



RYLE SEMINARY

Course Catalogue

Licentiate of Divinity (96 credits)

The Licentiate of Divinity program includes 30 courses and 4 field education practicums. The program can be completed in three years.

Bible (24 credits)

Biblical Interpretation (3 credits) - RY101

How the Bible is interpreted—which is the field of Hermeneutics—is key to understanding its meaning. This course studies different interpretative methods, and examines the importance of possessing a proper approach to God's Word.

Instructor: Constant

Old Testament: Pentateuch (3 credits) - RY102

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament, with special attention to literary forms, major themes, and Christological content.

Instructor: Wheaton

Old Testament: Historical Books (3 credits) - RY103

A study of the content, message, and aims of the historical books of the Old Testament (Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I & II Samuel, I & II Kings, etc.), with an emphasis on their role in the OT corpus, as well as their relevance to salvation history and the Christian life.

Instructor: Wheaton

Old Testament: Prophets (3 credits) - RY104

A study of the content and message of the major and minor prophetic (e.g. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, etc.) books of the Old Testament, with an emphasis on their function and meaning within the OT corpus, as well as their relevance to salvation history and the Christian life today.

Instructor: Wheaton

Old Testament: Psalms & Wisdom Literature (3 credits) - RY112

A study of the content and message of Psalms and wisdom (e.g. Job, Proverbs, etc.) books of the Old Testament, with an emphasis on their function and meaning within the OT corpus, as well as their relevance to salvation history and the Christian life today.

Instructor: Wheaton

New Testament: Gospels & Acts (3 credits) - RY105

A study of the nature and aims of the four canonical gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — plus the Book of Acts, with special emphasis on methods of interpretation.

Instructor: Constant

New Testament: Pauline Epistles (3 credits) - RY106

A study of the letters of Paul to the various churches at Corinth, Ephesus, Galatia, and Rome, along with the Pauline pastoral epistles.

Instructor: Constant

New Testament: General Epistles & Revelation (3 credits) - RY107

This course has its focus on the non-Pauline epistles, Hebrews, and Revelation. Dating, authorship issues are addressed, as well as methods of interpretation and integration with the entire Biblical corpus.

Instructor: TBD

Languages (14 credits)

Greek I (4 credits) – RY 108

Introduction to Biblical Greek, for students who have not had an introduction to the language. In addition to covering grammatical aspects, general hermeneutical principles are examined.

Instructor: Constant

Greek II (3 credits) – RY 109

Greek exegesis for the advanced student, addressing interpretation principles and translation issues as well. Students may substitute this class for an elective with approval.

Instructor: Constant

Hebrew I (4 credits) – RY110

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew, for students who have not had an introduction to the language. In addition to covering grammatical aspects, general hermeneutical principles are examined.

Instructor: TBD

Hebrew II (3 credits) – RY111

Hebrew exegesis for the advanced student, addressing interpretation principles and translation issues as well. Students may substitute this class for an elective with approval.

Instructor: TBD

History (9 credits)

History 1: The Early Church (3 credits) - RY201

A course on church history that covers the period from the late first century to the eighth century as well as introduces the theological ideas and spiritual practices of the early church. Throughout the course, students will read the *actual* texts of the early church to know first-hand what the Fathers actually said and argued. In short, it will show how Pro-Nicene theology and spirituality still matter today—must matter today for the sake of the church's health.

Instructor: Graham

History 2: The Medieval and Reformed Church (3 credits) - RY202

A course that studies the period known as the Reformation as well as the late Medieval period leading up to the Reformation. The course will discuss continuities between the Reformed and Medieval church as well as discontinuities. The discontinuities will define *why* the Reformation occurred, and *why* it still matters today. Throughout the course, students will read the *actual* texts of the Reformation to know first-hand what the Reformers actually said and argued.

Instructor: Graham

History 3: Modern Church History (3 credits) - RY203

An examination of the history of the Church from the 17th century to the present day, with a particular focus on the formation of post-Reformation denominations, and the spread of the gospel throughout the world.

Instructor: Graham

Theology (18 credits)

Theology 1: God & Creation (3 credits) - RY301

A systematic and biblical study of Christian theology proper, with special attention to the Trinity, God and Creation, and the nature and scope of revelation.

Instructor: Hoskin

Theology 2: Christ & Salvation (3 credits) - RY302

A systematic study of our revealed faith, with special attention to Christology—the person and work of Jesus the Christ, and the salvation that he accomplished for his people.

Instructor: Graham

Theology 3: Holy Spirit, the Church, & Last Things (3 credits) - RY303

A systematic study of the third person of the Trinity, and the nature and characteristics of the Church, with special attention to practical issues raised through-out the history of the Church. As well, this course outlines last things or eschatology.

Instructor: TBD

Christian Ethics (3 credits) - RY304

This course in moral theology examines the Biblical and philosophical backgrounds of Christian ethics, with an emphasis on moral issues facing the 21st century church and society.

Instructor: TBD

Apologetics & Evangelism (3 credits) - RY305

This course outlines a biblical and theological defense of the Christian faith, focusing on the various approaches to this defense that have been manifested in the Church over the centuries, as well as how to evangelize in the 21st century.

Instructor: Griffin

Theology of Ministry & Worship (3 credits) - RY306

A study of Christian worship, and a theology of the two gospel sacraments/ordinances, in the past and current experience of the Church.

Instructor: Sampson

Pastoral Studies (10 credits)

Preaching 1 (3 credits) - RY407

This course on expository preaching is designed for those wanting to learn how to craft and deliver effective and Biblically-based sermons, as well as pastors who already preach regularly and seek to improve their skills.

Instructor: Sinclair

Preaching 2 (3 credits) - RY408

This course continues the emphasis on expository preaching, though Preaching 1 is not a pre-requisite. It focuses on how to craft and deliver effective and Biblically-based sermons, and is meant for students, as well as pas-tors who already preach regularly.

Instructor: Sinclair

Field Education Practicum - RY411-RY414 (1 credit each)

Students studying for a Master of Divinity need at least four credits of field education within a local church to satisfy the field education requirement. Discuss with your advisor the procedure to set up field education within a local church.

Supervisor: TBD

Applied Theology (12 credits)

Christian Formation & Calling (3 credits) - RY401

This course focuses on spiritual formation and one's call to Christian ministry. It also gives special attention to the history and development of spirituality and holiness, and the key role of prayer in the nurturing of faith.

Instructor: Wheaton

Christian Formation & Leadership (3 credits) - RY402

This course gives special attention to the notion of Christian leadership. It also gives attention to the history and development of spirituality and holiness, and the key role of prayer in the nurturing of faith.

Instructor: TBD

Counseling in the Church (3 credits) – RY403

This course focuses on biblical, theological, and practical ways to counsel those in the church.

Instructor: TBD

God's World Mission (3 credits) - RY409

This course covers the topic of missiology through a biblical, theological, and historical approach. It focuses on how Christian mission is fundamentally a world movement, as the church is understood to be sent out to make disciples of all nations, taking the Gospel across cultures, subcultures, and cultures-in-the-making.

Instructor: Griffin

Denominational Distinctives (6 credits)

Students should complete six credits out of a possible eighteen credits. The expectation is that students will take courses within their respective tradition.

Anglicanism (3 credits) - RY501

A study of Anglicanism, from the Reformation to the present, with a focus on its history and development, worship, theology, and distinctives. (Non-Anglicans may substitute a denominational Reading Course for this course.)

Instructor: TBD

Prayer Book Theology (3 credits) - RY502

An examination of the Book of Common Prayer from a theological perspective, focusing on a close reading of the services of the 1662 (English) and 1962 (Canadian) books. The prayer book may be seen as the “terms and conditions” statement of the Anglican heritage, and those preparing for Anglican ministry should be fully conversant with its distinctive claims and positions.

Instructor: Griffin

Reformed Theology for Ministry (3 credits) - RY503

An examination of the Reformed movement from a theological perspective, focusing on a close reading of early, English and latter reformed sources. Special attention is given to the formation and understanding of the contemporary reformed evangelical practice of gospel ministry.

Instructor: TBA

Baptist Studies (3 credits) - RY504

A study of Baptist identity from the Reformation to the present, with a focus on its history and development, worship, theology, and distinctives.

Instructor: TBD

Presbyterian Studies (3 credits) - RY505

A study of Presbyterian identity from the Reformation to the present, with a focus on its history and development, worship, theology, and distinctives.

Instructor: TBD

Evangelical Studies (3 credits) - RY506

A study of evangelical identity from the Reformation to the present, with a focus on the history of evangelicalism including its development and forms of worship and theology particular to the milieu of each student.

Instructor: TBD (This will normally be offered as a reading course)

Electives (3 credits)

Some semesters will offer special elective classes that can with permission replace a core curriculum course as listed above. Students are expected to take one elective. If they decide to opt out of advanced Greek and Hebrew, they should take a total of three elective courses or 9 credits. Existing electives include: The Book of Genesis; the Book of Psalms; the Book of Romans; the Book of Isaiah; the Book of Revelation; Human Sexuality; Christianity in Canada; and individual Reading Courses.

Master of Arts in Christian Studies (60 credits)

Students taking the Master of Arts in Christian studies can either choose to do so with or without a thesis. If they choose the non-thesis route, they will take 24 credits of Bible classes, 18 credits of Theology classes, 9 credits of History classes, and 9 credits of either applied theology or elective classes.

For those who choose the thesis tract, each semester they will take a thesis course which involves one-on-one mentorship in the writing process of the thesis. 18 credits of their degree will be dedicated to the thesis while remaining credit hours will be filled in Bible, Theology, History, Applied Theology, and Elective courses. Such courses will be chosen by the student's advisor and dependent on the topic of the student's thesis.