The course is practical oriented and challenges students to consider the linguistic and cultural issues in Ethiopia. Selected passage from Acts and Epistles will be discussed in their context to give guidelines how the early church overcame the linguistic and cultural barriers in her mission. Ethiopia is a multi linguistic and cultural society; therefore students will be engaged with the issues and think missiologically how to handle all sensitive issues related to them. (Prerequisite: Gospel and Culture)

MI811 ARABIC I & M1812 ARABIC II 3 CREDITS

This is an introduction to Arabic language. The course will be done with selected text of Quran and exegetical work. It is intended to help student read Islamic Scriptures. (The Qura’n and its interpretation)

MI813 GEE’Z I & MI814 GEE’Z II 3 CREDITS

This course is intended to help students to read and exegete Ethiopian Orthodox sacred language so that they may be able to discusses biblical texts written in Gee’z.

MI901 ISLAMIC CULTURE AND TEACHINGS 3 CREDITS

This course aims at teaching the religious culture and cults of Islamic religion and its doctrine. The course emphasizes the major doctrines of Islam and their worldviews from missiological point of view and how a missionary should interact with the Muslims and witness the gospel among them.