



Spring Semester Courses – 2021

Bangor Campus

(Classes begin Monday, January 11th)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 am to 11:50 am				Mi 301/601 Basic Biblical Counseling John Kasten	
Noon to 2:50 pm	Ln 122/522 Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin 2 Cynthia Commeau	Ln 100/500 Hebrew & Greek for Bible Study Cynthia Commeau	Mi 470/770 Money & Ministry: Role of Finances in the Life of the Church & Believer Marion Syversen	Hi 330/630 Reformation Theologies Dr. James Sawyer	Ln 102/502 Introduction to Biblical Greek 2 Cynthia Commeau
3 pm to 5:50 pm	Mi 460/760 Ministry Assessment and Management Dr. Terry Smith	Hi 211/611 World Religions Rev. Charles Bradshaw	Bi 103/503 Introduction to Old Testament 2 Dr. James Haddix	Th 100/500 Hermeneutics: Worldview, Theology, & the Bible Dr. Robert Sherman	
6 pm to 8:50 pm				Ph 203/603 Introduction to Apologetics Dr. William Johnson (<i>In-person & via Zoom</i>)	

Mi 451/751 Clinical Pastoral Education

The schedule will be established in conversation with the instructor, the Rev. Dr. Bernard Richardson. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), an accredited national program, is an intensive practical ministry introduction that involves many hours each week at Northern Light (formerly Eastern Maine) Medical Center in Bangor. Students should contact Dr. Richardson (845-674-6614), Director of Chaplain Services, for specific details on its schedule, requirements, and costs, as well as to apply. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive nine credit hours at NEBC/Grace Evangelical.

To Register: Registration forms are online at www.nebc.edu, at the bottom of the Academics page. Or you may contact Janel Cadman, Registrar, (207) 947-1665 or jcadman@nebc.edu. You may register for classes until the first day classes begin, but it helps our planning if you register well before that date. For current students, after Thursday, December 5th, a \$25.00 registration fee will be charged. Classes with low enrollment may be canceled, so if you need a particular class, do not delay in registering!

Online class information: Thursday's Apologetics course is scheduled to meet in person and simultaneously be available online through Zoom (\$100 technology fee per class applies). Students intending to take classes online should check the appropriate boxes on the Class Registration Form and submit it to the Registrar with the required payment.

Courses are normally just under 3 hours in length, and held at the Bangor Campus (502 Odlin Rd., Bangor, ME). **Phone:** 207-947-1665, **Website:** www.nebc.edu.

Selected classes are also held on a non-semester schedule at the State Street Baptist Church, 225 State Street, in Presque Isle, Maine under the leadership of the Rev. Dr. Robert Leland. For more information, please contact Dr. Leland at baleland@myfairpoint.net.

Should student interest or academic need warrant, please note that Intermediate, Advanced, or "Topics in..." courses and Directed Studies may also be added to the schedule.

Th 100/500 Hermeneutics: Worldview, Theology, and the Bible. Christians are called to be “in the world, but not of the world.” Yet many current expressions and understandings of the faith, including reading the Bible, often rest upon assumptions and attitudes conditioned by the culture around us—a culture not necessarily friendly to Christianity. This class addresses how we can be more discerning and mature in our understanding of the faith, our interpretation of Scripture, and our proclamation of the gospel to a world that desperately needs it.

Ln 100/500 Greek/Hebrew for Bible Study. A course introducing the basics of alphabet, vocabulary, grammar, and structure of Greek and Hebrew so that students may have a working knowledge to better use the diversity of linguistic tools and resources available for Bible study, whether as lay people or clergy.

Ln 102/502 Introduction to Biblical Greek 2. (Prerequisite: *Ln 101/501*) Continues the building process to an initial competence in the original Greek language of the Bible.

Ln 122/522 Introduction to Ecclesiastical Latin 2. This course continues the study of Ecclesiastical Latin, leading to translations of Jerome’s Latin Vulgate.

Bi 103/503 Introduction to the Old Testament 2. (*formerly Old Testament Themes & Interpretation*). This course builds on the knowledge gained in the OT 1, continuing to explore the Old Testament, while considering more fully the theological implications and practical applications of that knowledge. Depending upon the approach of individual instructors, it will likely cover the Prophetic books and the Writings. The course will also examine how the OT is foundational to Christian faith and our understanding of the New Testament, including prophecies of the coming Messiah. *Part 2 of a two-semester course.*

Hi 211/611 World Religions. Given modern communications, travel, and immigration patterns, Christians have a responsibility to have a basic understanding of the other major religions of the world. This course endeavors to provide that knowledge, as well as to promote both critical thinking and appropriately respectful engagement.

Hi 330/630 Reformation Theologies. This course explores the major theological and practical upheavals in Christianity from the 15th through the 17th centuries. This period was one of radical change for the Catholic tradition and marks the birth of the Lutheran, Reformed, and Anabaptist traditions. The course will explore the major figures and developments of the Reformation Era through primary and secondary readings, lecture, and discussion.

Ph 203/603 Introduction to Apologetics. “Apologetics” is the technical term for making a reasoned argument in defense of a position or to encourage that position’s acceptance. Perhaps the most famous Christian example is Paul’s speech to the Athenians on the Areopagus (Acts 17). Apologetics draws its evidence from everyday experience and academic disciplines such as philosophy, history, cosmology, and other sciences. Students will learn what they need to be able defenders of Christian faith as well as having their own faith strengthened.

Mi 301/601 Basic Biblical Counseling. This course will examine counseling from a Biblical perspective. God has placed in the Bible solutions for human problems and needs, which provides the keys for successful and contented living. Believers taking this course will learn how to become effective Biblical counselors for basic spiritual and emotional needs.

Mi 360/660 Money and Ministry: The Role of Finances in the Life of the Church & Believer. How should Christians approach personal and church finances that reflect their theological convictions? This course will address this question using biblical and theological resources for developing a theology of finance, while developing the skills needed for personal financial planning and finance management in a church setting. Topics will include: behavioral finance (why people do what they do with their money); various methods of church financial administration (board of directors versus pastor as a CFO; the problem of fraud); personal finances for pastors (self-employment status, IRS regulations, retirement planning); and financial guidance for congregations (budgeting, tithing, and retirement planning). *Marion Syversen, MBA, is a professional financial planner. Other financial experts will be guest speakers.*

Mi 460/760 Ministry Assessment and Management. This course—intended primarily for students in their final year—offers the opportunity to further integrate and strengthen various pastoral skills, while also prompting students to greater clarity regarding pastoral responsibilities, limitations, ethics, and leadership. It also offers practical advice on time management, good physical health practices, personality and skills assessment, and spiritual disciplines. Some class sessions may be led by experienced pastors sharing their expertise and responding to student questions.