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Associate of Arts Degree in Applied Theology (AA)

Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Arts (AA) degree program in Applied Theology at Hampton University. This brochure includes brief program descriptions and course listings.

Sixty hours of academic coursework, arranged in five 8-week sessions, lead to the Associate of Arts (AA) degree in Applied Theology. This degree offers three specialized areas of concentration: Biblical Studies, Religious Studies, and Church Administration and Management. The program is designed for students interested in ministerial leadership through the introductory yet rigorous study of religion, theology, and worship in various forms and traditions of ministry.

This expanded university-based program of religious and theological study is undergirded by the larger academic community environment of Hampton University as a comprehensive research institution. In addition, communities of faith will serve as hands-on laboratories and teaching sites for supervised practicum as a part of field education and practical experiences in religious education and leadership.

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Concentration: Religious Studies

The Religious Studies concentration is designed to provide students an introductory, organized, and scholarly opportunity to explore the diversity of the religions of the world within their particular historical, social, and cultural contexts. The Associate of Arts degree leads to the attainment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies at the completion of an additional sixty hours of coursework.

FIRST YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CREDITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
ENGO 101	Written Communication I	3	COMO 103	Oral Communication	3
POLO 201	Introduction to Political Science	3	HISO 105	World Civilizations I	3
BIOO 101	Nature of Life	3	RELO 211	New Testament I	3
RELO 111	Old Testament I	3	RELO 212	New Testament II	3
RELO 112	Old Testament II	3	RELO 200	Introduction to Religious Studies	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

SECOND YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CREDITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
SOCO 205	Introduction to Sociology	3	HUMO 201	Seminar in Humanities I	3
PSYO 203	Introduction to Psychology	3	RELO 202	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
MATO 110	College Mathematics	3	RELO 203	Islam	3
HISO 107	Survey of African American History	3	RELO 205	Other Religious Traditions	3
PHIO 203	History of Western Philosophy I	3	PHIO 210	Logic and the Scientific Method	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS: 60

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Concentration: Biblical Studies

The Biblical Studies concentration is designed to provide students with a canonical, historical, and contextual appreciation of the biblical message, along with theological development within the history of Christianity. Completion of the Associate of Arts degree leads to the attainment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies at the completion of an additional sixty hours of coursework.

FIRST YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CRED-ITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
ENGO 101	Written Communication I	3	COMO 103	Oral Communication	3
PHIO 203	History of Western Philosophy I	3	HISO 105	World Civilizations I	3
BIOO 101	Nature of Life	3	MATO 110	College Mathematics	3
RELO 111	Old Testament I	3	PSYO 203	Introduction to Psychology	3
RELO 112	Old Testament II	3	RELO 100	Introduction to Biblical Studies	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

SECOND YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CREDITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
SOCO 205	Introduction to Sociology	3	HUMO 201	Seminar in Humanities I	3
RELO 211	New Testament I	3	RELO 202	Life and Teachings of Jesus	3
RELO 212	New Testament II	3	RELO 204	Pentecostalism	3
HISO 107	Survey of African American History	3	RELO 207	Principles of Biblical Teaching	3
RELO 214	Biblical Interpretation I	3	RELO 215	Biblical Interpretation II	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS: 60

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Concentration: Church Administration and Management

The Church Administration and Management concentration is designed to provide students with an organized course of study on the proper administration of the business and organizational aspects of ministry. Completion of the Associate of Arts degree leads to the attainment of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies at the completion of an additional sixty hours of coursework.

FIRST YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CREDITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
ENGO 101	Written Communication I	3	COMO 103	Oral Communication	3
PHIO 203	History of Western Philosophy I	3	HISO 105	World Civilizations I	3
BIOO 101	Nature of Life	3	RELO 211	New Testament I	3
RELO 111	Old Testament I	3	RELO 212	New Testament II	3
RELO 112	Old Testament II	3	RELO 230	Introduction to Church Administration and Management	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

SECOND YEAR					
FALL COURSES		CREDITS	SPRING COURSES		CREDITS
SOCO 205	Introduction to Sociology	3	HUMO 201	Seminar in Humanities I	3
PSYO 203	Introduction to Psychology	3	MATO 110	College Mathematics	3
PHIO 305	Leadership and Ethics	3	HISO 107	Survey of African American History	3
RELO 231	Special Topics in Church Administration and Management	3	RELO 235	Information Technology in Church Administration	3
RELO 234	Financial Controls and Reporting	3	RELO 240	Faith-Based Approach to Office Management	3
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS: 60

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS PROGRAM

Course Descriptions

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE COURSES

BIOO 101 – Nature of Life (3 cr. hrs.)

A non-major course in biology wherein fundamental processes and mechanics of living things are discussed within the framework of a unified theory of life. Special emphasis will be given to topical themes that relate biological principles to contemporary issues in science, technology, and society.

COMO 103 – Oral Communication (3 cr. hrs.)

A one-semester course in Speech Communication involving a participative learning experience. Emphasis will be placed on intra-personal, interpersonal and public communication. Class projects, situational exercises, public speaking, group discussion and dyadic and nonverbal communication are used as reinforcement material. Passing grade is “C”.

ENGO 101 – Written Communication I (3 cr. hrs.)

An introductory sequence in composition, Written Communication contributes to the liberal education of students regardless of their majors. Each course approaches writing as a process and each provides experience in writing with various rhetorical strategies. ENGO 101 emphasizes the expressive and expository. “C” is a passing grade for Written Communication. *Prerequisite: Passage of a placement exam or ENGO 100.*

HISO 105 – World Civilizations I (3 cr. hrs.)

Surveys development of human societies from the first literate, urban civilizations (3500 B.C.) to the middle of the 18th century. Themes emphasized include economic, religious, intellectual, social (gender, race, age, families, and communities), ecological, political, and military history. Selected historical events in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas will be considered. *(Required of history and history-social science education majors).*

HISO 107 – Survey of African American History (3 cr. hrs.)

Part of the World Civilization sequence, a survey of the experiences of Blacks in America from 1500 to the present. It includes material about peoples and institutions of pre-colonial Africa and the Atlantic slave trade.

HUMO 201 – Seminar in Humanities I (3 cr. hrs.)

The first of a required two-semester interdisciplinary course that is organized around a theme, Enduring Human Values and Cultural Connections. The course introduces sophomore students to western and non-western philosophies and cultural legacies through the study of works of art, dance, drama, music, and literature from Antiquity through the Renaissance.

MATO 110 – College Mathematics (3 cr. hrs.)

Mathematics of finance such as interest, installment buying, mortgage. Measurement, geometry and the metric system. Elementary concepts of probability and statistics.

POLO 201 – Introduction to Political Science (3 cr. hrs.)

Critical examination of the nature of politics, subject matters, basic concepts, approaches, problems, and research methods.

PSYO 203 – Introduction to Psychology (3 cr. hrs.)

Basic topics in psychology are explored, such as learning, motivation, intelligence, personality, perception, abnormality, and others. Emphasis is given to scientific methodology and its application to behavior.

SOCO 205 – Introduction to Sociology (3 cr. hrs.)

Introduction to the scientific study of society and social behavior. Emphasis on culture, social structure, social inequality, social institutions and social change. SOC 205 is a prerequisite to all other courses given by the Department, unless permission of the instructor to waive the prerequisite is obtained.

RELIGION AND THEOLOGY COURSES ALL CONCENTRATIONS

RELO 111 – Old Testament I (3 cr. hrs.)

A general introduction to all the books of the Old Testament, their cultural background, and the context from which they emerged.

RELO 112 – Old Testament II (3 cr. hrs.)

An in-depth study of the literature and religion of ancient Israel in light of archaeological discoveries; research about the ancient Near East, and a variety of interpretations.

RELO 211 – New Testament I (3 cr. hrs.)

Analyzes the literature of the New Testament in its social and religious setting, with special reference to the ministry and teaching of Jesus, the emergence of the church as a sect within ancient Judaism, and the development of Christian institutions in the Greco-Roman world.

RELO 212 – New Testament II (3 cr. hrs.)

A critical examination and attempt to understand the New Testament as written traditions which articulated the faith, expectations, and actions of the early Christians as they responded within Jewish and Greek culture to the historical events of their day.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES CONCENTRATION COURSES

RELO 200 – Introduction to Religious Studies (3 cr. hrs.)

This course will introduce students to basic concepts and methods of Religious Studies. Students will examine the developmental process of each religion to be studied and will discuss the historical and geographical settings of each religion.

RELO 202 – Life and Teachings of Jesus (3 cr. hrs.)

Intensive study of the Biblical record of the life and teachings of Jesus, designed to acquaint the student with the direct teachings and Spirit in which Jesus lived and worked.

RELO 203 – Islam (3 cr. hrs.)

History of Islamic thought from the time of Muhammad to the present, including the prophethood of Muhammad, the Qur'an, theology and law, mysticism and philosophy, sectarian movements, modernism and legal reform, and contemporary resurgence.

RELO 205 – Other Religious Traditions (3 cr. hrs.)

A critical analysis of religious faith groups indigenous to the United States to include Jehovah Witnesses, Latter Day Saints, the Nation of Islam, New Age, and other groups.

BIBLICAL STUDIES CONCENTRATION COURSES

RELO 100 – Introduction to Biblical Studies (3 cr. hrs.)

This course is an introduction to the historical, literary, and theological aspects of the Old and New Testaments of the Christian Bible. Major theological themes, concepts and literary genres found in the Bible will be discussed and emphasized. The course includes an introduction to Biblical criticism and interpretation.

RELO 202 – Life and Teachings of Jesus (3 cr. hrs.)

Intensive study of the Biblical record of the life and teachings of Jesus, designed to acquaint the student with the direct teachings and Spirit in which Jesus lived and worked.

RELO 204 – Pentecostalism (3 cr. hrs.)

This course will analyze the Pentecostal movement as it grew in the 20th Century as a transcultural religious phenomenon. The course will explore the wider international context of Pentecostalism as it grew in Central and South America. Attention will also be given to how ethnic minorities in the United States have reshaped the practice and the meaning of Pentecostalism, particularly with regard to race and gender. The approach will be historical, anthropological, and theological. Using various Pentecostal texts and articles, we will work toward a clearer understanding of the basic tenets of Pentecostalism, namely “divine healing,” “baptism in the Holy Spirit,” and “speaking in tongues.” We will also investigate how the most recent internationalist shift within the Pentecostal movement has renewed millennialist thought and efforts for Christian ecumenism.

RELO 207 – Principles of Biblical Teaching (3 cr. hrs.)

This course is an overview of select and basic principles of teaching biblical truths. The inductive approach to the study of sacred text, the Christian Bible, involves learning to observe the text, and to provide sound interpretation and practical application by applying learned principles to Paul’s letter to the church at Rome or the New Testament Book of Romans.

RELO 214 – Biblical Interpretation I (3 cr. hrs.)

This course is the first in a two-part introductory study of the history of biblical interpretation before introducing the procedures, tools, and skills necessary for sound Biblical interpretation which will be presented in the second part of the course.

RELO 215 – Biblical Interpretation II (3 cr. hrs.)

This course is the second of a two-part introductory study of the history of biblical interpretation with heavy emphasis on the procedures, tools, and skills necessary for sound Biblical interpretation
(Prerequisite: *Biblical Interpretation I*)

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT CONCENTRATION COURSES

RELO 230 – Introduction to Church Administration and Management (3 cr. hrs.)

This introductory level course provides the student with a solid foundation in church management principles from a faith –based perspective.

RELO 231 – Special Topics in Church Administration and Management (3 cr. hrs.)

This course exposes students to a higher level skill-set in church administration and management by exploring special specific and contemporary issues within this field of study.

RELO 234 – Financial Controls and Reporting (3 cr. hrs.)

This course will address financial literacy in church business, budgeting, ethics and transparency in church financial management and accounting.

RELO 235 – Information Technology in Church Administration (3 cr. hrs.)

This course is a companion course to Financial Controls and Reporting. The use of spreadsheets and databases, computer hard drives and software, managing information technology, as well as other topics will be explored. This is a highly hands-on course.

RELO 240 – Faith-Based Approach to Office Management (3 cr. hrs.)

This course focuses heavily on communication skills, group dynamics, and customer service as well as prioritizing tasks and in-box activities.

PHILOSOPHY COURSES

PHIO 203 – History of Western Philosophy I (3 cr. hrs.)

A systematic treatment of principal philosophic ideas and movements in Western thinking from ancient Greece to the Renaissance.

PHIO 210 – Logic and the Scientific Method (3 cr. hrs.)

Study of both traditional logic and modern developments with particular stress upon their applications in area of communication and in natural and social sciences.

PHIO 305 – Leadership and Ethics (3 cr. hrs.)

Examines the historic development and intellectual foundations of ethics with particular attention to the moral implications of contemporary ethical problems. Emphasis is placed on the process of decision-making.

Admission Requirements

- Application and \$50.00 Processing Fee
- Minimum 2.50 GPA
- (3) Letters of Recommendation
- Official High School and College Transcripts
- Writing Sample of the Applicant's Background



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