

Shepherds Institute Prospectus - 2021-23

	Fall	Spring
Year 1	Bible Survey: A detailed survey of the content of the Old and New Testaments, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themes • Key dates and chronology • Structure • Key passages • Doctrinal emphases 	Systematic Theology: A study of the Bible's major doctrines, with a particular focus on the Bible as God's word (Bibliology) and the doctrine of the church (Ecclesiology). Emphasis will be placed upon learning key passages from which theological positions are rightly derived.
Year 2	Exegesis to Exposition: Learning and practicing the principles and skills necessary to accurately understand passages from God's word and to teach them to others. This section of the program is integrated with the use of Logos Bible Software, and focuses on principles of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hermeneutics - the principles of Bible interpretation • Exegesis - the method of Bible study and interpretation • Exposition - teaching others what the Bible says and means, and exhorting them to obey it. 	Practical Theology: Students will learn to apply their growing biblical knowledge in practical ways within the church, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership - principles for leading others • Discipleship and Counseling - helping others grow in Christ • Evangelism and Missions - proclaiming Christ to those near and far Students will also learn how to apply God's word through a project for personal improvement in a selected area of growth.

In addition to reading assignments and quizzes over key facts each semester, students can expect the following assigned work:

- Supplemental Reading:
 - Before year one, two books to help prepare students for the rigors of the class.
 - Before year two, two books on church history and modern church issues.
- Presentations:
 - Semester 2: Two short papers to present for the class on a theological subject
 - Semester 3: Two 15-minute messages utilizing the skills being learned in studying a passage to teach it.
 - Semester 4: One 40-minute expositional sermon for the class, incorporating the major lessons learned from the program as a whole.
- Personal Improvement Project (Semester 4): A careful study of a particular area of personal growth with the aim of growing sanctification and a greater understanding of the sanctification process in general.

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