

St. Andrew's College
Distance Education Offerings
2010-2012

We require that at least 5 people be registered in each class before it will run.

2010-2011

Tuition: \$650 (3 credit course), \$325 (audit fee)

Fall 2010

Dates: September 13 – December 10, 2010

SA 113 Invitation to Christian Theology
HA/HL 111 The Story of Christianity I

Professor: Dr. D. Schweitzer
Professor: Dr. S. Beardsall

Winter 2011

Dates: January 24 – April 21, 2011

SA 114 Jesus Christ and the Quest Wholeness
SA 152 Intro Christian Ethics
BA 110 Intro Jewish Bible

Professor: Dr. D. Schweitzer
Professor: Dr. L. Caldwell
Professor: Dr. C. Mitchell

2011-2012

Fall 2011

BE 155 Early Christian Scriptures I

Winter 2012

BE 156 Early Christian Scriptures II
PA 262 Christian Education

Course Descriptions

BE 155/156 Early Christian Scriptures I and II

This course invites a careful reading of all the New Testament writings, as well as some other examples of early Christian literature. The study begins by exploring the different kinds of literature early Christians wrote - letters, sayings-collections, etiologies, hymn-collections, apocalypses, and testimonies. The next set of texts for study will illustrate how early Christians combined and edited such materials in shaping longer documents. Our literary concern is with appreciating the layers of meaning that have been created within the text in its present state, while our historical concern is with identifying the issues that their first Christian readers were having to face. BE 155 focuses on texts with the strongest links to Judaism (Mark, Matthew, James, the Didache, "Q"). BE 156 shifts the focus to those texts which more explicitly address a Gentile audience (Paul, John, Luke- Acts). (W. Richards)

PA 262 Christian Education

This course examines the basics of Christian education as it deals with its concept, purpose, context, subjects, and process as well as method. It aims to strengthen the understanding of Christian faith as a life-long learning by exploring ways of how different people in age, faith development, and culture learn from one another and journey together as disciples of Jesus Christ. While exploring different approaches to Christian education over the decades, students are encouraged to envision the future direction of the teaching ministry in congregational setting and their pastoral vocation as teacher. (H. Kim-Cragg)

SA 113 Invitation to Christian Theology

An introduction to major themes of Christian theology: God, creation, human nature, Christ, salvation, the community of faith, and the goal of salvation history. These themes are studied in the context of issues such as the irruption of difference in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation, the impact of globalization, the ecological crises and the changing places of churches in Western societies. The overarching goal of the course is to help students interpret the Christian faith in relation to life in the contemporary world. (D. Schweitzer)

SA 114 Jesus Christ and the Quest for Wholeness

Beginning from the historical Jesus and drawing on contemporary critical Christologies, this course follows the development of faith in Jesus as the Christ and examines different ways of understanding his saving significance in different contexts. The goal is to equip students to develop and articulate their own Christology in a way that is authentic to the Christian tradition, their own experience, the experiences of others with whom they are in dialogue and the needs of communities to which the students belong. (D. Schweitzer)

Prerequisite: SA 113

SA 152 Introduction to Christian Ethics

This is an introductory course for students with no previous background in Christian ethics. Together we will struggle to identify what is the right course of action from a Christian perspective. We will analyze the structure of moral arguments and develop a working knowledge of moral theory. We will also explore the role of the Bible and of theology in Christian ethics. (N. Wiebe)

BA 110 Introduction to the Jewish Bible

A study of the whole Jewish Bible from the perspective of its formation as a canon of scripture in postexilic Judaism. (C. Mitchell)

HA/HL 111 The Story of Christianity I: Early and Medieval

This course introduces participants to the world of the early and medieval Christians: their changing social, political and economic climate, their developing theologies, their worship and faith practices, and the ways they shaped their ecclesial structures. We will consider how these early centuries helped to shape the Christianities we encounter today. Early Christianity will comprise the first 8 weeks, and Medieval Christianity the final 4 weeks. Assignments will include on-line quizzes and discussion, as well as some short written work. (S. Beardsall/G. Jensen)