

# *Greetings*

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If you believe the Bible is the Word of God and are willing to test every question by its teaching, then we invite you to consider entering a course of instruction at the City Seminary of Sacramento.

The conviction of City Seminary is that every major metropolitan area in the United States should have a theological center where men can be trained and prepared for the gospel ministry without relocating to another area.

While attendance at denominational seminaries will likely continue to be the norm for most candidates for the ministry, the denominational system is not without problems, primarily of a practical nature. The necessity of uprooting one's family, incurring substantial debt, or being separated from one's home church has proven too great a burden for many who are otherwise qualified.

At City Seminary we want to make seminary education as accessible as possible for the greatest number of students. To accommodate the work schedule of our students, the majority of our classes will be in the evening or on Saturday morning. We believe that God has called us to minister to the churches in the Sacramento area in this way.

The correct method of presenting and defending the faith will be emphasized throughout. (2 hours.\* Prerequisite: NT131).



Additional information about City Seminary, including application and registration forms, can be obtained from City Seminary's website at <http://www.CitySeminary.org>. Those without internet access can have information mailed to them by leaving their name, address and phone number of the seminary's answering machine at (916) 451-4168.

### **ST421 and 721 — Contemporary Theology**

A consideration of current trends in theology. Attention will be given to the major churches. The New Perspective on Paul and Postmodernism will be examined at length. (*elective; 2 hours\**).

## **CASIMIR COLLEGE ELECTIVES**

*These courses are required of RCUS students in the B.D. and M.Div. programs. Other students may take them as electives.*

### **CC311 and 711 — Heidelberg Catechism**

A detailed study of the history and theology of the Heidelberg Catechism. (*2 hours\**).

### **CC312 and 712 — Belgic Confession and Canons of Dort**

A detailed study of the history and theology of the Belgic Confession of Faith and the Canons of Dort. Attention will be given to the false teachings of James Arminius and his followers, and the response of the Synod of Dordrecht (1618–19). (*2 hours\**).

### **CC331 and 731 — Government and History of the Reformed Church in the United States**

A consideration of the uniqueness of the Reformed Church in the United States in regard to its history and form of government. Distinctive positions of the RCUS will be studied. (*2 hours. Prerequisite: ST441/641*).

### **CC451 and 751 — Covenant Theology**

A Biblical-theological study of the divine covenants of Scripture, with special attention on their role in the life of the church. Attention will be given to the sacraments as signs and seals of the covenant, and Calvin’s understanding of “covenant confirmation” as practiced in the Reformed Church in the United States. (*2 hours.\* Prerequisites: ST211/611, ST321/621, ST441/641*).

### **CC471 and 771 Exegesis of Romans**

An exegetical study of the Greek text of the book of Romans, focusing on its major themes of sin, redemption and thankfulness.

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**ST191 and 591 — Prolegomena**

An examination of theological method, the nature of Biblical revelation, verbal inspiration, inerrancy and infallibility. (2 hours.\* *Students should have a working familiarity with ancient and modern philosophy*).

**ST210 and 601 — Theology Proper**

A study of the existence and knowability of God, his attributes, the Trinity and the decrees of God. Attention will be given to the doctrine of creation and its importance for Biblical study. (2 hours\*).

**ST211 and 611 — Anthropology**

A study of the origin and nature of man, his creation in the image of God, the Fall and its effects on creation. (2 hours\*).

**ST321 and 621 — Christology**

A consideration of the Covenant of Redemption and the Covenant of Grace, as effectuated in the person and work of Christ. Attention will be given to the natures, offices and states of Christ. (2 hours\*).

**ST331 and 631 — Soteriology**

A study of the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation, focusing in particular on regeneration, effectual calling, conversion, faith, justification, adoption, sanctification and the perseverance of the saints. (2 hours\*).

**ST341 and 641 — Ecclesiology**

An investigation into the nature of the church, its government and authority, including the means appointed by the Savior to work and confirm faith in his people. (2 hours).

**ST351 and 651 — Eschatology**

A study of the last things, including death, the intermediate state, the Second Coming, the Resurrection, the final judgment and life everlasting. Consideration will be given to the millennial views and the final state of unbelievers. (2 hours\*).

### **PT411 and 711 — Church Education and Discipleship**

An overview of the Biblical principles of discipleship within the context of the local church's ministry, including theological foundations, goals, methods, curriculum, organization, leadership and evaluation of the teaching/learning process for various settings and age groups. (2 hours\*).

### **PT441 and 741 — Evangelism**

A study of the biblical foundations, principles and methods of communicating the Gospel to unconverted persons, both within our own cultural contexts and among other cultures. This course will focus on personal evangelism and the role of evangelism in the life of the church. (2 hours\*).

### **PT451 and 751 — Missions**

An examination of the Biblical teaching on the worldwide missionary outreach of the church, with attention given to current issues that shape missionary endeavor. The missionary call, goals and challenges of foreign ministry, as well as the local pastor's role in encouraging the support of foreign missions will be considered. (2 hours\*).

### **PT499 and 799 — Internship**

Five hundred hours of supervised field education in a local church, the purpose of which is to provide the student with "hands on" experience in order to test and develop his gifts for the ministry. (3 hours).

## **SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY**

### **ST151 and 551 — Biblical Ethics**

The development of a Christian world-and-life view. Examination of the Scriptural basis for ethics, including the role of the Ten Commandments in the construction and application of ethics to the modern world. Church-state issues will also be considered. (2 hours\*).

# City Seminary

ἃ ἤκουσας παρ' ἐμοῦ ... παράθου πιστοῖς ἀνθρώποις (2 Tim. 2:2)

## **OUR GOALS**

The goals of City Seminary of Sacramento are twofold: to provide a classical theological seminary education for ministerial candidates, and to offer continuing theological education for those already active in the ministry.

The first of these goals is pursued through the development of a community of pastors and teachers dedicated to preparing for the gospel ministry those whom it pleases God to call.

Pastoral instruction shall include the fruits of biblical, theological, apologetic, historical, and practical studies.

The second goal is the provision of additional theological training for men already ordained to the gospel ministry, as well as other church officers and members, utilizing the resources of the institution to serve the continuing needs of the churches in the Sacramento region.

City Seminary of Sacramento, while committed to the historic doctrines of the Reformation, also finds within those historic doctrines a necessity for increased catholicity among those who confess Christ in our own age. We must demand from one another adherence to things "most surely believed among us," while recognizing that we do not have complete unity of practice in the modern Church. Those of different theological emphases will find at City Seminary of Sacramento a classical education in Reformation theology that will serve as a firm foundation irrespective of denominational distinctives.

Instruction will include, but not be limited to, Biblical languages, history and exegesis, Biblical and systematic theology, church history, missions, sermon preparation and delivery, pastoral ministry, and

church-planting, as well as other courses of a practical nature to assist and prepare candidates for gospel outreach.

Those currently serving in the ministry will also benefit, along with new students, from instruction in “practicing the peace of the church,” i.e., learning how to deal with conflicts in the local church in a biblical and God-honoring manner.

For those seeking more in-depth instruction in the Reformed faith, enrollment the Seminary’s Casimir College will provide courses in Reformed confessions and polity. In short, our purpose is to embrace all within the believing Church who seek to improve their theological knowledge and skills, while also offering a distinctive Reformed “track” for those more particularly seeking to serve in Reformed and Presbyterian ecclesiastical bodies.

## DOCTRINAL STANDARDS

The character of any institution of higher learning will be determined by its view of truth and authority, as well as the implications of both. City Seminary of Sacramento believes and affirms that the Bible is the inerrant, inspired and infallible Word of the living God. As such, its message is both knowable and teachable, requiring us to “search the Scriptures daily.” In other words, the Faith may (indeed must) be studied and taught both propositionally and systematically. Finally, because God’s Word is authoritative, our Christian walk can and must be founded upon Christian doctrine, to the end that a vibrant faith in Scripture will bring forth the fruit of righteousness in those who are trained by it. This will inevitably have consequences for every area of life.

The perspective which defends this view of Biblical authority was most ably presented by the late Dr. Cornelius Van Til. While other apologetical approaches will be studied, the student should be aware that the Van Til apologetic approach will characterize the course of instruction throughout. We do not begin with Man, science, reason, geology, experience, etc. We begin with the presupposition that God is Who He says He is, and that His Word is Truth.

Faculty members at City Seminary are held to the affirmation of the Faith as presented in the Heidelberg Catechism of 1563; however, students may enroll from any orthodox Protestant body (Baptist,

### PT161 and 561 — Pastoral Care and Counseling

Considers the routines of daily pastoral ministry, including good study habits, accurate record keeping (church and personal), discipleship, visitation, conducting weddings and funerals, and working with a church board. This course will also focus on counseling — bringing the Word of God to bear upon various circumstances of life, e.g., birth, sickness, death, marriage, etc. (2 hours. Not open to women students).

### PT171 and 571 — Marriage and Family Issues

This course will examine various issues in marriage and family relationships, with an emphasis on how to build strong relationships within the Christian home. (elective; 2 hours).

### PT201 and 601 — Hermeneutics

An examination of the history and principles of Biblical interpretation. Special attention will be given to the analogy of faith (i.e., “comparing Scripture with Scripture”) and the grammatico-historical method (2 hours\*).

### PT211 and 611 — Introductory Homiletics

A look at the Biblical approach to preparing sermons, including a study of the types of sermons, outline structure, illustrations, applications and the dynamics of delivery. (2 hours.\* Prerequisite: PT201/601. Not open to women students).

### PT212 and 612 — Advanced Homiletics

A continuation of Introductory Homiletics. (2 hours. Prerequisite: PT211/611).

### PT321 and 621 — Preaching Practicum

Students who have completed the necessary prerequisites will be automatically registered for this course for a total of six semesters. The preaching practicum includes preaching in chapel, submitting written sermons and preaching outside the classroom. Each semester in which a student preaches in chapel will count as one-third of a credit. (A total of 2 hours is needed. Prerequisites: PT201/601, PT211/611, plus two Systematic Theology courses and one Bible Survey course. Not open to women students).

### **OT401 and 701 — Exegesis of Hebrew Narrative and Law**

A study of the unique contributions of the Hebrew language to an understanding of the narrative and law of the Old Testament, especially the writings of Moses. Selected passages of the Old Testament will be read and studied. Attention will be given to the narrative structure of the creation account of Genesis 1 and 2. (2 hours.\* Prerequisite: OT131).

### **OT423 and 723 — Exegesis of Hebrew Poetry and Prophecy**

A consideration of the unique style and contribution of Hebrew to the poetry and prophetic literature of the Old Testament. Selected passages will be studied in detail. Attention will be given to the method of interpreting and applying the text. (2 hours.\* Prerequisite: OT131).

### **OT434 and 734 — Exegesis of the Psalms**

An exegesis of the Psalms, focusing on their historical and theological setting. Selected Psalms will be assigned. Attention will be given to the method of interpreting and applying the text. (elective; 2 hour.\* Prerequisite: OT131).

## **PRACTICAL THEOLOGY**

### **PT131 and 531 — Pastoral Theology**

Provides a theology of the gospel ministry with special attention being given to the idea of “call” versus “vocation,” the nature of Christian service, the primacy of the teaching ministry, and the contribution of the pastor’s life to his ministry. (2 hours. Not open to women students).

### **PT141 and 641 — Worship and Preaching**

A study of the nature and importance of Biblical worship, the centrality of preaching, the elements of worship, essential versus accidental characteristics of worship, and the Word of God as a means of grace. Attention will also be given to teaching others how to develop personal and family worship practices. (2 hours. Not open to women students).

Methodist, Presbyterian, Non-denominational, etc.) provided they can affirm the following Biblical doctrines:

- ◆ The authority, infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture
- ◆ The Trinity
- ◆ The full deity and humanity of Christ
- ◆ The fallen nature of man
- ◆ The substitutionary atonement and bodily resurrection of Christ
- ◆ Salvation by faith alone in Christ alone
- ◆ The future, physical return of Jesus Christ

## **HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT**

The sixteenth-century Reformation was a time of great spiritual growth and renewal in the Church. While the forces of Roman Catholicism regrouped during the Counter-Reformation, cities and nations went over *en masse* to the simpler and purer practices of the “reformed” church. The basic principles of the Reformation were summarized in the refrain, “Sola Fides, Sola Gratia, Solus Christus, Sola Scriptura,” — Faith Alone, Grace Alone, Christ Alone, Scripture Alone.

The Reformers appealed to the authority of Scripture, rather than the traditions of men. They saw Christ alone as their mediator, not any earthly priesthood. They affirmed salvation by grace, through faith, and denied the prevailing doctrine of works salvation. For centuries, these fundamental doctrines characterized the confession of most Protestants.

This original “reformed” church, however, soon began to splinter into the denominational mosaic we see today. Some branches began to identify themselves with individual Reformers, e.g., Luther. Others emphasized forms of government, e.g., the “presbytery” or “episcopacy.” Others still, took their name from distinctive practices, e.g., the mode of administering baptism.

City Seminary of Sacramento traces its lineage to the “trunk” of the Reformation, and as such is in a unique position to sponsor the opportunity for theological education to all the many branches of

Protestantism by emphasizing foundational principles. After securing a solid basic theological education, some students may wish to complete their preparation to serve in a particular ecclesiastical body by spending a short time at a denominational seminary. This may, in fact, be required in some denominational bodies.

To the extent that particular practices and doctrinal emphases are distinctively “Reformed,” they will be identified with Casimir College, a college within City Seminary of Sacramento that takes its name from the Duke of Neustadt, who founded a theological institute in sixteenth-century Germany as a refuge for students and faculty forbidden to preach and teach these Reformation principles in other parts of Europe, due to vigorous persecution.

It is our hope that the “city system” which sprang up in Reformation times, in which godly men strove to found centers for theological education in the various cities of Europe, might once again prove useful and efficacious in our own times. One such city seminary founded in the relatively small city of Geneva, sent out so many young preachers that the kings of Europe threatened to close their borders to stem the flood of the gospel into their truth-starved regions. It is our prayer that God would use City Seminary of Sacramento in this way.

Theological education in the United States was originally available, in any systematic way, only to students who studied under the tutelage and guidance of individual ministers. Prior to that time, candidates for the ministry often had to travel to Europe for training and ordination. In the eighteenth century there were a number of pastors who were widely known for their willingness to take students under their oversight and guide their reading. Often a single minister was engaged in discipling and preparing a sizable group of students, even from other church bodies.

It is this same spirit of cooperation, combined with an urgent desire that the gospel ministry might flourish in our own city, that serves as the wellspring of City Seminary of Sacramento’s mission. The seminary is governed by a Board of Governors who share the commitment to godly ecumenicity and fellowship articulated in this introduction, to the end that God’s people in our midst may be ably served by an abundance of faithful and dedicated gospel ministers. The faculty also may sit with the board in an advisory capacity.

## OLD TESTAMENT STUDIES

### OT101 — Elements of Hebrew Grammar I

A study of Old Testament Hebrew, including orthography, grammar, syntax and vocabulary, including selected readings from the Old Testament. (4 hours).

### OT102 — Elements of Hebrew Grammar II

A continuation of OT101. (4 hours. Prerequisite: OT101).

### OT131 — Advanced Hebrew Grammar

Study of the basic principles of exegesis through the translation of selected Old Testament passages. (2 hours. Prerequisite: OT102).

### OT201 and 601 — Old Testament Survey I

A study of the Old Testament books (Genesis through the Song of Solomon), considering authorship, date, occasion, theme, purpose and outline. (elective; 2 hours\*).

### OT202 and 602 — Old Testament Survey II

A study of the Old Testament books (Isaiah through Malachi), considering authorship, date, occasion, theme, purpose and outline. (elective; 2 hours\*).

### OT351 and 651 — Old Testament Introduction

Investigates the evidence bearing on the authenticity and trustworthiness of the Old Testament, including the establishment of the canon, history and versions of the text and methods of interpretation. Emphasis will be given to the Mosaic authorship of the Pentateuch and the negative effects of the Graf-Wellhausen theory. (2 hours. Prerequisite: OT102).

### OT371 and 671 — Old Testament Biblical Theology

Examines the nature and formation of Old Testament theology, with special attention given to the outworking of salvation within the context of the divine covenants. (2 hours.\* Prerequisite: OT102).

### **NT201 and 601 — New Testament Survey I**

A study of the New Testament books (Matthew through 2 Thessalonians), considering authorship, date, occasion, theme, purpose and outline. (*elective; 2 hours\**).

### **NT202 and 602 — New Testament Survey II**

A study of the New Testament books (1 Timothy through Revelation), considering authorship, date, occasion, theme, purpose and outline. (*elective; 2 hours\**).

### **NT351 and 651 — New Testament Introduction**

A consideration of the text of the New Testament, focusing on the origin and transmission of the text. Special attention will be given to the office of the apostolate, the concept of canon and textual criticism. (*2 hours. Prerequisite: NT102*).

### **NT371 and 671 — New Testament Biblical Theology**

An intensive study of the history of redemption as found in the New Testament. Attention will be given to the use of the Old Testament by Christ and the apostles, as well as the development of apostolic doctrine. (*2 hours.\* Prerequisite: NT102*).

### **NT381 and 681 — New Testament History and Society**

A view of the world in which the New Testament was written. This course will consider the political, cultural, philosophical, religious challenges faced by first-century believers and how they impacted the church. (*2 hours\**).

### **NT411 and 711 — Exegesis of the Gospel of Mark**

Integrated exegetical study of Mark, including introduction, history, textual criticism and an evaluation of genres and themes. (*2 hours.\* Prerequisite: NT131*).

### **NT431 and 731 — Exegesis of Ephesians**

Integrated exegetical study of Ephesians, including introduction, history, textual criticism and an evaluation of genres and themes. (*2 hours.\* Prerequisite: NT131. The student may elect to take CC471/771 in place of this course*).

## **CAMPUS AND FACILITIES**

At this time, City Seminary of Sacramento is located at 2020 16th Ave., Sacramento, California. It is close to William Land Park and Sacramento City College. The entrance is on the west side of the building.

To augment our library, the libraries of Sacramento State University and UC Davis are recommended for research projects and important papers, as well as the growing body of work available on the Internet. There is a bookstore that is managed by Covenant Reformed Church. Required textbooks will usually be available from the seminary, or may be purchased elsewhere, at the student's discretion.

## **DEGREE PROGRAMS AND AUDITING**

City Seminary of Sacramento is a school of theology at the graduate level, operating under the auspices of Covenant Reformed Church of Sacramento, a member congregation of the Reformed Church in the United States (first congregation was established in 1710). The Seminary may grant the degrees of Associate of Theological Studies (A.T.S.), Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.), Master of Theological Studies (M.T.S.) and Master of Divinity (M.Div.). The M.T.S. and M.Div. degrees will be awarded only to those who have previously secured a Bachelor of Arts or its equivalent.

Eligibility for any City Seminary degree, diploma or certificate is determined not only on the basis of a student's academic performance, but also on the basis of a consistent Christian character and deportment. Effectiveness in Christian service demands an exemplary manner of life. The faculty is responsible to recommend to the Board of Governors for diplomas or degrees only those students who exhibit godly attitudes, spiritual maturity and a manner of life befitting the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the discharge of this duty the faculty will offer advice and encouragement to students regarding their academic and personal obligations. A student may be required to leave the Seminary when, in the judgment of the faculty, these obligations are not being satisfied.

In addition to the degree requirements listed below, attendance at the Opening Convocation (September) and Commencement (May) is required of all degree candidates.

### **Undergraduate Programs**

Although it is customary for theological students to secure a baccalaureate degree in the liberal arts before entering seminary, City Seminary recognizes that unusual circumstances often prevent this (for example, a man may be called to the ministry late in life). Therefore, City Seminary offers the following undergraduate degrees to non-college graduates, provided that such applicants have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

Undergraduate students must register for courses with division numbers less than 500. The requirements for these courses will be commensurate with an undergraduate level of study.

#### **BACHELOR OF DIVINITY**

The Bachelor of Divinity degree (B.D.) is an undergraduate degree awarded to those who have successfully completed 98 semester hours of credit in undergraduate courses. All undergraduate courses offered at the seminary are required for this degree, except those specifically marked “elective.” Instruction will include the following disciplines: Apologetics, Church History, Old and New Testaments (including the original languages of Scripture), Practical Theology and Systematic Theology. Students from the Reformed Church in the United States are to complete the Casimir College curriculum as well.

#### **ASSOCIATE OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

The Associate of Theological Studies degree (A.T.S.) is an undergraduate degree awarded to those who have successfully completed 48 semester hours of credit in undergraduate courses. Each candidate for this degree must choose an area of concentration from among the departments of the seminary (e.g., Apologetics, Church History, etc.). All non-elective courses within that department and their prerequisites are required for the degree. In addition, each candidate for this degree must successfully complete PT201, ST151 and

#### **CH371 and 671 — Modern Church History**

A study of doctrinal developments since the Reformation. Attention will be given to changes within Lutheranism, Calvinism, Evangelicalism and Romanism. An examination of modern theological liberalism will be included. (2 hours).

#### **CH391 and 691 — American Church History**

A study of the issues of American Protestantism. Topics will include New England Puritanism, Edwards and the New Divinity, the impact of the Civil War and slavery on the development of the American church, Princeton and the Southern Presbyterians, Darwinism and the Social Gospel. (2 hours).

#### **CH451 and 751 — Confession of the Church and Social Order**

An historical consideration of the Christian creeds from the apostles to the present. Particular attention will be given to the early ecumenical creeds and the confessions of the Reformation. The effects of these creeds on church and society will also be considered. (2 hours.\* Prerequisites: CH231/631, CH351/651. The student may elect to take CC311/711 and CC312/712 in place of this course).

### **NEW TESTAMENT STUDIES**

#### **NT101 — Elements of Greek Grammar I**

A study of New Testament Greek, including orthography, grammar, syntax and vocabulary, including selected readings from the New Testament. (4 hours).

#### **NT102 — Elements of Greek Grammar II**

A continuation of NT101. (4 hours. Prerequisite: NT101).

#### **NT131 — Advanced Greek Grammar**

Study of Greek syntax: cases, moods, and tenses. The purpose is to acquaint the reader of the Greek New Testament with the linguistic constructions found in the New Testament. (2 hours. Prerequisite: NT102).

### **AP251 and 651 — Modern Cults**

A study of the modern cult phenomenon, examining the history and distinctives of popular cults. (elective; 2 *hours\**).

## **CHURCH HISTORY**

### **CH231 and 631 — Ancient Church History**

A study of the ancient church from the birth of Christ through the accession of Pope Gregory I (AD 590). Emphasis will be given to the development of doctrine, worship, ecclesiology, and the growth of the papacy. (2 *hours*).

### **CH 241 and 641 — Medieval Church History**

A study of the doctrinal and organizational development of the church in the Middle Ages. The effects of scholasticism and the sacerdotal theology on European church and society will be considered. (2 *hours*).

### **CH245 and 645 — Seminar in Ancient and Medieval Theology**

A seminar in primary source materials from the first century through the middle ages. (*elective*; 2 *hours*. *Prerequisites*: CH231/631 and CH241/641).

### **CH351 and 651 — Reformation Church History**

A study of the sixteenth-century Reformation, focusing on the pre-Reformers, the relationship between the Renaissance and the Reformation, the work of the Reformers (specifically Luther, Zwingli, Calvin and Knox), and the Roman Catholic Counter-Reformation. (2 *hours*).

### **CH355 and 655 — Seminar in Reformation Theology**

A seminar in primary source materials from chief Reformers of the sixteenth century. Attention will be given to distinguishing the views of the various authors. (*elective*; 2 *hours*. *Prerequisites*: CH351/651).

ST191. Courses from other departments will satisfy for the remainder of the degree requirements.

## **Graduate Programs**

The following degrees are offered to students entering the seminary with a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent. These students will be considered graduate students and must register for courses with division numbers of 500 or greater (not including introductory language courses). The requirements for these courses will be commensurate with a graduate level of study.

### **MASTER OF DIVINITY**

The Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) is a graduate degree awarded to those who have successfully completed 98 semester credit hours, sixteen of which will be in introductory language courses with the remainder in graduate courses. All graduate courses offered at the seminary are required for this degree, except those specifically marked “elective.” Instruction will include the following disciplines: Apologetics, Church History, Old and New Testaments (including the original languages of Scripture), Practical Theology and Systematic Theology. Students from the Reformed Church in the United States are to complete the Casimir College curriculum as well.

The program of study for the M.Div. is designed to produce a well-rounded, knowledgeable and competent minister of the gospel. There is an order to theological instruction that builds upon previously laid foundations. Students should, whenever possible, pursue a liberal arts degree before entering a program of ministerial training.

### **MASTER OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

The Master of Theological Studies degree (M.T.S.) is a graduate degree awarded to those who have successfully completed 48 semester hours of credit in graduate courses. Each candidate for this degree must choose an area of concentration from among the departments of the seminary (e.g., Apologetics, Church History, etc.). All non-elective courses within that department and their prerequisites are required for the degree. In addition, each candidate for this degree must successfully complete PT601, ST551 and ST591. Courses

from other departments will satisfy for the remainder of the degree requirements.

### **Scholastic Honors**

Students in one of the seminary's four-year degree programs who complete a minimum of 60 semester hours (30 for two-year degrees) of graded coursework at City Seminary (not including courses taken Pass/Fail) with a minimum grade point average of 3.65 will be graduated *cum laude*. Those who finish with a minimum grade point average of 3.80 will be graduated *magna cum laude*. Those who finish with a minimum grade point average of 3.90 will be graduated *summa cum laude*.

Students who have completed between 50 and 59 hours (between 25 and 29 for two-year degrees) at City Seminary with a minimum grade point average of 3.75 will be graduated "With Distinction."

These honors designations will be noted on the student's diploma and recorded in his academic transcript. Classes taken after graduation will not alter the academic honors designations awarded at graduation.

### **Certificates**

City Seminary's Certificate Program is designed especially for those currently serving in the ministry who feel a deficiency in a particular area of study, or who wish to concentrate their efforts in a given discipline without necessarily pursuing a degree. Certificates shall be awarded, upon recommendation of the faculty, to those who successfully complete three courses in any one of the seminary's departments. Credits earned in certificated programs will, in most cases, count toward completion of a seminary degree, should the student later choose to pursue that goal.

Certificates will be offered in each department of theological study (Apologetics, Church History, New Testament, Old Testament, Systematic Theology and Pastoral Theology). Students desiring to enroll in a certificated program in Systematic Theology must be able to demonstrate a minimal knowledge of the Greek language and historical philosophy.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

*Courses numbered less than 500 are intended for undergraduate students. Expectations for these classes are at the undergraduate level. Courses numbered 500 or above are intended for graduate students, with course expectations commensurate with graduate study. An asterisk (\*) after the credit hours indicates that the course may be used for ACSI credit.*

### **APOLOGETICS**

#### **AP101 and 501 — Introduction to Apologetics**

A study of the presuppositional method of apologetics as the proper Biblical strategy for defending the faith. Attention will be given to competing methodologies, including rationalism, empiricism (evidentialism) and irrationalism. (2 hours\*).

#### **AP121 and 521 — Evidences**

An investigation into the use of evidences in apologetics. Issues of concern are the value of evidences, the historical reliability of the Bible and textual criticism. Attention will be given to the philosophical deficiencies of the theory of evolution. (2 hours. Prerequisite: AP101/501\*).

#### **AP 201 and 601 — Applied Apologetics**

The application of the presuppositional method of apologetics. Readings will focus on specific challenges to the Christian faith. (2 hours. Prerequisites: AP101/501\*).

#### **AP241 and 641 — Christian Worldview**

Explores the implications of biblical truth for a Christian philosophy of life. The study includes a survey of the development of Christian philosophy and contemporary trends. (2 hours\*).

## **Auditing**

While a friendly and collegial atmosphere is our goal, the student should understand that the academic standards of the institution are necessarily rigorous. Those who do not feel capable of meeting the academic requirements sufficient for credit, may apply to audit specific courses (with the consent of the instructor) without credit.

Students who switch from credit to audit will forfeit their scholarships for that course.

## **CHAPEL**

To encourage students in their spiritual walk, the students and faculty of City Seminary gather for chapel on alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters. Chapel occurs between the two evening classes, with the second class beginning immediately after chapel. All students taking Tuesday or Thursday classes will be required to attend chapel on the night(s) they have classes. Attendance will be taken and recorded in each student's permanent transcript.

City Seminary's chapel program is also designed to assist students in developing their preaching skills. Students who have completed two systematic theology courses, hermeneutics and homiletics will be required to preach in chapel in fulfillment of the seminary's preaching practicum.

The seminary encourages students to invite family and friends to chapel, as this is an excellent way to introduce individuals to the seminary community.

## **ACCREDITATION**

City Seminary is currently seeking accreditation through an accreditation agency approved by the United States Department of Education that operates on distinctively Christian principles. The seminary will not seek accreditation from governmental secular boards or agencies, since such accreditation programs invariably require conformity to non-biblical, and often unbiblical, standards of instruction, operation or philosophy.

## ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Prospective students should apply by using the short application in the back of the catalog or a downloaded version available on our website, along with a non-refundable \$25.00 application fee. In order to be admitted as a degree candidate in the Seminary, the applicant must also present the following credentials to the Registrar:

- ◆ A completed application on a form supplied by the Registrar. Applications are available on City Seminary's website ([www.CitySeminary.org](http://www.CitySeminary.org)) or may be obtained by calling (916) 451-4168.
- ◆ A letter of recommendation from the minister or governing board of the church of which the applicant is a member, or other satisfactory source, stating in the estimation of the writer, the applicant's moral character, general ability and special fitness to pursue theological studies.
- ◆ A statement from the applicant giving his reasons for wishing to pursue a course of theological study.
- ◆ A full academic transcript of the applicant's college and/or high school work. If more than one college was attended, there should be a transcript from each. If he has not completed a regular course of academic study, the applicant may be required to sustain examinations in subjects essential in order to profitably matriculate into the course of study at the Seminary.

These materials should be forwarded to the Registrar of the Seminary at the following address as soon as the student has determined to enroll.

The Registrar  
City Seminary of Sacramento  
2020 16th Ave.  
Sacramento, CA 95822

The Seminary will examine the student's credentials to ascertain whether the applicant is of good moral character, and possesses the appropriate demeanor and prior education necessary for theological study.

## May

Final examinations will usually be administered during the last week of April or the first week of May. Commencement will normally be held on the Friday of the week following final examinations.

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## **ANNUAL CALENDAR**

### **September**

Opening Convocation will normally take place on the first Friday evening following Labor Day. Classes begin the next day.

### **October**

Classes will not be held on Reformation Day (October 31).

### **November**

No classes will be held on Thanksgiving Day, although classes are sometimes held the Saturday immediately following Thanksgiving Day.

### **December**

Final examinations will usually take place during the second and/or third weeks of December.

### **January**

Classes for the spring semester will normally begin the Saturday closest to January 15.

### **March**

Due to faculty commitments, there will be no classes the first full week of March.

### **March/April**

The seminary will observe a spring break during the week between Palm Sunday and Easter.

Applicants for the M.Div. or M.T.S. degrees, must provide a transcript showing the attainment of the Bachelor of Arts degree, or its academic equivalent, with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Courses in the undergraduate program should include philosophy, history and languages.

The Seminary may grant admission on the basis of the credentials submitted or it may make one or more of the following requests of the candidate:

- ◆ To meet with a representative of the Seminary for a personal interview.
- ◆ To take one or more of the Graduate Record Examinations administered six times a year at various centers throughout the country.
- ◆ To provide a physician's health certificate.

The Seminary does not carry medical insurance for students. Health insurance is the sole responsibility of each student.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

City Seminary admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all of its academic programs. It does not discriminate based on race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational programs, admissions policies and scholarship programs. However, believing that the Bible restricts the offices of church leadership to males, women students will not be admitted to the Seminary's B.D. or M.Div. degree programs and are not permitted to enroll in some classes in the Practical Theology Department (please see course descriptions). They may enroll in all other courses or degree programs and, upon satisfactory completion, will receive the appropriate certificate or degree.

## **ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

All international and English-as second-language (ESL) students applying for admission must submit a score for the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 550 is re-

quired for admission and must include the writing section (TWE) which is administered in September, October, March and May.

To register for the TOEFL/TWE test, contact:

TOEFL/TWE SERVICES  
PO Box 6151  
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA  
Telephone: (609) 771-7100  
e-mail: toefl@ets.org  
Website: <http://etsweb.ets.org>

Applicants who score 600 or lower on the TOEFL must enroll in the ESL program at an approved institution.

## PRELIMINARY TEST IN GREEK

A preliminary examination is administered for those wishing to establish a proficiency in Greek, enabling those who pass the exam to enroll in New Testament courses without taking classes in Introductory Greek. Prospective students are encouraged to include Greek language in their undergraduate work, when possible. Greek is a prerequisite for New Testament courses and may be taken as part of the student's seminary program of instruction.

## KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH BIBLE

Every student is expected to have a thorough knowledge of the English language Bible. To expect to profit from seminary instruction apart from a thirst for God's Word is a waste of the time of student and instructor alike. Every prospective minister of the gospel must make the Bible his constant companion. It is assured that no student indifferent to God's Word will succeed at City Seminary of Sacramento.

While a love for God's Word and a genuine familiarity with the texts of Scripture are essential, it is also recognized that most students will lack the systematic tools necessary to take full advantage of the course of instruction. To address this common deficiency, introductory survey courses are included in both the New and Old Testament curricula.

## Dennis E. Roe, M.Div.

*Dean of Students; Associate Professor (Evangelism and Missions)*

B.A., John Wesley College, 1979; M.Div. The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, 1979.

Author: Articles in the *Reformed Herald, Flashes* (25th Infantry Division Association), and *McKenzie's Raiders* (3/4 Cavalry Association).

Pastor Roe's vast experience in overseeing the work of Westminster Biblical Missions and his love for the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ bring vitality and excitement to evangelism and missions.

## Adjunct Professor

## Michael Voytek, M.Div.

*Adjunct Professor (Old Testament Studies)*

M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary in California, 1997.

Author: Articles in the *Reformed Herald* and *Christian Advancement*.

Professor Voytek comes to City Seminary with not only a passion for Old Testament studies, but also with an intense love for Scripture and a teaching methodology that engages the inquiring student.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Professor West's scholarship and writing skills have gained recognition far beyond the classroom. Systematic Theology and Practical Ministry assume new and deeper dimensions under his instruction. Insights gained from his lectures challenge students to confront today's issues from the Word of God.

## Associate Professors

### Eric D. Bristley, Th.M.

*Associate Professor (Apologetics)*

B.A., Covenant College, 1978; M.A.R., Westminster Theological Seminary, 1984; Th.M., Westminster Theological Seminary, 1989.

Author: *An Historical Bibliography of the Heidelberg Catechism*, articles in *Journey Magazine* and various publications of Christian Liberty Press; and *Guide to the Writings of Cornelius Van Til*. Co-author: *God's Wonderful Works: The Creation in Six Days*, and *Streams of Civilization, Vol. II: Cultures in Conflict since the Reformation*. Editor: *The Works of Cornelius Van Til* (CD-ROM); and *The James I. Good Collection* (CD-ROM).

Professor Bristley's challenging style helps students to think more Biblically and to see all of life in relation to Jesus Christ. His students learn how to confront non-Christian world-views by demonstrating that unless Christianity is presupposed, knowledge is impossible.

### Sam Powell, M.Div.

*Associate Professor (Hebrew)*

M.Div. New Geneva Theological Seminary, 2008.

Author: Articles in the *Reformed Herald* and *Leben*; primary author of "Promoting a Biblical Sexual Morality," a report commissioned by the Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Professor Powell's enthusiasm for teaching Hebrew and related studies stems from his love for and commitment to the Bible as the infallible and inerrant Word of the living God. He challenges his students to read the Old Testament as its author, the Holy Spirit, intended.

## EXAMINATIONS AND GRADES

Final examinations will be administered at the end of each semester. In the event of an excused absence, the student must schedule another examination before the second Tuesday of the ensuing term.

Grades will be awarded to students as follow:

Grade	Percentile	Grade	Percentile	Grade	Percentile
		4	96–100	4–	93–95.99
3+	90–92.99	3	87–89.99	3–	84–86.99
2+	81–83.99	2	78–80.99	2–	75–77.99
1+	72–74.99	1	69–71.99	1–	65–68.99
0	below 65				

### Not included in GPA calculations

P	Pass	WP	Withdraw Passing
F	Fail	WF	Withdraw Failing

Required courses receiving a grade of 0 (failing) must be repeated. All failures will be recorded on the student's transcript and averaged in his GPA. The faculty may determine a 1– to be a "conditional pass." At the instructor's discretion, the student may be re-examined or given a written assignment to complete. A grade of 2+ or better on the re-examination or written assignment is required to remove the condition.

Students with grades of 1– or 0 may be placed on academic probation at the discretion of the faculty. Probationary students must improve their grades during the semester following their probation in order to be reinstated fully. Failure to do so may result in suspension from the program for a time to be determined by the faculty.

## TUITION AND FEES

An application fee of \$25.00 should accompany the initial application. Books and other course materials shall be listed with each

course and are the responsibility of the student. All required materials and books will be available through the bookstore.

City Seminary of Sacramento operates on the semester system. Fees are per semester hour. Scholarships are available to offset a portion of tuition payments for those in need of financial assistance.

Tuition will be charged at the rate of \$225.00 per semester hour for those courses taken for credit, with a maximum tuition charge of \$2,700.00 per semester. Courses may also be audited for \$50.00 per semester hour.

## TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Credit may, at the discretion of the Registrar and/or faculty, be granted for courses taken at other institutions in a similar program and at the same level. Credit will only be granted for courses that cover the same subject matter as those offered at City Seminary and in which the student received a grade of 3- or better. The student must provide the Registrar with a catalogue of the year in which he took the course. If there is any question, City Seminary may require a qualifying examination.

The grades for transfer courses will appear as "credit" and will not be averaged in the student's GPA, though they will count toward the fulfillment of his graduation requirements. No more than 60 percent of the courses necessary for any program may be by transfer credit.

Graduate students may opt to "test out" of courses that they have taken in an undergraduate program. However, such courses will not be counted toward the number of credits needed for graduation.

As a general rule, courses taken more than ten years previously may not be transferred.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES

Students may withdrawal from classes without notation on their transcripts through the fourth week of a semester. After that, the notation WP (withdrew passing) or WF (withdrew failing) will be recorded.

Refunds will be granted to students withdrawing from courses according to the following schedule:

<b>Withdrawal Date</b>	<b>Refund</b>
During the first week of the semester	100%
During the second week	75%
During the third week	50%
During or after the fourth week	No refund

## FACULTY

### **Frank H. Walker, Ph.D.**

*Professor of Historical Theology*

B.A., Covenant College, 1985; M.Div., The Theological Seminary of the Reformed Episcopal Church, 1985; Th.M., Whitefield Theological Seminary, 1998; Ph.D. Whitefield Theological Seminary, 2003.

Author: *What is the Gospel? A Summary of the Christian Faith; Theological Sources of the Heidelberg Catechism; Biblical Church Government: the Church Fulfilling Its Calling; Framework Hypothesis*, Whitefield Theological Seminary Position Paper #1; "The Theology of the Eastern Church and Mercersburg" in *You Shall Be My People*.

Dr. Walker brings to the class a scholarly understanding and a great enthusiasm for Church History, New Testament and related subjects, presenting them in a stimulating fashion.

### **Jim West, M.Div.**

*Professor of Pastoral Theology*

B.A., Pasadena College, 1968; M.Div., Westminster Theological Seminary, 1972.

Author: *Christian Courtship Versus the Dating Game; The Art of Choosing Your Love; The Covenant Baptism of Children; Drinking with Calvin and Luther; The Glorious Foundation of Christ; The Baptism of Children in the Old and New Covenants*; as well as articles in *Table Talk, Modern Reformation, Westminster Theological Journal, Banner of Truth Magazine, Chalcedon Report*, and the *Reformed Herald*.