

MINISTRY SKILLS COURSES (MS)

There are countless ministries available for God's people who are willing to serve. As a Bible college, we consider it both a privilege and a responsibility to help equip saints for a variety of ministries. Ministry skills courses will provide practical, relevant, culturally sensitive training that will encourage and strengthen your desire to serve God.

MS 401 Bible Study Methods (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This is CBS' foundational course. Simply put, this course teaches you how to study the Bible. It is extremely beneficial for Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders and students of God's Word. According to many seminary graduates, this course is considered the most important in their theological education. It is an absolute must for all students of the Word!

MS 402 Principles of Teaching (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This is a very practical course in the communication of biblical truth. Designed specifically for Sunday School teachers, Superintendents, Bible Study leaders, Associate Ministers, and Pastors who desire to teach effectively and powerfully. This course nicely complements CBS' Bible Study Methods course. Note: MS401 is prerequisite for this course.

MS 403 Principles of Teaching LAB (3 Hrs. Cr.) Limited Enrollment

This is the laboratory and final part of the Teacher's Training Track. This course is structured and limited to those students who have already taken MS 402 Principles of Teaching. This course is designed to help students translate the theory they have learned and put it into practice. Every student will be evaluated and critiqued after each of his/her three in-class teaching opportunities. Students derive many benefits from listening to the 39 lessons presented throughout the term as well as from the encouragement and insight that is directed to each student-teacher by the professor. Note: MS401 and MS402 are prerequisite for this course. Due to the importance of class participation in every session of this course, late registration is not permitted in this class.

MS 404 Ministry, Evangelism, and Discipleship (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A Biblical philosophy of ministry is introduced, formulating basic attitudes and principles for Christian service. Skills are developed in evangelism and personal discipleship.

MS 405 Biblical Counseling (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This practical course comes from the perspective that the Bible is sufficient to provide all we need to accurately identify the root cause of immaterially caused counseling problems. This course will give you a biblical framework of thought in approaching such diverse issues as marital, family and personal struggles, depression, anxiety, addictions, compulsions, substance abuse, and other mental and emotional disturbances.

MS 406 Spiritual Life (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This course provides a systematic presentation of the doctrines and practices vital to the understanding and edification of the student's own spiritual life as the necessary basis for one's ministry.

MS 407 Biblical Worldview (3 Hrs. Cr.)

An introduction to the nature, definition, importance, and content of the Christian worldview in general contrast to other worldview systems and their implications in particular (e.g., deism, naturalism, pantheism, postmodernism). This course will highlight the critical importance of "worldview thinking" by giving special attention to the role of biblical, philosophical, psychological, religious, and sociological assumptions and their implications in the totality of life including the arts, family, entertainment, government, economics, vocation, etc. Note: TH301, TH302, and TH303 are prerequisites for this course.

MS 488 Principles of Youth Ministry (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This course teaches principles in working with youth 12-17 years of age; it covers foundations of effective ministry, insights into relating to youth, basic program components, evangelizing and discipling youth, and traditional and contemporary youth problems.

MS 499 (A.B.S. Program) & MSCP 4991 (Bachelor Degree Programs): Christian Service Program (1 CSP Unit)

Maximum 1 unit per term; No Class Time Required!

In keeping with our Lord's command to "serve in the newness of the Spirit," CBS requires that all students admitted into the A.B.S. Degree Program **MUST** complete 3 units (one unit is one term) of Christian service **BEFORE** the credential can be awarded. This means that you must be actively involved in an approved ministry and be able to document your participation in that ministry. The ministry might be teaching Sunday School, leading Bible studies, children's church, AWANA, youth, prison, drug outreach, street preaching, homeless, hospital, nursing home, clothing or food pantry, elderly care, choir director, pastor, preacher, or other approved ministries.

BIBLE COURSES (BI)

The core of CBS' academic programs will always be the Bible classes. Biblical training, knowledge, and application are the distinct marks of the Bible college student. Join us in studying how to "present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed" (2 Timothy 2:15).

BI 101 Old Testament Literature Survey: Creation – David (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This is the first of two courses that presents the Old Testament in chronological order. This course provides a detailed historical survey of Genesis through David, including Job and Psalms. You will cover 14 OT books in all! Special emphasis will be given to the background, form, content, criticism, and message of each book.

BI 102 Old Testament Literature Survey: Solomon – Malachi (3 Hrs. Cr.)

This is the second of two courses that presents the Old Testament in chronological order. This course provides a detailed historical survey from the time of Solomon (including Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes) through the last prophet Malachi. You will cover 25 OT books in all! Special emphasis will be given to the background, form, content, criticism, and message of each book.

BI 201 New Testament Literature Survey: The Gospels (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A detailed study of the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) with emphasis on the message and argument of each book as well as a harmony of the Gospels. Join CBS for a venture into the life and time of Jesus Christ. Not only will you learn the places, events and people associated with Christ, but also you will gain valuable insight into the ways that each writer presents the Messiah.

BI 202 New Testament Literature Survey: Acts and the Pauline Epistles (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A detailed study of Acts and all of Paul's letters (Romans–Philemon) with special emphasis on the message and argument of each book. Join CBS in a fascinating study of these crucial New Testament documents. This course deals with everything from the Day of Pentecost to Paul's imprisonments and all the letters in between.

BI 203 New Testament Literature Survey: General Epistles and Revelation (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A detailed study of the General Epistles (Hebrews, James, 1st Peter, 2nd Peter, 1st John, 2nd John, 3rd John, Jude) and the enthralling Book of Revelation. This course will provide special emphasis on the message and argument of each book. Join us in this in-depth study of these crucial New Testament documents.

THEOLOGY COURSES (TH)

The CBS faculty goes the extra mile to make these courses practical and critical to everyday life by offering the students a transforming view of life from God's perspective.

TH 301 Theology Survey: Doctrines of the Bible, God and Christ (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A systematic presentation of biblical theology in the areas of Bibliology (the inspiration and authority of the Bible), Theology Proper (the person and attributes of God the Father), and Christology (the person and work of Christ). Can I trust my Bible? How can God be both loving and wrathful? Did Jesus exist before the incarnation? How can He be both God and man? Join CBS for a life-changing look into these areas of theology.

TH 302 Theology Survey: Doctrines of Man, Sin and Salvation (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A systematic presentation of the major teachings of biblical theology in the areas of Soteriology (salvation), Anthropology (nature of man), and Hamartiology (the fall of man and the nature of sin). Consider such crucial issues as original sin, the depravity of man, the doctrine of election, the atonement, the exclusivity of salvation through Christ.

TH 303 Theology Survey: Doctrines of Angels, Holy Spirit, Church and Prophecy (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A systematic presentation of the major teachings of Scripture in the areas of Angelology (including satanology and demonology), Pneumatology (Holy Spirit), Ecclesiology (the Church), and Eschatology (the end times). This course will help you answer many questions. Just who is Satan? Are demons active today? Is the Holy Spirit a power or a person? What is the Holy Spirit's role today? What does the Bible say about church government? Is the Rapture before or after the Tribulation? What is the Millennium? What is the Judgment Seat of Christ? Great White Throne Judgment?

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (GE)

GE 499 English Writing LAB (1 Hr. Cr.)

The formal English writing lab emphasizes standard writing skills so that the college student who struggles with writing techniques can feel prepared and confident when their instructor assigns an essay. This formal lab will give great attention to the rudimentary issues of the English Language (parts of speech especially verbs, thesis statements, reading techniques, etc.), and the paradigm of standardized writing. Each student will find supported as they write outlines, body paragraphs and thesis statements so that their thoughts are expressed accurately and decisively. Each student will receive guidance in acquiring patterns and skills for appropriate application. This class serves as a great preparation for both GE and ADCP courses. Some student may desire to take this class in conjunction with another class such as English, Western Civilization, World View, Ethics, or other classes requiring an essay.

GE 501 English Composition 1 (3 Hrs. Cr.) Limited Enrollment!

This class is the first of a two-part course designed to improve basic communication and composition skills by first providing a rigorous review of grammar and syntax skills. This is followed by instruction designed to improve your comprehension skills. The student will also practice methods of paragraph development, including the study of the thesis, the paragraph and basic essay structure.

GE 502 English Composition 2 (3 Hrs. Cr.) Limited Enrollment!

Would you like to significantly upgrade your written communications skills? Would you like to know how to get something published? Maybe you need to improve the writing skills you need at work? How about those term papers? Maybe you would like to publish a newsletter at your work, school or neighborhood. From writing letters to newsletters, from writing sermons to publishing articles - this class will truly enhance the clarity, cogency and coherence with which you write. Come on, sharpen your pencil; let's write!

GE 503 Fundamentals of Speech (3 Hrs. Cr.)

Have you ever wanted to speak in a public gathering, but were too afraid? So afraid that you knew your voice would shake and your knocking knees would drown out what you had to say? Then this class is for you. This class doesn't deal with theory or focus on mechanics. It deals with speaking, actually speaking in class week after week. You will greatly improve your capacity to articulate confidently and powerfully to a group. Your preaching, teaching and overall ability to communicate will be radically changed for the better!

GE 504 Basic Computer Science (3 Hrs. Cr.) Limited Enrollment!

Test out of this course** An overview of computer concepts and their applications, informational needs in business, and information systems. Microcomputer hardware and software will be examined, with instruction on the use of the operating system, text processing, spread sheets, and data base management software.

*** Students proficient in Basic Computer Science may choose to test out of this course by taking the CBS Subject Examination for Basic Computer Science for a fee. Students who successfully pass this examination will earn 3 hours credit and will not be required to take GE 504 Basic Computer Science. For details, please contact an Academic Advisor, via email (advising@cbs-houston.edu) before the term begins.*

GE 505 Western Civilization 1 (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A course that gives the development of ancient, medieval and early modern civilizations to 1660.

GE 506 Western Civilization 2 (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A course that gives the development of modern western civilization from 1660 to the present.

GE 510 Expository Preaching: Narrative Literature (3 Hrs. Cr.)

Pastors, Preachers & Ministers*

A course designed to give the student a comprehensive understanding of the theory of expository preaching from narrative literature and to provide a framework and atmosphere where the student can observe and participate in actual expository sermon delivery. The goal of the course is for the student to expand their ability to express the truth of God's Word clearly and competently.

**It is our conviction from the Scriptures that women are not assigned the responsibility of preaching the Word of God authoritatively in a local church context (1 Timothy 2:12-14). This course assumes that the participants are being trained to preach in a local church context. Therefore, we ask that students respect CBS' conviction and select the following courses to sharpen their speaking skills: GE 503 Fundamentals of Speech, MS 402 Principles of Teaching and MS 403 Principles of Teaching Lab.*

GE 513 Expository Preaching: Biographical Literature (3 Hrs. Cr.)

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GE 599 Basic Nutrition Science (Independent Study) (3 Hrs. Cr.)

Natural Science Course! No Class Time!

Introduction to human nutrition and diet with an emphasis on disease prevention, and supplementation of diet with vitamins and antioxidants. This course is offered as an independent study with the final goal of each student developing his or her own personal nutrition program. No course prerequisites. Upon proper registration, student will pick up the required material at the bookstore.

RM 102 G.E.D. Training (Non-Cr.) (Spanish)

This course is designed to help prepare Spanish-language students to take the final GED exam and to help them achieve official recognition as a high school graduate equivalent.

RM 103 English as a Second Language. (Non-Cr.) Each Course is now 14 Weeks!

A class for non-English speaking students and Spanish-speaking students who need improvement in learning to speak English. Based on the Gospel of Mark, students will learn the basics of the English language with particular focus on conversational skills and practical English terms to equip them to function comfortably on a daily basis. This 14-week course includes both writing (phrases, sentences and grammar) and reading. Take advantage of this wonderful and affordable opportunity!

SHORT COURSES

Consider the Following Courses (listed in chronological order) for Personal Enrichment, Supplemental to the Ministry Enhancement Tracks or as Electives.

BI 162 Survey of Romans (1 Hr. Cr.)

The Apostle Paul systematically presents the great doctrine of justification by faith in this book. Augustine considered Romans to be “the most basic, most comprehensive statement of true Christianity.” The book is foundational to Christian doctrine and a “must study” for all serious students of the Word of God.

BI 201 New Testament Literature Survey: The Gospels (3 Hrs. Cr.)

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GE 591 Historical Geography of Israel (3 Hrs. Cr.)

Supported by a rich supply of photographs, maps, and artifacts, this course will survey the history and geography of the nation of Israel from the time of Abraham until the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Additional emphasis will be placed on those nations that impact the history of the Jews, including Egypt, Assyria, Babylonia, Persia, Greece, and Rome. The course will conclude with a discussion of the modern state of Israel.

MS 483 Youth Ministry: Developing Relevant Youth Curriculum (1.5 Hrs. Cr.)

This course is designed to help youth ministers and youth workers in developing curriculum to address issues teenagers are facing today.

MS 449 Marriage and Family (3 Hrs. Cr.)

A study of the marriage relationship and the family as the basic unit of society. These relationships are examined throughout the life cycle from biblical, social and cultural perspectives.

MS 435 Biblical Principles of Child Rearing (1 Hr. Cr.)

This course examines the role and responsibility of parents and children from the Book of Proverbs and other key passages of Scripture, with particular application for today. Child Education in the Old Testament will be evaluated in terms of its cultural and spiritual significance to modern-day parents.