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From the President



Congratulations! And I really do mean it! Congratulations. You are reading this letter in this Academic Catalog, which means you are interested in pursuing further STUDY of the WORD OF GOD. That interest should be congratulated.

NPBS is founded and grounded in the Word of God – the Living Word (Jesus, The Christ) and the Living Word (The Bible). We are unashamed in our declarations that there is no greater pursuit in life than to pursue understanding and knowing the Word of God. Someone might say, “Well, isn’t the greatest commandment to ‘love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?’” We would answer, “Yes, of course, the Bible tells us that. However, there is really only one way for anyone to grow to love God with their whole being, and that is through diligent study of the Bible. In fact, all paths to spiritual growth and having a vital and productive Christian life and ministry are paved with the diligent study of the Word of God.

Psalm 119, the brilliant, passionate reflections of a man who loved God with his whole heart, says, “The law of Your mouth is better to me than thousands of shekels of gold and silver.” (v. 72) In fact, we could go on and on with quoting verses from Psalm 119 about the importance of studying the Word of God with zeal and passion. We could go on and on as well, just quoting from Psalm 119 about the fulfillment and the satisfaction that is afforded to the person who does make the study of the Word of God his/her life pursuit. But that truth is compounded so many times throughout the Word of God that it is undeniable that the passionate pursuit of the study of the Bible is the most noble of all goals and investments in this life. When our Lord was praying for His disciples in His High Priestly Prayer, He prayed, “Sanctify them by the truth – Your Word IS TRUTH.” (Jn 17:17). God’s Word is an ‘extension’ of God Himself. 2 Timothy tells us that ‘...all Scripture is ‘God-



breathed.’ There is no other ‘body of truth’ in this world about which that could be rightly spoken. The BIBLE is the WORD OF GOD.

So, I say again, that your interest in studying the Word of God is to be congratulated. Pursue this interest. Come and join with us at NPBS. We have become life-long students of the Word of God and we hope to ‘infect’ as many men and women as we can with that same passionate pursuit of the knowledge and understanding of the Word of God. Of course, study is not an end in itself, but a means to the end of loving our Lord with our whole heart and loving others as well. The study of the Word of God molds us and changes us into the people that God wants us to be.

NPBS offers a high quality, biblical and theological education at a very affordable price. NPBS is an educational institution that is technologically advanced, approved by the State of North Dakota to operate as a degree granting institution, pursuing accreditation with TRACS (Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools), and committed to providing quality biblical and theological training here in the Northern Plains and beyond. As reflected in our Doctrinal Statement we have several distinctives that make us unique in the Evangelical Biblical and Theological Education community – namely we believe in a literal, grammatical hermeneutic of the Bible and we hold a Free Grace perspective and classic and traditional Dispensationalism. You will find a friendly, welcoming Christian community where we seek to honor our Lord Jesus Christ and share His love and grace with one another and with others who have not yet come to know Him. Come—join us. You will be glad you did.

Terry Kern, ThM

Introduction to the Northern Plains Biblical Seminary



Mission and Values Statements

Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School exists to glorify God by providing theological training applied to godly living while preparing Christian leaders for worldwide effective spiritual leadership.

NPBS will

- Maintain a detailed doctrinal statement, to ensure that the school's foundations remain consistent, strong, and identifiable.
- Maintain a strong commitment to the teaching and maintaining the authority of the Bible.
- Ensure that students rightly interpret, understand, and apply the word of truth to their.
- Maintain a focus on strong theological and verse-by-verse exegetical teaching, to ensure that students become capable exegetes, theologians, and expositors.
- Ensure the spiritual development of students by emphasizing that the teaching of God's Word should result in an ever-growing appreciation of His truth, a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, and an effective devotional and prayer life.
- Provide expert training in the use of Bible software (Logos) so students can gain greater insight into the Bible by studying as various levels (passage, exegetical, and word).

The curriculum focuses on the following values:

- Personal knowledge of the contents of Scripture
- Sound interpretive principles
- Solid theological principles
- Integrated Biblical worldviews and apologetics
- Competence in moving from exegesis to exposition
- Personal application of the biblical doctrine to life
- Skill in written and verbal communication

NPBS Standards of Accountability

1. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will seek to honorably and faithfully execute the stewardship of all provided resources to the glory of God.
2. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will undergo an annual financial review by an independent accounting firm.
3. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will maintain its non-profit educational 501(c)(3) tax status with the Department of Treasury, Internal Revenue Service(IRS), assuring full deductibility of gifts which meet IRS Requirements (issued October 2012).
4. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will use gifts for the purposes designated by donors. When undesignated, gifts will be used for current Seminary priorities.
5. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will issue annual receipts for every donation, with necessary information to satisfy all IRS requirements.
6. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will only conduct gift solicitation by way of Seminary officers,

- employees, or volunteers and will not employ external fundraising organizations.
7. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will maintain to the greatest legal extent the confidentiality of all donor records; *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will not release, sell, or otherwise distribute mailing lists to any organization.
 8. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will make quarterly financial statements available to donors upon request, and will promptly answer all inquiries from donors.
 9. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will implement and administer the budgets, salaries, and employment structure approved by its Board of Directors.
 10. *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* will faithfully pursue academic accreditation through the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

History

The Northern Plains Biblical Seminary was established in Bismarck, ND in November of 2007 with the filing of incorporation papers with the State of North Dakota. Though thinking and planning were initiated at that time, the Seminary did not really begin to operate until we were provided with a space in downtown Mandan, ND building.



The space was occupied in March 2011. The next several months resulted in preparing the space for educational purposes. NPBS was outfitted with high-speed cable and wireless internet throughout the facility. We also developed audio and video capacity so that we could record, both audio and video, of classes at NPBS.

The first class held under the banner of NPBS was offered in September 2011. Though we thought our first class would be in theology or hermeneutics, our first class was actually in Evangelism. As we were praying and considering how to begin NPBS, we were struck with the determination that we should have evangelism at the root of our program. Eleven students attended and completed our first class.

In the Winter/Spring of 2012, two courses were offered. These included Foundations of Christian Thought (Bibliology), and Biblical Research and Interpretation (this was our first Logos class). These courses had 19 and 8 students, respectively.

In the fall of 2012, we again offered our course in evangelism and added a new Seminary-level course in Old Testament Survey. We also were getting feedback from people in the area that they are not interested in Seminary, but would like to take courses at the Bible School level. Therefore, in the fall of 2012 we started teaching courses at that level. We have had students take courses in Bible and Doctrine, Bible and Science, the Gospel of Mark, and Church History.

Each semester we are adding more classes at the Seminary and Bible School levels. Since all of our courses are either audio or video recorded, all of our courses will be offered online.

Staff and Faculty

- Doctrinal Policy

Every two years, all faculty members are required to sign without reservation their agreement with the *Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School* doctrinal Statement.

- Educational Policy

All faculty members are strongly encouraged to continue academic progress. To this end, NPBS will provide funds suitable for the continued growth and development of its faculty. These will include but are not limited to resources for personal library development, professional meetings, and enrollment in appropriate courses and training at other institutions.

Distinctives

Adherence to the verbal, plenary inspiration of the Bible

God used men to write the Bible and He used them in their life situation. Yet, even though they were writing for God, much of what He had them write remained a mystery to them. The Bible is God's message to man and not man's message to man. God guided men so they wrote precisely what He intended for them to write. The Bible, as recorded in the original writings, is the true word of God. Thus, the entirety, every word, phrase, sentence, etc., of the Bible is inspired by God. Several important elements are included in a proper definition of inspiration:

- The divine element—God the Holy Spirit superintended the writers, ensuring the accuracy of the writers.

- The human element—human authors wrote according to their individual styles and personalities.
- The result of the divine human authorship is the recording of God's truth without error.
- Inspiration extends the selection of words by the writers.
- Inspiration relates to the origin of manuscripts.

Disagreement exists among theologians regarding the extent to which God inspired the writing of the scriptures. The doctrine of inspiration states the Scriptures have come from God; they were inspired by God and presented to man. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable... (2 Tim 3:16).” Human writers were used by God to record the Bible and in so doing they used their own styles and expressed their own personalities. Nevertheless, their words were an out-breathing of God. Inspiration then is the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit whereby He guided and superintended the writers of Scripture so that what they wrote is the Word of God (2 Pet 1:20-21). This act was both verbal and plenary. It was verbal because the Holy Spirit controlled the very thoughts of the authors and thus He assisted in choosing the exact and correct words. It was plenary (complete in every respect: absolute, unqualified) because it traversed the entire Bible.

We affirm the following:

- The grace of God in justification is an unconditional free gift.
- The free gift of eternal life is received only by trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose substitutionary death on the cross sufficient for our justification.
- Faith is a personal response, apart from our works, through which we accept the finished work of Jesus Christ as the means of our delivery from future condemnation and our guarantee of eternal life.
- Justification is the act of God to declare us righteous when we believe in Jesus Christ alone.
- Assurance of justification is the birthright of every believer from the moment of faith in Jesus Christ as promised in the written word of God.
- Spiritual growth is distinct from justification and it is God's expectation for every believer; this growth, however, proceeds at different rates in every believer.
- The Gospel of Grace should always be presented with clarity and simplicity so that no impression is left that justification requires any step, response, or action in addition to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Adherence to dispensational theology

We affirm the following:

- A dispensation is a stage in the progressive revelation of God constituting a distinctive stewardship or rule of life.
- The basis of salvation in every age is the death of Christ and the requirement for salvation in every age has always been faith. The object of faith in every age is God, yet the content of faith changes in the various dispensations.
- Each dispensation begins with man being divinely placed in a new position of privilege and responsibility. Because of man's character, each dispensation ends with the failure of man resulting in righteous judgments from God. Though certain aspects of each dispensation remain the same, particularly in respect to the attributes of God, each dispensation has varying instructions and responsibilities, which are limited to a given period. Different sets of instructions for conducting one's spiritual life are given to people living in the various dispensations.

Doctrinal Statement

The Scriptures

- "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God."
- God, the Divine Author of Scripture, cannot lie, thus the Bible cannot lie or contain error.
- The Word of God is inerrant in the words of the original manuscripts, not just in "spiritual" matters, but on every issue it may touch.
- The human authors—holy men—wrote the very words of Scripture as "they were moved by the Holy Spirit..."
- While certain portions of the Bible may be more applicable to various people at a given time, the whole of Scripture (history, narrative, poetry, doctrine, prophecy, etc.) is equally the very Word of God.

(Num. 23:19; 1 Sam. 15:29; Ps. 12:6; 119:89,130,160; Is. 40:8; 55:8-11; Lk. 24:27, 44-47, Jn 5:39; 17:17; Rom 15:4; 1 Cor. 2:9-10; 2 Tim 3:16-17, Titus 1:2; Heb. 6:18; 1 Pet 1:10-12; 23- 25; 2 Pet 1:19-21; 3:16; James 1:21; 1 Jn. 2:27)

The Godhead

- The Bible reveals One, triune God, existing in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - eternal in being, identical in nature, equal in power and glory and having the same attributes and perfections.
- They each command the same respect, trust, and obedience.

(Gen 1:1; Deut 6:4; Mt. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 13:14)

God the Father

- God the Father is the first member of the Trinity and the source of all things.

- He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of all those who trust Christ as their Savior.
- He is known by His attributes as revealed in Scripture but these do not exhaust His essence.
- He has freely decreed all things for His own glory.

(Exod. 3:14-16, Mt. 3:16-17; Jn. 10:30, 14:10; 15:26; Phil. 2:9-11)

God the Son

- Jesus Christ, the Son, is the second member of the Trinity, who shares all the attributes of the Father.
- He became man by being conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb, and was subsequently virgin born.
- Jesus Christ is the only One who has two perfect and distinct natures joined in one Person forever.
- He is fully God and truly man, the only Mediator between God and man.
- He accomplished man's redemption through His substitutionary death on the cross.
- He arose physically from the grave, guaranteeing the believer's justification.
- He is now in heaven at the Father's right hand interceding for the believer.

(Ps. 2:7; Isa 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2; Mt. 1:18-25; 28:19; Lk. 1:26-35, 2:52; Jn 1:1-3, 14, 18, 3:16, 8:58, 10:30, 17:5, 20:28; 1 Cor. 15:1-20, Gal. 4:4; Phil 2:5-8; Col. 1:14, 15-17, 2:9; 1 Tim. 2:5; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:1-3, 6, 8-12; 4:15; 13:8; 1 Pet. 1:1; 2:22; 1 Jn. 2:1-2; 3:16; 4:10; 5:20; Rev. 1:17-18)

God the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity.

- He shares the same nature and attributes that the Father and the Son possess.
- He proceeds from the Father and the Son and is the Divine Author of Scripture.
- He is the efficient Agent in man's redemption.
- He indwells, baptizes, gifts, and empowers believers when they exercise faith in Christ.
- He is also the Divine and final Teacher, who guides believers into all truth.
- Believers have the privilege and responsibility to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, who desires to make believers like Christ in thought, words, and actions.

(Gen. 1:2; Ps. 139:7; Isa. 40:13-14; Mt. 1:16-20; 28:19; Lk 1:35; Jn 1:13; 3:3-8; 6:63; 14:16-18; 26; 15:26; 16:7-15, 13; Acts 2:1-4; 5:3-4; Rom 8:9; 1 Cor. 2:9-10; 12; 6:19; 12:13; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 1:13-14; 2:22; 4:30; 5:18; 2 Thess. 2:7; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Titus 3:5; Heb. 9:14; 2 Peter 20-21; 1 Jn. 2:20,27)

Creation and Mankind

- Mankind was created by God in the image of God on the sixth twenty-four-hour day of creation.
- Mankind fell when Adam, the representative head of mankind, sinned.
- As a result, mankind (except Jesus Christ) has a sin nature and is totally depraved, totally unable to change his sinful condition.
- Mankind is still in the image of God and is thus valuable, even though under the judgment of God, (which is eternal death and punishment, or separation from God in the literal, physical lake of fire).

(Gen. 1:1 (ch.1-3); Exod 20:11; Ps. 14:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 17:9; Jn. 3:6; 5:40; 6:35; Rom. 1:20; 3:10-19; 8:6-7; Eph. 2:1-3; Col. 1:15-20; 1 Tim. 5:6; 1 Jn. 3:8)

Angels

- God created angels.
- Originally, they were all perfect, until Satan and the angels who followed him sinned.
- Those angels who did not sin remained in their original state.
- These good angels carry out God's will.
- They will always live in God's presence.
- The fallen angels carry out their evil plans against God and believers under Satan's directions.
- They are wholly evil in character, and will spend eternity (along with Satan) in the lake of fire prepared especially for them.

(Gen. 3:1 ff; Isa 14:12-17; Ezek. 28:11-19; Lk. 10:18; 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 11:13-15; Eph. 1:21; 6:10-18; Col. 2:15; 1 Tim. 3:6, 4:1-3; 2 Thess. 2:4; Heb. 1:14; 2:6-10; 2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 6; Rev. 7:12; 20:1-3, 10)

Salvation

- All of mankind are sinners, and declared dead in Adam.
- God's justice was satisfied solely by the death and bodily resurrection from the dead of Jesus Christ in our place.
- Jesus Christ was made to be sin and was made a curse for us, dying in our place.
- There is nothing a person can do or needs to do to add to or improve upon what Christ did on our behalf.
- The grace of God in justification is an unconditional and free gift.
- God provided only one-way for all men to receive His free gift: through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

- Faith (belief, trust) is a personal response, apart from works, whereby one is persuaded that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God and that He gives everlasting life (that cannot be lost) to all who believe in Him for that life because of His death and resurrection.
- When an unbelieving person believes (trusts) in Jesus Christ, he passes immediately out of spiritual death into spiritual life and from the old creation into the new.
- A believer is justified (declared righteous), and immediately accepted before the Father just as Jesus Christ is accepted, and loved as Jesus Christ is loved.
- As soon as one is saved, he/she is in possession of every spiritual blessing and absolutely complete in Christ.
- Once a person has everlasting life, he/she is saved forever.
- God's eternal purpose towards mankind includes His freedom to exercise grace toward those who do not deserve it.
- God is a holy and righteous Father who does not overlook the sins of His children, but disciplines them and corrects them in infinite love.
- God will keep believers forever, and at the very end, He will present every one of them faultless and conformed to the image of His Son.
- Assurance is not founded upon any personal worthiness. Assurance of everlasting salvation is based only on the promise God Makes in His Word that everyone who trusts (believes) in Jesus Christ alone possesses everlasting life. Good works, which can and should follow regeneration, are not necessary for a person to have assurance of everlasting life even though they may have a secondary, confirmatory value.

(Isa. 55:8-11; Mt. 4:4; 26:28; Jn. 1:12; 3:5, 16, 18, 36; 5:24; 6:29; 14:6; 17:17; Acts 4:12; 13:38-39; 16:31; Rom. 1:7, 16-17; 3:22, 26; 4:4-5; 5:1; 6-9; 6:11-13, 23; 8:2-4, 9, 12-13, 29-30, 32; 10:4, 17; 1 Cor. 1:2, 8; 6:11; 12:13; 15:1-4; 2 Cor. 3:18; 5:21; 7:1; Gal. 2:16; 5:13-26; 6:15; Eph. 1:3, 7; 2:8-9; 4:22-24; Phil. 3:4-9; Col. 1:22; 2:6, 10; 3:1-7, 16; 1 Thess. 2:13; 4:3-4; 5:23; Titus 3:5-7; Heb. 4:12; 10:10, 14, 12; 14; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:23-25; 1 Jn. 1:5-7; 3:2, 3:5-9; Jude 24)

Sanctification

- Sanctification is a “setting apart” unto God.
- Believers are sanctified positionally, having been given the same position before God as that enjoyed by Jesus Christ.
- Believers are being sanctified presently by the work of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit’s work in the believer’s life is to produce spiritual maturity reflected in consistent Christ-like behavior and attitudes. Therefore, obedience to the Word of God, while not necessary for obtaining eternal life, is the essential responsibility of each believer.
- Believers will be sanctified completely (glorified) when they see Jesus Christ and will be “like Him.”
- Believers are called with a holy calling to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh, and to live in the power of the indwelling Spirit so that they will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.
- The purpose of each believer is to give glory to God in all aspects of life.
- The flesh with its fallen sinful nature, which in this life will never be erased, needs to be kept by the Spirit constantly in subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ, or it will surely manifest its presence in our lives to the dishonor of our Lord.

- Every Christian must stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, not to determine his/her destiny of heaven or hell, but to assess their faithfulness of life on earth.
- Anticipating either reward or loss of reward at the Judgment Seat of Christ should motivate believers to perseverance in the faith and to faithfully seek God's revealed will.

(Lk. 8:14; Jn. 3:6; 15:8; 17:17; Rom. 6:11-13; 7:15-25; 8:2, 4, 8; 12, 13; 1 Cor. 6:15, 19-20; 11:31; 2 Cor 5:17; Gal 5:16-23; Eph. 2:10; 3:20-21; 4:22-24; 5:3-9, 26-27; Col 1:10, 2:1-10; 3:17; 1 Thess. 2:3-4; 5:22; 1 Tim. 5:6; Heb. 10:10, 14; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2:11; 2 Pet. 1:5-8; 1 Jn. 1:4-9; 3:2, 5-9; 5:10-13, 18)

The Church

- All who believe in Jesus Christ are united to Christ and are members of the church.
- The Church is the body of Christ.
- The Church began at Pentecost and will be removed from the earth at the rapture.
- The Church and the physical nation of Israel are completely distinct.
- As members of the body of Christ, believers are also members one of another.
- Believers are to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, rising above all sectarian differences, and loving one another with a pure heart.
- Local churches are under the leadership of elders, who are under the headship of Jesus Christ.
- Water baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church, and are for the testimony of the church to salvation and Christian living.

- Spiritual gifts (supernatural abilities) are given by the Holy Spirit to all believers at salvation, as the Holy Spirit decides.
- All spiritual gifts are for the equipping of believers so that they can do the work of ministry.
- The gifts of apostles, prophets, healings, miracles (including a word of wisdom or word of knowledge), and tongues were primarily “sign gifts” given for the establishing of the church.
- Wholly apart from salvation benefits, which are bestowed equally upon all who believe, rewards are promised according to faithfulness of each believer in service for The Lord Jesus Christ.
- Everlasting rewards will be bestowed at the Judgment Seat of Christ after He comes to receive His own to Himself.
- Believers in Jesus Christ are sent forth by Him into the world, even as He was sent forth by the Father into the world.
- Believers are related to this world as strangers and pilgrims, ambassadors and witnesses.
- One of their primary purposes in life should be to make Jesus Christ known to the whole world.

(Mt. 16:18; 28:19; Lk. 22:19-20; Acts. 2:1-47; 10:44-48; 11:15-17; 16:32-33; 18:7-8; Rom. 6:4-5; 12:3-8; 16:1,5; 1 Cor. 11:23-31; 12:12-13, 27; 16:19; Gal. 3:27-28; 6:2; Eph. 1:22-23; 2:16-22; 5:24-25, 30; Phil. 1:1; Col. 1:18; 1 Thess. 1:1, 5, 11; Heb. 10:24-25)

Dispensationalism

- Dispensations are not different ways of forgiveness and eternal life, but different administrations of God as He superintends the way mankind lives on earth. Eternal salvation was, is, and always will be a free gift by grace alone through faith alone, based on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ alone.

- Dispensationalism is an outgrowth of a literal, grammatical, historical hermeneutic.
- God has administered His purposes on earth in varying ways known as dispensations. Time is not a primary consideration; however, each divine administration, or dispensation, relates to a definite period of human history. The vast majority of the Bible deals with three such dispensations: the dispensation of Israel from the call of Abraham to Jesus Christ, the present dispensation of the Church from Pentecost to the Rapture and the future dispensation of Jesus Christ's 1000-year kingdom reign theologically designated as the Millennium.
- The promises to believing Israel are not fulfilled in the Church, but will be realized by believing Israel in the future.

(Gen 12:1-3; 15:6; Jn. 1:17; Acts 2; 1 Cor. 9:17; 10:32; Gal. 3:19; Eph. 1:10; 2:9-10; 3:2, 9, 11; Col. 1:25; 1 Tim. 1:4; Rev. 20:1-7)

The Future

- At death, the spirits and souls of those who have trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation during the present church age pass immediately into His presence until the resurrection of their glorified bodies when Jesus Christ comes for His own at the rapture.
- Believers will be judged according to their works at the Judgment Seat of Christ; this evaluation will determine rewards.
- The next prophesied event is the rapture when the Lord Jesus comes in the air and takes the church to be with Him. This blessed hope should be constantly expected.

- The rapture of the Church will be followed by the fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy concerning Israel's seventieth week (the tribulation).
- This period will be a time of judgment on the whole earth, at the end of which the time of the Gentiles will be brought to a close.
- The period of the tribulation on the earth will be climaxed by the second coming of Jesus Christ.
- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth will be bodily as He went, with the clouds of heaven.
- Jesus Christ will come with power and great glory to introduce His Earthly Kingdom.
- Jesus Christ will bind Satan, place him in the abyss, and lift the curse that now rests upon the whole creation.
- The Lord Jesus Christ will restore believing Israel to her own land and will give her the realization of God's covenant promises, and bring the whole world to the knowledge of God.
- The believer's soul and body reunited shall be with Him forever.
- The spirits and souls of the unbelieving remain after death conscious of condemnation and in misery until the final judgment of the great white throne at the close of the millennium.
- Unbelievers, after the great white throne judgment, shall be cast into the lake of fire forever, which is the second death.

(Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 30:7; Dan. 9:24-27; 12:2; Mt. 24-25; Lk. 6:19-25; 23:43; Jn. 14:1-6; Acts 1:11; Rom. 6:14-15; 11:6, 11; 14:10; 1 Cor. 15:51; 2 Cor. 5:8; Phil 1:23; 3:20-21; 1 Thess. 1:10; 4:13-18; 5:1-10; 2 Thess. 1:2-10; 2:11-15; Titus 2:11-14; Heb. 2:8; 10:12-13; 1 Jn. 3:2; Rev. 3:10; 6:1-17; 19:11-20:15)

Academic Programs

Student Doctrinal Requirement

All graduating NPBS students must, as a final prerequisite to the completion of their programs, must demonstrate the competency of their educational program by providing a complete portfolio outlining their doctrinal positions. Students who disagree with the doctrinal position of NPBS must document the areas of difference and provide exegetical support for their position as demonstrated by obtaining an NPBS professors approval of the defense. The completed portfolio will contain the following documents:

1. Doctrinal position statements: Consists of a one page typed summary of your belief on each of the following Doctrines (Document with Scripture and include the reviewing professor's signature).
 - a. Bibliology
 - b. Theology Proper
 - c. Christology
 - d. Pneumatology
 - e. Angelology
 - f. Anthropology (including Hamartiology)
 - g. Soteriology
 - h. Ecclesiology
 - i. Israelology
 - j. Eschatology

2. Personal Assessment
 - a. Life Map Instructions
 - b. Character Self-Assessment
 - c. Talents, Abilities and Gifts Inventory(Spiritual Gifts)

- d. Ministry Skills Inventory
 - e. Cross-Cultural Ministry Assessment
 - f. Learning Style Inventory
 - g. Myers-Briggs Type Indicator- MBTI or DISC Profile
3. Life and Ministry Philosophy Paper
 - a. Initial Life and Ministry Philosophy paper (Practice Of Ministry to be written within the first year of study)
 - b. Life and Ministry Philosophy (two to four pages in length to be complete prior to graduation)
 4. Belief and Practice Paper
 - a. Final Life and Ministry
 - b. Statement of Faith (one page or less, summarizing your doctrinal belief and including areas where you differ from the NPBS statement of faith)

Practicum and Evaluation

All students must successfully complete spiritual formation requirements and a final evaluation of potential ministry capacity.

Undergraduate Programs

NPBS is dedicated to help students meet their educational goals. For that reason, NPBS is offering the opportunity for students who have not completed a basic college degree to complete undergraduate programs in Biblical Studies. Students entering this program must have earned a High School diploma or a GED. The programs offered at NPBS leading to degrees are a two-year Associate of Biblical Studies and a four-year Bachelor of Biblical. Undergraduate courses are offered in two-blocks per semester. The program can be completed in the allotted time when students take five courses (15 hours) each semester (one block of two classes

and one block of three classes). All undergraduate students are required to take two courses in spiritual formation. (See Appendix: Course Summaries for statements regarding individual courses.)

Associate of Biblical Studies 60 Hours

30-hours general education core
21-hours general Bible core
9-hours theology core

Bachelor of Biblical Studies 120 Hours

60-hours general education core
51-hours general Bible core
9-hours theology core

Seminary Programs

NPBS offers a Master of Divinity as a terminal degree program. NPBS also offers two degrees as subsets of the Master of Divinity degree. The Certificate of Biblical Studies and the Master of Biblical Studies degrees can be completed in one year (30 credit hours) and two year (60 credit hours) formats. These programs are designed to prepare Christians for various opportunities in service including missions, church leadership, pastor, and teaching. Students must hold an advanced degree (BS/BA or higher) to enter this program. (See Appendix for course listings.)

Certificate of Biblical Studies 30 Hours

30-hours Bible exposition core

Master of Biblical Studies 60 Hours + Thesis

45-hours Bible exposition core
9-hours Pastoral ministry core
6-hours language core
6-hours Thesis (75 pages)

Master of Divinity 90 Hours + Thesis

45-hours Bible exposition core
18-hours Pastoral ministry core
12-hours Biblical language core
15-hour Electives
6-hours Thesis (100 pages)

Program Requirements: Undergraduate

Associate of Biblical Studies

This program provides students with a basic introduction to Biblical studies at the undergraduate level by providing general tools for continued study.

36 Hours General Education Core

EM101	Evangelism that Works 1	3
EM102	Evangelism that Works 2	3
EM221	Bible and Science	3
EN111	English 1	3
EN112	English 2	3
EN121	English 3	3
EN122	English 4	3
EN211	Advanced Communications	3
HI101	Church History	3
SF211	Bible and Prayer	3
SF212	Developing Christian Character	3

15 Hours Bible Core

BI112	Key Words of the Christian Life	3
BI121	Introduction to Bible Study	3
BI221	Old Testament Survey 1	3
BI222	Old Testament Survey 2	3
BI225	New Testament Survey	3

3 Hours Pastoral Ministries

PM221	Christian Discipleship	3
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9 Hours Theology Core

TH111	Basic Bible Doctrine	3
TH211	Survey of Theology 1	3
TH212	Survey of Theology 2	3

Bachelor of Biblical Studies

In addition to all of the courses required for the Associate of Biblical Studies degree, the following courses are required:

27 Hours General Education Core

EM321	Introduction to Philosophy	3
EM421	Apologetics in a Post Modern World	3
EM412	Discipleship Training	3
EM421	Missions	3
SF311	Christian Warfare	3
SF312	Spiritual Leadership	3
SF411	Winning Over Worry	3
SF412	Counseling the Bereaved	3
SF421	Marriage Counseling	3

24 Hours Bible Studies

BI301	Introduction to Greek Word Study	3
BI311	Mark	3
BI315	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
BI321	Nehemiah	3
BI322	Romans	3
BI325	Philippians	3
BI411	Gen 1-11	3
BI422	Revelation	3

6 Hours Pastoral Ministries

PM411	Biblical Leadership	3
PM422	Expository Preaching	3

3 Hours Theology

TH312	Biblical Theology	3
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Program Requirements: Seminary



Certificate of Biblical Studies

30 Hours Bible Exposition Core

BI501	Hermeneutics	3 Hrs
BI550	New Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI570	Old Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI580	Daniel/Revelation	3 Hrs
TH500	Foundations of Christian Thought	3 Hrs
TH501	Dispensationalism	3 Hrs
TH502	Topics in Salvation	3 Hrs
TH510	Systematic Theology 1	3 Hrs
TH511	Systematic Theology 2	3 Hrs
TH512	Systematic Theology 3	3 Hrs

Master of Biblical Studies

45 Hours Bible Exposition Core

IS500	Bible Study Using Logos	3 Hrs
BI501	Hermeneutics	3 Hrs
BI550	New Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI554	Romans	3 Hrs
BI570	Old Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI580	Daniel/Revelation	3 Hrs
BI598	Advanced Research Methods and Writing	3 Hrs
HI501	Church History to the Reformation	3 Hrs
HI502	Church History to Modern Times	3 Hrs
TH500	Foundations of Christian Thought	3 Hrs
TH501	Dispensationalism	3 Hrs
TH502	Topics in Salvation	3 Hrs
TH510	Systematic Theology 1	3 Hrs
TH511	Systematic Theology 2	3 Hrs
TH512	Systematic Theology 3	3 Hrs

9 Hours Pastoral Ministry Core

EM501	Evangelism that Works	3 Hrs
PM502	Pastoral and Church Leadership	3 Hrs
PM530	Logic, Reason, and Apologetics	3 Hrs
SF501-504	Spiritual Formation	0 Hrs

6 Hours Biblical Language Core

LA501	Greek 1	3 Hrs
LA601	Hebrew 1	3 Hrs

Thesis

BI599	Thesis (75 pages)	6 Hrs
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Master of Divinity***45 Hours Bible Exposition Core***

IS500	Bible Study Using Logos	3 Hrs
BI501	Hermeneutics	3 Hrs
BI550	New Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI554	Romans	3 Hrs
BI570	Old Testament Survey	3 Hrs
BI580	Daniel/Revelation	3 Hrs
BI598	Advanced Research Methods and Writing	3 Hrs
HI501	Church History to the Reformation	3 Hrs
HI502	Church History to Modern Times	3 Hrs
TH500	Foundations of Christian Thought	3 Hrs
TH501	Dispensationalism	3 Hrs
TH502	Topics in Salvation	3 Hrs
TH510	Systematic Theology 1	3 Hrs
TH511	Systematic Theology 2	3 Hrs
TH512	Systematic Theology 3	3 Hrs

18 Hours Pastoral Ministry Core

EM501	Evangelism that Works	3 Hrs
PM501	Church Polity	3 Hrs
PM502	Pastoral and Church Leadership	3 Hrs
PM510	Expository Preaching	3 Hrs
PM520	Christian Identity and Counseling	3 Hrs
PM530	Logic, Reason, and Apologetics	3 Hrs
SF501-504	Spiritual Formation Practicum	0 Hrs

12 Hours Biblical Language Core

LA501	Greek 1	3 Hrs
LA502	Greek 2	3 Hrs
LA601	Hebrew 1	3 Hrs
LA602	Hebrew 2	3 Hrs

Thesis

BI599	Thesis (100 pages)	6 Hrs
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15 Hours Electives

BI502	Trends in Evangelical Hermeneutics	3 Hrs
BI550	Life and Ministry of Jesus	3 Hrs
BI551	The Acts of the Apostles	3 Hrs
BI552	The Pauline Epistles	3 Hrs
BI553	The General Epistles	3 Hrs
BI555	Biblical Theology of the New Testament	3 Hrs
BI571	Pentateuch	3 Hrs
BI572	Old Testament History Books	3 Hrs
BI573	Old Testament Poetry/Wisdom	3 Hrs
BI574	Old Testament Prophets	3 Hrs
BI575	Isaiah	3 Hrs
BI576	Biblical Theology of Genesis	3 Hrs
LA510	Introduction to Greek Exegesis	3 Hrs
LA520	Greek Exegesis	4 Hrs
LA610	Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis	3 Hrs



LA620 Hebrew Exegesis

4 Hrs

Grading Policy

General description of Grades

The following is the grading scale for Northern Plains Biblical Seminary.

Performance	Letter Grade	G.P.A.	Wiggins and McTighe Scale <i>How is your Zone Reflection?</i>
Exceptional work	A	4.00	<i>Profound</i> : a powerful and illuminating interpretation and analysis of the importance/meaning/significance; tells a rich and insightful story: provides a rich history or context; sees deeply and incisively any ironies in the different interpretations.
Excellent work	A-	3.67	
Very good work	B+	3.33	<i>Revealing</i> : a nuanced interpretation and analysis of the importance/ meaning/significance: tells an insightful story; provides a telling history or context; sees subtle differences, levels, and ironies in diverse interpretations.
Good work	B	3.00	
Above average work	B-	2.67	<i>Perceptive</i> : a helpful interpretation or analysis of the importance/meaning/significance; tells a clear and instructive story; provides a useful history or con- text; sees different levels of
Average work	C+	2.33	



			interpretation.
Work needs improvement	C	2.00	<i>Interpreted</i> : a plausible interpretation or analysis of the importance/meaning/significance; makes sense of a story; provides a history or context.
Minimally acceptable work	C-	1.67	
Unacceptable work	F	<1.67	<i>Literal</i> : a simplistic or superficial reading; mechanical translation; a decoding with little or no interpretation; no sense of wider importance or significance; a restatement of what was taught or read.
Incomplete	I	N/A	Work is not finished in time for good reason.

Grading Criteria for Term Papers

Papers will be evaluated based on four factors. For reference, each factor is worth either 10 points (10%) or 40 points (40%):

1. Is the paper in on time with everything in order and attached?
This means not just window-dressing but the paper is all together and in order.
2. Does the paper have appropriate/correct headings, formatting, indexes, footnotes, endnotes, bibliography, outlines, etc. all that was required for this paper?
3. Does the paper meet or answer all of the subject matter or the intended topical/exegetical purpose of the writing?
4. Does the paper evidence a solid comprehension of the questions/assignments? Does the work competently tackle the subject matter of the course?

Grading Table

Criteria	Points/Percentage
Punctuation/Good Order	10
Correct Formatting	10
Content/Subject-Matter	40
Comprehension/Competence	40

Grading Interpretation

A+ (99-100)	4.00	C+ (83-85)	2.33
A (96-98)	4.00	C (80-82)	2.00
A- (94-95)	3.67	C- (78-79)	1.67
B+ (91-93)	3.33	D+ (75-77)	1.33
B (88-90)	3.00	D (72-74)	1.00
B- (86-87)	2.67	D- (70-71)	0.67

Attendance and Lateness Policy

Regular attendance is expected. No more than one unexcused absence is permitted without penalty. Two or more unexcused absences will result in a full letter grade reduction. Failure to take a quiz or exam by the scheduled date, except in dire circumstances and with prior permission of the professor, will automatically result in receiving a zero on the quiz or exam. During the class sessions, please do not allow your cell phone to ring audibly in class. Moreover, coming late to class and/or leaving class early is a distraction to other students, and should be avoided, except with the permission of the professor.

General Information

NPBS believes it is vital to provide accessible quality Biblical education at the lowest possible cost. We seek to help our students avoid the pressure of accumulating educational debts, which can often cause some to yield to compromise. We are therefore committed to maintaining affordable tuition costs.

Tuition

Tuition costs are calculated per course (typically 3 hours of credit), not per hour.

- Undergraduate: \$75 per course
- Seminary: \$150 per course

Student Fees*

- ❖ Registration Fee: \$50 one-time fee
- ❖ Late Registration Fee: \$45 per Semester
- ❖ Computer Access Fee: \$25 per Year
- ❖ Non-credit hour thesis fee: \$200 (for Master's thesis)
- ❖ Graduation Fee: \$180

*All financial information subject to change

Admission Requirements

General Registration and Financial Information

There is a one-time registration and application fee of \$50.00 for all new students.

Tuition is refundable when written notice of cancellation is given by the student in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. When notice is received prior to, or within seven days after completion of the first day of instruction, or after receipt of the first correspondence lesson by the institution, all tuition and other charges will be refunded to the student.
- b. When notice is received prior to, or within thirty days after completion of the first day of instruction, or prior to the completion of one-fourth of the educational services, all tuition and other charges except twenty-five percent thereof will be refunded to the student.
- c. When notice is received upon or after completion of one-fourth of the educational services, but prior to the completion of one-half of the educational services, all tuition, and other charges except fifty percent will be refunded to the student.
- d. When notice is received upon or after the completion of fifty percent of the educational services, no tuition or other charges will be refunded to the student.

There are no textbook refunds on courses dropped or exchanged.

For a \$20.00 Fee, students may exchange a course, with the permission of the registrar and class instructor. ***There are no refunds for online courses returned or never completed***, though, in special cases determined by the Registrar, a course may be exchanged.

In order to reinstate an online course, a student must repay the course tuition. If a student fails to complete a reinstated course within the allotted time, he receives an automatic grade of F.

A student may withdraw from a class, receiving a WP, through the fourth week of school, provided he is passing the course. He must notify the class instructor and Registrar of the withdrawal. After the fourth week, any type of withdrawal receives a grade of WF. Online students can withdraw up to four weeks into a course but must notify the office of the decision. Otherwise, an automatic grade of F will be recorded.

Admission Procedure

The educational mission of the Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School is to provide “theological training applied to godly living while preparing Christian leaders for worldwide effective spiritual leadership.” This mission can best be fulfilled if Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School attracts and admits like-minded students to its training programs. This admissions philosophy takes into account more than the applicant’s academic record. NPBS seeks to admit and nurture men and women whose lives demonstrate the qualities consistent with the Christian leadership roles for which NPBS provides training. They should be characterized by an unquenchable desire to give praise and glory to God; a passion for the authority of Scripture; a heart-felt compassion for others; a teachable spirit; and a faithful conviction for Christian ministry.

NPBS students represent a wide range of denominational and doctrinal backgrounds. All students are expected to affirm a minimum set of evangelical convictions (see table next page), and to exhibit a teachable attitude in their studies. Students must also understand that faculty will reflect the more specific doctrinal statements represented by the Faculty Teaching Position.

World Evangelical Alliance Statement of Faith

<p><i>We believe...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>In the Holy Scriptures as originally given by God, divinely inspired, infallible, inerrant, entirely trustworthy; and the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct...</i> 2. <i>One God, eternally existent in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit...</i> 3. <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, His virgin birth, His sinless human life, His</i> 	<p><i>divine miracles, His vicarious and atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension, His mediatorial work, and His personal return in power and glory...</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. <i>The salvation of lost and sinful man through the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ by faith apart from works, and regeneration by the Holy Spirit...</i> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <i>The Holy Spirit, by Whose indwelling the believer is enabled to live a holy life, to witness and work for the Lord Jesus Christ...</i> 6. <i>The Unity of the Spirit of all true believers, the Church, the Body of Christ...</i> 7. <i>The bodily Resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life; they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.</i>
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All students must apply for admission into the Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School. The most current application form can be found on our web site at www.npbsonline.org.

Note on Elective Courses

On occasion, the Faculty might recommend particular electives to balance the curriculum of certain students. The choice of elective may also be determined in part by the course track the student is pursuing.

Student Dismissal

Students who fail to maintain a 1.67 grade point average at the Bible School level or a 2.67 grade point average at the Seminary level will be counseled regarding the direction of their studies. If, after two successive semesters, the student fails to make significant progress in raising the GPA to a passing level, the student will be terminated from NPBS.

NPBS holds a high standard of conduct for its board, faculty, staff, and students. Our standard is to live in a manner worthy of our calling (Eph. 4:1) as put forward in the Bible. We believe that eternal life is a free gift to everyone who believes (John 3:16). We also believe that a close personal relationship with God is offered only to those who abide in God's love by obeying His Word (John 15:10-14). We call this free grace and full responsibility. Some of the responsibilities God commands of those who abide in Christ are to put off the works of the flesh, to be an example of the believer, to be holy even as God is holy, to put on the new man, to walk by the power of the Holy Spirit, and to evidence the fruit of the Spirit. Believers are called to a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices. Therefore, those associated with NPBS who demonstrate an ungodly lifestyle will be subject to discipline and dismissal.

Requirements of Class Assignments

All courses at NPBS are administered through the Moodle Learning Management System. All assignments will be submitted through this system for the appropriate week. These assignments include reading reports, quizzes, exams, term papers, discussion forums, and other assignments as assigned by the instructor.

Assignment Due Dates

All assignments are due based on the date identified in the course syllabus or course due date found within Moodle and specifically in the course syllabus. Any work turned in after the due date but within 5 days of the due date will be reduced a letter grade. Any work turned in more than five days after the due date will receive a failing grade.

Plagiarism Policy

Plagiarism is against NPBS policy, and any act of plagiarism will result in disciplinary action up to student dismissal from further study at NPBS. Plagiarism includes but is not limited to quoting materials

without proper citing or reference. Cutting and pasting of online and other materials requires proper citing via quotation and footnote.

Policies and Procedures

Faculty, staff, and students are required to follow all policies and procedures as provided by NPBS. Policies and procedures not presented in the current Academic Catalog will be made available to everyone associated with NPBS and will be accessible through the Learning Management System (Moodle).

Contact

If you anticipate difficulty in meeting any of these requirements, please contact your Professor (through the Moodle contact information). If you feel your inquiries are not being resolved, direct your inquiry to the Registrar as soon as possible (701-751-4535).

Consumer Complaint Process

Students who feel their complaint has not been resolved through the College's procedures above, may contact the North Dakota University System by calling 701-328-2960. Students who have concerns regarding the college's compliance with the Standards for Accreditation, not a specific student complaint, may contact NPBS's accrediting agency, the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (www.tracs.org). For information on this process, please consult *Complaints Against Affiliated Institutions*. For guidance on filing a complaint, email info@tracs.org.

The Department of Education

The Higher Education Opportunity Act (Public Law 110-315) (HEOA) was enacted on August 14, 2008, and reauthorizes the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA).

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) contains numerous federal reporting and disclosure requirements for information from various administrative areas of higher education institutions.

Links

www2.ed.gov/policy/highered/leg/hea08/index.html

www.cga.ct.gov/2008/rpt/2008-R-0470.htm

www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ315/content-detail.html

Corporate Information

Operating Officers

Terry Kern, President

Dr. Jon Hanson, Vice President

Faculty

Adjunct faculty will be added as need.

Anderson, Dr. Gerald

1981—BS; North Dakota State University; Fargo, ND; Biology

1984—MS; North Dakota State University; Fargo, ND; Botany

1991—PhD; Colorado State University; Fort Collins, CO;

Grassland Ecology

Hanson, Dr. Jonathan

1974—BS; North Dakota State University; Fargo, ND; Biology

1976—MS; North Dakota State University; Fargo, ND; Botany

1979—PhD; Texas A&M University; College Station, TX;

Ecophysiology

2004-2006—Tyndale Theological Seminary; Fort Worth, TX;

Theology, 27 credits (no degree)

2011—CBS; Moody Theological Seminary; Chicago, IL; Biblical

Studies

Kern, Terry

1971—BS; St. Paul Bible College; Bonifacius, MN; Missions
and Bible

1972-1974—University of North Dakota; Grand Forks, ND;

Chemistry (no degree)

1979—ThM; Dallas Theological Seminary; Dallas, TX; Bible

Exposition and Counseling



2005-present—Tyndale Theological Seminary; Fort Worth, TX;
Theology, 72 credits + 8 credits of Hebrew Exegesis (no
degree)

Board of Directors

Contact information is available by request to npbs@npbsonline.org.

Curt Baetz

Bill Jennings

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Dr. Lucas Kavlie

Terry Kern

Margaret (Peg) Martin

Incorporation

Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School is an independent, non-profit corporation chartered by the State of North Dakota. NPBS has been granted tax-exempt status by the North Dakota Secretary of State and by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization.

Authority to Grant Degrees

Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School is authorized to operate with the State of North Dakota Board of Education as a provisional degree granting institution in religious and theological education.

Founding

Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School was founded in fall of 2007 under the direction of Terry Kern.

Accreditation

Northern Plains Biblical Seminary and Bible School is not yet accredited, but is in the process of seeking accreditation with the

Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS).

Transfer of Credit

NPBS accepts for transfer all properly earned credits (with a C or above for the Bible School and a B or above for the Seminary) from other accredited Colleges or Seminaries allowed for by TRACS. Transfer students must complete a minimum of 30 hours at NPBS in order to graduate. Biblical courses will be reviewed before being accepted for transfer credit. Students may begin classes before their transcripts arrive from other schools, but transcripts must be in NPBS's office within one month of application. There is a \$15 charge for official transcripts sent from NPBS to students or other schools.

Appendix: Course Summaries

Biblical Studies

BI112 – Key Words of the Christian Life

A doctrinal word study covering such topics as justification, adoption, regeneration, propitiation, imputation, sanctification, reconciliation, redemption, intercession, mediation, predestination, and glorification. This course is designed to deepen the student's walk with Christ.

BI121 – Introduction to Bible Study

This course is designed to familiarize students with a basic approach to Bible study and theological thinking. Many of the important terms and concepts commonly encountered in theological study are introduced.

BI221 – Old Testament Survey 1

Any higher Biblical education is not complete without an Old Testament Survey course. This survey course summarizes the overall contents of the first 17 books of the Old Testament (Genesis-Esther). Many Christians wrongly believe that the Old Testament contains nothing relevant for today. It is almost treated as a separate document that is ignored or treated as a dead history. In truth, the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said that He came not to abolish the law but to fulfill it. Bible students must know and understand so they can appreciate the New Testament.

BI222 – Old Testament Survey 2

This course continues the survey started in BI221 and covers Job through Malachi.

BI225 – New Testament Survey

This survey course covers themes woven through the New Testament.

BI301 – Introduction to Greek Word Study

Why study Greek? God, in His infinite wisdom, used Alexander the Great to bring the Greek language into popular use. God then used this language with its many nuances of meaning to record the New Testament. The purpose of this course is to show the riches of the Greek New Testament. Each chapter offers a short explanation of key Greek words heightening the meaning of the translated English word. This study will provide spiritual food and help to those who study the Bible. The student will discover richer meaning in Scripture from the Greek language. The course is not designed to teach the Greek language.

BI311 – Gospel of Mark

The core of this course is a verse-by-verse study of the Gospel of Mark. The major themes of Mark are also examined.

BI315 – Principles of Biblical Interpretation

This course presents the methods of biblical interpretation focusing on the literal grammatical-historical method, and comparing that method with other alternatives – both historical and contemporary.

BI321 – Nehemiah

It has been said, "If every Christian would study and follow the inspiring example of Nehemiah, surely we would enjoy a genuine, refreshing revival of faith and morality." The Book of Nehemiah abounds with wisdom for church policies and guidance. Nehemiah's leadership serves as a Biblical primer to anyone aspiring to places of leadership. The student will learn of Biblical social justice, the call to national repentance, and exaltation of righteousness nation. A 2400-year-old lesson that has never been more needed in our nation's history.

BI322 – Romans

Understanding the Book of Romans can give a key to understanding the rest of the Bible. It can also provide the key to successful Christian living. In this course, work done by Warren W. Wiersbe introduces the student to the main message of this great epistle and its application.

BI325 – Philippians

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" is Paul's fully surrendered statement of faith. Is it yours? In this course we discuss how Christ is preeminent in all things and how we can see Him as our life, our mind, our goal and our strength. Philippians deals with the philosophy, pattern, prize, and power for Christian living. The Christian will benefit tremendously from this study.

BI411 – Genesis 1-11

This eye-opening course examines the birth of a planet and the development of the nations. Such topics as creation, evolution, and the flood are examined within the context of the Bible. The course then moves on to the start of the nations. It vividly shows how the very foundations of our faith depend on the literal truth of the first three chapters of Genesis and what happens when men proceed along their own path.

BI422 – Revelation

A captivating study of future events as portrayed in the greatest book of prophecy including the rapture, great tribulation, millennium, Great White Throne Judgment, and the new heaven and earth. This course takes a pre-tribulation and pre-millennial viewpoint.

BI501 – Hermeneutics

This course will provide advanced principles of Biblical interpretation. The importance of the grammatical-historical method will be emphasized. Methods will be applied to each of the genres within Scripture.

BI502 – Trends in Evangelical Hermeneutics

This course will examine contemporary and historic factors that have impacted Biblical interpretation.

BI550 – Life and Ministry of Jesus

The course was developed to provide an overview of the important aspects of the life and ministry of the Messiah from a Jewish perspective. The course covers the aspects of the Messiah's ministry that are critical in understanding the rejection of the Messiah and subsequent development of the Church. A Biblical theology of each of the Gospels will also be included in the course.

BI550 – New Testament Survey

This course is an advanced survey of the New Testament.

BI551 –The Acts of the Apostles

This course will investigate the Church as it developed through the book of Acts. The various themes covered in Acts will be developed and examined.

BI552 – The Pauline Epistles

This course will take a critical look at the Epistles of Paul, including the Pastoral Epistles.

BI553 – The General Epistles

This course will examine the non-Pauline Epistles of the New Testament, including Hebrews.

BI554 – Romans

Paul's letter to the Romans stands as the textbook for Christian theology in the Church. This course will examine the movement of thought through Romans and serve to enhance the student's understanding of Anthropology and Soteriology.

BI555 – Biblical Theology of the New Testament

This course consists of a study of New Testament theology from the perspective of each author, the progress of his thought, his historical background, and his culture. The course includes detailed study of the three Synoptic Gospels, Acts, the Pauline letters, the Johannine writings, and the General Letters. Attention is given to equipping the student to trace themes in Biblical Theology.

BI570 – Old Testament Survey

This course is an advanced survey of the Old Testament.

BI571 – Pentateuch

This course will provide a detailed examination of the writings of Moses in the Old Testament.

BI572 – Old Testament History Books

This course will provide a detailed examination of the History books of the Old Testament.

BI573 – Old Testament Poetry/Wisdom

This course will provide a detailed examination of Poetry and Wisdom books of the Old Testament.

BI574 – Old Testament Prophets

This course will provide a detailed examination of the writings of the Major and Minor Prophets of the Old Testament.

BI575 – Isaiah

This course will provide a detailed examination of Isaiah.

BI576 – Biblical Theology of Genesis

This course will examine the themes threaded through Genesis that provide the building blocks for the rest of the Bible.

BI580 – Daniel/Revelation

This course is an analysis of Daniel and Revelation and their historical and theological arguments. It includes a study of hermeneutical principles and various eschatological systems of interpretation.

BI598 – Advanced Research Methods and Writing

This course will prepare the student for using computer tools for advanced research methods. The course will also provide guidelines for writing theology.

BI599 –Thesis

This course guides the student through the process of conducting personal and independent research that leads to the development of a Master-level thesis.

Evangelism and Apologetics

EM101 – Evangelism that Works 1

This course is based on the “You Can Tell It!” evangelism seminar developed by Dr. Larry Moyer of EvanTell. Part 1 covers the first half the seminar.

EM102 – Evangelism that Works 2

This course is based on the “You Can Tell It!” evangelism seminar developed by Dr. Larry Moyer of EvanTell. Part 1 covers the first half the seminar.

EM221 – Bible and Science

This study covers the harmony between science and the Bible, the problem with the theory of evolution, the validity of the flood, Biblical archaeology, and scientific insights into prophecy.

EM321 – Introduction to Philosophy

This course aims at being an introduction to philosophical thinking in general rather than to provide a full survey of philosophical disciplines, their methods, doctrines, and leading ideas. We shall examine several characteristic examples illustrating how classical and modern thinkers formulate their questions and how they grapple with their issues in contrast to ordinary, religious, and scientific consciousness. Consequently, we shall focus on questions (i.e., Is knowledge possible? Does it come from reason or from experience? What is the ultimate substance of the world? Is it material or ideal? Are human actions free or determined? Does God exist? Why is there evil? Are moral norms relative or absolute?) In addition, the course will provide a preliminary orientation about the notion of philosophical argument, its various forms, and the ways arguments should be analyzed.

EM421 – Apologetics in a Post Modern World

This course introduces the student to rational thinking for defending the Bible within a cultural context.

EM412 – Discipleship Training

This relevant study prepares the servant of God for training in discipleship. It includes an investigation of the early church, the process of making disciples, and the elements of leadership training. Special emphasis is also given to the problem of materialism in the life of modern Christians.

EM421 – Missions

The character of the missionary and a wide range of missionary subjects from intercessory prayer to world evangelism are covered in this course.

EM501 – Evangelism that Works

This course is based on the Academic level of the “You Can Tell It!” seminary developed by Dr. Larry Moyer of EvanTell.

English and Communications

EN111 – English 1

This is one of five courses covering the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

EN112 – English 2

This is one of five courses covering the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

EN121 – English 3

This is one of five courses covering the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

EN122 – English 4

This is one of five courses covering the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

EN411 – Advanced Communications

This is one of five courses covering the basics of English composition: grammar, parts of speech, punctuation, mechanics, spelling, sentences, paragraphs, and compositions.

History

HI101 – Church History

This unique study of the fascinating men and women lived and died standing for God's truth in the development of His churches covers the time from the days of Christ to the modern era. The home study portion of the course presents church history from a Baptist perspective. A well-rounded presentation of church history is presented during the in-class time.

HI501 – Church History to the Reformation

This course provides advanced analysis of the events that influenced the development of the Church from the Acts of the Apostles to the beginning of the Reformation.

HI502 – Church History to Modern Times

This course provides advanced analysis of the events that influenced the development of the Church from the Acts of the Apostles to the beginning of the Reformation.

Independent/Guided Instruction

IS500 – Bible Study Using Logos

This is a “how to” course that provides detailed instruction how to study the Bible using Logos Bible Software. The course provides methods for conducting Bible study in English and in the original languages.

Languages of the Bible

LA501 – Greek 1

This course provides introductory study of Greek. It includes basic Greek structures, vocabulary, and simple verbs.

LA502 – Greek 2

This course is a continuation of Greek 1.

LA510 – Introduction to Greek Exegesis

This course introduces Greek Exegesis.

LA520 – Greek Exegesis

This course will examine selected NT Greek passages to determine how the grammatical-historical method produces a sound interpretation, which is grounded in detailed exegesis of

the Biblical text. Different genres are handled to demonstrate the truth that any departure from a consistent method is unwarranted.

LA601 – Hebrew 1

This introduces the student to the language of the Old Testament.

LA602 – Hebrew 2

This course is a continuation of Hebrew 1.

LA610 – Introduction to Hebrew Exegesis

This course introduces Hebrew Exegesis.

LA620 – Hebrew Exegesis

This course will examine selected OT Hebrew passages to determine how the grammatical-historical method produces a sound interpretation, which is grounded in detailed exegesis of the Biblical text. Different genres are handled to demonstrate the truth that any departure from a consistent method is unwarranted.

Pastoral Ministries

PM221 – Christian Discipleship

This course seeks to discover the direction and purpose God has for your life and includes a discussion of seven Biblical keys for maintaining your life and ministry.

PM411 – Biblical Leadership

In this study, we examine spiritual (and practical) leadership principles that Paul learned from the Lord, and then modeled for us. The Bible makes it clear that character is the true biblical test of all great leadership, in the church and out.

PM422 – Expository Preaching

This course investigates the development and delivery of expository messages. Authoritative preaching is much needed in this age of multimedia presentations, social action appeals, and experiential worship services. Modern techniques can enhance communication but they can also substitute for the message. Today's preacher competes with many sources of information for the hearts and attention of their church members. It has likely never been more important for the preacher to improve their skill at delivering God's message. (Undergraduate Level)

PM501 – Church Polity

This course presents an in-depth survey of all aspects of spiritual shepherding within the context of the Church. It covers issues from the call to minister to preparing of God's people for the work of ministry. The course emphasizes a balance pulpit ministry and spiritual leadership.

PM502 – Pastoral and Church Leadership

This course provides a survey of critical elements of ministry including financial, legal, cross-cultural ministry, counseling, discipleship, stewardship, technology, etc.

PM510 – Expository Preaching

This course investigates the development and delivery of expository messages. (Seminary Level)

PM520 – Christian Identity and Counseling

This course provides an introduction of the various contemporary models of counseling with an emphasis on a Biblical model for counseling.

PM530 – Logic, Reason, and Apologetics

This course is designed to show how the Christian should defend the Faith of the Bible without departing from the Bible. The course teaches and applies concepts from logic to provide a reasonable defense of the Bible. The course familiarizes the student with various methodologies and includes a comparison of the methods of Geisler and Van Til.

Spiritual Formation

SF211 – Bible and Prayer

This rewarding study about prayer in the life of the believer examines 30 aspects of prayer such as the purpose of prayer, the preparation for prayer, the power of prayer, private prayer, public prayer, and the perfect prayer.

SF212 – Developing Christian Character

This dynamic study concentrates on the Biblical attributes, attitudes, and actions of a maturing Christian; and how one may obtain them.

SF311 – Christian Warfare

The Christian life is warfare, not a picnic. We're called to be soldiers, and this course identifies our enemies, shows how we should fight, and describes the conditions for victory.

SF312 – Spiritual Leadership

God's church has never had a greater need for divinely empowered leaders! In this course, we will examine how spiritual leaders may obtain God's wisdom and power to serve Him effectively.

SF411 – Winning over Worry

The need to help people cope with the problem of worry cries out for a spiritual solution! Uncontrolled worry corrodes the joy of living and brings about deterioration of mind and body. The world tries to solve these problems with temporary, partial quick fixes (often resorting to medication that may even lead to substance abuse). Any non-biblical approach will ultimately just give the worrier more about which to worry. People are desperate for a total solution, and that can only be found through God's peace principles as revealed in His Word.

SF412 – Counseling the Bereaved

This practical course provides a comprehensive and scriptural resource for pastors and church leaders who counsel people who mourn. It shows how to comfort people through the grieving process and how to minister in a wide variety of situations to those who are dealing with death.

SF421 – Marriage Counseling

A course designed to help counselors give good Biblical advice for couples having problems with their relationships. Emphasis is given to the goal of marriage, the meeting of personal needs, and the foundational building blocks for an enduring and successful marriage.

SF501-504 – Spiritual Formation Practicum

This set of courses is used to assist the student in developing a spiritual life as well as a merely intellectual life. The student will work with a mentor to develop and enhance an individual devotional life.

Theology

TH111 – Basic Bible Doctrine

This course covers important Bible doctrines including the attributes of God, the person and work of Christ, the ministry of the Holy Spirit; and teachings regarding man, Satan, angels, the church, and end time events with added emphasis on Christian living.

TH500 – Foundations of Christian Thought

This class is an introductory course designed to encourage the student to examine the Biblical teaching of how truth is known. This will lead the student toward developing their own foundations of thought about the existence of God and His revelation of Himself to mankind. Bibliology, the theological category of study concerning the Bible, will be the major focus of this course. The course will provide basic understanding about such categories of Bibliology as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, authority, transmission of the text, and differing systems of thought. The course emphasizes the integrity of the Bible. In addition, the course will offer an overview of the historical periods of the Bible as well as a survey of the categories and books of the Old and New Testaments. A brief assessment of the various divisions of theological study will be presented. The assignments completed in this course will help the student gain a fuller appreciation of and love for the Word God.

TH501 – Dispensationalism

This course will use the principles of sound hermeneutics to defend the normative dispensational system and to examine critical issues surrounding it.

TH502 – Topics in Salvation

This course will use the principles of sound hermeneutics to defend the free grace theology regarding salvation. Critical issues surrounding the theology of salvation will also be examined.

TH510 – Systematic Theology 1

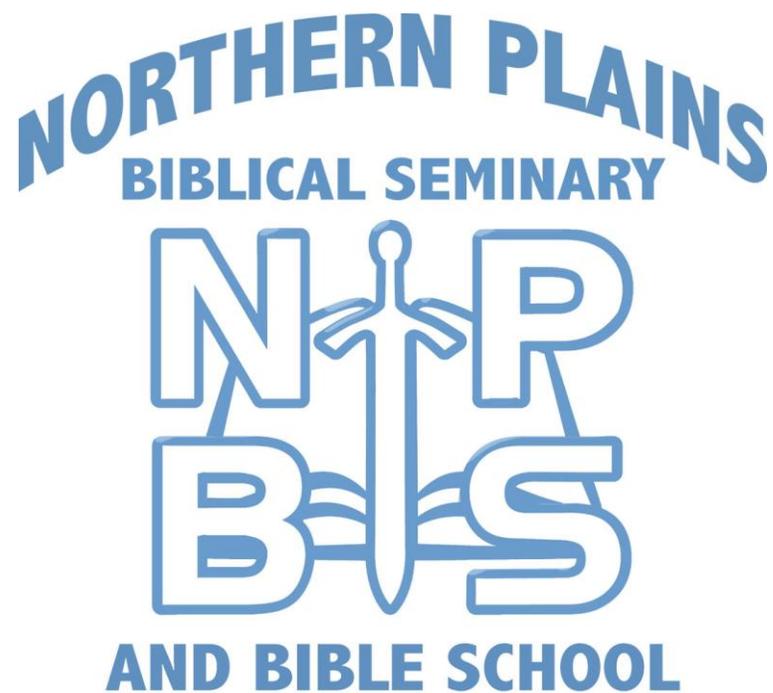
This course in systematic theology will examine the theological concepts of Theology Proper, Christology, Pneumatology, and Angelology.

TH511 – Systematic Theology 2

This course in systematic theology will examine the theological concepts of Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Soteriology.

TH512 – Systematic Theology 3

This course in systematic theology will examine the theological concepts of Israelology, Ecclesiology, and Eschatology.



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