

# Course Descriptions

## Bachelor Program

### Division of Biblical Studies

#### BBIB 301 Basic Hermeneutics

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course offers a short history of biblical interpretation. It also investigates the methods and principles of contemporary biblical exposition.

#### BBNT 102 New Testament Background

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course is designed to equip students with basic information for an understanding of the New Testament writings. Background studies related to the writing and formation of the New Testament like inter-testamental history, geography, social and cultural settings will be introduced.

#### BBNT 103 New Testament Message

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course provides an overview of the Books in the New Testament with an interest in understanding the thrust and message of each Book, their mutual-relationship within the canonical context and what they may speak to the contemporary world.

#### BBNT 201 Beginning Greek

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

Essentials of New Testament Greek will be introduced so as to prepare students for further training in grammar and syntactical studies. Students will be familiarized with basic elements such as alphabets, pronunciation, vocabulary, concepts and patterns of conjugation and declension.

#### BBNT 410 Studies in the Synoptic Gospels

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course is designed to help students understand the Synoptic Gospels and related issues by means of a series of investigations into the literary relationship among the Gospels, and the social and cultural background of such a relationship. It seeks to explain how the early communities adopted and applied Christian traditions as they sought to define themselves in their unique historical situations.

#### BBNT 411 The Gospel of Matthew

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the Gospel of Matthew with particular attention to its purpose, literary structure, life situation, theology and application to today's church.

#### BBNT 413 The Gospel of Luke

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the Gospel of Luke with particular attention to its purpose, literary structure, life

situation, theology and application to today's church.

**BBNT 415 The Gospel of John**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the Fourth Gospel with particular attention to its purpose, literary structure, life situation, theology and application to today's church.

**BBNT 420 The Book of Acts**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the Acts of the Apostles including an introduction to the history of research on Acts. The course also conducts a review on Luke's contribution to the literature and theology of the New Testament.

**BBNT 421 The Epistle of Romans**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A historical and theological study of the Book to enable students to understand its content, historical background and purpose. This course will also introduce contemporary scholarship to enhance a further understanding of the Book.

**BBNT 422 The Epistles of Corinthians**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the background, occasion and content of the Books so as to understand Apostle Paul's ministry and theology, and the settings and issues the early church faced. This study will lead to a reflection on the Books' significance for the contemporary church.

**BBNT 425 Studies in the General Epistles**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is designed to study selected letters from the collection of New Testament writings commonly known as General (or Catholic) Epistles, including The Letter to the Hebrews, The Three Letters of John, The Letter of James, The Letters of Peter, and The Letter of Jude. Attention will be given to the purposes of writing, message and application for today's church.

**BBNT 430 Paul: The Man and His Thought**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of various perspectives to understand Paul as a man and his messages, including an investigation of the life and environment of Paul, his contribution to the literature and theology of the New Testament and the church, an exegesis of selected key passages in the Pauline literature, and a critical evaluation of current Pauline studies.

**BBNT 435 Studies in the Johannine Literature**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

Based upon the study of the mutual relationship between the Johannine literature (the Gospel of John and I, II, and III John), the social situation behind this collection of writings will be explored. Special attention will be given to the literature's theological and ethical significance for today's church.

**BBNT 436 The Prison Epistles**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the background, content and theological thrust of the Letters to the Ephesians,

Philippians, Colossians and Philemon.

BBNT 439 The Book of Hebrews  
(2 units, 1 semester)

A study of the Book's background, literary features, and theological message and to explore its significance for the contemporary church.

BBNT 440 The Book of Revelation  
(2 units, 1 semester)

An interpretation of the complete text of Revelation with particular attention to the Book's literary, historical and theological context and importance. Ways of interpreting the Book in the history of Christianity will also be examined and evaluated. Special attention will be given to the Book's significance for today's church.

BBNT 445 New Testament Theology  
(2 units, 1 semester)

The course explores the different, yet unified, theological traditions and emphases of New Testament writings. The historical development and interrelationship of these traditions in the history of Christianity will also be considered. Special attention will be given to the application of these theological themes for the contemporary church.

BBNT 481 Selected Topics in New Testament Studies  
(2 units, 1 semester)

Depending on students' interest and availability of faculty, the following topics may be offered: 1) The Sermon on the Mount; 2) The Miracles in the Gospels; 3) The Resurrection Narratives in the New Testament; 4) Worship and Ministry in the New Testament, etc.

BBOT 102 Old Testament Background  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course is designed to equip students with basic information for an understanding of the Old Testament writings. Background studies related to the writing and formation of the Old Testament like history, geography, social and cultural settings will be introduced.

BBOT 103 Old Testament Message  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course provides an overview of the Books in the Old Testament with an interest in understanding the thrust and message of each Book and how they are related from a canonical perspective. The course will also explore the messages of the Old Testament for today's world.

BBOT 201 Beginning Hebrew  
(3 units, 1 semester)

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the basic grammar and vocabulary of biblical Hebrew. The focus of this elementary course is on comprehension and translation of simple biblical prose. Students will also be introduced to the essential tools used in the study of the Hebrew text of the Bible.

BBOT 410 Studies in the Pentateuch  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course investigates more intensely the material of the Pentateuch than is possible in *Old*

*Testament Message*. The structure of the course varies. Students may explore broad topics (e.g. Mosaic legal traditions or priestly material), specific topics (e.g. genealogical material, the customs of the Pentateuch in the light of ancient Near Eastern culture, the promise of land in the Patriarchal narratives), or concentrate on a single book.

BBOT 412 The Book of Exodus

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course is an in-depth study of the Book of Exodus. Topics covered include historical questions like the authorship, date, sources, purpose, and readers of the Book. The purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the historical, theological, and hermeneutical issues of the Book so that they will feel comfortable teaching and preaching from it.

BBOT 415 Studies in the Deuteronomic History

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course involves a deeper investigation of the Deuteronomic history than is covered in *Old Testament Message*. Specifically, this course highlights the Books of Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Samuel and Kings, but varies in structure. Students may engage in such topics as the traditions of the conquest of Canaan, the period of the Judges, the social world of Ruth, the Samuel material, the “Court History” of David and Solomon, or the relation of Israel and Judah in the period of the Divided Kingdom.

BBOT 420 Studies in Post-exilic History and Literature

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course explores the history and literature of the post-exilic period. This includes Biblical Books like Chronicles, Ezra-Nehemiah, and Esther. Course structure varies and students may focus on particular topics such as the relation of Chronicles to Kings, the cultus in Chronicles, the reforms of Ezra-Nehemiah, the birth of Judaism, or the effects of the exile on Jewish life and faith.

BBOT 425 Studies in Wisdom Literature

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course enhances students’ understanding and appreciation of the wisdom traditions of the Old Testament. Course structure varies, but students may concentrate on individual Wisdom Books (such as Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes), explore broader issues such as wisdom in Egypt and the ancient Near East, or investigate specific issues such as “intellectual” vs. “practical” wisdom.

BBOT 430 Studies in the Major Prophets

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course examines the writings of Isaiah, Jeremiah-Lamentations, and Ezekiel, and builds upon information gained through *Old Testament Message*. Students may study theology in the Major Prophets generally or concentrates on a single prophetic work. Courses may also be structured more specifically and focus on the social world of the prophets or the influence of the Major Prophets on Israelite life and faith.

BBOT 435 Studies in the Minor Prophets

(2 units, 1 semester)

This course builds upon information gained through *Old Testament Message*, and involves an in-depth investigation of the Minor Prophets. The course may examine the Minor Prophets as a

unit or Books related by period or subject matter.

**BBOT 440      Studies in Apocalyptic Literature**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course explores the meaning and origins of apocalyptic ideology in the Old Testament, with special attention to the Book of Daniel and early Jewish writings. It deals with the characteristics, social background, and contents of apocalyptic writing as a corpus of literature. Models of interpretation used by scholars to understand this complex subject today are also included.

**BBOT 445      Old Testament Theology**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course studies the various theological traditions in the Old Testament. Basic themes such as the Pentateuch, the Wisdom Literature, the Prophets, and the Historical Books are explored. The relevance of these various traditions will enhance students' understanding of the message of the Old Testament and their applications to the Church.

**BBOT 446      Old Testament Ethics**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course introduces students to the history, theory and practice of Old Testament ethics. Topics to be covered include a short survey of scholarship, different approaches taken in the study of Old Testament ethics, exploration of the ethical values reflected in the Old Testament, and discussions of their relevance to today's ethical issues. This course is historical, cross disciplinary and theological in nature.

**BBOT 481      Selected Topics in Old Testament Studies**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

Apart from the issues of methodology, this course also carries an in-depth exploration of a specific topic of relevance within the larger field of Old Testament studies. This includes literary, linguistic, historical or theological analysis of a Book or theme. Broader topics such as the sacrificial system and priesthood in the Old Testament may also be examined.

## **Division of Christian Thought**

**BTCH 201      Survey of Chinese Church History**

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

The course introduces students to the birth and development of Chinese church since the arrival of the gospel in China. It also covers the history of both the churches in mainland China and Hong Kong after 1949, and the impact of the Chinese church on contemporary society. Students will also learn how the cooperative relationship is built between the churches in mainland China and in Hong Kong.

**BTCH 202      Church History I**

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

The course is designed to provide a basic introductory survey of the beginning and development of Christianity from the New Testament period to the Middle Ages, emphasizing the understanding of historical fact.

BTCH 203 Church History II

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course is designed to trace the development of the Christian church and its theology from the period of the Reformation to the current period, emphasizing the understanding of historical fact.

BTCH 303 Baptist Faith and History

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is an exploration of the history and theology of Baptists. The course will focus on the origins, unique identity, variety of contexts, special contributions, points of conflict, and distinctive principles of the Baptists.

BTCT 301 Apologetics in the Church's Ministry

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the technique and knowledge of apologetics - the intellectual defence and advocacy of the Christian faith - in the church's ministry, including different approaches of apologetics, current alternative worldviews and world religions, and perennial and contemporary apologetic questions, such as the infallibility of the Bible, the superiority of monotheism, suffering, Christian faith and archeology, and others.

BTCT 302–303 Christian Theology I and II

*(6 units, 2 semesters)*

These courses are introductions to the major doctrines of the Christian faith. Students will learn about the theological interpretation of faith, including the sources of doing theology and various doctrines such as the doctrine of God, Trinity, the doctrine of Creation, the doctrine of human being, Christology, Soteriology, Pneumatology, Ecclesiology and Eschatology.

BTET 301 Christian Ethics

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

The course is designed to provide students with the theological foundation to deal with practical moral and ethical issues in churches. Emphasis will be given to the use of the Bible, worship, and the church in developing Christian character and making moral decisions.

BTRL 412 New Religious Movements

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course examines the new religious movements in East Asia by discussing the social and psychological causes of their emergence, their relationship with the historical religious traditions such as Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism and Christianity, and the conflicts arising between freedom of religion and social control. The course will also explore ways to share the gospel with the believers of these new religions, and how the church should minister to them after they have become Christians.

BTRL 413 Comparative Religions

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course examines the development of contemporary studies of religions, and introduces the theological theories regarding the relationship and differences between Christianity and other religions. Upon completion of the course, students will develop a better understanding of Christianity and other religions.

**BTRL 415**      **World Religions**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course introduces the methods and patterns of religious studies, so as to let students understand the historical background, beliefs, and the social and cultural influences of major religions in the world. This course will also explore ways to carry out evangelistic missions among various religious communities.

**BTSP 402**      **The Theology and Practice of Prayer**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course explores various dimensions of prayer including its theological, psychological and personal aspects, and the scope and variety of the prayers and practices of the Christian tradition. Students are introduced to both the theoretical and practical dimensions of prayer and encouraged to discover ways to make one's life prayerful. The course includes a small group practicum.

## **Division of Practical Theology**

**BPMC 301**      **Principles of Church Growth and Planting**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The purpose of this course is to investigate, from a practical perspective, the obstacles, solutions, action plans and dynamics concerning church growth and planting.

**BPMC 401**      **Revival and Renewal of Church**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course helps students understand the work of the Holy Spirit in the revitalization of the church in the light of the scriptures, historical patterns and contemporary pastoral experience. Students may then be able to plan effective strategies and ministries to achieve the purpose of revival and renewal of the local church.

**BPME 301**      **Basic Evangelism**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course is divided into two parts. The first part equips students with the knowledge in the methods of practising personal evangelism, including introduction of the content of the gospel, the ways of presenting the gospel, the leading of a commitment decision and the follow-up actions thereafter for the new converts. The second part focuses on the establishment of a personal evangelism program in local churches. This part will be conducted through simulations and field training.

**BPME 402**      **Personal Evangelism**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The basic intent of this course is to provide personal reflection on the practice of personal evangelism. Relevant tools and strategies in developing personal evangelism skills will be reviewed and discussed in class. Demonstration and field practice will also be required. Evaluation and sharing opportunities will be provided after each field practice.

**BPMI 301**      **Introduction to Christian Mission**

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course is an introductory study of the basic biblical texts in mission, different mission

traditions, mission history, missionary strategies, cultural reflections on mission, as well as the implementation of mission ministry.

**BPMI 401 Asian Missions**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course introduces the Asian missionary history dated back to the contemporary mission movement in the 19th century, taking the mission work done in Hong Kong by the Southern Baptist Convention as a case study. The course stimulates students to reflect theologically on modern Asian missionary history by introducing different models of contextual theologies and other missionary models applicable to Asia.

**BPTA 202 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is designed to help students understand the ministerial duty and office of a minister by examining the meaning of ministry and the spiritual life of a minister from the viewpoint of the Bible, church history and theology. The course also teaches students the role and the mission of a minister in pastoral leadership, pastoral care, preaching, teaching, and ceremonial ministries.

**BPTA 203 Pastoral Spirituality and Leadership**

*(3 units, 1 semester)*

This course is designed to help students develop a comprehensive concept of spiritual leadership, explore and equip themselves for a better spiritual life with good character and leadership skills. The course also teaches students the skills to influence and lead the church community effectively.

**BPTA 301–302 Principles of Pastoral Care and Counseling I and II**

*(4 units, 2 semesters)*

These two courses are designed to help students understand the concepts and techniques of pastoral care and counseling. The first session mainly focuses on the theories and theological concepts of pastoral care and counseling. Students may develop a theologically founded caring and counseling system. The second session mainly teaches students different models and techniques of pastoral care and counseling. Students may apply the counseling skills effectively on those who need help.

**BPTA 412 Introduction to Clinical Pastoral Education**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is offered in a hospital setting for clinical pastoral ministry. Techniques for hospital visitation, relationship development, supporting patients and their families, and grief and crisis counseling will be covered. Students' self-awareness and the skills of stress management will also be covered.

**BPTC 407 Temperament and Personality Type**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course helps students understand the basic theories of temperament and personality type, so that they can develop their self-understanding ability and understanding of others.

**BPTC 408 Temperament, Personality Type and Pastoral Ministry**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*



The course aims at helping pastors understand the theories and applications of Temperament and Personality Type to enhance their self-understanding ability, personal dynamics, and the effectiveness of pastoral ministry in church.

BPTC 409 Introduction to Church Conflict Management  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course guides students to study issues and theories related to conflict, conflict management and church conflict management, and their applications to the situations in Hong Kong churches. It deals with interpersonal and intergroup conflicts from the perspectives of pastoral ministry and Christian counseling.

BPTP 201 Introduction to Preaching  
(3 units, 1 semester)

The course introduces students to the basic understanding of preaching theology, and the categories and structure, preparatory procedures and delivery of sermons. Students may not only grasp the basic skills in preaching, but also acquire the confidence in preaching ministry through the provision of training and practice opportunities.

BPTP 301 Preaching Practicum  
(1 unit, 1 semester)

This course is designed to help students improve their abilities in preaching ministries by participating in preaching practicum in class. Students are expected to gain understanding in the art of preaching by the instructor's and fellow students' comments and analyses in regard to the content, structure, and style of presentation of their sermons.

## Division of Religious Education

BRAG 201 Early Childhood Education  
(2 units, 1 semester)

A survey of the objectives, environments, organizations, curriculum and activities of education for preschoolers.

BRAG 202 Childhood Education  
(2 units, 1 semester)

A survey of the objectives, environments, organizations, curriculum and activities of education for children.

BRAG 203 Middle and Later Childhood Education  
(2 units, 1 semester)

A survey of the objectives, environments, organizations, curriculum and activities of education for children of the middle and later childhood stage.

BRAG 211 Youth Ministry  
(2 units, 1 semester)

The course facilitates students to explore, develop and implement youth ministry for which family is the foundation, church the base, and youth community the core.

BRAG 221 Adult Education

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course helps students comprehend and compare the different theories of adult education and discuss the various adult educational models implemented in churches. The course aims at building up students' interest in adult education research and their abilities in applying the theories to practice.

BRAG 231 Senior Adult Ministry

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course assists students in understanding the fundamental principles of senior adult ministry. It also helps students get hold of the strategies and practical skills in implementing ministries to cope with the need of the elderly.

BRAG 401 Church and Kindergarten Ministry

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

An introduction to the purpose and process of church in establishing kindergartens. The kindergartens' operations, their opportunity to serve the community and outreach for Christ will also be studied.

BRAG 411 Christian Adventure Training

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course will utilize the experiential learning model to facilitate students to comprehend the foundational principles, learning strategies and tactics in order to develop and implement appropriate activities of adventure in the church context.

BRCA 301 Principles of Church Administration

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

An introduction to the basic principles and concepts of church administration. It will include the basic management functions, the uniqueness of a church as an organization, and the role of the minister as a manager. The focus of the course will be the practical aspects of the administrative affairs in a local Baptist church context.

BRCA 401 Formation of the Life of Ministers

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course helps students understand the role and nature of ministers and realize the need to give continuous attention to personal growth through study, social relationship, spiritual, emotional and moral development.

BRCA 402 Stewardship and Church Finance

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course helps students understand the basic principles of Christian stewardship by studying the process of financial operation in the local church, which includes the development of a budget, implementing offering pledging campaigns, and the receiving and disbursing of funds. Issues related to the funding campaigns of buildings and other special occasions will be discussed.

BRCA 405 Interpersonal Relationships in Church

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is a study of human relations in the context of the local church. It emphasizes the understanding of oneself, and interactions between persons in groups, including the skills and

attitudes of human relationships, so that students may learn how to deal with the interactions among different groups both in church and in the community.

**BRES 402      Media Influence and Educational Ministry**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course investigates the relationship between the church and the media. It introduces the mass media theories and develops students' basic understanding of individual types of media. The course continues with a detailed analysis of prominent phenomena in the prevailing culture, and explores the possible application of media to develop educational ministries in church.

**BRES 403      Educational Games**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course will utilize the experiential learning model to facilitate students to participate in various games and simulations. Students will learn to design, lead and debrief various games and simulations.

**BRFN 201      Educational Ministry**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is a survey of the principles, models, and methods of Christian religious education in the light of the Bible and human experience. Special attention is given to the implications of religious education and human growth.

**BRFN 302      Teaching and Learning**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course introduces the basic concepts and principles of teaching and learning, setting teaching goals, and designing teaching plans. Different teaching strategies will also be examined.

**BRFN 402      Group Dynamics**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course will utilize the experiential learning model to facilitate students to comprehend the characteristics, formation, operation models and evaluation criteria of groups and their activities, so that students can apply the science of group dynamics to the ministries and interpersonal relationships in the church context.

**BRFN 403      Values, Faith and Moral Development**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course investigates the nature, formation, and development of values, faith and morality. The development of character formation and moral education in Christian education will be explored.

## **Division of Church Music**

**BCMG 100      Introduction to Church Music**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

A study of the nature of church music from the biblical, historical and evangelical points of view with emphasis on the roles of church music in worship, mission, education, spiritual nurture, administration, and organizations.

BCMG 150 Basic Musicianship

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course covers the basic elements of music theory, and aims to develop students' sight singing skills through training on scales, intervals and rhythm.

BCMG 181–184 Choir I - IV

*(0 unit, 4 semesters)*

These courses help students appreciate the nature of choral activities and teaches them how to establish team spirit. Students are expected to participate in all assigned activities.

BCMG 211 Survey of Congregational Songs

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course aims at helping students understand the historical development of congregational songs. Students will get to know the major hymn writers and be made aware of the scriptural teachings and theology embraced in the hymns and other modern congregational songs. Emphasis will be on developing the ability to analyze and select appropriate songs for a particular church event.

BCMG 251–258 Handbell Choir I - VIII

*(4 units, 8 semesters)*

An instrumental ensemble (not more than 13 students) in which students will be taught different kinds of ringing skills and the role and use of handbells in worship. Students are expected to participate in all assigned activities.

BCMG 260 Leading Congregational Singing

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

The course helps students develop the basic techniques of leading congregational singing, including analyzing the hymns both musically and contextually. Students will be able to lead the singing in an appropriate tempo, dynamic and style. Effective use of conducting gesture will also be emphasized in the communication of the spirit of the hymn.

BCMG 262 Sacred Music Appreciation

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course is to develop students' ability to recognize and appreciate the valuable tradition of church music by introducing them to the different styles and characteristics of sacred music, including oratorio, cantata, passion, mass, requiem, organ music, etc.

BCMG 301 The Worshipping Church

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course introduces students to various models of worship and practical skills in planning and leading worship. The course examines topics like the biblical and theological foundation of worship, worship traditions of various denominations, Christian year and liturgical action, traditional and contemporary worship trends.

BCMG 302 Worship Practicum

*(1 unit, 1 semester)*

This course helps students learn from the practice of designing and leading worship. Students will also learn the skills of choosing music, writing prayers and gathering resources.

BCMG 312 Service Playing

*(1 unit, 1 semester)*

A practical overview of the different aspects of playing for worship service as required of the pianist. Emphasis will be placed on hymn playing and hymn improvisation as well as preludes, offertories, and other solos during the service.

BCMG 351–356 Hill Singers I - VI

*(3 units, 6 semesters)*

A vocal ensemble selected by audition that focuses on the spirit of genuine Christian expression and mission practice through praise. Students must pass the audition before taking the course and are expected to participate in all assigned activities.

BCMG 360 Basic Hymn Playing

*(1 unit, 1 semester)*

A practical course with emphasis on how to make hymn playing easier and become a more effective accompanist for congregational hymn singing. Ability in music reading and piano playing is required. A maximum of 8 students per class.

### Applied Music

BCMA 101–102 Class Piano I and II

*(1 unit, 2 semesters)*

Group piano instructions for beginners. A maximum of 5 students per class. The courses help students grasp the basic skills in piano playing.

BCMA 111–112 Class Organ I and II

*(1 unit, 2 semesters)*

Group organ instructions for students who possess a pass in grade 5 or above in piano of the Royal Schools of Music or equivalent. A maximum of 5 students per class. The courses help students grasp the basic skills in organ playing.

BCMA 121–122 Class Voice I and II

*(1 unit, 2 semesters)*

Group voice instructions for beginners. A maximum of 10 students per class. The courses help students grasp the basic skills in singing.

The followings are private weekly lessons of 30 minutes each for students approved by the subject professor:

BCMA 201-202	Piano I - II	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 301-302	Piano III - IV	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 401-402	Piano V - VI	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 211-212	Organ I - II	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 311-312	Organ III - IV	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 411-412	Organ V - VI	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 221-222	Voice I - II	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 321-322	Voice III - IV	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>
BCMA 421-422	Voice V - VI	<i>(2 units, 2 semesters)</i>

BCMA 231-232	Conducting I - II	(2 units, 2 semesters)
BCMA 331-332	Conducting III - IV	(2 units, 2 semesters)

## General Education / Interdivisional / Integrative Courses

BAGE 100      Research and Writing  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course introduces methods related to gathering, assessing and organizing information from various sources, in order to help students set objectives and write research papers. The course also trains students to use grammar and syntax accurately in both Chinese and English for proper and effective writing.

BAGE 108      Introduction to Sociology  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course introduces students to the concept of social relationships, analyzes the basic structures and organizations of society, and explores the process of community interaction and issues like social dynamics.

BAGE 110      Thinking Method  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course is intended to develop students' analytical skills. The course focuses on the importance of establishing and developing a hypothesis in writing a research paper, presenting an assignment, or preparing a sermon.

BAGE 111      Introduction to Psychology  
(3 units, 1 semester)

This course deals with the study of behavioral science, including topics like the historical development of psychological theories, learning behaviors, motivation and emotion, personality, psychological development, and physiology.

BAGE 112      Introduction to Chinese Philosophy  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course offers an analytical study of the main stream of Chinese philosophy, namely, Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism, from a contemporary philosophical view such as contemporary-Confucianism and relevant Western philosophical views.

BAGE 113      Introduction to Western Philosophy  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course helps students understand the development of Western philosophy, important philosophers and philosophies, from the ancient to the contemporary, by focusing on the influence of various schools of philosophy on the development of Western theology.

BAGE 114      Chinese Cultural History  
(2 units, 1 semester)

This course introduces students to the origin, characteristics, development and impact of Chinese culture on contemporary Chinese society. It helps students get hold of the methodology in carrying out in-depth study of the basic knowledge of Chinese culture. Students are also expected to possess deep understanding of the origin, nature and development of certain

Chinese writings.

**BAGE 115 Western Cultural History**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course introduces the development and changes in politics, military affairs, society, economics, culture and religions in Western culture, so as to enhance students' knowledge of both Eastern and Western cultures.

**BAGE 116 Hong Kong Society**

*(2 units, 1 semester)*

This course enhances students' understanding of the social, economic and political factors underlying the rapid development of Hong Kong society. It helps stimulate students' insight into the possible future changes and evolution in the society.

**BAGE 171-173/271-273/371-373/471-472 Field Education I - XI**

*(9 units, 11 semesters)*

These courses are designed for full-time students taking the ministerial training programs. They help students integrate classroom learning with the experience of personal life and pastoral ministries. In addition to the field practicum, students are required to attend a two-hour class each month.