



PURITAN REFORMED BIBLICAL SEMINARY



"Purify them in the Truth" (John 17: 17)

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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PRBS develops its curriculum under four departments: They are – (a) Biblical Studies, (b) Systematic Theology, (c) Practical Theology and (d) Historical Theology. We assure the courses offered at PRBS will strengthen any student in these areas with deep commitment in Puritan Reformed theological perspective.

BIBLICAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The goal of the Biblical Studies Department is to provide the student with basic introductory approach to the bible accurately. To accomplish this, the necessary tools for the proper approach on Bible are strongly employed and emphasized. Here, the student is to gain the proper understanding of the OT/ NT contexts thoroughly so that the basic understanding of each book is gained, as exposing the preliminary issues found in each book of the bible in its proper historical/ theological understanding. Consequently, the student develops his/her knowledge in carrying out historical/ theological understanding in the light of its broader context for proper interpretation of the word. In sum, the biblical studies department seeks to equip the students by providing (1) a sound instruction in the cultural and historical background of the Bible; and (2) a sound analysis leading to proper theological/ hermeneutical/ homiletical approaches towards the Bible.

Undergraduate Courses

BS 101 Survey of Old Testament (6)

This explores survey of the thirty nine books of the Old Testament. This also includes an examination of authorship, date, the message, themes or purposes of each of the books along with historical understanding of the content, solving the preliminary issues found in each book.

BS 102 Survey of New Testament (6)

This explores survey of the twenty seven books of the New Testament. This also includes an examination of authorship, recipients, date, the message, themes or purposes of each of the books along with historical understanding of the content, solving the preliminary issues found in each book.

BS 103 Redemptive History (3)

This is a study of God's redemptive action upon His people evidently exposed in the historical progression of the events. This study includes the redemptive work of God from the fall to

incarnation; from incarnation to Christ's humiliation; from Christ's resurrection to the end of the world.

BS 104 Life and Teaching of Jesus (3)

This is a study of the life and teachings of Jesus. Emphasis is given on the chronological aspects of the life of Christ, and the historical setting of Jesus' ministry. A special attention is given on the sermon of the mount.

BS 105 The Prayer of Paul (3)

This course is designed to provide a detailed study on Paul's prayer throughout his mission for the gospel ministry found in all his thirteen epistles.

BS 106 Psalms and Wisdom Books (3)

A study of the key elements of Hebrew poetry, the exposition of Psalms, the exposition of Solomon's life and His times.

BS 107 Acts (3)

A study of the Acts of the Apostles based on its background, structure, content and themes.

Graduate Courses

BS 108 Biblical Creationism (6)

This course is a study of Creationism from the biblical viewpoint both in OT and NT books. Emphasis will be given to God's supernatural creation of the universe in six successive days, and the Noahic Flood and its extensive effects on the world.

BS 109 Biblical Languages (12)

A basic study of grammar and syntax of biblical languages : Greek and Hebrew.

BS 110 NT Textual Criticism (6)

A study of NT Textual criticism with the history of text. [Prerequisite : BS109]

BS 111 Old Testament (6)

This course endeavors to advance the student's understanding in the scope of Old Testament books, and to increase the student's knowledge towards it.

BS 112 New Testament (6)

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BS 113 Life of Prayer (3)

This course encourages the study to grow in his prayerful life as he constantly communicates and fellowship with God.

BS 114 Customs And Manners Of The Bible Lands (3)

This course is the study of cultural backgrounds of both Old and New Testaments and its interpretation to the scripture.

BS 115 Deuteronomy (3)

A study of the book of Deuteronomy. Emphasis is given to the introductory matters and development of the book's message.

BS 116 OT Textual Criticism (3)

A study of OT Textual criticism with the history of text. [Prerequisite : BS109]

BS 117 Romans (3)

An explanatory and practical study on the book of Romans with the attention given to theological issues found in the book.

BS 118 Revelation (3)

The course is designed to guide the student with the proper understanding in the book of Revelation.

BS 119 Daniel (3)

An analysis of the Book of Daniel. The course provides a better perspective of God's plan for Israel and nations.

BS 120 Joshua (3)

A study of the conquest of Palestine, tribal allotments. This course will examine the book of Joshua with understanding its major themes.

Doctoral Courses**BS 121 The Holy Bible (6)**

This course is a study of bible from Genesis to Revelation.

BS 122 Bible and Science (6)

This course is a study of bible and science. In this course, students will learn how the proven facts of science affirm Bible.

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The objectives of the Systematic Testament Department in relation to the student include: (1) sound instruction in the solid reformed theology; (2) presentation of reformed theological positions using the word of God and authenticating them in its historical context; (3) provision of sufficient training in a reformed perspectives to enable the student to live God-honoring life both in society and Church; and (4) provision of Puritan commitment to the Scriptures as was in sixteen and seventeen centuries. Finally, the Systematic Theology Department strives to equip the student to properly exegete accurately the Scriptural text within the analogy of faith context and then to communicate adequately and apply the Word of God to the needs of contemporary man.

Undergraduate Courses

TH201 Introduction to Basic Theology (3)

This is an introductory course to the basic doctrines related to systematic theology. A study of all ten doctrines are treated here as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH202 Basic Theology I (6)

This is an introductory course to the basic doctrines related to systematic theology. A study of Bible's teaching concerning itself, the existence and attributes of God, and the creation is briefly covered here to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH201).

TH203 Basic Theology II (6)

This is an introductory course to the basic doctrines related to systematic theology. A study of the fall and depravity of man; the covenant of works, the covenant of grace and its mediator are briefly covered here to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH201; TH 202).

TH204 Basic Theology III (6)

This is an introductory course to the basic doctrines related to systematic theology. A study of salvation in its application; and a development of reformed eschatological understanding is emphasized here briefly to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH 201; TH 202; TH 203).

TH205 The Divine Inspiration of the Bible (3)

This course is designed to provide a solid understanding of the doctrine of inspiration of the Bible over sixty six books of the Bible. A verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture; various inadequate views over inspiration of Scripture; the extent of inspiration from original manuscripts to copies of it is treated adequately for the right view over inspiration of Scripture.

TH206 Trinitarianism (3)

This course emphasizes the Trinitarian doctrine from the Scripture, adequately dealing with the orthodox understanding of the same doctrine as expressed in Scripture that there is one God eternally existing in three distinct persons.

TH207 Introduction to Theology (6)

A study of reformed theological doctrines is briefly covered here as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH208 Theology I: Bibliology (3)

A study of Bible's teaching concerning itself, dealing extensively with the doctrine of revelation and inspiration. Prerequisite: (TH207)

TH209 Theology II: Theology Proper/Angelology (6)

A study of the existence and attributes of God, and the origin and ministry of Angels is briefly covered here to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH207; TH208).

TH210 Theology III: Anthropology /Hamartiology/ Christology/ Pneumatology (6)

A study of the creation, nature, fall, and depravity of man; the origin, transmission, and remedy of sin; the person and work of Jesus Christ; and the person and work of the Holy Spirit is briefly covered here to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH207; TH208; TH209).

TH211 Theology IV (6) : Soteriology/ Ecclesiology/ Eschatology (6)

A study of salvation in its application; the origin and functions of the local church; and a development of reformed eschatological understanding is emphasized here briefly to understand the proper systematic theology. Prerequisite: (TH207; TH208; TH209; TH 210).

TH212 Divine Covenants (3)

The course is designed for the student to understand the covenants of grace and works, and the covenants made with Noah, Abraham, David, and with the nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai.

TH213 Spiritual Gifts (3)

This course is designed for the students in a process of discernment and use of spiritual gifts in the church. This process includes understanding that all Christians are uniquely gifted by God for the edification of the Church, common good of Church and ministry of the Church. Students also will identify with "cessationist" viewpoint in understanding of spiritual gifts from the biblical perspective.

TH214 Puritan Theology (3)

This course emphasizes doctrinal distinctives of the Puritans who lived in sixteen and seventeen centuries.

TH215 Salvation and Regeneration (3)

This course explores the reformed doctrine of soteriology that salvation is by faith alone, grace alone and through Christ alone. A deep concern for reformed soteriological understanding is emphasized.

Graduate Courses**TH 216 Theology I (6)**

The course is about study of the Christian doctrines on various topics written by St. Augustine for the proper understanding and interpretation of scripture.

TH 217 Theology II (6)

The course is about study of the Christian doctrines on various topics written by John Calvin following the Apostle's Creed into four parts: God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit and the Church.

TH218 Covenant Theology (3)

This course helps the student to gain biblical insights regarding the covenant theology.

TH 219 Westminster Standards (3)

A study of Westminster Confession of Faith. This course is to provide a complete survey and analysis of the Westminster Standards, including its historical background.

TH 220 Apologetics (3)

In this course, the student will learn how to defend faith against the unbiblical worldviews.

Doctoral Courses

TH 221 Introduction to Theology (6)

A study of reformed theological doctrines is briefly covered here as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH 222 Theology I (6)

A study of doctrines of God, Man and Christ. This course aims to present reformed theological doctrines as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH 223 Theology II (6)

A study of doctrines of the Church and Salvation. This course aims to present reformed theological doctrines as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH 224 Theology III (6)

A study of doctrines of the Salvation and last things. This course aims to present reformed theological doctrines as the foundational teaching to understand proper systematic theology.

TH 225 Purity(3)

This course examines the life of sanctification from Puritanical view point for overcoming the sin and temptation and perfecting in purity.

TH 226 Body of Practical Divinity (3)

This course is the study of duties of the Church from puritan Richard Baxter's practical works.

TH 227 Puritan Theology (3)

The course is designed for the student to understand the covenants of grace and works from Puritan theological perspective.

TH 228 Christologia (3)

This course expounds the mystery of divine grace in the person of Jesus Christ.

TH 229 Pneumatologia I (3)

This course expounds the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

TH 230 Pneumatologia II (3)

A study of an extensive biblical theological account of the human soul.

PUT 401 John Knox (6)

This course is the study of the works of John Knox from fifth Volume concerning the his exhortations and biblical teachings particularly focusing on the doctrine of predestination.

PUT 402 John Owen (6)

This course is the study of doctrines of Sin, Grace and Justification from a Puritan reformed theological perspective.

PUT 403 Jonathan Edwards (3)

A study on the writings of Jonathan Edwards concerning the topics on Freewill, Grace and Religious Affections.

PUT 404 Richard Baxter (3)

This course is the study on the Christians' eternal rest with God in heaven in connection with eschatological studies.

PUT 405 Richard Sibbes (6)

This course is the study of selected writings of Rev. Richard Sibbes for spiritual comfort that comes by believers' faith through Christ.

PUT 406 Thomas Watson (3)

This course is the theological exposition of doctrines from a Puritan view point in the seventeenth centuries.

PUT 407 Thomas Manton (6)

This course is the explanation of the works of Thomas Manton (vol.3) concerning his sermons on second chapter of second Thessalonians and the practical exposition of fifty third chapter of Isaiah.

PUT 408 William Bates (6)

This course is the explanation of the works of William Bates (vol.3) focusing upon Saint's eternal rest in heaven, divine meditation, fear of God and four last things: *death, judgment, heaven, and hell* .

PUT 409 William Ames (3)

This course is the analysis of fifty two lectures of Rev. William Ames clearly illustrated with doctrines and its applications.

AP 601 Apologetics I (6)

A study of Van Til's Apologetics. This course is designed to equip the student to defend the Christian faith using Scripture properly.

AP 602 Apologetics II (6)

A study of Apologetics from Mark R. Rushdoony and Robert L. Reymond. This course is designed to equip the student to defend the Christian faith using Scripture properly.

AP 603 Apologetics III (6)

A study of Apologetics from Francis Schaeffer, Norman Geisler and Gordon Clark. This course is designed to equip the student to defend the Christian faith using Scripture properly.

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

The goal of the Practical Theology Department is to provide the student with the necessary tools for interpreting and applying the Word of God correctly. For achievement of this, Students are encouraged to follow proper hermeneutical approach used by Reformers from reformation era onwards. Second, using this proper approach student is to have a proper application of these principles to their lives and ministries. Third, attention is given to deliver the sound reformed preaching with a reformed puritan heart. Finally the student will be challenged and acquired on how puritan writings and lives are interrelated together.

Undergraduate Courses**PT301 Hermeneutics (6)**

This course is designed for students to have a proper approach to interpret the various literary genres of the Bible. A grammatical-historical-theological method of interpretation is strongly emphasized here.

PT302 Puritan Writings I (6)

This course is designed for the proper understanding on Puritan reformed pastor how he ought to serve with his congregation as emphasizing the Puritan writings to the context of the Church.

PT303 Puritan Writings II (6)

A study of theological understanding of believers communion with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. This course also expounds the privileges/ directions overflow out of this union.

PT304 Devotional Writings (3)

A study of devotional writings from Scripture for provision of the spiritual nourishment in a believer's practical Christian life.

PT305 Puritan Writings (3)

A study of biblical understanding of believers keeping the heart in all the conditions of their lives.

PT306 Theological Research Methods (3)

This is the course designed to teach the student with the rules/ methods and procedures for a theological research writing. He / she will be introduced here for the proper style and format of the theological research papers. Student is also provided an opportunity to write out a solid theological research paper on his own.

Graduate Courses

PT 307 Church Ministry (6)

The study of church and ministry in the early centuries with the attention given to the expansion of its mission is briefly overviewed.

PT 308 Pastoral Leadership (3)

In this course, the student will learn to correctly understand the biblical teachings concerning the pastoral heart and ministry, and practical application of this ministry in the local church context.

PT 309 Spiritual Formation (3)

In this course, the student will learn how to grow deeply in their spiritual life by being obedient to God and His Word faithfully.

PT 310 Spiritual Warfare (3)

A study of how to overcome the schemes of satan day by day as defeating the trials and temptations in the spiritual battlefield.

PT 311 Discipleship (3)

In this course, the student will learn to correctly understand the biblical teachings concerning discipleship ministry, and practical application of this ministry in the local church context.

PT 312 Hermeneutics (3)

This course is about the proper approach to interpret the various literary genres of the Bible. A grammatical-historical-theological method of interpretation is strongly emphasized here.

PT 313 Homiletics (3)

This course introduces the student to the art of expositional preaching with proper homiletical principles which includes the preparation methods and presentation skills.

PT 314 Biblical Counseling (3)

In this course, the student will learn to provide biblical counseling to those who are spiritually weak.

PT 315 Christian Ethics (3)

This course presents the biblical model for Christian ethics with the Christian framework of biblical values.

Doctoral Courses

PT 316 Logic and Reason (6)

This course is intended to serve as an introduction to logic and reason.

PT 317 The Evidences of the Christian Religion (3)

This course is to protest the rise of theological liberalism seeking to restore the Bible's reputation as an authoritative text to the world of academic theology.

PT 318 Reformed Pastor and Modern Thought (6)

This course aims to help the Reformed pastor in his ministry for the educated people challenging their faith through the Word on science, philosophy and religion.

PUTS 410 Puritan Poem (3)

A study of Puritan poem on *Paradise Lost* expounding the characters of the Garden of Eden in a poetical expression.

PUTS 411 Puritan Catechism (3)

A study of Puritan catechism. This course is to provide a complete survey and analysis of the Puritan Catechism along with Westminster Standards.

PUTS 412 Puritan Counseling (6)

This course exposes how puritans seek biblical counseling in all their life situations.

PUTS 413 Puritan Pastor (3)

In this course, the student will understand the biblical teachings concerning the puritan pastoral heart and ministry, and practical application of this ministry in the local church context.

PUTS 414 Puritan View of Evangelism (3)

A study of how to present gospel of Jesus Christ to the dying world from the biblical, puritan perspective.

PUTS 415 Puritan Worship (3)

In this course, the student will study about puritans' view of worshiping God.

PUTS 416 Puritan Meditations (3)

This course is the study of spiritual discipline of meditating on God and His word.

PUTS 417 Puritan Prayer Life (3)

A study of puritans' prayerful life for the spiritual nourishment.

PUTS 418 Puritan Sermons (3)

This course points out Puritans' preaching how effectively can reach the hearers.

PUTS 419 Selected Puritan Biographies (3)

A study of the selected puritan biographies. In this course, the student will be encouraged by the life and testimony of the Puritans who lived in sixteen and seventeen centuries.

HISTORICAL THEOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Historical Theology Department courses at PRBS introduce the students to the Church history with special emphasis on the lifestyle of early Christians and research on the historic documents. These courses designed to lead the students in interpreting God's providential work throughout the Church history. This also serves to get understanding of Puritan history in the sixteen and seventeen centuries. By getting into historical theology, one may be able to solve the present problems in the light of past events and accounts.

Graduate Courses**HC 401 Early Christians (6)**

The course is designed to analyze the writings of early Christians and the non-Christian contemporaries.

HC 402 Early Church Fathers (6)

The course serves as an introduction to the early Church fathers with first and second century Christian thought from their writings.

HC 403 Persecutions of Christianity (3)

The course portrays the truth of the persecutions on Christians from the first century onwards, providing courage to faithful brethren to witness Christ in spite of persecutions.

HC 404 Heresies of Roman Catholicism (3)

The course expounds that the pagan religion of ancient Babylon continued through the modern Babylon which is the Roman Catholic church.

HC 405 Works of Josephus (6)

This study presents the writings of Flavius Josephus on war and antiquities of Jews.

HC 406 Church History I (3)

A brief introduction to the church history from the Apostolic era to the reformation era.

HC 407 Church History II (3)

The course provides a brief introduction and exposition to the church history at the reformation era, particularly of German.

HC 408 Philosophy (3)

A study of the history of philosophy in three parts: Ancient Philosophy, Catholic Philosophy, and Modern Philosophy.

Doctoral Courses**HT 319 Puritan History I (3)**

This course surveys the history of the rise, growth and decline of Puritanism in England during sixteen and seventeen centuries.

HT 320 Puritan History II (3)

This course surveys the history of the rise, growth and decline of Puritanism in New England during sixteen to eighteen centuries.

HT 501 Philosophy (6)

A study of the history of philosophy in three parts: Ancient Philosophy, Catholic Philosophy, and Modern Philosophy.

HT 502 Historical Jesus (3)

This course examines the best available literary and historical evidence about Jesus and his times. This leads the student to investigate the life and ministry of Jesus Christ from His birth.